

Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee

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Recent news

Launch of the Tenants' Panel



On Monday, 27 October 2014, the new Tenants' Panel was launched at the Annual Tenants' Conference.

The Tenants' Panel is a new way for City of Edinburgh Council tenants to have their say on housing. Tenants can choose how they want to be involved, for example, by taking part in discussions or conferences, or joining in estate walkabouts or completing a survey.

The Tenants' Panel was established as a result of feedback from last year's Tenants' Survey where tenants said that they wanted more of a say in decision making.

Alongside welcoming the new Tenants' Panel, the conference allowed tenants to discuss the future approach to tenant participation in the Conversation Café, and through the video room and stalls.

To find out more about the Tenants' Panel or to join, contact the Tenant Participation Team on 0131 529 7805 or email tenant.participation@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Bonfire Safety

TOAST, a 30 minute drama, is performed in Edinburgh secondary schools in the period just before Bonfire Night. The play targets S2 pupils and focuses on anti social use of fireworks as well as firework safety.

From analysis of illegal bonfires and firework related anti social behaviour complaints and using local knowledge, the Local Community Planning Team worked in partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland, to deliver a targeted programme.

Nine priority secondary schools (Gracemount, Craigmount, Castlebrae, Craigroyston, Tynecastle, Firrhill and Liberton High Schools, Wester Hailes Education Centre and Leith Academy) were identified as being located in areas of the city where there have been

Background

Further information is available from [Sam Reeves](#), Services for Communities, Local Community Planning Team.

Further information is available from [Alex Jones](#), Services for Communities, Local Community Planning Team.

higher numbers of complaints in the last year.

A joint programme of activity was delivered to 1,100 S2 pupils in these schools. This included TOAST performances and complementary presentations with question and answer sessions with Police and Fire and Rescue Officers. Further presentations were delivered to other secondary school S1 and S2 pupils and their feeder primary schools.

You[th] Decides – Almond and Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnerships

Following on from the success of You[th] Decides in Almond Neighbourhood Partnership last year, both Almond and Western Neighbourhood Partnerships adopted this participatory budgeting approach to allocate part of their Community Grants Fund for this financial year. You[th] Decides supports local projects or activities that contribute to the local community plan priorities relating to children and young people.

Almond and Western Edinburgh NPs allocated £2,000 and £4,000 respectively, with decisions on the awarding of funding being made by a panel of local young people, supported by Neighbourhood Partnership Board members.

A range of projects were awarded funding including an activity weekend and a youth cafe in Kirkliston and Queensferry; and art workshops in Craigmount. A full list of the successful projects can be found online for [Almond](#) and [Western](#) Edinburgh.

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

Students in the Community



The fifth Students in the Community event, hosted by Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA), was held on Tuesday, 18 November 2014 by the South Central NP.

Adopting a participatory budgeting approach, the event brings together students and community members to discuss proposed local projects. This year £6,000 was allocated from the NP's Community Grants Fund.

The event offered participants the opportunity to find out about

Further information is available from [Margaret Campbell](#), Services for Communities, South Neighbourhood Team

existing local volunteering activities and to hear from previously funded groups, including EUSA Volunteering, the Estonian Society, ACT! Festival for Social Change and Canongate Youth Project. Approximately fifty people were in attendance from community councils, the 3Ms Youth Forum, the University of Edinburgh and Canongate Youth Project. EUSA's new volunteering groups were also present. Run by students, the groups carry out volunteering activities within Edinburgh and further afield.

Four groups put forward proposals for community projects and participants voted to rank the ideas by preference. The two most popular projects were Evolve, a festival to promote the value of volunteering to students, young people and local groups, and ACT!, which aims to encourage and support people to engage and act on local issues through a mini festival and the establishment of an outreach team.

Active travel in Inverleith



Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership is working in partnership with Edinburgh University's Design Informatics team to develop novel ideas for increasing the uptake of active travel in Inverleith. Adopting a 'Living Lab' approach, twenty two students with design and development backgrounds came together to identify solutions to Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership's local community plan priority of 'encourage walking and cycling to school'. In small teams, they carried out a range of activities including live experiments, engaging local people and participated in the recent Neighbourhood Partnership conference which focussed on this priority.

At the conference on 31 October 2014, **around 80 people attended to discuss ways of making walking and cycling easier, safer and more attractive.** Hosted by Broughton High School, attendees enjoyed a market place of information about walking and cycling from groups including Ramblers and Spokes with displays and further information from the Design Informatics Team.

Through the event, potential ideas were identified which will inform a local action plan to increase active travel. Key partners will be

Further information is available from [Elaine Lennon](#), Services for Communities, North Neighbourhood Team

identified to work together with the community to help make Inverleith a place where more people are walking and cycling regularly. The partnership with Edinburgh University has been an innovative process for exploring how to develop local issues using a range of new techniques. It has also provided a wider educational experience for the students involved increasing their understanding of the development of local community plans.

Further information can be found on the website:

<http://edinburghlivinglab.org/active-travel-in-inverleith/>

Introduction to Participatory Budgeting



On Friday, 28 November 2014 the City of Edinburgh Council hosted an 'Introduction to Participatory Budgeting' session at the City Art Centre, funded by the Scottish Government and facilitated by Participatory Budgeting Partners. The event provided an overview of participatory budgeting and the different models that can be used. It provided an opportunity for participants to discuss the challenges and benefits of using this approach in the allocation of public funds.

The session attracted 26 delegates from across Scotland which included local authority officers, elected members, the health sector and third sector. This was the last of a programme of six events held across Scotland in October and November 2014. The other events were held in Kilmarnock, Dingwall, Perth, Aberdeen and Glasgow.

Alcohol Pilot

Further to a committee report on 25 November 2014, the partnership work led by Alcohol Focus Scotland, with the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) and the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership, is now underway. This project aims to reduce alcohol harm in Edinburgh, with a particular on tackling the negative impact of alcohol in Leith.

On 25 November 2014, an initial community meeting was held at McDonald Road Library. At the meeting, 20 people including local services, young people and other community representatives considered how alcohol impacts on the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership's local community plan priorities; A Clean, Green Leith; Healthy Leith; Leith Economy and Young Leithers, and to discuss what

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can be done to help reduce the negative impact of alcohol.

The next steps for the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership are to continue to support local activities within the project, including work to improve data collection to build a clear picture of alcohol impact in the local area. This work will contribute to wider project activity, including community engagement in the licensing process. A new educational initiative that seeks to build young people's critical thinking around the issue of alcohol marketing is also being piloted in Drummond Community High School in Leith, commencing in January.

Forthcoming activities:

The next city centre 'Meet the Funders' event takes place in the Central Library, George IV Bridge on Thursday, 23 April 2015. 'Meet the Funders' is an informal drop-in market place event for community groups with exhibitors from organisations which provide funding and resources. Confirmed exhibitors include the [Clothworkers Foundation](#), [Social Investment Scotland](#), [Big Lottery](#), [Kelly Family Trust](#), [Bank of Scotland Foundation](#), Royal Bank of Scotland Foundation, [Sportscotland](#), PassITOn, [Edinburgh4Community](#), Community Grants Fund and the [Robertson Trust](#). Further information is available from [Maureen Thompson](#), Services for Communities, Local Community Planning Team.

The Scottish final of the Young Consumers competition will take place in Spring 2015 and the winner will go on to represent Scotland in the UK finals. The competition is an opportunity for pupils to demonstrate the learning that they have gained from the Consumer Education programme which has been delivered over the last 9 months to Edinburgh pupils between 14-18 years old. The programme covers a range of issues including money and credit, consumer affairs, health and safety, environment and social responsibility and food and drink. Further information is available from [Alex Jones](#), Services for Communities, Local Community Planning Team.