



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

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FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the Edinburgh Partnership's Annual Report for 2008. This has been a highly eventful year for all the partners with each contributing strongly to our shared agenda for the city.

The report features highlights of the Partnership's work in 2008 including the development of the Single Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Government. This new relationship demonstrates the growing onus placed upon community planning partnerships to deliver national and local priorities. I am confident that we will deliver on our joint commitments to service improvement in Edinburgh.

The profile of the Partnership has also been raised with a successful European funding bid for our 'Competitive Communities Programme.' This new initiative is particularly important in the light of the recent economic downturn and the pressing need to help people into employment and regenerate our disadvantaged areas.

The continuing need to close the opportunity gap between the most prosperous and least affluent sections of our community is also at the core of the Partnership's investment strategy for the Fairer Scotland Fund. Our new approach to achieving the best results possible from the allocation of grant to the city is also detailed in the report.

It is essential that we work together effectively in tackling the key issues facing people living and working in the city. With the remit of the Edinburgh Partnership growing all the time, partners have also embarked upon a fundamental review of the way in which we operate.

We have now reshaped the Partnership to be more business-like and outcome focussed so that we can meet the exciting challenges ahead.

COUNCILLOR JENNY DAWE

Leader – The City of Edinburgh Council

1 INTRODUCTION

The Edinburgh Partnership (EP) is the community planning partnership for the city. Community planning means joint working between the public, voluntary, community and business sectors to ensure effective service responses to local issues and priorities.

The Council is the lead body and the other statutory partners are Scottish Enterprise, Lothian and Borders Police, Lothian & Borders Fire and Rescue Service and NHS Lothian. The Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, VisitScotland, Communities of Interest and Communities of Place, and the Higher Education Sector are also key partners.

The Edinburgh Partnership Board (EPB) is the main management group for the Partnership. Further details can be found at 4.1.



2 KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN 2008

2.1 Edinburgh Partnership Single Outcome Agreement

A new relationship between the Scottish Government and local government was set out in the 2007 Concordat. This was underpinned by the development of Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) to demonstrate local commitment to the delivery of national outcomes. In Edinburgh, the 2008 SOA was reflective mainly of the Council's contribution together with health and police commitments.

From 2009 onwards, the SOA becomes the responsibility of the community planning partnership. So whilst the final version of the Council's SOA for 2008 was being agreed with the Scottish Government (end of June 2008) the Edinburgh Partnership was already developing its SOA for 2009.

Partners have been widely involved in the development of the latest version of the Agreement. During 2008, two SOA briefing sessions (25 April and 27 November) were held by the [Compact Partnership](#)¹ with third sector organisations providing services at city-wide and neighbourhood levels. Further liaison with the Compact has ensured a strong emphasis on the third sector's contribution in the SOA.

All partners have participated strongly in discussions on SOA development, individually and collectively at regular meetings of the Board. A special Board meeting was also held on 7 October 2008 to discuss the integration of Edinburgh Partnership activity with other elements of the SOA.

The proposed approach was then reviewed at a Board meeting with the Partnership's adviser from the Scottish Government on 23 December 2008. An overriding message was the need for the Partnership to be ambitious in its aims.

The 2009 SOA is now framed around 15 national outcomes and covers;

- the collaborative priorities and outcomes of the Edinburgh Partnership, including those delivered by the Fairer Scotland Fund;
- all Council services covered by the national outcome framework;
- the work of Council companies and trusts where relevant; and
- other outcomes arising from joint working with partners.

It recognises the importance of collaborative working in the delivery of national and local outcomes and sets out a series of actions designed to improve the lives of citizens in Edinburgh and their quality of life.

The final draft of the Edinburgh Partnership's SOA was submitted in February 2009. It is expected that the Scottish Government will formally agree the content in late May 2009. This SOA includes the Edinburgh Partnership's four strategic priorities, which feature in the Community Plan Action Plan (see 2.2), and identifies key areas where partnership effort can make a difference to the city and its citizens.

We will need to ensure that we make progress in the areas identified in the SOA and that further opportunities for collaborative gain are developed.

¹ Edinburgh's groundbreaking partnership of public agency and voluntary sector interests



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2.2 Edinburgh Partnership Competitive Communities Programme (EPCCP)



The Edinburgh Partnership has been successful in securing European funding to deliver its Competitive Communities Programme (EPCCP). This takes place under two key European grant priorities:

- ♦ European Regional Development Funding: Priority 3 - Urban Regeneration;
European Social Funding: Priority 1 - Progressing into Employment.

The total value of the programme is £13m, comprising match funding from a range of partners and European grant amounting to over £5m. The EPCCP started on 1 July 2008 and will run for 24 months until 31 June 2010.

The Programme includes a diverse range of projects which will support people into employment and make a difference in the most disadvantaged areas of the city.

The Steering Group for the Programme is a sub group of the Edinburgh Partnership, and reports to the EP Board. The Board is ultimately responsible for all key decisions affecting overall project policy development and the fulfilment of the Programme aims and objectives.



The Programme Management Office (PMO) supports the Programme's partners and projects in the delivery of their activities. This involves the co-ordination of the grant claims process as well as monitoring visits to ensure activity compliance with the relevant guidance. The PMO is staffed by Frances Wheldon, European Programme Co-ordinator and Alan Christie, European Programme Administrator.

The PMO team is responsible to the Programme Steering Group and ultimately the Edinburgh Partnership.

The Council is the lead applicant on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership and has responsibility for the financial management of the Programme. It is accountable to the Edinburgh Partnership in this role.

The Programme's overall objective is to promote economic growth and sustainable employment amongst the most vulnerable groups of people and the city's areas of greatest need. This fits with the SOA National Outcome 2 - *We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.*



A Programme Briefing Session was held on the 29 July to provide an introduction to the Edinburgh Partnership and explain the context of the European bids. A total of 40 project personnel attended, representing the wide range of partners involved in the initiative.

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2.3 **hub Initiative – South East Scotland Pathfinder**

The Scottish Government's Hub Initiative is a new way of delivering joint agency infrastructure projects in community settings. Edinburgh partners are now involved in a hub Pathfinder Initiative for the South East Scotland Territory Area (including Lothians and Borders)

This key development was announced by John Swinney, Finance Minister. The aim is to develop a portfolio of projects such as libraries and community centres that will benefit from new investment.

Financial support is provided to assist the hub partners with local project management costs, initial set up costs, procurement support costs and organisational development activity. There is £1.4 million in revenue available for the South East Territory. The basic split is as follows:-

- ♦ £100,000 per annum for 3 years for project management (£300k);
- ♦ £100,000 for organisational development;
- ♦ £500,000 for set up and procurement; and
- ♦ £100,000 per annum for 5 years for general revenue support (£500k).

The Scottish Government is also committing capital resources over 5 years of approximately £6 million per territory

A formal proposal was submitted to the Scottish Government allowing the release of the Territory's Revenue start up funding. The programme will now move forwards with plans to establish the governance and programme managements in March 2009. Oversight of the Territory's programme will be provided by the establishment of a south East Scotland Territory Board, which is anticipated in the spring of 2009.

hub South East Scotland Territory Partners include:

- ♦ City of Edinburgh Council;
- ♦ NHS Lothian;
- ♦ Lothian and Borders Police;
- ♦ Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service;
- ♦ East Lothian Council;
- ♦ West Lothian Council;
- ♦ Midlothian Council;
- ♦ Scottish Borders Council; and



- ◆ NHS Borders.

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2.4 Fairer Scotland Fund

Community Planning Partnerships are tasked with the strategic investment of the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) in tackling poverty and deprivation. Edinburgh's agreed approach was notified to the Scottish Government in June 2008. This included identification of the investment priorities for the city:

- ◆ Improving employability;
- ◆ Reducing health inequalities; and
- ◆ Early intervention, with a focus on family functioning and on support for individual families.

Edinburgh's share of the FSF is £7,645,000 in 2008/09, £7,599,000 in 2009/10 and £7,554,000 in 2010/11. The distribution of funding in the city is based on the Edinburgh Index of Deprivation.

2.4.1 The **Edinburgh Index** 2008

The index examines social need in approximately 4,000 areas of the city, and measures 5 key elements:

- ◆ Income;
- ◆ Employment;
- ◆ Education;
- ◆ Health; and
- ◆ Crime.

Combined together these factors create an index of social need and deprivation across the city, which community planning partners can use as a basis for resource planning and allocating services.

The Index is the objective evidence base for the future distribution and allocation of the FSF. 70% of the fund is allocated to the Neighbourhood Partnerships, based on their share of the population with the greatest need. Neighbourhood Partnerships are now investing the FSF in accordance with local needs and priorities.

The remaining 30% of the Fund is invested on a city wide and thematic basis under the 3 investment priorities described above. An element of the Fund has been allocated as match funding for the Edinburgh Partnership Competitive Communities Programme, which focuses on improving employability and regenerating disadvantaged communities.



All new FSF activities are being procured through an agreed commissioning process. The FSF outcomes have been incorporated into the Edinburgh Partnership's 2009 SOA.

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2.5 Community Plan Review

In March 2007 the Edinburgh Partnership began a mid term review of the Community Plan, as the majority of original targets had already been met. It was necessary to establish clearer priorities, and to concentrate on shared issues that could only be addressed effectively through joint working. It was also important to demonstrate the added benefits of collaborative action to improve wellbeing in the city.

The partners' analysis included:

- ♦ the actions that remained undeveloped within the existing Community Plan;
- ♦ the identification of community priorities, through the Edinburgh Household Survey, which needed to be delivered through joint partner action; and
- ♦ national public policy priorities, alongside broad priorities for Edinburgh, and the identification of issues requiring a strategic and city wide approach

In May 2007, the Edinburgh Partnership Board decided to develop the Community Plan with a specific focus on four strategic priorities for the city:

- ♦ Investment in Prevention and Care Services, Health Improvement and Social Inclusion;
- ♦ Maximisation of Land Use and Affordable Housing;
- ♦ Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change; and
- ♦ Sustainable Economic Growth.

Short life Task Groups lead by Board members from different partner agencies (Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Lothian, Communities Scotland and the Council) then identified opportunities and built a programme of action around each of the agreed priorities where the Edinburgh Partnership could make a real difference. The Task Groups examined the issues in depth, drawing in suitable contributions from partner organisations and other relevant bodies.



The Task Groups' product, addressing the four strategic priorities, is detailed in the new Action Plan for 2008 – 2011. It is acknowledged that a degree of overlap exists between the strategic priorities but care has been taken to identify actions that will deliver the desired strategic and service outcomes.

The Partnership recognises that the community planning agenda is continually evolving. It is therefore important that the Action Plan is flexible and open to change to address shifting priorities.

The new format will enable the Edinburgh Partnership to review progress on the shared objectives, update actions on a regular basis, revise targets as these are met, and allow improved measurement and understanding of the Partnership's performance. A progress report will be published annually.

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3 POLICY AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT IN 2008

3.1 Listening to Communities to Improve Services

Partners have made good progress in implementing the Community Engagement Improvement Strategy, which helps to ensure that community engagement is a positive, inclusive and effective experience for all those involved.

Community engagement and empowerment is recognised increasingly as fundamental to the effective working of Community Planning Partnerships. The Partnership's Community Engagement Working Group (CEWG) has been driving the improvement strategy forward.

Actions have been implemented across a number of fronts, resulting in better use of resources, community engagement in developing policies, monitoring and evaluation of engagement activity, and learning and development opportunities for practitioners.

Over the next year the revised work programme for the Community Engagement Working Group includes:

- ♦ promoting information sharing and networking, which includes developing a communities of practice for community engagement practitioners across the city;
- ♦ providing opportunities for learning and development and knowledge management such as piloting the VOiCE tool and running development programmes; and
- ♦ supporting city wide community of interests and improving engagement in equalities activities, eg supporting Communities of Interest Support Network (COISN) representation on the Edinburgh Partnership Board and their involvement in the Edinburgh Equalities Network (EEN).



Community Representation in Edinburgh Partnership Structures

Community representatives on the Edinburgh Partnership Board provide perspectives from communities of place (Edinburgh Association of Community Councils: EACC) and communities of interest (Communities of Interest Support Network: COISN). Representatives are supported by the Community Engagement Coordinator

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3.2 Inspiring Volunteering

Inspiring Volunteering is Edinburgh's first city-wide volunteering strategy, agreed by the city's public agencies and the voluntary and community sector. It is a framework for supporting and developing volunteering.

In December 2008 the Chair of the Edinburgh Partnership, Councillor Dawe spoke at an Inspiring Volunteering conference where delegates learned more about the achievements of Edinburgh's Volunteering Strategy, and what still has to be achieved. Delegates identified and debated the key challenges and opportunities facing volunteering in Edinburgh and how the strategy can address them.

<http://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/strategy/default.htm>

The successful Volunteering Hubs initiative is expanding with three new hubs supported by the Edinburgh Partnership Competitive Communities Programme.

iGIVE – The Implementation Group Inspiring Volunteering (in) Edinburgh is working towards implementing the Volunteering Strategy Action Plan, within the terms of the Edinburgh Compact.

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3.3 Equalities Issues

3.3.1 Equalities Statement of Intent

The Edinburgh Partnership adopted an Equalities Statement of Intent to cover the work undertaken by all Partnership members as individual organisations and working jointly. It describes the Partnership's commitment to meeting legal equalities requirements and sets out how this will be done, focussing on certain attributes around which negative impacts of discrimination, harassment and prejudice can be experienced, eg:



- ♦ age;
- ♦ disability;
- ♦ ethnicity;
- ♦ gender;
- ♦ religion and belief; and
- ♦ sexual orientation and gender identity

3.3.2 Edinburgh Equalities Network

With an unprecedented growth in the range of equalities legal duties placed on partners, a proposal to update the existing six equalities forums was made. An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken on the Edinburgh Equalities Network (EEN) model and the existing six forums were merged into one network. This will deliver more targeted information gathering and consultation activities for members. EEN is supported by the council, NHS Lothian, Lothian & Borders Police and the Procurator Fiscal Service.

Intended benefits of the new model include:

- ♦ improved links to city wide and local community planning structures;
- ♦ improved information sharing eg through use of ebuletin and web pages;
- ♦ a broader range of equalities interests becoming involved, to include more people from excluded and diverse communities not involved in the former forums;
- ♦ improved collation and analysis of community view points;
- ♦ a more focussed, targeted and co-ordinated series of actions and activities for members;
- ♦ examination of shared issues of concern; and
- ♦ legal duties of public authorities met more effectively

Any group, partnership, forum, organisation, agency, company or individual interested in equalities issues will be able to join the Network.

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3.4 Moving Forward: Together – A City Funding Strategy

The Edinburgh Compact Partnership's City Funding Strategy was agreed in July 2008, the first of its kind in Scotland.

The Strategy aims to fulfil the Compact's objective 'to develop a joint funding strategy for Edinburgh's voluntary and community sector.' It explicitly recognises the need to move beyond traditional funding routes, and aims to offer opportunities for joint relationships between public, social enterprise and independent bodies around issues relating to funding the city's voluntary and community sector.

Following on from two 'creative consultation' events, and taking on board the views of all partners, the Strategy was publicly launched by Council Leader Cllr Jenny Dawe on 6 December 2007. The first chair of the Edinburgh Compact Partnership Chief



Superintendent Ian Burnside urged all partners to take seriously the opportunity to enter into a new phase in the relationship between funders and those they fund.

In 2008 the Compact Partnership agreed the scope and make-up of its Advisory Group on Funding, with the acting Chief Executive of the Scottish Arts Council taking up the role of Chair. The group includes representatives from the city's main public agencies and from a range of third sector interests. Notably a representative of Edinburgh's Trades Union movement is a full member of the Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group has also developed robust links with the national Scottish Funders' Forum. The Funders' Forum is taking an interest as Edinburgh takes a lead on shared approaches to Full Cost Recovery and Quality Assurance.

Refreshed Compact Action Plan Agreed

During 2008 the Compact Partnership agreed a refreshed Action Plan for 2008-13, progressing actions under the headings of: Developing Inclusive Policy and Decision Making, Advancing the City Community Plan Strategic Objectives, and Developing Relationships between the Compact and other strategic and Neighbourhood Partnerships.

The Compact Partnership and its sub-groups have also led on the city's Third Sector engagement with Edinburgh's 2009 Single Outcome Agreement. The process to refresh Edinburgh's Social Enterprise Strategy has begun, led by the Edinburgh Social Economy Partnership. Relationships with the city's 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships have been strengthened during the year, with local third sector groupings naming representatives to serve as full partners on eight Neighbourhood Partnerships.

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4 PARTNERSHIP OPERATION

4.1 Edinburgh Partnership Board (EPB)

The Edinburgh Partnership Board is the main management group for the community planning structure in Edinburgh and provides the strategic direction and leadership for the partnership as a whole. The Board meets regularly to review progress on the Community Plan, items of strategic importance to Edinburgh, or issues affecting partners, or communities. Details of Board meetings and main business items and decisions in 2008 are given in Appendix 1.

4.2 Edinburgh Partnership in Conference (EPiC)

The full membership of the Edinburgh Partnership meets 'in conference' to discuss specific cross cutting policy issues and to make recommendations for future change.



Access to Sport and Culture (ASC) Edinburgh - Edinburgh Partnership In-conference Event

As part of the wider **Access to Sport and Culture (ASC) Edinburgh Project**, the Edinburgh Partnership hosted an EPiC event on 2 October at Easter Road Stadium.

This conference was developed as part of the final stages of consultation in this large scale public initiative, looking at barriers to attending and participation in the arts, sport and physical activity in the city. Over 19,000 people have taken part in the full project, with 100 representatives from various sectors attending this conference alone ([full debrief report](#)).

The Edinburgh Partnership in-conference event proved invaluable in bringing together the range of representatives necessary to move the concluding element of the ASC Edinburgh project forward and agree the next steps in developing access to sports and culture across organisations and partnerships. Partners present agreed to the principle of signing the Pledge

“to improve the quality of life and life chances for all people in Edinburgh through increased access to cultural and sporting activities”.

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4.3 Local Community Planning

In Edinburgh, 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) take forward the city's approach to local community planning. Each is made up of a core membership of local Councillors and representatives from the Police, Health, local voluntary sector and local community, and is chaired by a local Councillor.

The second year of the NP approach has seen exciting developments in the ways NPs engage with and communicate with local people. A distinct website for NPs (www.edinburghnp.org.uk) was launched in July 2008, and provides information on all NPs as well as up-to-date news, details of meetings and partnership activities.

Each NP has developed a Local Community Plan, available on the website, which provides a strong focus on what needs to be done to address local issues. These plans, with actions designed to get the most out of partners working together on local solutions, have been influenced by a wide cross section of people.

Various consultation approaches, tailored to distinct areas and communities, have enabled the NPs to develop a comprehensive picture of what local people want for their areas. Over 1,900 people's views and local priorities were sought through focus groups, drop-in open days, public meetings and interviews. This information was compared with the results of face to face interviews of over 4,700 people across the city.



The 2008 review of NPs highlighted how working together locally is delivering results. Examples like the Youth Engagement Strategy in Western Edinburgh NP have enabled partners to co-ordinate their resources to address very specific local issues (in this case the Council and the Police working together to address youth anti social behaviour). Joining resources in this way has had a particular impact in areas where previously there was no local infrastructure.

The establishment in 2008 of the NP Conveners' Group, which meets quarterly, provides the 12 Conveners with a forum for sharing experiences and exploring ways to increase NPs' influence.

In 2009 the NPs will be:

- ♦ developing links with the 12 Youth Forums;
- ♦ developing a stronger emphasis on sharing good practice;
- ♦ hosting an autumn conference for NP members; and
- ♦ focussing activity in the local areas as local community plans are developed and implemented.

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4.4 Edinburgh Partnership Communications

The Edinburgh Partnership e-News, featuring partnership working and achievements, is distributed regularly to a wide audience.

e-News editions include: updates on the Edinburgh Partnership in Conference events; community engagement; funding and communicating the business of the Board; an opportunity to discuss the work of Neighbourhood Partnership; good news stories centring on our partners' joint working practices to improve services in the city.

All partners are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter and readers' comments and articles are welcomed. Excerpts from the 2008 editions of e-News are in Appendix 2. To receive a copy of e-News, email communityplanning@edinburgh.gov.uk or telephone 0131 469 6149

The Edinburgh Partnership's WebPages - <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communityplanning> house the current and back issues of e-News and the Edinburgh Partnership's main business items.

The Partnership's Communications Strategy will be developed further in 2009 to meet new operational requirements.

Further information from



4.5 Edinburgh Partnership Community Planning Framework Review

During 2008 the Board gave careful consideration to the makeup of the Edinburgh Partnership and its ability to respond to the increasing range of responsibilities placed on community planning partnerships. To be fit for purpose the Board recognises that it needs to move away from process and instead focus on delivery and outcomes.

The Board considered the results of a survey of other local authority areas in Scotland which demonstrated that:

- ♦ there is no single template for the management of community planning and local variations do occur;
- ♦ the current arrangements in Edinburgh are echoed elsewhere in Scotland; and
- ♦ the establishment of local community planning bodies in Edinburgh, through the 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships, is far more developed than in other areas.

The introduction of Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) drives forward the delivery of more effective and joined up services, and reinforces a stronger connection between national government's policy outcomes, the distribution of resources to local government and partners, and the delivery of local services.

The Board considered proposals for a revised community planning framework at its meeting in January 2009. It is hoped to have a finalised format for the beginning of the financial year.

5 CLOSING REMARKS

This report demonstrates the considerable scope and range of Edinburgh Partnership activity in 2008. This has been a year of transition with the Partnership now signed up to the delivery of Single Outcome Agreement commitments and a refreshed Community Plan.

The emergence of the Edinburgh Partnership as a major catalyst for service change and improvement in the city is also reflected in the new management arrangements, which will become operational in 2009.

These combine an enlarged Partnership Board, with greater elected member involvement, and a high level Executive grouping to implement key decisions. The work programme will be supported by new strategic groupings that will take the partners' joint agenda forward.

The entire approach is underpinned by the continuing need for full engagement with the Edinburgh community in 2009. This is vital to ensuring that the Partnership is locally accountable and responsive to changing conditions and priorities in the city.



6 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Board Meetings

Appendix 2 e- News

March 2009

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BOARD MEETINGS

Quarter 1 2008

March - Edinburgh Partnership Board

Major Items

- ♦ Edinburgh Partnership Constitution and New Membership
- ♦ Community Plan Review and Task Group Recommendations
- ♦ Single Outcome Agreements

Key decisions

- ♦ To nominate the Council as the accountable body for the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF)
- ♦ To submit a Partner response to the Scottish Government on Tackling Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation consultation
- ♦ To support the establishment of the Edinburgh Migration Network

Quarter 2 2008

April - Edinburgh Partnership Special Fairer Scotland Fund Meeting

Edinburgh Partnership Board, Fairer Scotland Fund Implementation Group, and Strategic Partnership representatives were invited to this special Partnership meeting. The purpose of which was to look at a strategy for the use of the FSF, priorities for its use and how we should move ahead to meet the Scottish Government deadline of 30 June 2008. Papers for discussion had been prepared by the Fairer Scotland Fund Implementation Group.

Consensus was reached on the priorities:

- ♦ Early intervention
- ♦ Addressing health inequalities
- ♦ Improving employability

the principles and use of the Edinburgh Index

In areas where there were previous community regeneration programmes Neighbourhood Managers undertook informal consultation with organisations and Neighbourhood Partnership Business meetings on the likely impact of the application of the new criteria.

June - Edinburgh Partnership Board

Major Items

- ♦ Fairer Scotland Fund

- ♦ Activity report 2006/07
- ♦ European Structural Funds

Key Decisions

- ♦ To agree the Activity Report
- ♦ To adopt the draft guidance for the investment of the Fairer Scotland Fund

June – Special FSF Edinburgh Partnership Board

Key Decisions

- ♦ To allocate up to £650K FSF as match funding for the Edinburgh Partnership Competitive Communities Programme
- ♦ To note the completion of the Edinburgh Index of Social Need

Quarter 3 2008

July –Tackling Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation in Scotland meeting

Hosted one of a series of joint Scottish Government/COSLA consultation events for community planning partners on the Tackling Poverty Discussion Paper published in 2008:

August - Edinburgh Partnership Board

Major Items

- ♦ A City for All Ages (ACFAA)
- ♦ Hub Initiative
- ♦ Neighbourhood Research

Key Decisions

- ♦ To endorse the range of action identified on the Compact Strategy Action Plan 2008-13

Quarter 4 2008

October – Vital and Vibrant Town Centres Surgery

As part of the Scottish Government Consultation on Town Centres and Local High Streets the Edinburgh Partnership hosted an Informal Consultation with community planning partners and key stakeholders on how to regenerate and rejuvenate Scotland's Town Centres and Local High Streets.

Views gathered informed the Vital and Vibrant Town Centres conference, subtitled "The Challenge for our Town Centres and High Streets" which took place on 19 November 2008 at the Stirling Management Centre.



October – Edinburgh Partnership Board SOA Workshop

This workshop considered the requirements for progressing the SOA2, together with the integration of the Community Plan and other Edinburgh Partnership activity.

November - Edinburgh Partnership Board

Major Items

- ♦ Edinburgh Compact
- ♦ SOA2
- ♦ Edinburgh Partnership in Conferences Access to Sport and Culture

Key Decisions

- ♦ To confirm to the Scottish Government the Board's preference for a single allocation of Fairer Scotland Fund to the city
- ♦ To endorse the proposals for cash flow funding through the Council for the Edinburgh Partnership Competitive Communities Programme (EPCCP)

December - Edinburgh Partnership Board SOA meeting with Scottish Government

A liaison meeting was held on the development of the Edinburgh Partnership's 2009 SOA with the Scottish Government adviser assigned to Edinburgh. Clarification of what is required, and that we are acting in accordance with the Scottish Government was sought.

Further information on all these Board meetings can be found on the Edinburgh Partnership web page by following <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communityplanning>



August e-Newsletter (Issue 9)

The Board in Focus ... Q & A with Professor Joan K Stringer

Professor Joan K Stringer CBE has been Principal and Vice Chancellor of Napier University since 2003. She told us about the importance of representing Higher Education (HE) on the Edinburgh Partnership which she believes plays an important part in the life of the city. She has tens of thousands of staff and students who live in the city and rely on its infrastructure and enjoy its quality of life. The HE sector sees the EP as a very valuable forum for engaging in a joined up way with strategic issues which affect the local environment and for maintaining an effective dialogue with the city's leaders and other organisations. And affords a reciprocal perspective on strategic issues and the contribution HE can make directly to address them.



Cooling down anti-social behaviour



The Cooldown Crew is an innovative programme for 12-16 year olds developed by Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service to reduce anti-social behaviour such as fire-raising and attacks on emergency crews. It aims to develop greater citizenship and sense of community, and has seen benefits far beyond its original aims. Through team work, the Cooldown Crew can improve self-esteem and help young people discover their talents and practical skills.

Although based on fire service tasks, the programme is a collective effort run within the community by a range of public agencies.



An independent evaluation of the programme found that young people were returning to school with a positive attitude which continued long after the programme had ended. Comments made by parents, teachers and the young people themselves are the most revealing.

"Massive improvement. He isn't having the same conflicts in class and this is reflected in his increased confidence in his own abilities." – Guidance teacher

"Cooldown Crew made me realise that I would have to behave and work in school or I won't get a job." – A participant



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Inspiring Volunteering Awards

Volunteer Centre Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Compact Partnership hosted 5 volunteering award ceremonies in spring to celebrate and recognise the hard work, dedication and commitment of volunteers within Edinburgh.

The gala event, 'Edinburgh Inspiring Volunteering Awards 2008', in June awarded 40 outstanding volunteers for their unique contributions within the categories of Impact, Innovation, Partnership and Commitment. Special Recognition Awards were also presented.



Joy Peat (pictured) was announced as Edinburgh's Inspiring Volunteer of the Year 2008 by Lord Provost George Grubb. Joy is deaf and took part in a pilot project with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) Scotland and the Samaritans to assist the Samaritans in reducing barriers to deaf and hard of hearing volunteers.

Lord Provost George Grubb said "*Edinburgh's volunteers are a force for good in our city and these awards give us the opportunity to recognise and reward the dedication of those who use their skills and enthusiasm to help others. People from all walks of life volunteer, devoting thousands of valuable hours to make a real difference to people's lives, and for that Edinburgh thanks them.*"

Commenting on the awards, Harriet Eadie, Director of Volunteer Centre Edinburgh said, "*. . . As Director of the oldest Volunteer Centre in Scotland I am very proud of the achievements of all Edinburgh's volunteers who demonstrate daily that all of us can change our city for the better.*"

For more information about Volunteer Centre Edinburgh visit www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk



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Celebrating the Inspiring Volunteering Strategy

Compact Partnership's 'Inspiring Volunteering Strategy' was commended by Finance Minister John Swinney as a model of good practice at a recent conference to celebrate volunteering achievements.

Mr Swinney said "*Volunteering has a central role to play in ensuring that people are able to reach their full potential of what they can contribute to society. Helping them recognise the significance of the contribution they can*



make. Volunteering matters to the government because the impact it has on society is evident. The Scottish Government's economic strategy recognises that volunteering has a significant role to contribute. Edinburgh's Volunteering Strategy is a model for what should happen around the country."

First prize for A City for All Ages



A City for All Ages – Today and Tomorrow project won first prize of 2,500 Euros in the Active Ageing of Migrant Elders Across Europe (AAMEE) Good Practice Competition II.

Glenda Watt, manager of A City for All Ages (ACFAA) said: *"the prize will be used by Edinburgh to build on the excellent equalities work already established in the city for its older citizens."*

ACFFA will join an international exchange programme designed to share experiences and improve the social, cultural and economic integration of older people across Europe.

Neighbourhood Partnership Review

A review of the Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) carried out over the summer identified their impact on tackling antisocial behaviour. The review highlighted how working together and listening to local people is getting results. In the Western Edinburgh NP, the Police and the Departments of Children and Families and Services for Communities and young people have worked together to reduce youth crime and antisocial behaviour.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell of Lothian and Borders Police, explains: *"The co-location of Police staff in Council local offices, the set up of local Tasking and Co-ordinating groups (TACs), plus the introduction of joint patrolling between Police and Council partners, is providing a very robust local partnership approach and delivering a more responsive, customer focused service - which evidence tells us is having an impact on tackling antisocial behaviour"*.

Community Safety

Neighbourhood Action Units (NAUs) run by Council funded police officers were set up across the city earlier this year to help improve local policing.

The Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership (ECSP) launched a bus advertising campaign in November drawing attention to the positive impact the new NAUs are having and the contribution they've made to reducing crime levels across the city.

The Newsletters and further information on all these articles can be found on the Edinburgh Partnership web page by following <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communityplanning>



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