North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
Area Partnership Report August 2022

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network Update

IT Recycling Project

- This project was set up in May 2020 to fulfil a need, that members had reported, for IT and wifi during Covid. 2 years later we are still receiving referrals on a daily basis. We continue to take donations of PCs, laptops, tablets and smartphones which are PAT tested and wiped and new software added before being reused. We have already given away almost 600 since we started. Read more about our project https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-update/

Network Meetings and online Cuppa and Catchups

- The network continues to support members with online Cuppa and Catchup meetings monthly and now in-person meetings quarterly. We had our first face-to-face Network meeting in June in Scotstoun, which was well attended and the next one is planned for August 18th in Ruchill, hosted by North United Communities

Glasgow Communities Fund

- The Network has been involved in testing the new application form for the GCF and, now that the Fund is launched, will support our members as best we can to help with their applications. We are glad to see that many of the issues with the application process have been improved and welcome the new application support workshops, being hosted by GCVS and GCC, and the aim to improve communications.

Cost of Living Crisis

- Many of our members are reporting increased numbers of people attending pantries, foodbanks and seeking welfare and advisory services across all wards in the North West.

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Anderston City Yorkhill

The Pyramid Anderston https://thepyramid.scot/https://www.facebook.com/ThePyramidAtAnderston

- Our Phase 1 Capital works are well underway. Due to the disruption caused by these building works, most face-to-face groups/workshops have been paused through summer. Some activities which did take place included:
    - Thurs 23 June: A celebration for Refugee Week with Women's Integration Network
    - Fri 8 July: Let's Get Together a social group for the Over 50s.
    - Tues 12 July: A Day trip to Balloch for members of the Women's Integration Network supported by Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme.
    - Thursdays 10am - 12noon: A weekly Gardening Group with Women's Integration Network - growing vegetables in our new raised beds. These sessions are supported through funding from BEMIS/Dandelion.
    - Thurs 28 July: Let's Get Together social group for the Over 50s - Wellbeing Conversation with Age Scotland.
- We have several events coming up, starting with **Pedal Glasgow G3 on Sat 3 Sept.** https://www.cycling.scot/pedal-for-scotland/glasgow-g3 - a **Cycling & ReCycling** event.
    - Outside there will be cycling activities; including Pedal Glasgow G3 - a mass participation bike ride from The Pyramid to Glasgow Science Centre and back, Dr Bike with Bike for Good, Bike Marking with Police Scotland, Smoothie Bikes, Play Together on Pedals as well as cycle donations for Bikes for Refugees. Inside we are focusing on ReCycling – there will be a big community tabletop sale in our main space, as well as a clothes/textiles mending workshop with ReJean Denim, junk modelling crafts, face painting and refreshments.
- The following weekend - **the WIN gardening group** will hold a Harvest event - with dishes made using the vegetables we have been growing. Then there are these two events scheduled for the following weekend:
- **Fri 16 Sept: Maggie's Culture Crawl** https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maggies-culture-crawl-glasgow-2022-registration-362168163727?
- **Fri 16, Sat 17 & Sun 18 Sept: Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival** https://glasgowdoorsopendays.org.uk/building-no-booking/the-pyramid-anderston/
- For up-to-date info, please read our latest Pyramid Post // https://mailchi.mp/c70bf808533e/pyramid-post-issue-14-august

Glasgow's Golden Generation

https://www.facebook.com/Glasgowsgoldengeneration and https://www.glasgowgg.org.uk/

- **Fred Paton Day Centre** has been reopened for almost a year now and continues to thrive.
- It's a bustling day centre with plenty of activities including Lingo Flamingo and a Digital Café – referrals are always welcomed, especially as our numbers increase post lockdowns.
- The centre recently held a BBQ for service users to enjoy and they made the most of the good weather as well as the BBQ funded by the NW area partnership.
- The day centre plays a key role in the charity's provision with service users also encouraged to access other services such as **Befriending, Welfare support and digital services**.
- The entre has supported 67 people from Ward 10 in the past couple of years including Betty featured in their Annual Report https://www.glasgowgg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/GGG-Annual-Review-2021-Website-Version.pdf

Townhead Village Hall http://www.townheadvillagehall.org.uk/

- TVH is now fully re-open, and all groups and clubs are running including the Friendship group
- Citywise ran summer activities for the school children in July and are planned to be back in October school holidays and Toonspeak have been working with some of the children and young people too, over the summer
- Will be running a "Name the Room" competition on social media (when FB is up again) and in the hall. The aim will be to name the rooms in the hall after streets in Townhead area that don't exist anymore – small prizes to be won
- There is still a continued need for food parcels/deliveries – locals turn to TVH for specific food help. They have also noted an increase in people enquiring about financial and welfare support, which TVH do not currently offer. They have been referring them to CAB and other advice organisations
- Planning to run the "Wrap Up" campaign later this year. This is a campaign to collect unwanted winter coats for the homeless and vulnerable https://wrapupuk.org/
- TVH have signed up to be a Period friendly point

Victim Support Scotland https://victimsupport.scot/

- Victim Support Glasgow is fully operational and 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 Court service operates in the Glasgow Sheriff Court and High Court to support victims and witnesses who have been cited for court ensuring they feel informed about the criminal justice process and what to expect when they appear at court.
- Victim Support Scotland also has an Emergency Assistance Fund which is available to anyone who is financially impacted by a crime and has an urgent need as a result.
- Anyone can self-refer to our Helpline – 0800 160 1985 or there is a webchat service

The Marie Trust https://www.facebook.com/TheMarieTrust and https://www.themarietrust.org/

- The Marie Trust provides counselling, dental and health check-ups, as well daily hot meals for up to 120 people and food parcels or those affected by homelessness or financial hardship.
- The cost-of-living crisis has meant a marked increase in the numbers of people and families turning to the Marie Trust for help. The Marie Trust's groceries for emergency food parcels stock are running low/empty and are struggling to meet the constant demand for food. They need donations of groceries and toiletries, and these can be dropped off at 29 Albion Street G1 1LH or call 0141 286 0065 https://bit.ly/3Qhz64w
- The Marie Trust is running a series of courses in partnership with City of Glasgow College – open to homeless or those at serious risk of being homeless. Find out details of the courses on their Facebook page.

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Canal

All organisations stated that there has been an increase in demand for services and food support, which has led to higher levels of participation. This is positive as it has allowed us to reach and engage more people in community-based activities

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

- Crisis intervention work with vulnerable adults and families – welfare advice, emotional support, signposting and food supports.
- Summer holiday activities and food programme for young people.
- Environmental work with local and city-wide partners and agencies.

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

- Residential week with young people in Glencoe.
- In-house summer holiday activities and food programme for young people.
- Evening adult and youth programme throughout the summer holidays.

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

- Summer holiday activities and food programme for children, young people and families.
- Gardening activities and programmes for children and young people.

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

- Summer holiday activities and food programme for young people.
- Weekly trips for young people during the summer holidays.

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

- Summer holiday activities and food programme for young people.
- Bus trip for young people and families.

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

- Summer holiday activities and food programme for young people.
- Water sport activities for young people.
- 4 bus trips for young people and families.
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Hamiltonhill Claypits Nature Reserve https://claypitslnr.co.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/Claypits

- There have been several Community events at the Claypits Nature Reserve over the summer bringing local community and many more to the area.

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Drumchapel Anniesland

Thriving Places https://twitter.com/TPDrumchapel

- Thriving Places are now back in the Chest Heart & Stroke shop Monday – Friday 10am-4pm and back to a drop-in service
- **Drumchapel Breakfast & Blether** Meetings are back up and running in person with the next meeting at the Phoenix Centre on Thursday 18th August**.**

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

- The project is 25 this year! They are looking to speak to anyone who has been involved in the G15 youth project since its birth in 1997. They are hoping to gather some video and audio interviews of your memories and present them at an event late summer.
- Currently the project is delivering a busy summer programme with more people wanting to access than they can accept

Drumchapel Foodbank https://www.facebook.com/Drumchapel-Food-Bank-1481838552028461/

- The foodbank is busier than pre-covid, a social and media campaign for more donations secured much needed donations. But they are currently appealing for more financial and grocery donations. The foodbank remained open throughout the pandemic every day

    - Pre COVID – 70 people/families per week
    - During Covid – 400 people/families per week
    - Now – 120 people/families per week

Drumchapel Citizens Advice https://twitter.com/DrumchapelCAB
https://www.drumchapelcab.org.uk

- Have expanded and are recruiting a Welfare Rights Advisor, based in various GPs across the North West. They have Advice booths located in Drumchapel and Yoker Community Campus

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Garscadden Scotstounhill

Emerging issues/concerns, points to note:

- cost of energy and food. Increase in residents noting being worried about the immediate future. Response: People's Forum to be held in October. World Café style format with100 community representatives, 10 listeners from Statutory and Public bodies. This is being developed by Linkes, Glasgow Eco Trust and Kingsway Community Connections.
- Reports of increased anti-social behaviour. KCC contacted Police on 2 separate occasions. Young teenagers accused in both incidents.

DRC Generations

http://www.drcgenerations.org.uk and 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 due to launch in October focussing on bereavement, suicide, emotional health & Wellbeing
- Ran a Youth summer programme
- Mini bus being used by community regularly

DRC Youth Project

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

- Continued delivery of the Pathfinder project in partnership with Working Rite
- North West Community Pantry distributing food locally https://twitter.com/NorthWestPantry
- Youth club services have re-started at Yoker Community Campus and Heart of Scotstoun, and outreach work programme being delivered at Glasgow BMX Centre
- Continuing delivery of street work
- Supporting NWGVSN to distribute recycled PCs

Glasgow Eco Trust and De'ils on Wheels

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

- Bike repairs and sales continuing
- Adult led cycle rides – celebrated 250th led ride
- Adult led walks – celebrated 100th led walk
- Learn to cycle classes and Play on Pedals re-started at Scotstoun Leisure Centre
- Hosting a community activator as part of the Glasgow Community Food Network Food and Climate Action Project.
- DRC local network meetings being held monthly
- Partnered with Stop Climate Chaos Scotland to produce the Glasgow Green Map for COP26 https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/glasgow-green-map
- Part of the Cycle Repair Scheme which offers £50 towards cost of a repair
- In collaboration with Planning Aid Scotland, developing an Active Travel and Sustainable Transport plan for Whiteinch and Scotstoun. Hosting community engagement sessions asking questions relating to moving around, public transport and any other issues.

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- 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
- Gala day on 30th July hosted a variety of stalls from local businesses

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

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

Kingsway Community Connections
https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk and 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
- Recruited a Welfare Advice & Support Worker who took up post in July
- Held AGM in July, well attended and received https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annual-Impact-Report-2021-22.pdf
- Youth summer activity programme planned through the summer and October holidays
- Running Walking programme, Women's group on Friday evenings 5pm – 7pm, Kurdish Women's group Saturday
- Community Garden
- The Centre is the home of **Active Seniors** whose committee hold their regular meetings in our space
- Supporting NW Health Improvement Team's Community Conversations which will inform HSPC's long term plans for improving mental health services in Primary care. KCC's Women's Group and Kurdish Women's Group will be discussing the question 'what does good look like' in terms of mental health.
- 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
- Annual Harvest event will take place on 10th September

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 and Overnight trip in September
- Men only event in August
- Active seniors now have over 90 members

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

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

- Knightswood Community Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation has secured EOI for community café and is hoping to have it up and running by September
- Hosting partnership events with Knightswood Connects
- Baseline survey of users completed, currently being analysed. Analysis will inform gaps in provision

LINKES
https://www.linkes.org.uk and 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

We Are With You
https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/ and 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

Contact our Rep Lainy Bedingfield lainy@kingswaycc.org.uk

Hillhead

It has been very pleasing to see the growth of a wide range of cultural activities in the area and the return to a degree of normality.

Claypits Nature Reserve https://claypitslnr.co.uk/ and https://www.facebook.com/Claypits

- There have been several events at the Claypits Nature Reserve which celebrated its first anniversary which was a grand occasion with events and activities on the Canal itself. It attracted a large number of residents from our Partnership Area and has proved most welcome particularly for our Partnership since **one of our issues has been the lack of outside space for our residents.** At the same time those members of the Voluntary Sector who have access to facilities have welcomed back an increasing number of organizations. The biggest problem for our area has continued to be **the inability to meet the demand for space** from a wide range of organizations.

Community Central Halls https://centralhall.org/ and https://www.facebook.com/CCHMaryhill

- In this respect getting **Woodside Halls** opened and fully operational is highly important. Though the Contracts and Property Committee approved a Licence to Occupy for Woodside on 17th March the process for occupation has still not been completed. It really is urgent that we get Woodside operational by September when many organizations are coming back into full operation.
- We are pleased to announce that our own **Seamore Community Cinema** is back. https://www.facebook.com/TheSeamoreCinema
- Normally July is a quieter time for Community Central Hall due to the holiday period and the school summer break. This year we have had unprecedented levels of the number of participants in **Out of School Programme**. Daily attendance has been consistently high throughout. It has created demands on our staff team who have had to bring some reinforcements to assist with unexpected increase in numbers.
- There has been a very wide and enjoyable range of activities including roller skating, swimming, away days to the seaside in addition to involvement in our local community and a five-day residential course with a wide range of outdoor activities and challenges. The young people with staff and volunteer assistance have been cooking from scratch a communal weekly meal . The diversity of the group has led to a huge range of dishes with parents involved too. A major reason for the large total number and the high rate of daily attendance has been **due to all the activities being free and in addition a free lunch.**
- The unprecedented success of the youth programme and the appreciation by families for it, in such hard times, has greatly influenced our strategy and thoughts for the coming months. We will continue to support our young people throughout the hard winter we anticipate. We are also planning an **increased programme for the Older People's Service by providing a range of activities and assistance to help at a time when energy prices are soaring, and rampant inflation in the price of food**. We are therefore anticipating that many people will be unable to afford heating costs and seeking a warm place of refuge. So, providing lunches and engaging them in activities is highly important. Having the extra space at Woodside is crucial. We are fortunate that the building can be made ready for users within four weeks and the priority is to get the water ingress repairs completed. **When we are facing times where our communities are facing choices to heat or eat, it is highly important that, if possible, Glasgow Life properties are reopened to provide a warm place for so many of our most deprived areas of the City.**

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

Maryhill

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

- Focus continues to be Community learning, employability and training it has been quieter over the summer period.
- They also have coffee n chat, dancing, football, dancing which are all very well attended.
- They have been working in partnership with Maryhill together and look forward to the lantern parade later in the year hosted by the Burgh halls.
- They are working in partnership with North Glasgow healthy living in their project "Sew amazing"
- They have been working in the environment over the summer holidays and have collected more than **200 bags of litter, weeds, grass etc**. They have 4 active volunteers in Acre drive. It's helping make a difference they have started to place the planters and have planted a range of vegetable seeds as well as some potatoes. They are pleased with the results as their 1st environmental project and are delighted to have received funding from GCVS for this project.
- They are still giving out food parcels on a Friday afternoon they collect food on a Wednesday and Thursday evenings from both coops in Bearsden this food is given out on a Friday or if anyone messages or calls for a food parcel. **They have seen a rise in numbers over the past couple of months due to the rising cost of fuel and food**. Thanks to funding from Glasgow city council, they have a new purchased a new upright freezer allowing them to collect food share if there are extra evenings.

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

- Exhibitions have included the Ghost Signs of Glasgow and the exhibition celebrating Maryhill Burgh Halls' 10-year operational anniversary and achievements alongside Jo Sunshine. Currently onsite is The Scottish Pottery Society's 50-year celebration along with works by students of City of Glasgow College. To come are exhibitions on the Match Strikes and Bryant and May, 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
- Taking part in Doors Open Days again with workshops, walks and tours scheduled.
- 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 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
- Have received funding to resurrect the 2019 Christmas lantern parade and celebration event with workshops taking place with community groups prior to this as part of the Maryhill Together network.
- 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 Cafe will reopen at the Halls later in the year, being operated by an inhouse team

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

- Recently Celebrated 21 years in supporting refugees and asylum seekers they held a huge celebration with lots to do including henna painting, balloon modelling, live music, and dancing and much more this was very well attended and was a successful day.
- They continue to support people to access community learning including computer skills and ESOL in partnership with city of Glasgow college.

The Hub https://www.facebook.com/Northunitedcommunities

- North united communities offered a full and varied summer programme for both children and young people thanks to funding from Glasgow city council and Cash for kids.
- They offered a wide range of activities each week including circus skills, art, drama, fencing, street dance as well as weekly trips to Gourock outdoor pool, rock climbing, water sports at Pinkston and much more.
- They gave out free lunch every day to all the children and young people they also had several barbecues.
- **All summer programmes were very well attended with numbers being higher than anticipated in all age groups**.

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Partick East Kelvindale

Ward 23 report May-July 2022

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

- Annexe Communities building closed July-Mid August for essential repairs and toilet refurbishment.
- Summer round of **Participatory Budgeting, Partick and Thornwood Ideas fund** saw 16 local ideas funded: Partick Pluckers day out, Walk the John Muir Way, Glass Fusing workshops, Defibrillator for Thornwood Primary School and playground improvement for Thornwood Nursery, Knit and Natter calendar, Two left feet ballroom dancing, Magical Mystery tours and the reinstating of a Partick Camera Club, full list on Annexe Communities Facebook page. Autumn applications open 13th Sept-4th Oct https://www.annexecommunities.org.uk/project-budgeting/
- Annexe Communities hosted an intro session for their **Health Issues in the Community** accredited course which will be starting up again after the summer. Places still available email angela.wylie@annexecommunities.org.uk for more information.
- Great day had by all on 11th June 2022 with Halo Arts community event supported by Partick Housing Association in Mansfield Park. Local community group could take part too with the Annexe's Knit and Natter group selling knitting and Purdon Street allotments Plot to Pot selling plants.
- 17 local people and Duke the dog, joined **Partick John Muir Group** to complete the first 9 miles section of the John Muir Way from Helensburgh to Balloch on Thursday 21st July 2022. Great day had by all with a well-deserved, funded by Partick and Thornwood,- fish supper awaited them at Balloch. Partick John Muir Awards Group meet the third Thursday of the Month at the Annexe 2.30pm. .

Partick Community Growing Project

Provided a welcome to Partick Opening, of the new Purdon Street mural depicting "Big Rachel" strong local women, on Father Day 19th June 2022. Local people got a chance to meet Molly Hankinson, the artist. Free outdoor jewellery making workshop also took place at the plot over June and July 2022.

- Partick Community Growing project in partnership with the Younity Project @ Annexe Communities secured funding for tickets for a sail "doon the water on the Waverley to help celebrate their 75th Anniversary.
- 59 local people enjoyed a perfect day- Sunday 10th July 2022, for a sail. Ice cream at Nardini's was also funded, many thanks to GCC Area Budget.

Hyndland After School Club https://hyndlandasc.org.uk

- The Afty's general manager, Fiona Ansdell, retires on Friday June 24 after 30 years of service. See her farewell message: https://hyndlandasc.org.uk/farewell-to-fiona/

Younity Project @ Annexe Communities

- Hosted two community summer events thanks to funding from NHS and the Glasgow Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. Wee Partick Picnic Saturday 30th July 2022 in Mansfield Park and Thornwood Mini Fest on Thursday 11th August 2022 in Thornwood Park. Featuring local musicians, face painters and play areas for the children, skipping and dancing challenges, herb planting, picnics, chill out zones, craft tables and more.

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Victoria Park

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

- Post-covid the centre is now able to restart classes and groups, below are some of our newest groups which continue to focus on mental health, wellbeing, employability, and tackle local issues and support the wider community.

Community Garden

- We have been working with the local community to establish a community garden which came out of recent community engagement as many in the community are keen to grow their own veg and promote pollinators in the area to encourage biodiversity and help the environment as well as being an opportunity to skill share and produce locally grown produce for the community, which we hope to link in with our food pantry. https://www.facebook.com/groups/424769579625360

Women's Group

- I was approached to help establish a women's group which is still in the development stages but will be a space for women to explore issues and have their voices heard. For updates, please see the group below. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1217706338988860

Food Pantry

- Our food pantry is currently on every Thursday 2-4pm and we are currently trialling Friday 2-4pm as well to help widen access to our services. We were also granted Co-op funding to provide a community fridge and freezer which is situated inside the centre and available to all. We had an average of 16 people using the pantry in May 2021 – this has grown to 42 and still rising.

Nemo Arts https://www.nemoarts.org/whats-on/

- The centre has been working with Nemo Arts to provide free classes, such as Taiko drumming, which uses the arts to promote confidence, mental health, and wellbeing.

DRC Youth Project https://twitter.com/DRCYouthProject

Street work

- Our trained team of youth workers participate in regular street work sessions throughout Ward 12. We cover the areas of Knightswood, Scotstoun and Whiteinch, with particular emphasis on Victoria Park, Fossil Grove, the cycle path, the Avenues, St Paul's Primary and surrounding areas.
- During street work we are engaging with large groups of young people on a regular basis. We use this time to build relationships with young people. We have regular chats with groups and individuals about the consequences of anti-social and risk-taking behaviour. We also explore what the young people are interested in and share info on what diversionary activities we have available. Street work is also the perfect time to discuss our employability support.
- We would like to thank the area partnership for all their support in this ongoing initiative.

Youth Clubs

- The DRC run youth clubs in Yoker Community Campus and Heart of Scotstoun community centre. We deliver sessions aimed at ages 8-11 and 12-19, 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.

- We work closely with young people and partners to develop the activities and services on offer, and to ensure that young people have a safe space in their community to contribute, grow and learn.

North-West Community Pantry 2344 Dumbarton Road, Yoker, G14 0JX

- The North West Community Pantry was established by the DRC Youth Project to provide young people and their families with access to fresh and healthy food at an affordable price. Each visit to the pantry costs £2.50, which guarantees each member a minimum of 10 items (equivalent to the value of around £15). Opening times: Tues 1-4pm and Thurs 12-3pm
- Visit https://www.scottishpantrynetwork.org.uk or contact our main office on 0141-951-8669 for more information.

Pathfinder - Work Training Programme

- Pathfinder is an award-winning work training programme ran in partnership between the DRC Youth Project and Workingrite. The programme combines the knowledge and experience of both charities to create a unique, holistic employability support service open to young people aged 16-24 in the North West of Glasgow. On Pathfinder young people are individually matched with a small or medium sized local business. This is based on the young person's interests and abilities, and how they will fit in with the organisation. The placement is the core of our programme. Trainees learn on-the-job from a designated mentor in the workplace for up to 12 weeks. Following the completion of a placement we help trainees make the transition from our programme to employment, apprenticeships or further education.
- In 2021/2022, we currently have **6 young people from Ward 12** participating in Pathfinder. 2 young people are in the engagement phase of the programme, 2 young people have started the Pathfinder induction and 2 trainees are currently on placement. 1 young person is on placement with the DRC Youth Project!

Broomhill Community Hub https://broomhillhub.org/

- Working with the Broomhill Community Council, they are currently working with the community to reclaim the Randolph Road Bowling Green for the community. Below is a link to the campaign, they have recently completed a survey and are using this to decide how best to utilise the space.

CrossReach www.crossreach.org.uk

- Have 2 services in the area
    - **Crossreach Abstinence Recovery Service** (previously Rainbow House), 21A Westland Drive, G14 9NY
    - 18 space residential service for people in addiction. The rehabilitation programme is a minimum of 3 months although this is personal to individuals needs.
    - We provide medically supervised detox from alcohol or drugs. Recovery Workers are Trauma informed and trained in Group Facilitation and keyworking. We work with the local Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services and take referrals from other external sources including self referrals.

- **Whiteinch Move On**, 13 Victoria Park Drive South, G14 9RN
- 11 space housing support service for people experiencing homelessness and addiction. Support people to appointments, to establish healthier routines, find purposeful activity and address social issues like debt, housing and relationship issues. We support people to access their own tenancy or alternative Housing.

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