## North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
## Area Partnership Report October 2022

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## North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network Update

**Glasgow Community Fund Review Panel**

- As a member of the North West Sector Partnership, the Network will be taking part in the Glasgow Communities Fund Review Panel. Because we had offered review panel training and support to Community Council members on the first round of GCF funding, they have requested that we provide this again. We will therefore be providing 2 training sessions, for Community Council members who will be participating in the Review panel. The training will look at conflicts of interest, wider context of GCF, the application itself and any other help they feel they need to perform their role on this

**IT Recycling Project**

- The network has given away over 750 PC packages to referrers across North West Glasgow. A big thank you to donators, referrers and funders for their continued support.
- An issue, now, is acquiring/funding much needed Mifi boxes in order for the network to continue giving at least 6months free unlimited wifi with PC packages.
- We continue to receive referrals daily from organisations across the North West. https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-update/

**Ward Reports**

Some of the ward reports below are comprehensive updates from a selection of our member organisations. There are, however; several emerging themes across them

- 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 for the people they work with
- Members opening longer for or preparing to offer Welcome Spaces for people in their community that cannot afford to heat their homes
- The impact of all of the above on member organisations and their capacity needs to be recognised and monitored

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## Anderston City Yorkhill

**Glasgow's Golden Generation**

It's been a good few months at the day centre, with one of our service users, Janet Harvey, celebrating her 100th birthday with a party at the centre. Carpet bowls, bingo and musical chair exercises continue to be popular amongst our service users, with a variety of activities on offer each day. October saw the opening of our Sky Up Hub which has been put in place by the team at Sky. This room is designed to help us provide digital literacy skills to older adults in Glasgow and it is equipped with all the latest tech.

The Fred Paton Day Centre is now available for community lets in the evening and at weekends. https://www.facebook.com/Glasgowsgoldengeneration and https://www.glasgowgg.org.uk/

**Marie Trust – for people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk**.

**Refurbishment:** We are at the end of a refurbishment at 29 Albion St, Merchant City, redesigning the spaces in the building and creating new a treatment room for Dental and Pharmacy and two counselling/crisis intervention rooms. We wanted a front-facing building with natural light where people could walk in off the streets into the service and have a visible presence. **We plan to open before Christmas – the date to be confirmed**. We will have open events for people to come and visit and learn about the service.

**Training Kitchen:** We now have a larger training kitchen to deliver life skills and skills for work with Eilidh Macdonald, our head chef delivering the training on a daily basis to 6 volunteers (all must have lived experience of homelessness, addiction, mental health, or offending). For those who are interested in taking the first step back into employment, we will offer trials and work placements with our new partnerships at Pret a Manger, Greggs, and Interstate Hotel. Everyone who comes through the volunteering is supported by our Volunteer Coordinators, with support, mentoring, and training provided.

**Food Store:** Sadly, we **have needed to create a food store to support the people who are struggling with economic challenges**

**Not for Profit Café (Healthy Living Plus Award Service)**: We have two large café areas, where we are delivering twilight education programs and have digital access (iPad use), we plan on utilizing the space to be more accessible and out with the normal 9-5 traditional working hours.

**Crisis Intervention:** Our teams are out in the community and at The Rennie, MacIntosh Hotel delivering immediate assistance to those who are homeless or at risk. We have also been delivering outreach to patients at Glasgow Royal Infirmary who have been identified as homeless or at risk as part of their discharge.

We also deliver **Counselling and Psychotherapy Service, Dental Services( Clyde Munro Dental group) and Pharmacy outreach service with Phoenix Pharmacy**
https://www.facebook.com/TheMarieTrust and https://www.themarietrust.org/

**The Pyramid, Anderston**

- **Capital Project**: Phase 1 (ground floor community hall, kitchen, new changing facilities and ground floor toilets and roof repairs) is delayed therefore we still have no ground floor hall or kitchen. Reopening of these spaces is now looking more likely to be very late in the year, or in early 2023. Phase 2 application is underway
- **Holiday Food Programme**: awarded funding from GCC Holiday Food Programme fund for the October Week(2022) and Spring Break(2023) to support around 70 children per day over 3 separate sessions.
- **Winter Festivals**: Our first event is a celebration on Sunday 23 October, with a screening of *The Adventures of Prince Achmed* with live music accompaniment. We secured a small grant from Hubbub as part of their food waste campaign to get people to eat their pumpkin 'guts' so Jim Parkyn, Aardman Ambassador, will be back to run pumpkin carving workshops on 26 October, alongside pumpkin-based food demos and tasters. These two events will be followed by a Traditional Halloween/Sammhein Event on Mon 31 Oct.
- We were successful with our funding bid made to Creative Scotland to support a Community Artist and Musician in Residence programme linking to the whole Winter Festivals Programme.

**Regular Activities** What's On | The Pyramid at Anderston

- We run a range of activities including Chair & Mat Yoga, Knit & Natter, ESOL, Women Integration Network and Let's Get Together - Social Club for the Over 50s

**Community Food Shop: OPEN: Thursdays 5 - 7pm & Fridays 11am - 3pm**

- We recently opened a Community Food Shop. **Annual Membership is £3 and is open to everyone.** Each week, Shop Members will be able to choose around 10 items from across our range for the fixed price of £3. This will include fruit and veg, meat or protein and a variety of dried and canned items. We plan to open on Saturday mornings and Monday afternoons soon.
- There is a huge amount of work that goes into providing this service - people can apply to **volunteer** here or email sarah@thepyramid.scot The Pyramid Shop recently featured in The Glasgow Times, you can read the article here.

https://thepyramid.scot/https://www.facebook.com/ThePyramidAtAnderston

**Victim Support Scotland**

- Victim Support Glasgow is offering face to face appointments in our office based at Fourth Floor, 177 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HF. Our community office is open from Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm
- Our service is delivered by volunteers ensuring a person-centred approach focusing on each person's wellbeing, safety, feeling informed and any economic impact.
- Our website has information on our Court Service to support victims of crimes or witnesses and the Victims Fund https://victimsupport.scot/victims-fund/
- Anyone can self-refer to the helpline 08000 160 1985 or via the website chat
- See our Hate Crime Awareness Week campaign https://victimsupport.scot/hate-crime-awareness-week-2022/

https://victimsupport.scot/

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## Canal

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

- Packed lunches delivered during the October week.
- Halloween themed activities for young people.
- Ongoing emergency support for local residents on a variety of issues: energy costs, benefits advice, and general emotional supports.
- Weekly ESOL class delivered

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

- Breakfast, lunch and evening meals handed out during October week.
- Activities delivered during the October week: arts and crafts, outdoor games, nature walks and a trip to Laser Quest.
- 3 weekly youth sessions and a family night delivered each week.
- Volunteering opportunities across many projects: bike hub, community garden and kitchen.
- Adult groups delivered including an art class, sewing and knitting groups and a weekly lunch club.
- Consultation exercise completed on the future of Cadder Woods, in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian university.

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

- October week programme delivered – 2 days of hot meals along with arts and crafts sessions, along with a cooking and mask-making session.
- 5 gardening sessions delivered per week – involving under 5's, children, young people and adults.
- Weekly groups delivered: walking, line-dancing, writing and art/creative.
- Café open 2 days per week.
- Community fridge and veg barra available 2 days per week.
- Community events including Harvest Festival and Cinema Day.

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

- 5 youth work sessions delivered each week – in Possilpoint Community Centre, Perthshire Football Complex, Westercommon Courtyard.
- October week delivered in Possilpoint Community Centre: creative arts sessions, team and sports games, free play, movies and IT, along with breakfast, lunch and evening meals.
- Family Support services delivered throughout.

**The ARC Steering Group** https://twitter.com/ArcSteering

- October week programme delivered, involving arts and crafts, games and sports, along with hot meals and health snacks.
- Ongoing youth sessions and community opportunities.
- Guidance and support provided to planning and delivering community opportunities and programmes in the centre.

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

- 10 youth sessions delivered each week: leadership programmes, educational and diversionary sessions and trips-out to places of interest.
- October week programme delivered in Milton and Ruchill: small petting zoo, street dance, sports and games, creative activities along with packed lunches, hot meals and healthy snacks.
- Ongoing progress of the new Youth and Family Centre in Milton and development of services in the Ruchill Golf Pavilion.
- Support to a range of groups within communities.
- Family Support Services delivered offering a variety of front-line supports: child protection, family stability, parenting skills and other issues that families are currently experiencing.

**Contact our Rep Jill Mackay jill@nucommunities.org**

## Drumchapel Anniesland

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

**Activate**

- Will be running a new course in Jan/Feb, in conjunction with Glasgow University. An introduction to Community Development. If you know of anyone interested in joining the course contact Michelle at Thriving Places
- michelledonaldson-thrivingplaces@outlook.com

**Community Hub Research**

- Thriving Places and the Community Council will be presenting the findings of their community research about what the people of Drumchapel want from a Community Hub on 24th November at 7pm at Drumchapel High School
- There will be a printed report and a special edition of Drumchapel News presenting the findings and recommendations

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

- Are running a Christmas Market with Drumchapel St Andrew's Church. on the 19th November between 11am and 1pm https://bit.ly/3SFsVaP

**Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland** https://www.chss.org.uk/

- Are keen to work with local groups and organisations on an outreach basis to continue doing their Health Defence & Health Checks whilst the hub in their shop is not able to be used. Contact Chris.Docherty@chss.org.uk

**Contact our Rep Dougie Taylor dougie@drumchapellife.co.uk**

## Garscadden Scotstounhill

**Emerging issues/concerns:**

- **Community spaces opening for longer to offer people a place to go for heating and eating.**
- **Sharp increase in residents seeking referrals to foodbanks and pantries.**
- **Sector is responding. Impact of added capacity on staff and organisation will need to be monitored.**

**DRC Generations**

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

- Family support sessions picking up
- DRC Gen, Stepping Stones for Scottish Families & KCC to begin offering family sessions. Different times and local venues with potential of minibus transport to maximise participation
- Peer support group launched in October focussing on bereavement, suicide, emotional health & Wellbeing
- Opening on Tuesday's 3.30-5.30 for people to have a hot meal
- **Due to an increase in demand, drop-in times have been extended**

**DRC Youth Project**

https://drcyouthproject.blogspot.com https://www.facebook.com/drcyouthproject
https://twitter.com/DRCYouthProject

**Streetwork**

Our trained team of youth workers continue to participate in regular street work sessions. We cover the areas of Yoker, Knightswood, Scotstoun, Garscadden and Whiteinch, with particular emphasis on hot spot areas identified by our team or partner organisations we have also recently added areas identified by local councilors and are covering around 10 – 12kms per session.

**Youth Clubs**

Our clubs are getting busier by the week. We expect this to continue as it is somewhere safe and warm, and we make sure to have food there for the young people when they arrive. We are currently working with Medics against Violence within our clubs to speak with the young people about the dangers of risk-taking behaviors and the consequences.
https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/youth-club/

**North-West Community Pantry**

The North West Community Pantry continues to get busier every week, we expect to get busier due to the cost-of-living crisis. Tuesday 1-4PM & Thursday: 12-3PM

**Pathfinder - Work Training Programme**

We continue to engage with young people in the North West of Glasgow daily. We provide intensive support and training and then 6 young people per month who are ready move onto the Pathfinder program will join the group

**Community Growing Initiative**

Plans are ongoing to develop a community growing initiative with our young people in partnership with Glasgow Eco Trust. We have secured two spaces in the local allotments in Yoker, which will soon be used by our youth clubs to grow vegetables that can be supplied to our community pantry.

This has already been successfully piloted in Scotstoun, where the clubs have a small space in the garden where they are currently growing vegetables with support from Glasgow Eco Trust

**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
- We will be working with Kingsway Community Connections to deliver a series for health walk as part of a Six Weeks of Walks programme
- De'ils on Wheels accepts donations of unwanted bikes and sells refurbished bikes at affordable prices. 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. We have repaired 67 bikes as part of round 3 of the scheme.
- We are in partnership with Glasgow Community Food Network on the Food and Climate Action project which recently held a food and climate cafe at The Whiteinch Centre and a Walk to Grow foraging walk in the Scotstoun area. Future events will take place in the New Year.
- The Food and Climate Action project also has a peer budgeting programme which has funded a project at LINKES and a project at Knightswood Secondary School
- We facilitate the in-person DRC peer support network for voluntary sector organisations and the online DRC local network. This allows a wide range of organisations in the local to connect, share info and look to address common challenges. Key issues at recent meetings have been the energy crisis, the cost-of-living crisis and warm spaces.
- The first phase of our Active Travel and Sustainable Transport plan for Whiteinch and Scotstoun project has been completed and there will be further community engagement events taking place in November. This project will also link in to the Liveable Neighbourhoods project for Yoker, Scotstoun, Whiteinch and Jordanhill which is due to start in the near future.
- The Community Connections for Climate Action project will be celebrating the first anniversary of COP26 and the start of COP27 with a series of 'Conversations for Change' events in local community Centres also in November. These will be run in partnership with Scottish Community Climate Action Network.
- As a community litter hub, we are in discussions with various local organisations about developing a community litter prevention plan for the area.
- We continue to support Whiteinch Community Council and the Save Whiteinch Library campaign on their Participation Request to turn the library into a community hub with a publicly run library at the heart of the hub.
- We are working with Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association on a project to install secure cycle storage for tenants and visitors at 64 Curle Street. The project should be completed in November.
- We are re-starting the Bikeability programme for P6 pupils in local primary schools.
- We will be holding our AGM in late November

**Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre**
https://heartofscotstoun.org.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/heartofscotstoun
https://twitter.com/hoscotstoun

- Cafe is open 6 days a week

- Community garden is now complete and in full bloom and more growing spaces being created
- Food pantry now only open one day a week
- User and activity groups started including karate and DRC Youth Project

**Kingsway Community Connections**
https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections
https://twitter.com/Kingsway__CC

- Weekly coffee morning (Tuesday) and lunch club Bite and a Blether (Thursday) **https://twitter.com/Kingsway__CC/status/1427715490215043082**
- **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 – Thurs.**
- 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. Main issues, energy, benefits, housing and food costs.
- Activity for all calendar up and running. A variety of light touch activity aimed at increasing residents' personal growth.
- Youth activity programme delivered during October holidays
- Walking programme
- Women's group on Friday evenings 5pm – 7pm
- Kurdish Women's group Saturday
- Community Garden
- KCC, Stepping Stones for Scottish Families & Drc Gen to begin offering family sessions. Different times and local venues with potential of minibus transport to maximise participation

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

- Held AGM, now have 10 committee members
- Close to submitting application to become a SCIO
- Bus trip and social event each month
- Murder mystery overnight even in September which was well received
- Active seniors now have over 130 members with a waiting list of around 20 people.
- Looking at ways to manage growth, AS is a small organisation with 1 part time staff member
- Coming up – first aid for seniors; panto; social events

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

- Family ceilidh on 29th October
- St Andrews Day celebration on 30th November
- Panto (oh yes, it is…) 10th December
- Hybrid conference equipment available for use in the Centre
- Baseline survey of users completed, currently being analysed. Analysis will inform gaps in provision

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

- Community rooms have re-opened
- Offices open – trialling set times for drop-in enquiry/support service
- Delivering various activities and services – ESOL, youth groups, lunch club, men's group and I.T classes
- Held AGM in October
- Proposal to PMGC for a growing meadow on the grounds of the estate

**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

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## Hillhead

There are three main issues of greatest concern to the Voluntary Sector in this Report which are all related to the **grave effects on our residents of the current Cost of Living and the Energy Crisis**.

1. **Throughout our whole Voluntary Sector Network our members have found a dramatic increase in the assistance in the rapid consumption of food supplies ranging from traditional food banks to community fridges and shops**. **We are all experiencing unprecedented demands which they cannot satisfy. Hillhead Area is no exception**. Queens Cross has is opening a second larger shop on Garscube Road and also provides assistance at the Courtyard for the tenants at Westercommon. Community Central Hall (CCH) has organized a Community Fridge which can be accessed in both daytime and evenings. The provisions seem to fly off the shelves. We are moving the operation to a shopfront for more space and to improve storage and distribution. We are also planning delivery of Christmas parcels in our area.

   During the summer holidays Breakthrough had assisted young people in learning to cook together and producing a communal meal. This has now been continued at the weekly youth club which most of them attend. We are most grateful to the parents who have assisted in helping them to cook together . This has resulted in the formation of a Parents group to assist Breakthrough. Their fundraising contributed 24 of our youth having a most enjoyable visit to Blackpool in October Week.

2. One of the most critical issues at present in our area and indeed throughout the Voluntary Sector Network is the proposal for an increase in Nursery Provider Partnership Funding which was referred from the City Administration Committee to the Education, Skills and Early Years Committee. The Report from The City Admin Committee had suggested an increase of 39 pence per hour per child. This was determined by a cost collection study by Ipsos Mori in January 2022. The previous price had been incorporated in the Provisioning Contract of 2019 for a period of three years. The uplift of 39 Pence has cause considerable concern throughout the Voluntary Sector. It was claimed in the Report that this would be sufficient to cover the rise in the Minimum Wage. Though it was claimed to include a small increased energy costs the decision was made long before the current dramatic increase in these costs. It is now widely felt that the increase of 39 pence is simply unsustainable. Many nurseries have already come to the conclusion that if this uplift is implemented they will have no option other than to withdraw from the Partnership Scheme and to operate on a purely commercial basis. The Scottish Government has already that a substantial number of nurseries have not reopened since the pandemic resulting in a shortage of childcare places. In our Area Partnership the effects of Partnership Provisioning Contracts stopping would have catastrophic consequences.

   Lack of access to high quality early years provision for pre-school children is acknowledged to reinforce the Attainment Gap for pre-school children and a such acts as a barrier to achieving positive educational outcomes by the time children leave school. The Scottish Government Scottish Attainment Challenge is a key policy measure to

address these disparities and as such requires a strong early year's sector to contribute to a child's early learning and development.
It further acts to, reduce opportunities for those families who are socially excluded or in low paid employment opportunities while acting as a barrier to sustaining employment and or participating in further or higher education courses of learning to increase skills and employability.

Any further contraction of the sector will contribute to restricting social and economic growth at a critical time for the local and national economy going forward while reducing the life chances for children and young people in the future.

3. Glasgow City Council has published a list of mainly libraries which are to provide the Warm Hubs to offer refuge to residents who are unable to afford to heat their homes. Many in the Voluntary Sector have raised questions as to whether libraries are the appropriate place to host such a service. In our area Woodside Library has been designated as the Hub. Aside from the issue of the lack of space in some libraries separate from the quiet space for study areas and reading, most libraries would not have the facilities to offer hot drinks and lunches to the new hub users. In developing plans to apply for National funding CCH had demonstrated the capacity of Voluntary sector to provide a range of activities and social contact for users . In our premises we have a Community Cinema and widescreen TV available. We are disappointed that the Voluntary Sector organizations have been relegated of expecting the sector to take away their own staff to visit libraries and to conduct activities in many instance in unsuitable premises.

**Contact our Rep Anna Dyer** a.dyer@scottishoverseasdevelopment.org.uk

## Maryhill

**Acre Community Hall** https://www.facebook.com/AcreCommunityHall

- The Focus continues to be Community learning, employability, and training.
- They also have coffee n chat, dancing, a youth club, and food parcel service which are all very well attended.
- They have been working in the environment and have successfully placed raised beds with a mix of vegetables and flowers being planted. What is planted is decided by the people in the community who will be attending to the raised beds. They have successfully grown herbs, potatoes, and strawberry's this year and have planted bulbs in preparation for spring.
- **The cost-of-living crisis is concerning this has resulted in numbers once again growing for food parcels.** They continue to collect foodshare 2 night per week minimum from coop the problem with foodshare is that it is not guaranteed, and more people are waiting on food to be reduced before purchasing.
- They are going to open as a warm space throughout the winter months offering a warm friendly space where people can charge their phones or devices, have access to free internet, keep warm without any cost, have a snack, people will also be able to use the cooking facilities in the centre to cook their dinner. Plans are currently being finalised.

**Maryhill Burgh Halls** https://www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk/

- Due to finish is The Scottish Pottery Society's 50-year celebration along with works by students of City of Glasgow College. To come :Maryhill Is Wonderful (photography), Pride exhibition, Shakespeare Street 100-year celebration, Mary Hill exhibition and possibly an exhibition with Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust all scheduled for the next 18 months
- Took part in Doors Open Days again with workshops, walks and tours scheduled.
- October week programme was extremely successful with an uptake of 1400% on the previous year.
- MBHT has been working on the Year of Stories Project which will see workshops taking place with the community regarding the story of Mary Hill, culminating with a community day to launch the story on 19th November and further down the line a launch of a digital format.
- Currently working to pull together a programme of arts and cultural activity to end of March 2023 through Creative Scotland
- Official handover of the Maryhill Flag will take place next year, with the Lord Lyon attending. Will be accompanied by a community day and funding will be sought from the Area Partnership to support this when a more concrete date is scheduled.
- Work has recommenced on the Maryhill in 5 stories, which will see a short documentary that can be split into small bite size pieces being filmed
- The Café will reopen at the Halls later in the year, being operated by an inhouse team.
- **Halls Manager will attend a cross party working group for social enterprise to talk on the effects of the cost-of-living crisis on social enterprises and the communities they work in.**

**Maryhill Integration Network** http://maryhillintegration.org.uk/ https://twitter.com/maryhill_in

- Attended Scottish Parliament to join another Cross-party group on Migration and had conversations about the cost-of-living crisis and the importance of free bus travel.

- The Joyous choir performed at the Hunterian Museum as park of Black History Month "Freedom train- the past inside our present".
- Had a harvest gathering part of Dandelion Scotland to mark the seasons change, and the slowing of growing at their many hands community garden.
- They continue to support people to access community learning including literacy and numeracy. ESOL in partnership with City of Glasgow College.

**North United Communities** https://www.facebook.com/Northunitedcommunities

- 7 youth sessions per week for 5- to 20-year-old: educational and leadership programmes, Friday Night Diversionary Sessions, afterschool drop-ins.
- October School holiday: small petting zoo, sports, arts and crafts and hot meals/packed lunches programme for both children and young people thanks to funding from Cash for kids. Numbers remain higher than anticipated
- Family Support Services offering child protection work, tailored family support and partnership work with a range of agencies and departments - Social Work, Housing, Education, amongst many others.
- Unveiled their mural and had a celebration with lots of activities for all ages including face painting, arts, barbecue.
- Their drama group is working on The Grinch who stole Christmas the young people are helping to also design and make the Stage set up for the show.
- They gave out free lunch every day to all the children and young people

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## Partick East Kelvindale

- Annexe Communities working with Partick Community Growing Project and Glasgow University which enabled local sessional tutors to be some of the workshop paid tutors at their recent ARCadia festival of ideas event.
- They have also been successful in a GCC River Activation funding bid and secured £20,000 to host 5 events over the winter down at the Harbour sight aiming to build relationships between the Harbour, the river, Thornwood and Partick.

- Annexe also secured funding to enable vouchers for a hot meal in the Annexe Café to be distributed to folk that may benefit from Dowanvale Food Pantry, Hyndland Secondary Food Bank and Partick Housing Association families on low income over the colder months.

- Younity Project's two summer events in Partick and Thornwood pulled in 300+ community and both days were so lucky with the weather. Hosting Community Halloween and Diwali celebrations on 31st October 2022

**All organisations and churches are looking to see what they can do for this looming potential "winter of our discontent". Community meals, food packs, Christmas boxes, energy top up or alternative sources if any power cuts- are amongst some of the forming ideas. Many potential funding sources so just trying to pull as much into Partick to be as prepared and as supportive as we can be.**

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## Victoria Park

**Whiteinch Centre**: Now offering a full timetable of classes and activities

- ESOL Classes
  Beginner – Wednesdays (10:00-12:00)
  Intermediate – Wednesdays (10:00-14:30)
- Nemo Arts: Offering a variety of free classes. (Drumming, Photography)
- Digital drop-in Surgery provided help with tech, every Wednesday (13:00-15:00)
- Food Pantry: Demand is high so asking for referrals or to phone to book emergency parcels, so they are designated and ready for pick up. (Thursday 14:00-16:00, Friday 12:30-14:00)
- Café reopened
  https://www.whiteinchcentre.org.uk/

**Movement Park:**

Movement Park is a charity based in Whiteinch that uses movement based activities and creative play to enhance the wellbeing of the local community.

- Currently we are running our 'Come & Try' offer which allows children, aged 2 to 12, to come and try either our Parkour, Skateboarding, Ninja or any of our Tots classes once for free.
- We are launching our Youth Volunteer Programme in January - the application deadline is 21st November. The main reason for this programme is for young individuals to gain skills and experience of working in a sports organisation - to improve their confidence and overall employability. This programme is targeted at secondary school children from S3+. There are two roles in which the young individuals can volunteer, as a Volunteer Coach or as a Volunteer Operations & Events Coordinator. To gain more information or an application pack, please email our Community Officer at matthew.lees@movementpark.org.uk - with the subject title 'Youth Volunteer Programme'.

www.movementpark.org.uk

**Glasgow Eco Trust**

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- The first phase of our Active Travel and Sustainable Transport plan for Whiteinch and Scotstoun project has been completed and there will be further community engagement events taking place in November.
- We are in partnership with Glasgow Community Food Network on the Food and Climate Action project which recently held a food and climate cafe at The Whiteinch Centre and a Walk to Grow foraging walk in the Scotstoun area.

- We facilitate the in-person DRC peer support network for voluntary sector organisations and the online DRC local network. This allows a wide range of organisations in the local to connect, share info and look to address common challenges. **Key issues at recent meetings have been the energy crisis, the cost of living crisis and warm spaces**.
- The Community Connections for Climate Action project will be celebrating the first anniversary of COP26 and the start of COP27 with a series of 'Conversations for Change' events in local community Centres also in November. These will be run in partnership with Scottish Community Climate Action Network.
- We are working with Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association on a project to install secure cycle storage for tenants and visitors at 64 Curled Street. The project should be completed in November. www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk

**DRC Youth Project**

**Streetwork**

- Our trained team of youth workers continue to participate in regular street work sessions. We cover the areas of Yoker, Knightswood, Scotstoun, Garscadden and Whiteinch, with particular emphasis on hot spot areas identified by our team or partner organisations we have also recently added areas identified by local councillors and are covering around 10 – 12kms per session.

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

- Our clubs are getting busier by the week. We expect this to continue as it is somewhere safe and warm, and we make sure to have food there for the young people when they arrive. We are currently working with Medics against Violence within our clubs to speak with the young people about the dangers of risk-taking behaviours and the consequences.

**North-West Community Pantry**

- The North West Community Pantry continues to get busier every week, we expect to get busier due to the cost-of-living crisis.

**Healing for the Heart:** (Mental Health and Wellbeing Group)

- Menopause Café the last Thursday of every month, can book or turn up on the day.
- Christmas Fayre in association with Voice Project Scotland
- Monthly Podcast
- Website: Home - Healing for the Heart

**Broomhill Community Hub:**

- Cafe Open Monday – Friday (09:00-16:00)
- Groups meeting daily (Knitting, Mind Matters) www.broomhillhub.org.uk

**Whiteinch Library:**

- Book Group starting Wednesday 26th October (6pm)
- Bookbug Events still running and free to book
- Website: Whiteinch Library — Glasgow Life

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