North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
Area Partnership Report October/November 2023

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Update

Network Update

IT Recycling Project https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-update/

- The IT recycling project continues to take PCs, laptops, tablets & phones, refurbish them and give them to local people in need in the North West of Glasgow. We also offer an internet dongle with 6 months internet access.
- The project has recently secured a small amount of funding, therefore will be able to continue donations for the next few months.

Glasgow Communities Fund

- Network has been engaging with members who had issues with the fund, listening to their challenges & what its' meant for the people they serve.
- Will be taking part in the GCC review meetings, discussing the Review panel process & more generally as an organisation who received funding.
- More info about the GCF2: £50 million grant funding to help communities most in need - Glasgow City Council

Network AGM

- Network are holding their Annual General Meeting in the Glasgow University Byres Community Hub, 6th December, the theme is rising costs and the austerity crisis, all welcome.

Key Themes across North West

The ward reports below are updates from a selection of our member organisations.

- The main issues for the North West are:
- Cost-of-living crisis, moving into the winter months – this will be an issue for both voluntary sector organisations and the Glasgow citizens they support.
- Lack of funding and capacity affecting the ability of organisations to offer additional services and activities.

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Anderston City Yorkhill Ward 10

Rep: Susie Anderson susie@thepyramid.scot

What are the issues in the ward?

- Community members have stated Mental health and wellbeing as their main issue.
- Potential increase in cost of living over winter months.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Capacity to both fund and run needed activities and services.

General Member Update

The Pyramid at Anderston https://thepyramid.scot/

- The Pyramid recently undertook a community consultation with 138 community members of all ages, looking at 9 key priorities for Anderston. The community reported that their key priority was overwhelmingly mental health and wellbeing, followed by learning new skills/employability and getting active. Children and young people also reported that protecting our planet was a top priority.
- Consulting with partners to identify gaps and strengths in provision in Anderston, also to be detailed in our final report. Final report and findings to be shared soon.
- Are recruiting further part-time and temporary (6-months) support for events and the community shop to boost capacity.
- Held their October Holiday Club, 268 meals handed out and a range of activities offered.
- Anderston Loves Christmas is Friday 8 December as part of their wider Winter Festival and recently received funding for a new community cinema project, programme to be announced in due course.

Townhead Village Hall https://www.facebook.com/Townhead-Village-Hall-106388822128494

- Continue their full programme of activities for the community, including drama classes with Toonspeak, Computer classes, learn Tae Kwando, Stay & Play with Stepping Stones, Friendship Club and more.
- Working closely with Glasgow City College to run additional activities for the community. Community engagement done regarding the types of activities the community want. These will be linked to student's studies and give them work experience**.**
- Their orchard had a great harvest and volunteers made jam and produce for locals to take away and taste.
- Friendship Group are holding a Tartan & Tinsel afternoon on 30th November

Garnethill Multicultural Centre https://garnethillcentre.org.uk/

- Black History Month exhibition with a theme 'Celebrating Our Sisters' recognising excellent black women and a culturally themed lunch.
- Full programme of activities for the community running throughout the week for both kids and adults.

North West Recovery Communities https://www.nwrc-glasgow.co.uk/

- Recovery Communities partners meeting taking place in November, which the network will attend.
- Have shared their latest newsletter https://www.nwrc-glasgow.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SEPTEMBER.pdf

Canal Ward 16

Rep: Jill Mackay jill@nucommunities.org
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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost-of-living crisis affecting voluntary sector organisations as well as the people they work with.

What are the key issues facing members?

Key issues for everyone:

- Lack of access to direct contact with services, e.g., Council Tax enquiries, debt management and benefit support, and housing issues.
- Increased demand for services, beyond the capacity of organisations.
- Coping with increasing costs within pre-set budgets.
- Service delivery continues to address ongoing and emerging issues.
- Continuation of partnership working brings a more joined up approach, as well as avoiding duplication of services.

General Update

- Successful and busy October week activity and food programme delivered by all partners.
- **Canal Youth Forum** https://www.facebook.com/CanalYouthForum/ and **Sharing Cowlairs** https://www.facebook.com/groups/3121714664814599/ are having a family Halloween event to bring the communities together.
- 50 tickets donated by Itison to take children in Canal area to Glasglow light show at Botanic Gardens.
- **Hamiltonhill Claypits** https://www.facebook.com/Claypits held their AGM on 24th October and premiered a film of recent otter sighting at Firhill!

Young People's Future http://www.youngpossilfutures.org.uk/:
Love Milton https://www.facebook.com/welovemilton**:**
Lambhill Stables https://www.lambhillstables.org/:
North United Communities http://www.nuconline.co.uk/:
North Glasgow Community Food Initiative https://www.ngcfi.org.uk/:
Possobilities https://possobilities.org.uk/

Drumchapel Anniesland Ward 14

Rep Dougie Taylor dougie@drumchapellife.co.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Debt and cost-of-living crisis.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Fear the above (cost of living) will increase moving into the winter months.
- Isolation and loneliness

General Member Update

Drumchapel CAB https://www.drumchapelcab.org.uk/

- Drumchapel CAB shared their Annual Report https://www.drumchapelcab.org.uk/news/annual-report-2022-23
- In September and October the team supported an average of 116 clients per week, dealing with an average of 198 issues. These numbers are rising weekly.

Enable Glasgow Fortune Works

- Drumming Up Change project, which brings together young people from Drumchapel High School and Enable Glasgow Fortune Works service users to break down barriers, has been nominated for a Glasgow Times Community Champion Award.

3D Drumchapel https://www.3ddrumchapel.org.uk/

- Celebrated their 25th birthday – congratulations to all involved!

Weekday Wow Factor https://www.facebook.com/weekdaywowfactor

- To combat loneliness in the over 50s and to get people moving, Weekday Wow Factor are running daytime discos & lunch in St Mark's Church. They run once a month on a Friday 11.30am-1.30pm (see their Facebook page for dates)

G15 Youth Project https://www.facebook.com/g15youth

- Ran a very busy and successful October week programme.
- Have had to put new registration processes in place, due some of the evening sessions being busy and oversubscribed.

Drumchapel TV https://www.youtube.com/@drum-tv https://twitter.com/DrumchapelTV

- Congratulations to Drumchapel TV to reaching over 1000 followers. If you have any ideas for new local content for the channel – please contact them on

Drumchapel Foodbank

- Going into winter, Drumchapel food bank continue to need donations of tinned goods.

G15 Thriving Places https://twitter.com/TPDrumchapel
Drum Hub https://www.facebook.com/drumhub15
Drumchapel L.I.F.E. https://twitter.com/DDrumchapellife

Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward 13

Rep: Lainey Bedingfield lainy@kingswaycc.org.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Fuel insecurity – note: KCC no longer issuing fuel vouchers.
- Food insecurity - Cost of living impact increasing.
- Warm winter clothes for children highlighted via Schools.
- Issues with 3rd sector being funded to deliver warm places through the winter.
- Potential loss of Danes Drive Park through PMGC proposal.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Funding. The impact of decisions taken during the GCF2 process are wide and varied. Some organisations are noting they are directing already stretched resources/capacity to active fundraising for funds required to cover core/staff costs.

General Member Update

- **DRC Youth Project** are noting high numbers of young people congregating in Yoker, Scotstoun and Whiteinch. They will continue to link in with NRS and Elected Members about this.
- https://drcyouthproject.blogspot.com https://www.facebook.com/drcyouthproject https://twitter.com/DRCYouthProject
- **Kingsway Community Connections**
- objection to the proposal to take ownership of the Danes Drive Park submitted to PMGC, petition on-going.
- No longer issuing fuel vouchers (due to issues around capacity).
- Programme of activity well attended. Increase in residents asking for support.
- https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk https://twitter.com/Kingsway__CC https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections
- KCC have been nominated for a Glasgow Times Community Champion Award in the Public Services category.
- **Glasgow Eco Trust/De'ils on Wheels** - #Get23in23 fundraising campaign ongoing, this is a yearlong drive to raise much needed funding due to GET not receiving GCF2 funding.
- https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/appeal/flight-donation-scheme
- Glasgow Eco Trust is starting Learn Tor Ride classes for adults and 12yrs+. Sessions at BMX car park (Knightswood) lasting one hour on a Sunday afternoon with block booking for 4 consecutive weeks. https://glasgowecotrust.org.uk
- https://www.facebook.com/DeilsOnWheels/
- **Knightswood Community Centre** – Their Monday Cinema Club soup and cinema club is ongoing. https://www.knightswoodcentre.co.uk
- **Active Seniors** – day trips and socials in high demand.
- **DRC Generations** – new peer support group launched for families with neurodiverse children. http://www.drcgenerations.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/drcgenerations
- **Heart of Scotstoun** – https://twitter.com/HOScotstoun
- **LINKES** https://www.linkes.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/linkesglasgow https://twitter.com/linkesgla

Hillhead Ward 11

Rep: Anna Dyer a.dyer@scottishoverseasdevelopment.org.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

In St Georges Cross/ Firhill/ Woodside neighbourhoods:

- Lack of amenities and low access to broadband and IT Equipment
- Large elderly population – loneliness and isolation
- Due to Woodside area having a period where they didn't have a Community Council, it's felt this area missed out on consultation around the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Area around Woodside Halls neglected and in need of improvement of the environment.
- Disproportionate cost of parking and restricted for all 7 days until 10pm compared to Byres Road area which has free parking in the evening- impact on attendance at events in the area and for workers and residents in the area.

General Member Update

Woodside Halls

- At last Woodside Halls will welcome its first user on Tuesday 31st October, it is fitting that they were a regular user of the halls before the pandemic. Woodside Halls is excited to be welcoming both previous and new users into the premises.
- For the first weekend of the opening, 28-29 October, Woodside will host its first National Conference of the new era.
- Bookings for future events are at a very promising level. Weekend events throughout November include the Scottish Family Party National Conference, the Liberal Democrats AGM, Scottish Grappling, Christmas Elf Schools for 3 Saturdays and Vivace Theatre.

Community Central Halls https://centralhall.org/

- On 20th December CCH and Halo Arts will present a "pop-up" panto as part of a community engagement exercise for residents and stakeholders to include Christmas tea, a talking wall, and some fun activities. Members of the Partnership will be invited to join us. Vivace Theatre Group already has 24 bookings across January for evening and weekend workshops and for early 2024 we also have an Indian festival, drag queen cabaret and concerts.
- CCH will have Halo Arts Christmas panto in the Reid Hall this year.

I would like to highlight two most welcome contributions to the area:

- The Community Café Toshie's, a social enterprise of Queens Cross HA has developed into a great venue in an area with few food facilities. Excellent lunch menu and coffee.
- The Community Hub of the University has produced an excellent programme of activities and exhibitions for the local community. It also is working with the Voluntary Sector network in developing partnerships which will benefit the areas most in need.

University of Glasgow Clarice Pear's Byres Community Hub https://twitter.com/UofGByresHub

- Is hosting the Festival of Social Science Community on 4 Nov – all welcome.
- It is also hosting the Network AGM on 6th December

Maryhill Ward 15

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Sub Rep Sharon Bowers sharon-at-acre@outlook.com /

What are the issues in the ward?

- Youth disorder has been noted within the ward in particular Acre and the Wyndford.
- Residents have also noted it is an issue round particular premises in these areas.
- This has included nuisance to community premises, underage drinking, and vaping.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Cost of living crisis affecting both the community and organisations - greater demand on services but organisations facing greater costs themselves
- Continuing demand for food provision including food banks, pantries etc.
- Above youth disorder

General Member Update

Acre Community Hall https://www.facebook.com/AcreCommunityHall https://twitter.com/HallAcre

- 'Warm places' provision has continued on a rolling weekly programme to ensure that people have somewhere to go to keep warm Monday till Friday unfortunately at time of writing funding has not been granted to the 3rd sector to continue, his is however under discussion.
- Acre continues to offer various services including being a warm space unfortunately they were refused funding to offer longer opening times and activities.

Maryhill Burgh https://www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/maryhillburghhalls https://twitter.com/maryhill_halls

- MBHT had a range of workshops for October week. They held a stone, a spark, a shard of glass exhibition. They also hosted the 150th anniversary of east park exhibition. They also had A to Z of the burgh halls with lots of interesting historical facts for each letter.

Maryhill Together

- Maryhill Together have been carrying out Community Engagement at local events, called *Say it Maryhill*. There are feedback postcards available for any community group or organisation that want to take part.
- Summerston Community council carried out a litter pick & environmental clean-up and spoke to local people and got *Say it Maryhill* postcards filled out. They spoke about lack of youth work services in the area, which they believe is contributing to anti-social behaviour.
- They also mentioned that residents often don't feel part of Maryhill and would like more opportunities to come to the Summerton area of the ward.

Shakespeare Street Youth Club https://www.facebook.com/ShakespeareStYouthClub/

- Shakespeare Street Youth Club had a successful playscheme for October week
- **Maryhill Integration Network** https://twitter.com/Maryhill_IN
https://maryhillintegration.org.uk/
- Maryhill integration network held Right in action week which through music, poetry and an exhibition showcased the truths of people seeking asylum in Scotland.
- They also had a free exhibition and took part in 'Moving Minds' performance to raise awareness about the impact of migration on mental health and wellbeing

Partick East/Kelvindale Ward 23

Rep: Jane Cowie jane.cowie@annexecommunities.org.uk and Julie Fox Julie.fox@annexecommunities.org.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of living crisis
- In particular – the cost of food and fuel

What are the key issues facing members?

- Another winter coming up and people and organisations are worried about food and energy bills.
- And likely debt issues in the new year as more people go into more debt with Christmas

General Member Update

Annexe Communities https://www.annexecommunities.org.uk/

- Annexe Communities in the process of an Asset Transfer so could, in the future, own the Annexe building rather than renting it.
- Next round of Annexe Communities Participatory Budgeting October/November 2023 looking for local individual ideas £500 and local group ideas £1500 funding available.
- New Lottery funded 2 years project "Let Partick Flourish" at Annexe Communities continuing on from the three years work of the Younity Project, only with less staff hosting.
- Free Community Halloween events on at Purdon Street and Mansfield Park 3pm-6pm - thanks to Area Budget Ward 12 funding.
- Annexe Communities awaiting result of funding applications to run a weekly Cost of Living Support group in the Annexe on Monday afternoons where basic food packs will be distributed, and a meal will be cooked and shared.
- Annexe Café has Hot Meal tickets available for anyone local that needs a free hot 3 course meal.

Partick Pantry https://www.facebook.com/thepartickpantry/

- Ruth from Dowanvale Church Food Pantry is moving on to another job. She will be sorely missed, and the Food Pantry is planning to open on a Thursday only rather than 2 days a week.

Partick Housing Associationhttps://www.partickha.org.uk/community/food-fuel/

- New staff member Anthony Coia has hit the ground running partnership working and, where he can, signposting local people to different supports and volunteering opportunities. Welcome to Partick, Anthony!

Victoria Park Ward 12

Rep post Vacant – contact hello.northwestglasgowvsn@outlook.com

What are the issues in the ward?

- On going cost-of-living crisis – cost of food and fuel
- Youth anti-social behaviour

What are the key issues facing members?

- Anti-social behaviour
- Youth unemployment
- Cost-of-living crisis

General Member Update

Whiteinch Centre https://www.whiteinchcentre.org.uk/

- Expressions of Interest are being sought for the running of a Café concession in the Whiteinch centre – any expressions of interest should be sent before 17th November.
- Thursday Panty is averaging 50 people a week. This has increased following the closure of the Salvation Army pantry and it looks set to keep growing.

Glasgow Eco Trust https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk

- Glasgow Eco Trust has launched an innovative fundraiser - a community flight donation scheme. Find out more and donate https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/Appeal/flight-donation-scheme
- Glasgow Eco Trust is one of the partners in the Food and Climate Action Project across Glasgow and have shared the first North West newsletter https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/News/food-and-climate-action-west-news

DRC Youth Project www.drcyouthproject.co.uk www.twitter.com/drcyouthproject

- There is an influx of young people from throughout the North-West meeting en masse and moving together between the areas of Yoker, Scotstoun and Whiteinch. DRCY team of trained street workers are out speaking to young people where they choose to congregate to gain a greater understanding on why groups are gravitating towards these areas. They are targeting these groups, spending time getting to know the young people and finding out what they are interested in. They are also spreading the word about their initiatives and the meaningful support they can offer.
- Have secured a new learning space in The Whiteinch Centre. This space will be multi-functional, acting as an office space, training suite and the base for a new youth club for young people aged 8-11. This club will focus on early intervention, providing young people with a positive alternative to any ongoing issues in the local area. During club time they deliver drop-in and structured sessions where young people can access a range of activities and support, including issue-based workshops, health & wellbeing focused activities and trips, weekly football and cycling sessions, gardening and food growing, and digital learning activities.
- Continue to run free BMX sessions on Friday nights at the pump track outside Glasgow BMX Centre, with young people being able to borrow a bike and helmet to ride the track for the evening.
- Actively involved in planning one of two upcoming Your Voice events, in partnership with the North-West Youth Network. The event will take place in February at the Yoker Community Campus and young people and organisations from throughout NW Glasgow will attend.

Pathfinder Workingrite in partnership with DRC Youth Project https://twitter.com/workingrite

- DRCY partners with 'Workingrite' to deliver their successful and widely respected employability programme 'Pathfinder'. Workingrite have now relocated to their new office in Whiteinch. Both organisations working together on Pathfinder in Ward 12 can act as a further boost for young people and businesses in the local area.
- Pathfinder is a unique, holistic employability support service open to young people aged 16-24 in NW Glasgow. On Pathfinder, we find local businesses who are willing to support and mentor young people while on placement (which lasts up to 13 weeks). Young people can also access essential training, accreditation & support. For more info please contact: gerard@drcyouthproject.co.uk

North-West Community Pantry https://twitter.com/NorthWestPantry

- The North-West Community Pantry continues to be well used by members of the public from throughout the NW Glasgow, with 7 families from Ward 12 actively using the shop. More than 1300 bags of shopping have gone to families since April 2023.
- The shop currently opens to the public two days per week, with referral support coming in from partners at NHS, Kingsway Community Connections, Glasgow Helps and Glasgow Council on Alcohol.
- The shop also continues to provide a platform for local young people to gain work experience, with 12 young people having volunteered their time since April, 5 of whom have been supported into the Pathfinder programme or directly into employment.

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