North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
Area Partnership Report August/September 2023

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Update

Network Update

Glasgow Communities Fund Working Group

- The network has been supporting members with a Glasgow Communities Fund working group, where they are seeking to understand the issues the process and decisions have had on organisations and local people. In June, we had a listening event with local elected members, who were on the assessment panel. Our members were able to discuss their experiences of the fund. In late August, we are having an event bringing together local people and members to look at the strengths & issues in each ward with a view of building up a picture of what services are needed in each area. Our goal is to suggest a process that would meet the needs of communities and be a fair and transparent process for Third sector organisations.

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

- The IT recycling project has now passed it's 1000 donations milestone and continues to take unwanted PC's, 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 is struggling with funding and would ask members to think of ways they can support the project to continue.

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** & associated **rising demand for crisis help**; **food and fuel support**, demand is increasing across the wards

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Anderston City Yorkhill

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of living support and advice
- Wide-ranging needs from financial to welfare and health

What are the key issues facing members?

- Rise in people looking for sign posting and advice and unsure where to go
- Rise in people in employment seeking financial support, including food packs and emergency grants.
- Rise in the number of people reporting that they are still in hotel accommodation after one year, mainly refugees/asylum seekers (Pyramid)
- Funding for organisations to be able to support the needs of the community.

General Member Update

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

- Glasgow ESOL Forum are moving into the Pyramid in September, enabling increased provision for ESOL classes in Anderston.
- Proceeding with Phase 2 capital fundraising to complete the building work, which will eventually generate income and enhance sustainability.
- Currently undertaking a community engagement and consultation process to match services and activities to need.
- Community food shop continues to operate at capacity with growing waiting list.
- Exploring funding options for a dedicated welfare advice/sign posting role, community engagement and activities coordinators

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

- TVH fully operating with full programme of activities. Café-planning for students from the College of Commerce, supported by college staff to run the café 2 days a week
- Starting a new Beginners computer course in the autumn
- Planning, in conjunction with the local health centre, to start an Autism Peer Support Group for parents, starting after schools go back
- Community Garden – always looking for volunteers for people to potter in the garden with their own projects or to help make the garden suitable for visitors to sit out.
- Continue to be Welcome Space, where people can come in for seat, chat, charge their phone etc as they did pre-lockdown. Continue to signpost to support services as needed – haven't noticed any spike in enquiries
- Recent litter pick with Morgan Stanley volunteers, TVH and GCC resulted in collecting 52 bags of litter (in the pouring rain!)

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

- Garnethill Multicultural Food Hub is a joint partnership project between Garnethill Multicultural Centre and CWIN - very busy -seeing increasing numbers for the food hub and Community meal. Queue registration starts at 9.30am for 1.230pm opening
- Over 1000 people visit the centre for their programme of activities each week

Central & West Integration Network https://www.cwin.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/cwintegration

Canal

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living – accessing support
- Need for financial support – Fuel Vouchers

What are the key issues facing members?

- Continued steady flow of people seeking support and advice.
- People in employment seeking support such as food parcels and fuel vouchers.

General Member Update

Love Milton

- Summer Holiday Programme ran throughout the summer break, well attended and a great success, finishing with a Gala Day at the ARC.
- Continued cost of Living support.

North United Communities

- Summer Holiday Programme ran for five weeks across July and August, running both in Milton and Wyndford. Also included a trip to Blackpool and Snow Camp.
- Both area summer programmes were strongly attended throughout the summer. With over 200 attending each day.

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative

- Looking for sessional Drivers and Youth Garden Assistants.
- Summer holiday programme was a success based out of Milton Community Garden.

Possobilities

- Groups all starting back after a short summer break.

Lambhill Stables

- Fix your own bike workshops have started up Tuesday and Saturday (4pm-6pm)
- Ran a summer programme, with usual groups starting back on the 23rd.

Lambhill, Milton and Cadder Connects (Stronger Partnerships Group)

- 'Your Community Talks' event held to share information on how residents can influence Local Planning Processes.
- Hoping to promote local people's voices influencing plans and priorities.
- The purpose of the first event was to learn what the council is doing now, to involve them in the decision-making process and how other people in Glasgow and beyond are creating their own local solutions.

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

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living crisis – debt issues, food and fuel insecurity

What are the key issues facing members?

- Increase in people seeking support and advice.
- Very busy over the summer - lack of capacity (both financial and physical) to fulfil growing need in the community.

General Member Update

G15 Thriving Places https://twitter.com/TPDrumchapel

- Thriving Places Drumchapel is now a SCIO named G15 Thriving Places (SC052665) and have moved to new premises in the Community Centre
- Latest Drumchapel News featuring D-70 celebrations, Refugee Week, Community Council update and more https://nwgvsn.org.uk/drumchapel-news/

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

- Offices are closed for refurbishment until 31st August. Full services are still being provided.
- The team support an average of 86 clients per week, dealing with an average of 174 issues. These numbers are rising weekly.

G15 Youth Project and D70 Celebrations https://www.facebook.com/g15youth https://www.facebook.com/drumchapeld70

- Congratulations to Joyce, G15YP and all the D70 team for a successful D in the Park and all the programme of celebrations.
- Get a copy of the commemorative booklet celebrating Drumchapel's 70th Birthday. It takes us back to the 50s where it all began, the fashion, the games, the sports and more. Contact them on 0141 944 8868 or email for your copy joyce@g15yp.co.uk

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

- Will soon be moving to back to their original home at the Community Centre. The intention is to run some of their sessions from the Community Centre, and some from their current base at St. Andrew's Church.

Drumchapel TV https://www.youtube.com/@drum-tv https://twitter.com/DrumchapelTV
Drum Hub https://www.facebook.com/drumhub15
Drumchapel L.I.F.E. https://twitter.com/DDrumchapellife
Enable Glasgow Fortune Works https://www.facebook.com/EnableGlasgowFortuneWorks
Drumchapel Foodbank https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066573716768

Garscadden/Scotstounhill

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Food/fuel insecurity (*note well-fed no longer offering a pantry) particular increase in requests for fuel vouchers.
- 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 engagement numbers, 200+ youth engagement and 250+ active pantry members.
  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. Well attended summer youth programme throughout the school holidays. Annual Harvest will take place on Saturday 2nd September.
  https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk
  https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections
  https://twitter.com/Kingsway CC
- **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. 60% achieved to date
- **Heart of Scotstoun** – https://twitter.com/HOScotstoun
- **Knightswood Community Centre** – soup and cinema club ongoing. Recently opened café is popular and well used.
  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
- **LINKES** – will not hold their family fun day this year. This is due to unprecedented numbers at last year's event and limited space available on the Lincoln estate.
  https://www.linkes.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/linkesglasgow
  https://twitter.com/linkesgla

Hillhead

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living widely affecting people not just in the ward, but across the North West.

What are the key issues facing members?

- This Report is focussing on two community spaces in our Area Partnership which will have a major impact on the life of our Ward and the Wellbeing of its residents. Already a considerable synergy has been established between them which will make an important contribution to enhancing the lives of our residents.
- Wellbeing of residents with Cost of Living.
- Food and Fuel poverty not just in the ward but also across the North West

General Member Update

Woodside Halls / Community Central Halls

- Community Central Halls are now able to plan for reopening the Woodside Halls. The Entertainment Licence for the Halls has been finally granted. For the last month the staff of Community Central Hall had started the commissioning process of the Hall for opening.
- CCH has been appointing additional staff for the Halls in phases. With the opening of Woodside and the expansion we are creating 11 new permanent jobs for the locality.
- We will be holding a "soft opening" when our anchor tenants have all moved in. This event will be aimed at inviting the local community to see the halls.
- Later this autumn we will have the Official Grand Opening of the Halls. We are very grateful for the co-operation of Queens Cross HA in offering to us the use of their empty space beside the Halls which finally provides space not only for the bins but a small garden.
- Breakthrough Summer Programme ran for 7 weeks from June through to August.

Byres Community Hub and Clarice Pears Building -

- As Chair of the CCH I have received an invitation from Glasgow University for the official Opening on 12th September of the Clarice Pears School of Health and Wellbeing which also encompasses the Byres Community Hub. It has interactive exhibits and has already held several events for the wider Community. Their intention is to provide for space for the Community and in particular educational events.
- Susan Grant, the co-ordinator of the ARC has visited CCH and Woodside with a new to long-term collaboration and the Voluntary Sector has already contributed to the ARC's exhibition and held a Network meeting there. We are looking forward to working with the ARC to develop programmes which we will assist the residents of one of the most deprived areas in the country.
- Doors Open Day programme running 11th- 17th September.

The Coach House Trust

- Gardening ever popular, enjoying a successful summer harvest from the market garden.
- Newly decorated art gallery displaying some of the art from participants.
- Continue to run Gardening, Art, Woodworking and Computing throughout the year.

Halo Arts

- Recruitment Session - Websters Glasgow, 16th August (11am – 1pm)

Community Central Halls: https://centralhall.org/
Byers Community Hub: https://twitter.com/UofGByresHub
The Coach House Trust: The Coach House Trust - Social Inclusion begins with TRUST (thecht.co.uk)
Halo Arts: We Are Halo Arts

Maryhill

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Youth disorder has been noted for several community and commercial organisations.
- Residents have also noted it is an issue round particular premises.
- 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

- 'Warm places' provision and food bank/pantry provision has continued on the rolling weekly programme despite moving into the summer months and demand is still there. Acre Community centre, Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church, St Gregory's Food bank, Together We Make Maryhill and more are all providing food services
- **Acre Community Hall** post covid event still to take place and are running a full weekly programme throughout the summer which will continue on. https://www.facebook.com/AcreCommunityHall https://twitter.com/HallAcre
- Congratulations to Ryan McCormack on his organisation of Maryhill Festival https://twitter.com/FestivalG20
- **Maryhill Burgh Halls** are running a community consultation, official flag handover still to take place, Maryhill Stories programme, DOD, Bryant and May community day https://www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/maryhillburghhalls https://twitter.com/maryhill_halls
- **Shakespeare Street Youth Club** are celebrating their 100th birthday with a community day https://www.facebook.com/ShakespeareStYouthClub/
- Health Walks by Glasgow Life are running a weekly health walk and themed walks throughout July and August
- **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/ working. The network meets 4 times a year in the community and regularly has +20 attendees
- Maryhill Together are undertaking some community consultation

Maryhill Activity Directory https://app.maryhillactivitydirectory.org.uk/Categories
Boomerang Wood https://www.facebook.com/boomerangwoodworking
G20 Project https://twitter.com/G20Works

Partick East/Kelvindale Ward 23

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What are the issues in the ward?

- **Cost of living**- especially with gas prices- one man lost his job he just secured because the business he was working for their energy costs have gone from £10k to £50k a year, so can no longer keep him on.
- People mostly looking for help with food and gas money.

What are the key issues facing members?

- Cost of living – especially food and energy
- Drug Overdoses –One plot holder lost an 18 years old nephew to an unidentified drug overdose. The Police are saying there is a rise in these cases. We know of 5 close friends living in Clydebank that have also died due to unidentified drug overdoses. There is local talk about fentanyl being here. This does not just kill addicts but also youth experimenting! You can get Narcan or Naloxone kits from our local pharmacies that could save someone overdosing. You phone ambulance first and then administer Narcan that gives you an extra 20 minutes.

General Member Update

- **Annexe Communities Younity** project continuing summer of free Community events. Mansfield Park event on 22nd July was attended by over 300 people.
- Two similar free events in ward 12- Thornwood Park- Thursday 10th August and at the harbour Saturday 19th August 2023 1pm-4pm developing links between Partick, Thornwood and Harbour communities. Thank you to Ward 23 and 12 for funding
- Partick John Muir Group secured participatory budgeting funds to pay for their John Muir awards ceremony on 17th August in the Oran Mór john muir suite. Partick John Muir Group is now constituted and awaiting bank account. So look out for funding applications from this group!
- Good news on the funding support- Scottish Government funding Annexe Communities to fulfil a 3 years social prescriber post and Participatory Budgeting Partick and Thornwood Ideas fund for a further three years. Two years Lottery "Let Partick Flourish" funding has been secured to continue the Younity work. Applied for 3 years got two, delighted in this current difficult funding climate.
- Local Pirate Fashion Show ran by Younity volunteer and hosted free by Glasgow University Advance Research Centre- Byres Road- raised over £800 for Local Dowanvale Church Food Pantry. Local supporting local. https://www.annexecommunities.org.uk/

- **Partick Housing Association** Viki McCormick has left. Partick thanks Viki for all her years of community development support and her community input will be missed. Annexe are meeting her replacement this week, Anthony Coia new Engagement and Comms Officer. https://www.partickha.org.uk/community/food-fuel/

- **Partick Community Growing Project** successfully ran two summer free community events at their Purdon Street allotments. Summer at the plot in the pouring rain and Chill out at the plot in the scorching sunshine. Both well attended with more Chill Outs planned due to public demand. https://www.partickha.org.uk/community/food-fuel/
- https://www.facebook.com/thepartickpantry/

Victoria Park

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

What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of living crisis
- Funding to keep community services and buildings open

What are the key issues facing members?

- Cost of living crisis
- Anti-social behaviour and youth unemployment

General Member Update

DRC Youth Project www.drcyouthproject.co.uk www.twitter.com/drcyouthproject https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/north-west-community-pantry/

- DRC have increased the frequency of street work in Ward 12. Our trained team of staff engage with young people on the street, covering Whiteinch, Scotstoun and Yoker with particular focus on Victoria Park, cycle path, the avenues, Earl Street, the Clydeside, and Speirshall Close/Terrace
- We run free BMX sessions on Friday nights6-8PM 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. This was born out of a 6-week programme in 2021 aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour in the area surrounding the pump track and has continued to bring in 15-20 young people per session.
- Our work training programme 'Pathfinder', ran in partnership with Workingrite, is currently taking referrals. 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 earn up to £100 p/w on placement (plus travel costs) and access essential training, accreditation & support
- Due to need and with the ongoing support of the area partnership, we continue to strengthen the work we're doing in the local area. We are in the process of securing a space in The Whiteinch Centre where we will host a youth club/ training suite/ office space which will offer ongoing support to local young people.
- New STRIVE initiative aims to facilitate a personal development programme targeting young people who are in danger of substance misuse or partake in the use of drugs and alcohol regularly. It also aims to provide support, advice and guidance on employment, training and career and personal development for the young people. 8 young people are currently participating in weekly 1-2-1 and group work sessions

North-West Community Pantry https://twitter.com/NorthWestPantry Run by DRC Youth Project

- From April to date the Pantry has supported on average 58 families and individuals per day, with around 1190 bags of shopping going out to the members of the community. Active membership sits at more than 250, with around 60 being consistent weekly visitors.
- The popularity of the shop has grown over the past 2 years, with a queue forming before opening hours every Tuesday.
- The shop has provided a platform for volunteering and employability for young people, with 9 volunteers over the past 6 months gaining new skills while working in the shop.
- The Pantry also works closely with NHS Health Improvement Team's Thrive Under 5 project, Kingsway Community Connection, Glasgow Council for Alcohol and Govan Community Project to support members of the community in financial crisis**.**

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

- Whiteinch centre recently completed renovations.
- Following on from the community consultation, is looking to set up groups & activities that the community have asked for; these include re-opening a community cafe, health and wellbeing sessions, working closer with existing tenants and generating income through lets to keep the centre operating.
- Community Pantry continues to run weekly and averages 30-45 visitors.

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

- Continue their weekly programme of Health walks and Led Rides and Bike Repair by De'ils on Wheels https://www.facebook.com/DeilsOnWheels
- Continue their #GET23in2023 fundraising campaign and are over 60% of their target
- 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

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