



North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network: Area Partnership Report April / May 2025

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Update

Network Update

IT Recycling Project <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/our-work/plugged-in/>

- The IT recycling project continues to take unwanted PCs, laptops, tablets & phones, refurbish them and give them to local people in need in the North West of Glasgow. We also offer an internet dongle with 6 months internet access.
- Full list of items that we can take to reuse, refurbish, and recycle <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/our-work/plugged-in/>

Key Themes across North West

- The main issues for the North West are taken from a selection of our member organisations:

The tragic loss of life of a teenager who attend Kingsway Community Connections, focuses our minds on the rise of youth disorder & knife crime. The network is hearing from many organisations in the North West that there has been a sharp increase in issues with young people in communities.

A similar rise in knife crime & youth disorder occurred in the early 2000s, and Scotland took an innovative approach to see it as a public health issue. Educating, supporting & giving young people hope & opportunities, reduced incidents significantly. A similar approach is needed now, with organisations that provide youth services coming together to plan jointly. However, this needs appropriate funding, and at the time when funding is more competitive & is reducing, this a concern. On behalf of members the network urges Glasgow City Council & other community planning partners to work with youth providers, to provide services & supports in every community, to work with families, schools and listen to the young people themselves.

[How Scotland stemmed the tide of knife crime - BBC News](#)

I would also like to highlight the effects on staff who are working with the young people & families affected. The vicarious trauma & consistently pushing down natural reactions to continue to support the people you work with, takes its toll. I have heard from workers who are working with young people intoxicated, aggressive, suicidal, hungry, cold, scared & that don't want to go home. They carry this with them and have to go home to their families & friends and pick up their lives. As well as investing time & funding in our young people, we need to invest in the workers who are supporting them.

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Anderston City Yorkhill

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Cost of Living
- Youth disorder, especially in the City Centre

What are the key issues facing members?

- Cuts to funding
- Continued rising costs for individuals and organisations.

General Member Update

Detailed report from Stuart Duffin, regarding Youth Disorder in Anderston City and Yorkhill, including stats and figures:

[Youth Disorder in Anderston City and Yorkhill](#)

RS Counselling services Glasgow [Glasgow Relationships Counselling Services](#)

- Counselling and Psychotherapy for individuals, Partners and Families

The Pyramid at Anderston <https://thepyramid.scot/>

- Upcoming Community Info Afternoon, Thursday 27th March
- Shop remains busy open Thursday (5pm-7pm and Friday (11am-3pm)
- Community Cafe every Thursday

Garnethill Multicultural Centre <https://garnethillcentre.org.uk/>

- Continued wide range of activities.
- Friday Community Lunch is a continued success and very well attended, now with added Asylum Seeker Drop-In

Glasgow Council on Alcohol <https://www.glasgowcouncilonalcohol.org/>

- Wide range of service offered across the city

The Marie Trust <https://www.themarietrust.org/>

- Aims to prevent and alleviate homelessness, offering a holistic, trauma-informed approach for individuals who often face challenging and traumatic experiences, recognising that people need more than a roof over their heads to feel safe and secure.

Townhead Village Hall <https://www.facebook.com/Townhead-Village-Hall-106388822128494>

Canal

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Youth Disorder

What are the key issues facing members?

- Youth Disorder
- Increased demands for services at a time they are costing more to deliver

General Member Update

Recently, youth disorder has been a key concern for many communities in the Canal Ward: the ARC had to be locked down due to young people being disruptive outside the building, and the shop on Bilsland Drive was raided, after attending a youth session delivered by North United Communities. This has caused distress to local residents, businesses and the local police.

Since this has come to the fore, there have been several meetings between local people, the police, service providers, schools and other relevant agencies. These have been very useful in that the issue has now been brought to the attention of all parties, so that conversations can be had to look at what strategies can be put in place to tackle this effectively. However, these developments are at an early stage and much more work and thought will have to take place to resolve these issues.

An ongoing report will be provided to the Canal Area partnership to update on the ways forward, collaborative approaches and outcomes.

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

- Four Walls group proving popular, and well attended

North United Communities <http://www.nuonline.co.uk/>

- Continued work across Milton, Lambhill, Ruchill and Maryhill with groups running throughout the week.

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

- Gardening groups up and running for springtime again
- Usual range of activities running through the week.

Young People's Future <http://www.youngpossilfutures.org.uk/>

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

Possibilities <https://possibilities.org.uk/>

Drumchapel Anniesland

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What are the issues in the ward?

- Worsening poverty and deprivation
- Issues for Young People
- Accessing support services

What are the key issues facing members?

- Increased demand for services that are already stretched.

General Member Update

G15 Youth <https://www.facebook.com/g15youth>

- Working with around 160 young people a week high demand for the service & a waiting list. Kids desperate for a safe space to go, don't feel safe on the streets.
- Back doing the No knives, Better lives work & lots of discussion around the Netflix programme Adolescence [Adolescence \(TV Mini Series 2025\) - IMDb](#) that tackles knife crime & the ripple effect it has.
- Run a group for young people with Additional support needs but there's a high demand & parents are asking for more support.
- A youth service but having to work with whole family as parents are seeking help to handle their teens behaviour.
- Also have a mental health group in the High School, there's a lot of anxiety & low mood. Provide a street work service to engage the young people who aren't engaging, trying to get them along to the clubs. Run football clubs in the better weather, but local MUGA is in bad repair due to quad bikes using it. The message is we need funding to do more for our young people.

Drumchapel L.I.F.E. <https://twitter.com/DDrumchapellife>

- Elevator programme for people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties has just completed to residential outdoor experiences in the western highlands with its groups.

3D Drumchapel <https://www.3ddrumchapel.org.uk/>

- Bairn Necessities project are distributing their large stock of quality new and pre-loved clothing and toys.

Drumchapel Money Advice

- Useful package of resources for people looking to access their services. They can be found at <https://d-mac.org.uk/resources/>

G15 Thriving Places <https://twitter.com/TPDrumchapel>

Drumchapel CAB <https://www.drumchapelcab.org.uk/>

Antonine Court Day Centre <https://antonine.org/>

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland <https://www.chss.org.uk/services/health-defence-scotland/>

Drum Hub <https://www.facebook.com/drumhub15>

Enable Glasgow Fortune Works <https://www.facebook.com/EnableGlasgowFortuneWorks>

Drumchapel TV <https://www.youtube.com/@drum-tv> <https://twitter.com/DrumchapelTV>

Drumchapel Foodbank <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066573716768>

Garscadden/Scotstounhill

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What are the issues in the ward?

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What are the key issues facing members?

- Increased demand for Services – Impacting Capacity
- Funding – Glasgow Communities Fund is open
- ESOL provision – huge waiting lists being noted by ESOL providers
- Youth violence – see below

Devastating increase in youth violence.

Issues relating to youth violence have previously been discussed at the Area Partnership. The escalation of this, as demonstrated by the tragic death of Amen Teklay, is something that requires to be urgently addressed at ward (and City) level.

Youth provision has been underfunded in the ward for many years. Broader factors that contribute to risk-taking behaviour such as poverty, inequality and lack of adequate support and opportunity at community level have further impacted. A report by the Institute of Fiscal Studies (November 2024) noted that the closure of youth clubs creates greater societal costs than the monies saved from the public purse.

More importantly, lives of our children and young people are being lost, either through being victims of violent crime or perpetrators of it. Now is the time for action to be taken to mitigate the tragedy of another family suffering the loss of their child.

General Member Update

Yoker Community Campus <https://www.yokercampus.org/> <https://twitter.com/CampusYoker>
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100072307083175>

- Welcome Wednesdays continue to be a success, with ESOL running the same day.
- Spring Garden Party, Friday 21st March well attended.

Kingsway Community Connections <https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk> https://twitter.com/Kingsway_CC
<https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections>

- Supported the family and friends and the wider Kingsway community who are grieving Amen Teklay who tragically lost his life on 5th March.
- Our new Welfare Advice Worker will take up post on 1st April. Continued delivery of activities aimed at supporting personal growth and improving health and wellbeing.

Glasgow Eco Trust/De'ails on Wheels <https://glasgowecotrust.org.uk> <https://twitter.com/GlasgowEcoTrust>
<https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowEcoTrust> <https://www.facebook.com/DeailsOnWheels>

- Free bikes and repairs, 24 people provided with a free bike helmet, lock and lights and 43 people provided with up to £100 towards getting their bike repaired.

- GET has held 4 local transport forums, almost 100 people from over 40 organisations have attended to date. Better Buses for Strathclyde GET is a supporter of this campaign to bring the bus network back into public control and ownership.
- What's On G14 newspaper - we published this community newspaper at the end of Jan.
- Glasgow Climate Action Hub - we have been delivering our Community Centre-d Climate Action project with 7 local community centres. We recently held a joint event with NWGVSN, Glasgow Community Food Network and the NW health Improvement Team.
- Spring Clean Scotland and Litter Free G14 - coordinating a partnership to develop a Litter Free G14 campaign and to take part in the national Spring Clean Scotland (Fri 21 Mar to Sun 24 Apr). We are working with Friends of Knightswood Park to complete a community survey which over 150 people responded to.

Knightswood Community Centre <https://www.knightswoodcentre.co.uk/>

- Working towards preparing for spring events
- Cafe remains open and popular

Active Seniors <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079995702359>

- Funding received from the AP supported a number of social events for older people in Garscadden/Scotstounhill that will combat isolation and loneliness – total of 378 people attended a variety of fun filled events.

DRC Generations <http://www.drcgenerations.org.uk> <https://www.facebook.com/drcgenerations>

- Continues to deliver a range of activities to the community including, youth groups, peer support group for parents and carers of neurodiverse children and a catch up and cuppa. DRC Gen also supports several organisations in the local area with community transport.

DRC Youth Project <https://drcyouthproject.blogspot.com> <https://twitter.com/DRCYouthProject>
<https://www.facebook.com/drcyouthproject>

- We thank the area partnership for their ongoing support. We are now running over 7 days, and the backing of the area partnership has given our project a much needed boost and strengthened our ability to deliver positive and successful support and services to the most vulnerable young people in our community.
- Progress is being made on clearing accessibility to Yoker allotments.
- Awaiting License to occupy Yoker Sports Centre from GCC.
- New early intervention youth club launched in Feb in Whiteinch Centre. We are providing ongoing support, group work and a range of activities for groups of young people who are disengaged from local schools. Currently, we are working with Knightswood Secondary, John Paul Academy and plans are in place to develop group work with St. Thomas Aquinas.

North-West Community Pantry <https://twitter.com/NorthWestPantry> Run by DRC Youth Project

- The North-West Community Pantry continues to be well used by members of the public from all throughout the North-West of Glasgow
- For more info please contact: jamie@drcyouthproject.co.uk



LINKES <https://www.linkes.org.uk> <https://www.facebook.com/linkesglasgow>
<https://twitter.com/linkesgla>

- Knightswood Community Shop will open soon and will offer affordable, high-quality food & a welcoming space for the community.

Heart of Scotstoun – <https://twitter.com/HOScotstoun>

Hillhead

Rep: Anna Dyer a.dyer@scottishoverseasdevelopment.org.uk

What are the issues in the ward?

- Increased Poverty and inequalities
- Access to services

What are the key issues facing members?

- Rising Costs
- Increased demand for services
- Cuts to funding

General Member Update

The whole of our Community was shocked when 15 year old Amen Teklay was found seriously injured in Clarendon Street and died despite the efforts of the medical services who had arrived in the street. To his family and friends, we offer our deepest condolences.

Community Central Halls <https://centralhall.org/>

- Clarendon Street and Woodside in general in recent times has been a quiet area. It is not so long ago that young people were collected by CCH minibuses to take them to activities at CCH as they were too afraid to cross Maryhill Road due to the presence of gangs defending “their area”. Inevitably such a serious and unexpected tragedy leads to members of our community considering whether the risks to young people walking in the streets at night are much higher than originally thought, and if our streets are becoming less safe what are the roots of this change?
- Safety of staff, users and the community whom we serve is of paramount importance. If we do perceive changes taking place in our area, then we must not only assess risks but to consider why it is happening.
- The cuts in funding and services for young people have led to a reduction in support and an increased for our services. Cuts have also led to the reduction of opportunities for young people leaving school without qualifications. Cuts in government budgets have led to the reduction of training places and apprenticeships.
- The Voluntary Sector itself is facing not only reductions in funding but hugely increasing costs resulting from the increase in employers’ National Insurance payments, the increase in the Living Wage and the steep rise in energy and other running costs which has led already to some redundancies and creates a bleak outlook.
- We have noted in recent months that women have become more conscious of safety issues which arise from multiple causes some of them originating in schools where the treatment of girls has become a serious issue. Two MSPs, Pauline McNeill from Glasgow and Katy Clark from North Ayrshire have published a groundbreaking report on “Women and Girls and Violence in Scotland”.

The Coach House Trust

- Continue to offer workshops in Art, Music, Gardening and IT

Flourish House [Flourish House](#)

- Worry and fear amongst service users around the future of community based mental health services. Glasgow City is planning to reduce in-patient beds and at the same time explore a Patient Initiated Follow Up model for mental health

Maryhill

Rep: Vacant

Sub Rep Sharon Bowers sharon-at-acre@outlook.com /

What are the issues in the ward?

- **Poverty & Inequality**
- **Demolition of Wyndford Flats**

What are the key issues facing members?

- Food insecurity
- Gaps in youth services, leading to disorder

General Update

Acre Community Hall <https://www.facebook.com/AcreCommunityHall>
<https://twitter.com/HallAcre>

- Has had some anti-social behaviour the quads and motorbikes are back throughout the ward. The young people hanging around are from outwith Acre.
- Sewing Monday, warm welcome Tuesday, Coffee n Chat followed by free prize bingo on Wednesday, ESOLT hursday, Food parcel service Friday

Maryhill Integration Network

- Welcomed Martin Rhodes MP to our MIN Voices peer support group, where the members shared with him their stories and concerns about the UK immigration system.
- Took part in a Lift the Ban national campaign action in George Square to highlight the skills and talents people seeking asylum have that could be benefitting the UK economy if granted the right to work, which featured on [STV News](#).
- Co-hosted alongside CRER and the Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity the 'Still 'Nae Problem' Here?' event - a community conversation to discuss Scotland's denial of racism.

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- At the last NMASSC meeting, the police informed us that a bus had been set on fire by young people as it drove through Summerston. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the bus sustained damage. Additionally, bikes are back out in Summerston.
- Activities: Litter pick - Saturday 22nd, Movie Day - Saturday 29th March, Easter family fun day - Saturday 12th April, Warm venue - Every Wednesday at Bellcraig.

Maryhill Burgh Halls <https://www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/maryhillburghhalls> https://twitter.com/maryhill_halls

Shakespeare Street Youth Club <https://www.facebook.com/ShakespeareStYouthClub/>

Maryhill Activity Directory <https://app.maryhillactivitydirectory.org.uk/Categories>

Partick East/Kelvindale Ward 23

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What are the main issues in the ward?

- Access to services
- Cost of Living

What are the key issues facing members?

- Cuts to funding, leading to reduced services
- Increased Costs

General Member Update

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

- Asset transfer has dotted all I's and crossed all the t's and is underway! So well done to Julie and Kashif for their perseverance! Julie Fox is retiring after 20 years at the Annexe helm, her leaving do is on Monday 14th April 2.30pm, all welcome!
- Annexe Dreams and Aspirations class working with SWG3 and Hyndland Primary School on sharing Stories of the Clyde to be made into a mural for outside the school on the cricket grounds fence., final design, looks amazing, has been signed off! Work starts this weekend!
- Let Partick Flourish secured funding from Cycling UK to enable another 10 local people to get a brand-new bike with all the cycling accessories they need. Also, one person received a upcycled bike with lights and padlock through their £250 voucher scheme where again people that don't have a bike can get £250 to spend to get them cycling.
- Communiversity 15 as they have now been nicknamed have completed their 4 weeks training on research skills and are now undertaking planning on which ways to collect data to encourage Partick to Move more
- Cost of Living support group getting new folk every week and Friday Freezer working out well to support folk to eat over the weekend. Many only have microwave to cook with. Working out together healthier ways to cook.

Partick Community Growing Project <https://www.partickha.org.uk/community/food-fuel/>

- distributed £500 food vouchers and repotting saved wee Christmas trees thanks to AP underspend. Much appreciated by all folk and trees! Planning an 850 years of Glasgow celebrations in plot for early June 2025.

Partick Housing Association

- Thanks to AP for continued funding, £1500 worth of support for food and fuel, 20+ folk since November-and social isolation activities including line dancing and woodwork workshops with local providers and Glasgow Wood. Art class coming up.
- PHA 50th anniversary plans underway with above workshops and engaging with local schools for competition for 50th artwork. Co-Design and recruit for Activate Community Development Course in collaboration with Elder Park HA and the University of Glasgow. Loads more Summer events, October events- keep you all posted!

Partick Community Council

- Are in the early stages of setting up a 'Friends of Partick Parks & Greenspaces' group. It will primarily focus on the proposed improvements to Mansfield Park (the other main parks already have or will soon have their own Friends group) but will also look to address any plots of derelict ground which could be transformed or any other small green spaces around the area which would do with a bit of TLC.

Victoria Park

Rep post Vacant – contact hello.northwestglasgowvsn@outlook.com

What are the issues in the ward?

- Lack of services in the area

What are the key issues facing members?

- Demands on the services that do deliver

General Member Update

Glasgow Eco Trust <https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk>

- *See Garscadden Scotstounhill update for more from Glasgow Eco Trust*

DRC Youth Project www.drcyouthproject.co.uk www.twitter.com/drcyouthproject
<https://drcyouthproject.co.uk/north-west-community-pantry/>

- DRC continue to work closely with Workingrite on the Pathfinder holistic employability support service open to young people aged 16-24. For more info please contact: gerard@drcyouthproject.co.uk
- *See Garscadden Scotstounhill update for more DRCY project updates.*

North-West Community Pantry <https://twitter.com/NorthWestPantry> Run by DRC Youth Project

- The North-West Community Pantry continues to be well used by members of the public from all throughout the North-West of Glasgow. The shop currently opens public two days per week, with referral support coming in from partners at NHS, Kingsway Community Connections, Glasgow Helps and Glasgow Council on Alcohol. The shop also continues to provide a platform for local young people to gain work experience.

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

- Whiteinch Centre are hosting Heart of Scotstoun Café Pop-up – great to see a café again after the findings of the community engagement

Movement Park: <https://www.movementpark.org.uk/>

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