

Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee

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Recent news

Successful Edinburgh Partnership Family Gathering



On 28 October more than a hundred members of the Edinburgh Partnership and wider community came together to discuss taking forward the Edinburgh Partnership's new Community Plan priorities.

National and Edinburgh community planning perspectives were discussed and participants took part in Neighbourhood Partnership workshops on Children & Young People, Employability, Health, and Social and Physical Fabric. An interactive session explored how together we can drive forward our strategic priorities. A final session considered what Edinburgh in 2030 might look like. The discussions will help prepare the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan 2015-18.

Background

Further information is available from [Gary Todd](#) of the Corporate Policy and Strategy team.

Video Demonstrates the Value of Volunteering



Volunteer Centre Edinburgh has created a [new video](#) to mark the 30 year anniversary of the creation of their Health and Wellbeing Group. The film is an inspiring and powerful account of how volunteering has assisted a number of people to overcome the barriers & discrimination which can accompany mental illness and disability. All are volunteers with local charities, supporting the delivery of services – being a helper rather than always being helped.

The video is a good example of the great work done by one of the Council's key third sector partners and shows the many ways that volunteering is a force for good in the city

Further information is available from [Euan Renton](#) of the Corporate Policy and Strategy team.

Western Edinburgh Drop in Session



Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership hosted a public drop in session in Drumbrae Library on Tuesday 26 August 2014.

Approximately 60 people attended to find out more about the local community plan priorities and the progress made by the sub groups to deliver these.

The event included a mini 'Meet the Funders' with stalls covering the Edinburgh Airport Community Fund, Community Grants Fund, The Big Lottery, Climate Challenge Fund and Edinburgh Jobs Fund.

Supporting the Neighbourhood Partnership's employability priority, information and advice was available from Skills Development Scotland, Get On Gateway and Edinburgh Guarantee.

Attendees were also able to learn more about the new waste uplift procedures from the Council's Waste Service and take part in the current 20mph speed limit consultation. Partner information stalls included Drum Brae Community Council promoting the Clermiston 60th Celebration, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Alzheimer Scotland and Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council.

Further information is available from [Audrey Primrose](#), Services for Communities, West Neighbourhood Team

Green Flag for Spylaw Park

Spylaw Park, in the South West Neighbourhood area, has received the prestigious Green Flag award for the first time. The award acknowledges the management of the park and the input from the local community towards its development.

Two years ago Colinton Amenity Association (CAA) applied for a Neighbourhood Partnership community grant to commission Edinburgh Lothian and Greenspace Trust (ELGT) to produce a woodland management plan for the park. A community consultation took place to identify local priorities and these were put together with actions from the management plan to improve the park.

Funding has been provided by The City of Edinburgh Council,

Further information is available from [Christine Doherty](#), Services for Communities, South West Neighbourhood Team

<p>the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership, CAA and ELGT to deliver those improvements including signage, seating, new footways and access improvements. South West Neighbourhood Park Rangers and the Community Payback Team have also contributed greatly to ongoing progress in the park.</p> <p>The award adds to the successful retention of Green Flag awards for Muir Wood and Pentland Hills Regional Park within the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership area.</p>	
<p>Clermiston 60th As part of the Clermiston 60th celebrations staff from Drumbrae Library Hub have developed an exhibition to capture local memories of the Clermiston estate. Donations of images from local residents were collected and used to create a local history archive in the library. Sixty of the best images will be turned into an exhibition and will also be digitised and added to the Library Services Capital Collections resource.</p> <p>Working with staff and pupils from Clermiston Primary School, library staff will also be involved in a social history project capturing older people’s memories of the area and the changes they have seen over the last 60 years. Pupils from the primary school will interview members of local community groups and their stories will be captured on film to form part of the exhibition in the Drumbrae Hub.</p>	<p>Further information is available from David Hayden, Services for Communities, West Neighbourhood Team</p>
<p>Building New Futures</p> <p>Forth Neighbourhood Partnership and local community councils hosted a ‘Building New Futures’ event on Saturday 27 September 2014.</p> <p>Held in Edinburgh College, the event was open to everyone who lives, works or studies in the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership area. The event was an opportunity for local people to understand and influence regeneration activity in the area, both current and in the future.</p> <p>Information and discussions took place around new homes and improved public space in Pennywell/Muirhouse, health facilities, proposals for Granton Waterfront and wider investment across the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership area, identifying challenges and opportunities.</p>	<p>Further information is available from Scott Donkin, Services for Communities, North Neighbourhood Team</p>
<p>Live Well in Later Life</p> <p>Following the success of previous events, Almond Neighbourhood Partnership and the Council’s Health and Social Care Service held a ‘Live Well in Later Life’ event on Tuesday 23 September 2014, in Rosebery Halls, South Queensferry.</p> <p>The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the issues</p>	<p>Further information is available from Jim Conner, Services from Communities, West Neighbourhood Team</p>

affecting older people and their carers and the importance of staying healthy, active and happy.

A range of partners provided information stalls including Edinburgh Care and Repair, Ageing Well (Edinburgh Leisure), Age Scotland, Alzheimer Scotland, Queensferry Churches' Care in the Community, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council, Scottish Care and the Royal Volunteer Service.

Social in the Square

An ambitious new social enterprise festival, Social In The Square, was held in St Andrew Square on 12 and 13 September 2014 with family fun, music, dance, theatre, chef demonstrations and arts and crafts.

This successful event encouraged customers to consider their shopping choices and decisions. Over thirty social enterprises sold quality products, served delicious food and entertained an estimated 20,000 visitors to the Square.

Social enterprise is a way of doing business that benefits the community, society or the environment. Social enterprises must reinvest all of their profits into their social or environmental aims and many also achieve their aims through the way that they run their business, for example by employing people who might otherwise find it difficult to find a job.

Fraser Kelly, Chief Executive, Social Enterprise Scotland, said: "It's great to see an entirely new initiative like this come to life. Social Enterprise Scotland believes in taking social enterprise to the streets and to real people – bringing it into the mainstream. Social In The Square is the first of its kind and has gone city wide this week, with branding on Lothian Buses reaching local communities throughout Edinburgh. I am sure we will see a lot of interest from across Scotland as we start to see the impact of this event and the Buy the Good Stuff campaign."

Social in the Square was organised by the Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network in partnership with Social Enterprise Scotland and was sponsored by Awards for All, Dunedin Canmore Housing Association, Link Housing Association, the Business Gateway, the City of Edinburgh Council and Edinburgh Markets.

Further information is available from [Brigitte Jones](#), Corporate Governance, Corporate Policy and Strategy Team

Forthcoming activities:

Both Almond and Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnerships will be hosting YOU[th] Decides themed events in November 2014. YOU[TH] Decides is a participatory budgeting initiative which encourages local young people to put forward their ideas for projects which they think will make their community a better place for children and young people. This year the

Neighbourhood Partnerships have allocated £2,000 (Almond) and £4,000 (Western Edinburgh) from their Community Grants Fund and the successful projects will be presenting to the Neighbourhood Partnerships in November. Further information is available from [Jim Conner](#) and [Audrey Primrose](#), Services for Communities, West Neighbourhood Team.

The new Tenants' Panel will launch on Monday 27 October 2014 at the annual Tenants' Conference. The Tenants' Panel will be another way to gather views on housing and related services and strengthen tenant participation and collaborative and cooperative working. The Tenants' Panel will focus on landlord services but will provide scope for the Council to obtain views on broader issues that may be of interest to tenants. Further information is available from [Samantha Reeves](#), Services for Communities, Local Community Planning Team.

The fifth annual Leith Decides will take place on Saturday 7 February 2015. This financial year, Leith Neighbourhood Partnership has allocated £22,092 of the Community Grants Fund to the participatory budgeting event. Local groups can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 to fund projects which will benefit the community. Applications close on 31 October 2014 and everyone who lives, works or studies in the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership area is then invited to score the projects in local libraries, through postal voting or at an event in February 2015. Further information is available from [Loraine Duckworth](#), Services for Communities, City Centre and Leith Neighbourhood Team.