**Item 8**

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**
**North East Area Partnership**
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# 2023/24 AREA BUDGET: ANNUAL REPORT

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership members with a summary of the evaluation reports submitted by projects funded by the Area Budget in 2023/24.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report.

## 1. 2023/24 Area Budget allocation

1.1 The North East Area Partnership was allocated £88,194.44 during 2023/24.

1.2 A full breakdown on the projects that received funding in 2023/24 was provided at the last meeting of the Area Partnership.

## 2. Area Budget Evaluations

2.1 As part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process, 10% of projects funded would be selected to submit an evaluation report on how the funding was used, the impact of the funding and how the funding met the Area Partnership's Investment Priorities.

2.2 The criteria for the selection of projects was as follows:

- All organisations that had not previously received Area Budget funding
- All organisations that received an award of over £5,000
- A random selection of projects to make the number of projects up to 10% of projects funded

2.3 The appendix to this report provides details on how many awards were made, including the number made under delegated functions along with a summary of the projects that submitted an evaluation form.

## 3. Recommendation

3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report.

**Appendix 1**

**North East Area Partnership Budget 2023/24**

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| **Budget: £88,194.44** | **Allocated: £88,194.44** | **Unallocated: £0** |

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| **Total Number of Awards:** | **Awards under delegated authority: 5** | **Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 2** |

| **Client/Project** | **Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N** | **Summary Findings** (please include how the project contributed to the investment priorities, the impact on the community and the wider area and the number of beneficiaries). Please also include any information relevant to breach of conditions of grant e.g. non/late submission of documentation or amendments. |
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| Ceann Creige Hurling and Camogie Club- Summer Activities Programme<br><br>PRN- 273/19 | Yes | <u>Summary of Project</u><br><br>Trips were provided to Dublin (September 2023) and Outward Bound Trust (November 2023). The trip to Dublin was for matches and was heavily subsidised by the club. It was a great opportunity for us to introduce our members to various aspects of the sports history and provide for matches. The outdoor weekend was again subsidised (mostly via grant providers) and provided a fabulous opportunity for young people to develop skills (such as leadership and resilience) through outdoor activities that they would have not got otherwise. Our club continues to work with Active-Schools to best exposure children and young people in local primary schools of our club. This involved school sessions and school tournaments engaging with partners to successfully organise these. The summer camp run was a flagship event as it ensured we provided a hot meal during the summer holidays and physical activity for a week (approx. 45 participants). |

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| | | Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries<br><br>See above<br>Investment Priorities<br><br>Services for young people and children, Activities in community facilities & Improve health and wellbeing were the categories we believed our project aligned to. Given the funding was to support children and young people's activities that has been satisfied. We provided our services local and our community sessions were delivered in Craigend. Our school sessions with in NE schools. We attempted to improve health and wellbeing by providing opportunities for physical activity in an area of severe deprivation. We believe we have attempted to add value and work collaboratively to deliver sessions that was available to all and targeted a diverse market.<br><br>Spend<br><br>The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time<br><br>What organisation learned or would do differently<br><br>Key people dependency. We will be seeking to upskill others in future projects to ensure we become more sustainable. For our summer camp, we would seek to have a backup indoor space if the weather is adverse (wasn't an issue primarily but good future planning). We would try to also promote and support more schools health / sport weeks as important to tie our organisation in with this. |
| Brighter East End- Elfingrove Trip (Splatter Art)<br><br>PRN- 354/23 | | Summary of Project<br><br>As part of our Youth Group Christmas celebrations they had chosen to go to Elfingrove to ice-skate. Unfortunately after the funding was confirmed Elfingrove announced they were't going ahead. The young people therefore researched other places they'd like to go on a trip and choose Splatter Art Studio in Glasgow. (Agreed with Kevin by phone) |

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| | | Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries<br><br>30 young people took part in the trip over 2 sessions. They were able to have use of a huge amount of art equipment and materials and explore different ways of creating art on canvas!<br><br>Investment Priorities<br>The young people had an amazing time at the trip, which is something they wouldn't have otherwise had the opportunity to do. For all of the young people it was a new experience.<br><br>The young people being involved in the decision making for the trip gave them a sense of achievement in having researched it and then taking part.<br><br>The trip was part of a larger project of our Youth Group, which provides a safe and welcoming space, activities, community events and training opportunities for young people.<br><br>Spend<br><br>The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time<br><br>What organisation learned or would do differently<br><br>The trip went well and having the young people involved in the research and decision making around it gave them a greater involvement and sense of achievement. |

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| Brighter East End- Halloween Activities<br><br>PRN-244-23 | Yes | <u>Summary of Project</u><br><br>We ran 2 x Primary School aged parties with our groups BUZZ (P1-3) and HIVE (P4-7). At the parties they took part in party games and traditional Halloween activities (dookin for apples, decorating pumpkins) as well as having party snacks. 60 children took part in total, as well as 11 young volunteers (aged 12-16) who helped to plan and run the activities along with the BEE staff team.<br><br>We also ran a Youth Group trip for 30 young people (aged 12-17) to Edinburgh Dungeons, and for dinner in a restaurant in Edinburgh.<br><br><u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u><br><br>For many of the children and young people taking part in the project, payment would be a barrier for them accessing 'clubs' or groups. By not charging for our clubs and groups, the children attending get to take part in weekly activities, growing in confidence, making new friends and learning new skills, all without their parent having to worry about money to pay for it. Treats like parties are an important part of that and the Halloween party had a big impact on what we copuld deliver to the primary school children.<br><br>The Youth Group (s1-6) chose their own trip destination, and most of them has never been to Edinburgh before. They were so excited to get a public bus through and take part in the dungeons and go out for dinner. Again, this is part of our ongoing project with the youth group and trips like this are a welcome edition where they get to have an experience that they wouldn't otherwise have had.<br><br><u>Investment Priorities</u><br><br><u>Spend</u><br><br>The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time |

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| | | What organisation learned or would do differently<br><br>Normally we would automatically look at hiring a coach for trips, but it worked out much cheaper to get a public bus to Edinburgh- and the young people actually were all very excited for that part of the experience- so we are really glad we did that! |
| Growing 21- Equipment<br><br>PRN- 008/22 | Yes | Summary of Project<br><br>More detail requested.<br><br>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries<br>Investment Priorities<br>Spend<br>What organisation learned or would do differently |
| Ruchazie Pantry- Activate Plus<br><br>PRN- 321/22 | Yes | Summary of Project<br><br>**Description of Work Undertaken**<br><br>**Project Name:** Activate Plus<br><br>**Duration:** 12 weeks<br><br>**Participants:** 32 individuals who had previously participated in the initial Activate program<br><br>**Location:** Council Ward, Glasgow<br><br>**Initial Activate Program:**<br><br>• **Participants:** 21 individuals |

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| | | • **Objective:** Identify community needs through community investigation.<br><br>**Activate Plus Program:**<br><br>• **Focus:** Determine next steps using the Place Standard Tool Kit and implement community change.<br>• **Key Outcome:** Identification of the need for a Men's Shed to address men's mental health issues in the community.<br><br>**Services Provided and Activities**<br><br>**1. Community Investigation and Needs Assessment:**<br><br>• Participants from the initial Activate program identified community needs.<br>• A critical issue recognised was men's mental health, with specific instances of young men taking their own lives.<br><br>**2. Implementation of Place Standard Tool Kit:**<br><br>• Activate Plus participants engaged with the Place Standard Tool Kit.<br>• They evaluated the community's strengths and areas for improvement.<br><br>**3. Development of the Men's Shed:**<br><br>• Based on the findings, the need for a Men's Shed was prioritized.<br>• Objective: Provide a supportive space for men to improve mental health and wellbeing.<br><br>**4. Weekly Men's Shed Activities:**<br><br>• **Participants:** Around 10 men each week.<br>• **Activities Included:**<br>  ○ **Mental Health First Aid:** Training sessions to equip participants with skills to support |

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| | | mental health.<br>○ **Gardening:** Therapeutic gardening activities to promote physical and mental wellness.<br>○ **Woodwork:** Hands-on woodworking projects to foster a sense of accomplishment and community.<br><br>**2. Community Engagement:**<br><br>• The project fostered a sense of community and mutual support among the participants.<br>• It created a sustainable model for addressing mental health issues within the community.<br><br>**3. Skill Development:**<br><br>• Participants acquired valuable skills in mental health first aid, gardening, and woodworking.<br>• These skills not only benefit individual participants but also enable them to contribute positively to the community.<br><br>## Conclusion<br><br>The Activate Plus program delivered by Glasgow University has successfully taken 32 participants through a comprehensive 12-week journey aimed at community improvement and personal development. By addressing the pressing issue of men's mental health through the establishment of a Men's Shed, the program has provided valuable services, uplifted community spirit, and improved the well-being of its participants. The initiative stands as a testament to the impact of targeted community interventions and collaborative efforts in creating lasting positive change<br><br><u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u><br><br>See above<br><u>Investment Priorities</u><br><br>**1. Mental Health Improvement:** |

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| | | • **Immediate Impact:** Participants reported a 100% improvement in their mood, indicating a significant positive effect on their mental health.<br>• **Long-Term Benefits:** Ongoing participation in activities such as mental health first aid, gardening, and woodworking has provided participants with coping mechanisms and a sense of purpose, contributing to sustained mental well-being.<br><br><u>Spend</u><br><u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u><br><br>**What Worked Well**<br><br>**1. Community Engagement and Participation:**<br><br>• **High Participation Rates:** The project saw strong engagement from participants, both in the initial and extended programs. The commitment of 32 individuals to a 12-week program highlights the community's enthusiasm and the project's relevance.<br>• **Meaningful Activities:** Activities such as mental health first aid, gardening, and woodworking resonated well with participants, providing both therapeutic benefits and practical skills.<br><br>**2. Addressing Critical Needs:**<br><br>• **Focus on Mental Health:** Identifying and addressing the mental health crisis among men in the community was a crucial and effective aspect of the project. The establishment of the Men's Shed directly responded to a significant community need.<br>• **Immediate Impact:** The immediate improvement in participants' mood and mental health indicated the project's success in delivering timely and effective support.<br><br>**3. Use of Place Standard Tool Kit:**<br><br>• **Effective Assessment Tool:** The Place Standard Tool Kit was instrumental in helping |

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| | | participants identify community needs and plan appropriate interventions. This structured approach ensured that the project was grounded in real community insights.<br><br>**4. Creation of Support Networks:**<br><br>• **Building Community Bonds:** The Men's Shed facilitated the creation of strong social networks among participants. This sense of community and mutual support was a significant positive outcome.<br><br>**What Didn't Work as Expected**<br><br>**1. Resource Limitations:**<br><br>• **Funding and Resources:** Despite the overall success, there were challenges related to funding and resources. Limited resources occasionally hindered the ability to expand activities or provide additional support services.<br>• **Sustainability Concerns:** Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Men's Shed and similar initiatives remains a challenge, particularly in securing ongoing funding and volunteer support.<br><br>**2. Engagement with Wider Community:**<br><br>• **Broader Outreach:** While the project successfully engaged a core group of participants, broader community engagement was limited. Reaching a wider audience and involving more community members would have further amplified the project's impact.<br><br>**3. Measuring Long-Term Impact:**<br><br>• **Assessment Tools:** While immediate benefits were evident, measuring the long-term impact of the project on participants' mental health and community well-being proved challenging. Developing more robust assessment tools and metrics would be beneficial. |

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| | | **What We Would Have Done Differently**<br><br>**1. Enhanced Resource Allocation:**<br><br>• **Securing Additional Funding:** Proactively seeking additional funding and resources from the outset would have allowed for a more comprehensive program with greater reach and sustainability.<br>• **Diversified Resource Base:** Exploring partnerships with local businesses, health organisations, and other stakeholders could provide additional resources and support.<br><br>**2. Strengthening Long-Term Impact Measurement:**<br><br>• **Developing Robust Metrics:** Establishing comprehensive metrics for evaluating both immediate and long-term impacts would provide a clearer picture of the project's success and areas for improvement.<br>• **Ongoing Monitoring:** Implementing a system for continuous monitoring and feedback from participants to adapt and improve the program in real-time.<br><br>**4. Enhanced Support Services:**<br><br>• **Holistic Support:** Providing a broader range of support services, including mental health counselling and additional skill-building workshops, would have further benefited participants.<br>• **Follow-Up Programs:** Establishing follow-up programs to support participants after the initial 12-week period would help maintain the positive momentum and address any ongoing needs.<br><br>## Conclusion<br><br>The Activate Plus project has been a valuable learning experience for our organisation. By identifying what worked well and understanding the challenges faced, we are better equipped to improve future initiatives. Enhanced resource allocation, expanded outreach, and robust impact measurement are key areas for development. Overall, the project has demonstrated the importance of targeted community interventions and the potential for significant positive impact when addressing critical |

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| St Paul's Youth Forum- Primary Connections<br><br>PRN | | <u>Summary of Project</u><br><br>We have ran 48 sessions for our young people with the initial programme not beginning till 10th June in the Molendinar Centre with some initially in St. Paul's Church until then.. We had a number of different young people attending, mainly P5-P7 age group.<br>We worked with on average 36 young people with our largest night having 52 children attending. Healthy snacks were always a favourite with grapes and Bananas always going down well in winter.<br>The staff employed to lead this group are all local residents ensuring that the local community benefits even more from the funding.<br><br><u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u><br><br>See above<br><br><u>Investment Priorities</u><br><br>This project worked on two main investment priorities, tackling Youth Antisocial Behaviour and activities for young people in community facilities. By giving young people who are already out for the night an opportunity to take part in activities we have been able to keep youth crime rates down.<br><br><u>Spend</u><br><br>The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time |

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| | | <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u><br><br>There is much more need for this group and we have now incorporated a number of these activities into our weekly schedule. |
| Glasgow East Art's Company- Bridge Family Fun Day<br><br>PRN- 049/17 | Yes | <u>Summary of Project</u><br><br>Thanks to support from the North East and Baillieston Local Area Planning Committees, we were able to plan and deliver The Bridge Family Festival Day on Saturday 29th July 2023. Just under 1,800 joined us at some stage during the course of the event which ran from midday until 4pm. The auditorium hosted a roller-disco where families could swap their shoes for a pair of roller boots and skate around the space to their favourite music. A large water sculpture was exhibited in the studio and families were invited to participate in workshops and activities inspired by this sculpture. We hosted a balloon modeller, caricaturist, face painters and hair braiders all of whom gave children and adults attending something to go home with.<br>We hosted a variety of arts and crafts workshops with activities to get involved with in the café, library and up at the den. These sessions were delivered by some of the artists we regularly work with and Produced Moon, a touring theatre company. Live music from local bands and professional acts were presented from a stage set up in the café. Partners from Glasgow Life – Sport attended with a variety of games and activities for children and adults to try including swing-ball, giant connect four, football and badminton.<br>We also hosted stalls from a range of services and community groups including the police, FARE allotments, Living Rent Association, Greenpeace and local afterschool groups. All of these activities were delivered completely free of charge to those attending.<br>We also hosted dodgems, bungee trampolines, tea-cups and a bouncy castle for which people were charged a small fee (£2) to try. Refreshments from the café bar and an ice cream van catered for the event with prices kept as low as possible – a burger with a drink was offered at £2.50 while a hot-dog and a drink was offered at £2 and over 280 free ice-creams given away.<br>The event was opened by Cllr Maureen Burke and compared by East End Community Radio. As well as the programme on the day, funding from LAPC also contributed towards the cost of providing security, insurance and first aid for the event. |

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| | | <u>Investment Priorities</u><br><br>(i) Improve Health and Wellbeing; the event delivered fun, accessible activities for all ages and a range of access needs. We reduced financial barriers to access wherever possible and placed the positive mental health and wellbeing of all those attending as the top priority of our planning and delivery.<br>(ii) Services for Young People; As well promoting a wide range of programmes and activities that young people can get involved with locally, we also offered numerous opportunities for young people to perform as part of the festival day<br>(iii) Activities at Community Facilities. Event will promote and encourage use of The Bridge and all facilities that call it home – all partners from across the facility including Glasgow Kelvin College, the library and swimming pool were in attendance and shared information about their services – 18 other local groups and organisations were also present for the event and shared information with those attending, encouraging folk to get sign up and get involved.<br><br><u>Spend</u><br><br>The project budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time<br><br><u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u><br><br>Overall we were very happy with how the event went. We had embraced learning from the previous year and located activities in slightly different spaces around the building and car park to ensure better crowd management. The largest queues were for the roller-disco and caricaturist and meeting demand here was challenging and we'll look to explore ways that we can increase capacity here in future events. |
| Pavillion-Autism Friendly Sessions (Without Limits) | Yes | <u>Summary of Project</u><br><br>Without limits has always been led by the interests of the young people and has been a diverse inclusive programme for all attendees. The programme takes place on a weekly basis and supports children and young people who struggle in mainstream youth environments. We have 18 children and young people registered and attending the programme. The programme is ever changing to adapt to the needs of the children we are |

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| PRN- 207/22 | | working with. We continually consult with the young people to find out what kind of activities they are interested in, with the most common answers being gaming, crafts and sports, and we work their ideas these into our session plan. We built in some computer time to each session to help the young people establish a routine for when they attend. We have also been involved in workshops run by the artist working with the climate activism project, making nature dye from flowers and vegetables then dyeing our own bags and t-shirts. The young people also expressed an interest in learning to crochet, so we had some beginner sessions to help them get started. The young people also loved getting outside to take part in some sports activities, playing basketball, football and team games. The young people all share a love for video and online games, they spent their time working on their interpersonal skills by playing co-operative games as well as playing together on online games. We have also incorporated some cooking activities for the young people, working on vital life skills, learning how to read a recipe and about safety in the kitchen.<br><br><u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u><br><br>During the course of the programme we have noticed a positive change in many of the attendees. Their confidence has improved, they have been working on their interpersonal relationships and have been branching out into trying new experiences and activities with the support of staff.<br><br>The journey of Young Person A (YPA) shows how the programme has boosted his confidence. YPA is a young person who has previously worked with us, attending our drop in sessions. YPA has a diagnosis of ASD and sometimes found that the drop in clubs was too much for his specific sensory needs. He spoke with his mum and staff often about how it was too noisy and overwhelming during the session leading to him having meltdowns and would often require space and time to regulate himself. His wellness and safety was a priority for staff and we accommodated him as best we could but it was affecting his ability to connect with his peers. This breakdown of the relationship with his peers had a huge impact on his confidence and eventually led to him stop attending the sessions. However when his mum saw an advert for the new programme she spoke with staff about trying this to see if it would suit his needs. YPA was a little hesitant to attend after his prior experience but with support from staff he has become a regular attendee and has now formed friendships with some of the other young people who attend the sessions. he has gotten involved in new activities such as the workshop with the artist from the climate change project and has begun to share some of his special interests with the rest of the group.<br><br>All of the parents and guardians are grateful to have found a space for their child to attend activities with other like |

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| | | minded children and young people and we continually have conversations with the families to see if the are happy with the progress their young person is making. We have received positive feedback throughout with requests for us to open more hours for this service. The programme has been well received in the community with enquiries coming from the west end as people struggle to find extra curricular activities to suit their children not coping in mainstream youth services. The impact the programme has had on the majority of attendees includes increased confidence, better social skills, learning life skills and continuing to work on improving them as the programme continued. They also achieved awards on cooking courses, climate change activities, music workshops and more. The programme has been a success and we will continue to look for funding opportunities to make this a permanent fixture of our provision for children and young people.<br><br>Investment Priorities<br><br>**See Above**<br>Spend<br><br>The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time<br><br>What organisation learned or would do differently<br><br>The programme has been a learning experience for all those involved. During the course of the sessions we made the decision to open the session up to young people with a range of neurodivergancies, this change allowed us to better accommodate young people who we were previously working with who didn't fall under the umbrella of ASD. This brought some of its own challenges that the team was able to rise to as well, for example balancing the needs of the attendees and making sure everyone's interests ,and energy levels were taken into account when planning sessions.<br><br>We undertook a period of consultation at the beginning of the project working with not only the young people but also with their parents to understand each young person's needs. This was invaluable to the staff to establish a relationship with the young people, and to make sure the activities were tailored to their interests. |

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| Community Events Scotland- North East Firework Festival<br><br>PRN- 061/22 | No | <u>Summary of Project</u><br><br>Glasgow North East Fireworks Festival was delivered on the 5th November 2023.<br><br>The event allowed over 45,000 individuals throughout the day to attend a safe organised fireworks display and music festival.<br><br>The funding allocated part paid for the Fireworks and staging and entertainment at the event.<br><br>The event was aimed at the wider community attracting people from across the city and beyond. The event was designed around the community and had something for all ages. The stage had a line up of various acts and performances targeting all age groups with communities The day started with a stage performance of live Disney princesses and a meet and greet. Performance from local dance groups, youth access and local community groups. Later in the day we have a live wrestling show, the drifters and to end the night a live performance from Cammy Barnes a local singer who has appeared on TVs Britain's got talent. The event allowed us to deliver a 20 minute display of firework within the north east of Glasgow.<br><br>We engaged with local groups who provided volunteers throughout the day and supported the discussions with you people and diverted them from being involved in risky behaviours relating to for works and encouraged them to attend.<br><br>The build up to the event shown excitement and engagement with the community, not only did it deliver event is broke down territorial barriers with young people and communities and proven to build community spirit and community capacity.<br><br>Working alongside Fire Scotland to promote the event enables a reduction in fire setting, abuse of fireworks, attacks on police, paramedics and the fire service.<br><br>For most local people the event allowed them to attend a free music festival within the organised |

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| | | display that most would not be able to attend due to financial difficulties.<br><br>The event has not only became the busiest Display in Glasgow it has been described by many as the busiest one day event on 5th November throughout Scotland. Glasgow Fort are a massive support and contributed to the event and have proven to play a key role and support of linking with communities and supporting them.<br><br><u>Investment Priorities</u><br><br>The local community benefited in many ways as this reduced the numbers of local bonfires where young people would be deliberate fire setting and misusing fireworks. Traditionally on this night there would be many young people and adults involving themselves in many risky behaviours that would lead to<br>Police/Fire/Ambulance call outs. As the event strictly prohibited the consumption of alcohol this had a positive impact on the community. No official report has been produced yet however speaking with local Police and Fire fighters they seen a decrease in the numbers of anti-social behaviour reports/incidents throughout the night. Alongside the safe space this event brought together over 20 community areas which helped build community capacity and spirit and is the largest scale event within the area and surrounding area. Integrating over 20 areas also shown that territorial barriers that forced communities not to come together are a thing of the past. The event helped relieve financial pressures on families as they did not have to buy fireworks. Within the event there was a stage and<br>this allowed local young people the opportunity to perform to their families, friends and local community. We also had performances from the legendary Drifters and Cammy Barnes. One young person shared with us that being able to perform allowed him to feel the best he has in over three years. Guy Fawkes night is a big annual celebration across Glasgow and this event was a massive success. |

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| | | Spend<br><br>The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time.<br><br>What organisation learned or would do differently?<br><br>As the event is so successful, in future we would look at creating a free ticketed event to enable us to give access to areas surrounding the FORT and the ward areas who support the funding of the event directly and to support the crowd control of the event.<br>For this event to ever continue support is needed from Council and other funders. |