



## North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network SCIO: Area Partnership Report December 2021

Anderston/City/Yorkhill  
Canal  
Drumchapel/Anniesland  
Garscadden/Scotstounhill

Hillhead  
Maryhill  
Partick East/Kelvindale  
Victoria Park

### North West Update

As this is the last round of Area Partnership Meetings before the Council elections, the network and reps would like to thank all elected members for their support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and local communities. Thank you for working in partnership with us to make changes and improve our communities. Elected members standing for re-election, we wish you well and look forward to your continued support of the work of the voluntary sector in North West Glasgow.

- In particular, the North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, reps and our members would ask that elected members to give consideration to some of their priorities over the next year:
  1. **Glasgow Communities Fund.(GCF)** We would like to avoid a repetition of the previous issues surrounding the GCF application process and the unnecessary stress for our members. We would ask that elected members stress the importance of a timely and transparent process for all applicants to the GCF, that focuses on the needs of Glasgow Citizens.
  2. The network asks for **full and equal representation on all Area Partnerships in the North West**; we have appreciated being a full and equal partner in 7 out of 8 of the Area Partnerships in the North West, including having an agenda item in meetings. **We look forward to the same in Canal ward 16 in the future.**
  3. **People Make Glasgow Communities.** Some members of the Voluntary Sector Network continue to be concerned about the PMGC process. The main concern going forward is that the community engagement element of the process meets the National Standards, <https://www.voicescotland.org.uk/national-standards> and that those citizens that are seldom heard have a voice. To strengthen the process, we would ask the Council to implement a steering group of key stakeholders, including third sector organisations & local people, which would guide and scrutinise the community engagement strategy employed by applicants to the PMGC process.
  4. **Area Partnership Review.** We would like to be involved in the implementation of the findings of the review, in particular, we would like to work with Area Partnerships to **engage with communities and ask what their specific priorities** should be for their area.

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