North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
Area Partnership Report April 2023

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network Update

Glasgow Communities Fund

- The network & members have expressed concerns about the process & outcomes of GCF phase 2.
- We are supporting a member working group, that is looking at the issues for organisations and staff; they have created a survey that has been distributed to members to gather data about member concerns.
- We are speaking with elected members from all parties to outline the concerns members have with an offer to support the review process & the design of phase 3 of the fund.

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

- Will soon hit the milestone of giving out 1000 IT packages.
- The network continues to take referrals from members and partners.
- We are currently looking for funding.

Ward Reports

- The ward reports below are updates from a selection of our member organisations. There are, however, several emerging themes across the North West:
    - Increase in the number of our members offering food bank/pantry services.
    - Increase in the number of our members dealing with other cost-of-living crisis issues.
    - Potential impact of GCF2 decisions on members, their services, and the people they work with.

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Anderston City Yorkhill

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

- The Pyramid's Holiday Club, part of GCC's Holiday Food Programme, is in great demand with the daily activity sessions fully booked; additional food bags will be available along with two Family Movie Nights.
- The Zero Waste Shop is being refurbished thanks to a small Scottish Government grant and will re-open after the Spring break, although emergency food will be available.
- The rest of the Phase 1 capital project is nearing completion, including the renovated Sports & Community Hall, Community Kitchen and energy efficiency and accessibility improvements.
- Cost of Living Support project, funded by Scottish Children's Lottery and The National Lottery Community Fund continues until June, supporting community members with cash grants, food and fuel support, warm clothing and more. There is a huge demand for this support. Also supporting several families who are currently accommodated in B&Bs
- The Pyramid is hosting a major exhibition in April - STUDIO FLOOR https://thepyramid.scot/events/event/exhibition-studio-floor/
- Sadly, due to lack of funding, we were unable to renew the contract for our Community Builder, Kate Drummond, who was the representative for Anderston, City and Yorkhill. This will result in a reduction in activities and services.

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

- TVH is celebrating its 10th birthday is this year and have put a call out to the community for ideas on how to celebrate it.

Glasgow's Golden Generation Fred Paton Centre https://www.glasgowgg.org.uk/

- Supporting 60-65 and older adults, providing 125+ places across five days (Mon-Fri) at the Fred Paton Centre
- They are currently looking for some volunteer befrienders to help socially isolated adults in the area https://twitter.com/GlasgowsGG/status/1640292839417430016?s=20
- Planning to start a new Sporting Memories Group

Simy Community Development https://www.facebook.com/SiMYCommunityDevelopment

- Are running a Refuweegee donation drive for welcome packs 4-13th April
- They also have some full welcome packs for anyone in need. Find out more on FB https://www.facebook.com/SiMYCommunityDevelopment/posts/pfbid0z1gZq1EzV5cMpnMaLYD1svwaA7Zhi2FTEojVpSRpgUJwkC8FWdaVXnM1EBhmT7udl

Marie Trust https://www.themarietrust.org/

- Deliver a wide range of services specifically aimed at supporting homeless or at-risk individuals to access the immediate support. This includes counselling, education, dental services, crisis support and more
- Recently received two-year funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to continue the delivery of our Counselling and Psychotherapy Service.

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

- Host a variety of events from martial arts, English classes, arts workshops to advice surgeries and addiction support groups. 1000 people (per week) visit to take part in an activity or to seek support.

Rep position vacant. Contact hello.northwestglasgowvsn@outlook.com

Canal

Young People's Future http://www.youngpossilfutures.org.uk/:

- Daily Lunch Club and Warm Space is operational 5 days per week, with up to 200 visits per week. Providing 2 days of hot meals, and 3 days with home-made soup and sandwiches.
- Glasgow Life are in attendance each week, offering support with CV construction, job-searching, and advice on further education/training.
- 6 youth work groups are delivered per week; 4 in Possilpoint and 2 in Westercommon Courtyard. Approximately 150 young people attend each week.
- Ongoing demand for support regarding mental health and well-being and food and fuel poverty.

Love Milton https://www.facebook.com/welovemilton**:**

- Litter picks in partnership with schools, local groups, and residents.
- Delivery of a community-growing space at Scaraway Flats.
- Crisis management with food vouchers, welfare advice, debt.
- Distribution of Wheatley Fuel vouchers, and in-house advice from Fuel Advisers.
- Stocking up the Community Larder and distributing food parcels.
- Working in partnership with the ARC User Group on upgrading the school pathway, and the growing space.

Lambhill Stables https://www.lambhillstables.org/:

- Art, walking and other adult groups are back up and running (6 groups per week).
- Gardening volunteers are attending 3 days per week and working on getting the growing spaces prepared for Spring.
- The Café/kitchen in currently closed due to refurbishment, although the area is operating as a "warm space" serving tea, coffee, and light snacks.
- The Bike Hub is operating, and plans are being made for "led cycle rides."
- Working on the Stockingfield Junction mosaic project with local residents.
- Dealing with gaps in funding, what this means for service provision, and how these can be filled.

North United Communities http://www.nuconline.co.uk/:

- 16 youth groups delivered each week in Milton, Ruchill and Wyndford/Maryhill, engaging up to 150 young people.
- One to one support delivered to young people, as well as Family Support services offering child protection work, outreach services and parenting skills.
- Ongoing concerns with young people's mental health and well-being; many are poor or non-attenders at school, have social anxiety, and display behaviours as a manifestation of trauma/poverty.
- Ongoing discussions with GCC, Caledonian University and local groups/residents regarding the new youth and family centre in Milton, along with the future of the premises in Ruchill with Glasgow Life.

- Partnership work with local agencies and groups to help support with the Cost-of-Living Crisis: vouchers, community meals, warm clothing, and household items.

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative https://www.ngcfi.org.uk/:

- Teenie Weenie, Growing Together and Young Planters gardening groups preparing for Spring.
- Delivery of People's Fridge, fruit and veg barra on 2 days per week.
- Community Café open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week, offering hot meals, snacks, and tea/coffee.
- Delivery of weekly classes: sewing, line-dancing, cookery, art, writing and chess.

Possobilities https://possobilities.org.uk/ **:**

- Weekly clubs: dominoes, literacy, and numeracy, sewing group. Also, groups for young people.
- Breakfast and Lunch Club operating 5 days per week.

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Drumchapel Anniesland

Thriving Places https://twitter.com/TPDrumchapel

- Drumchapel Thriving Places is leading a collective, of 11 local third sector organisations, that has submitted a proposal, to People Make Glasgow Communities, to manage Drumchapel Community Centre
- Thriving Places will be moving premises before end of May, as CHSS shop can no longer accommodate them. New premises are yet to be secured.

Men Matters Scotland

- Good to see Drumchapel TV up and running – find out more on twitter https://twitter.com/DrumchapelTV

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

- Drumchapel CAB has told us that since April 2019 the Citizens Advice Network has helped over 800,000 people to claim universal credit.

Drumchapel L.I.F.E. https://twitter.com/DDrumchapellife

- The Elevator programme is a highly successful personal development and confidence building project, which is now recruiting for its next six-month cohort.

Chance to Change

- This Drumchapel Group, facilitated by Yoker Community Campus with Scottish Government funding, has been undertaking some ground-breaking work, in partnership with Garscadden Burn Medical Practice, into inequalities in primary care.

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Garscadden Scotstounhill

Emerging issues/concerns:

- Sharp increase in residents seeking referrals to foodbanks and pantries, welfare, and energy advice.
- GCF2 and Scottish Government ICF impact on sector.
- Proposal via PMGC to take over Danes Drive bowling green and park**.**

Glasgow Eco Trust and De'ils On Wheels

https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/ and https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowEcoTrust/

- Glasgow Eco Trust continues to deliver our eco activity programme including 2 health walks and 2 led cycle rides each week and a fortnightly learn to cycle session https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/events including a weekly health walk with Kingsway Community Connections.
- De'ils On Wheels is taking part in the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme which can provide up to £50 towards the cost of cycle repairs.

Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre

https://heartofscotstoun.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/heartofscotstoun
https://twitter.com/hoscotstoun

- Did not receive funding from Glasgow Communities Fund and are running a series of fundraising events.
- Cafe is open 6 days a week**.**
- Community garden - More growing spaces being created.
- Food pantry now only open one day a week**.**

Kingsway Community Connections

https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk
https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections
https://twitter.com/Kingsway__CC

- In direct response to the cost-of-living crisis, KCC have launched a breakfast club each morning and are opening the community spaces until 8pm Mon – Friday.
- Foodbank referral to NW Foodbank.
- Voucher system in place with NW Food Pantry where residents can access free referral to the Pantry**.**
- Welfare Advice service now running at almost capacity. Key issues, energy, benefits, housing, and food costs.
- A wide range of activities including -weekly coffee morning (Tuesday) and lunch club Bite and a Blether (Thursday), walking programme, Women's group on Friday evenings 5pm – 7pm, Kurdish Women's group Saturday and Community Garden
- Youth activity programme delivered during Easter holidays.
- The Centre is the home of Active Seniors whose committee hold their regular meetings in our space.
- Activity for all calendar up and running. A variety of light touch activity aimed at increasing residents' personal growth.

Knightswood Community Centre
https://www.knightswoodcentre.co.uk
https://www.facebook.com/Knightswood-Community-Centre-132216143492634

- Knightswood Community Centre is working with Glasgow Eco Trust have run a survey and feedback event on how interested the community would be in a community garden space at the Centre.
- Café is now open.
- Their Hot Soup & Cinema afternoon is proving extremely popular and fully booked for many showings since it started.

The DRC Youth Project
www.drcyouthproject.co.uk
www.twitter.com/drcyouthproject
https://www.facebook.com/drcyouthproject

Youth Clubs https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/youth-club/

- Numbers have been strong in our youth clubs in Yoker Community Campus and Heart of Scotstoun community centre. Could not be done without the support from Amanda and the team at HOS, plus Dougie and the Campus staff for their ongoing support. And hoping to do work with Whiteinch Centre too in the future.

Pathfinder - NW Work Training Programme

- 2022/23 has been another incredibly successful year for the programme.
- During this time, DRC have engaged with over 150 young people from NW Glasgow
- Our final group of trainees for the year have all been matched with local businesses by our partners Workingrite and are now gaining invaluable experience in a line of work which they are extremely passionate about.
- We look forward to continuing to deliver this much needed service in 2023/24. For more info: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKI4Ck9sAPs

Street Work

- Our trained team of youth workers participate in regular street work sessions throughout Wards 12 and 13.
- Our staff cover 10-12KM during each session and pay particular attention to hot spots identified by our team, partner organisations, local people, and councillors.

DRC Group Work Rooms

- We have completed the development of two crucial group work rooms.
- Our first space is a fully functioning Health and Beauty training suite. This room has been a fantastic learning space for our latest school's group from Knightswood Secondary. 20+ young people (who are disengaged from school activity) have been participating in weekly sessions with our trained beautician and staff.
- Our second group work room is a multi-purpose space which holds a training suite, with internet access, PCs (donated by NWGVSN) and projector screen plus a partitioned gym

area which young people access to keep fit. The training suite was perfect for sessions we hosted with mybnk and our latest Pathfinder group.

North West Community Pantry https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/north-west-community-pantry/

- The pantry is busy, and our membership continues to grow on a weekly basis.
- We expect demand to grow as the Cost-of-Living crisis deepens. We are open on a Tuesday from 1-4PM and Thursday 12-3PM

We Are With You
https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/
https://twitter.com/welinksglasgow

- Employ 2 Community Links workers linked to local medical practices with one at Kingsway Medical Practice; and one at Whiteinch MP/Scotstoun MP

Yoker Resource Centre

- Yoker Community Care for the Elderly and Disabled project has re-started at the Resource Centre https://www.facebook.com/groups/573084550761845
- The Centre is being used as a warm space for residents.

Active Seniors
https://en-gb.facebook.com/activeseniorsclass/

- Looking at ways to manage growth, AS is a small organisation with 1 part time member of staff.

Ignite Theatre
https://www.ignitetheatreglasgow.org https://www.facebook.com/IgniteTheatreGlasgow
https://twitter.com/Glasgow_Ignite

- Drama and Film workshops, working with young people with disabilities in Yoker.

DRC Generations
http://www.drcgenerations.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/drcgenerations

LINKES
https://www.linkes.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/linkesglasgow https://twitter.com/linkesgla

Yoker Community Campus https://www.yokercampus.org and https://twitter.com/campusyoker

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Hillhead

There have been several very good developments since the last meeting of the Partnership:

Community Central Halls https://centralhall.org/

- There has been considerable progress in getting Woodside Hall ready to open. Repairs to make the roof watertight are in process. The Environmental Inspection for the Entertainment Licence has produced a list of required repairs. The date for the handover of the keys to for Woodside is 3rd April and we hope to be completed in time.
- Planning a celebration tea party as a "soft" opening to give residents a look at our Halls and during this event participate in a Community Engagement Exercise on the future use of the Halls and improvements for the area. The Halls will be open seven 7 days a week, on weekdays until 10 pm and later at weekends. The Halls being open for long hours will help to reduce anti-social behaviour and create a safer neighbourhood. The official opening will take place in the summer when the previous users have returned.
- We also had a visit from Susan Grant who is the Community Engagement Co-ordinator for Professional Health and Wellbeing Services for the ARC (the Centre for Advanced Research) which has established a hub to assist community development and wellbeing. They have considerable resources and wish to create a partnership with Woodside.

Local environment and Improvement Fund

- The Hillhead Week of Action which supported the clean-up of the streets around the Byres Road Area has led to a notable improvement in the environment of this part of the Ward.
- Due to our neighbourhood not having a Community Council there had been no consultation at all in Woodside. Only one small repair to cobbles in Clarendon Street and Windsor Street had been included in the designated works from the Improvement Fund. We have been assured that the area will be included in next year's funding.
- After the last Partnership meeting, we had a very constructive meeting with Martin Neill, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Hillhead area for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- At our meeting with the Chair of the Partnership the views which residents expressed of the rundown appearance of the area, poor lighting which made many feel unsafe at night, frequent incidents of fly-tipping and rubbish being set alight.

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Maryhill

Maryhill Together

- Maryhill Together is a local network meeting, set up by NWGVSN to bring local partner charities and organisations together to share information and encourage partnership/ joint working. The network meets 4 times a year in the community and regularly has +20 attendees
- Date of next meeting Friday 2nd June at Maryhill Integration Network

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

- The Focus continues to be Community learning, employability, and training.
- They also have coffee n chat, dancing, a youth club with https://twitter.com/AchieveMoreSCT , and food parcel service.
- The cost-of-living crisis is concerning resulting in numbers increasing for food parcels.

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

- Maryhill Flag handover event soon, date to be confirmed.
- The Nolly Community Café is very close to opening. Taster sessions planned for end of March, prior to the opening https://twitter.com/maryhill_halls/status/1641326683734065153?s=20
- Hosting both Shakespeare Street 100th anniversary and East Park's 150th anniversary.

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

- Celebrating 100 years this year and are planning a celebration event in the summer.
- Youth and Teen groups are as busy as ever.
  Teen group got funding for a residential trip for the first time in years.
- Tuesday food group is extremely busy.

Maryhill Activity Directory https://app.maryhillactivitydirectory.org.uk/Categories

- Planning focus groups and a documentary about the story and growth of the directory

G20, Maryhill Festival https://twitter.com/FestivalG20

- Planning of the summer event is well underway, proposed date 30th July 2023
- Young people will be at the forefront of planning, information stalls and activities.

Boomerang Wood https://www.facebook.com/boomerangwoodworking

- Have now registered as a CIC, building up their project again.
- Providing volunteering and workshop opportunities to the local community

G20 Project https://twitter.com/G20Works

- Working to create a safe and usable space for over 16s in Wynford. Developing a wider support service, not just looking at skills and employability.
- Carwash at Wynford site is proving very popular.
- Woman's Group on a Tuesday and Men's Group with Men Matter on a Wednesday for over 16s both run from 6pm until 8pm.

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Partick East/Kelvindale

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

- Step Forward toenail clipping service will cease to support over 150 local people with their feet care from 1st April 2023 due to lack of funding.
- Younity Project - Cost of Living Support funding has supported over 100 local low-income individuals and families with food and energy support between January and March 2023 with support through winter.
- Plans for a Cost-of-Living Support group to run from Annexe to see where to go from here as rising food and fuel costs, rent, council tax causing problems for many.
- Free Spring Community Events were enjoyed by many at Mansfield Park and at Purdon Street Allotments - PCGP

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

- Supporting all 1800 tenants with a £49 energy payment and have funds to support local low-income families.

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

- The Pantry is seeing a massive increase in people needing food.
- Annexe Communities, Partick Housing Association, Partick Community Growing Project, and The Partick Pantry are working in partnership to secure as much food and energy funding as possible. Glasgow City Council Wards 23 also supported The Food Pantry.
- Distributed Morrisons shopping vouchers and Electricity top ups for local people.

Partick South Church

- Looking into more local growing spaces on their church land.

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Victoria Park

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

- Following on from the Whiteinch Centre application to Glasgow Communities Fund being unsuccessful, they made a statement regarding the future of the centre. You can read it on the homepage of their website.
- The network is working in partnership with Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association and the Whiteinch Centre on the future of the centre. The network is conducting community engagement work; gathering views of the local community via a survey, focus groups and Family Fun Day. https://www.whiteinchcentre.org.uk/
- Whiteinch Centre and WSHA have also reached out to other local organisations in the area to support them with some services and activities in the Centre.

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

- Did not receive funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund and have since launched their fundraising campaign #GET23in23 https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/get23in23
- Recently ran their Transport, Community and Climate event. You can read all about it on their website and twitter account for a summary of the event https://twitter.com/GlasgowEcoTrust/status/1641767236539908102?s=20
- Continue their weekly programme of Health walks and Led Rides and Bike Repair by De'ils on Wheels https://www.facebook.com/DeilsOnWheels

DRC Youth Project www.drcyouthproject.co.uk www.twitter.com/drcyouthproject**– continued delivery of:**

- Streetwork in the area
- Youth Clubs https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/youth-club/
- North-West Community Pantry https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/north-west-community-pantry/
- Pathfinder - Work Training Programme
- DRC YP Employability Support
- Community Growing Initiative

For more details on DRC activities refer to Garscadden/ Scotstounhill update

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

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