The Whiteinch Centre – Summer 2025 Update

Ownership and Identity

The Whiteinch Centre is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association (WSHA). While this provides stronger operational support, the Centre retains its own charitable status and independent identity, continuing to deliver services with a strong local focus.

A new Communities Model has been introduced to ensure services are shaped by local people. The Community Voice Panel (formerly the TWC Advisory Group) is now active and helping guide decisions.

Summer Activities

This summer has been full of activity, with a strong focus on families, young people, and community celebration:

- Summer Blow Out – 8 August 2025
  A major community event featuring inflatables, food, games, and music, open to all ages. This event also marks the official relaunch of The Whiteinch Centre under its new structure.

- Animal Man Visit
  A hands-on educational experience where children and families met and learned about exotic animals.

- Puppet Making Workshops
  Creative sessions for children to design and perform with their own puppets.

- DRC Youth Sessions
  Held every Tuesday and Friday, offering safe, engaging activities for young people including games, crafts, and mentoring.

Learning and Support

- Digital Skills and ESOL Classes
  Ongoing support for people learning English and building confidence with digital tools.

- Conversation Club
  A relaxed group for practising English and building social connections.

- Activate Course
  A 10-week community development programme. Several participants have progressed to further education or volunteering.

Community Projects Fund

The Centre has supported several small-scale local initiatives through the Community Projects Fund, helping residents and grassroots groups deliver their own ideas. This has included:
- Local gardening and greening projects
- Small events and workshops led by residents
- Support for new community groups to get started

Upcoming Plans

- Employability Training
  Launching soon, this programme will support job seekers with CV writing, interview skills, and digital job search.

- Socialudo Training Programme
  A year-long initiative using interactive games to build teamwork and understanding among staff and community members.

- Updated Business Plan and Website
  A refreshed business plan has been developed to reflect the Centre's new structure and priorities. A new website is also being launched to improve communication and access to services.

Accessibility

The Centre continues to be disability friendly and recently hosted the launch of Scotland's first Disability Friendly Network in partnership with I Am Me Scotland.

Challenges

- Sustaining long-term community engagement
- Bridging the digital divide for residents with limited access or skills
- Securing stable funding to maintain and grow services