Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership Update

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- Lainy Bedingfield from Kingsway Community Connections is stepping down as a Voluntary Sector Rep for the ward – we would like to take this opportunity to wish Lainy all the best and thank her for all her hard work and commitment as a Voluntary Sector Rep and a valued member of the Area Partnership. The network is in the process of recruiting new reps in time for the New Year AP meetings

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

- From the beginning of August until the end of September we have had 6 events with 316 people attending.

Bus trip to Ayr	48
Wellness session art of relaxation	25
social	87
Canal boat trip	24
murder mystery overnighter (self-funded by members)	50
social event	82

- We have just received £830 off Area Budget to host some wellness events and a themed social - which is very welcome as our lottery funding is tapered and we are in year 3. We find the larger themed events are very popular and can get in excess of 90 people attending. Seniors enjoy the buzz of the larger events and tell us this is the highlight in their calendars.
- We have our annual panto trip (usually about 150 people) to a community panto (money then recirculates in community) in November and a Halloween social planned for October.
- In addition we are hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon fundraiser on the 20th of October and have a table at the Seniors Fayre on the 17 October.
- We plan to have a few events focused on men only as we find it is difficult to get meant to attend events in any great number.

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

- Medics Against Violence, alongside a former gang member, visited DRC to speak with young people about knife crime and the wider impact of violent and gang-related activity.
- North-West Recovery Communities continue to work in partnership with our Strive group, delivering sessions focused on recovery, gang awareness, and tackling antisocial behaviour.
- Our DRC Youth Committee are hard at work preparing for their upcoming information-gathering visits to a range of youth projects across London. Following their success in a participatory budgeting session through the North-West Youth Network, the committee will explore how youth workers and young people in London are addressing youth safety, violence, and knife crime.
- DRCYP are making plans to take over the old Sports Centre in Yoker and make it a multiuse multi skills training centre for young people. https://www.pressreader.com/uk/glasgow-times/20251104/281629606521903

- Five young people from our Strive Group, along with one former Pathfinder trainee, completed a transformative five-day sailing trip on the West Coast with two DRC staff and the team at Ocean Youth Trust.
- Four secondary schools have now confirmed school support sessions with DRC.
- The DRC team recently visited CentreStage in Kilmarnock to share good practice and strengthen partnership learning.
- Through our Pathfinder Youth Employability Programme, DRC has supported 111 young people so far in 2025/26 — with 40 of these participants coming from Ward 13.
- 26 young people have taken part in volunteering with DRC during 2025/26, contributing an incredible 2,015 volunteer hours.
- Young people engaging with DRC have achieved 58 accredited qualifications this year, including Personal Money Management awards, CSCS tests, and Driving Theory passes.
- 10 young people have progressed directly into employment through DRC support in 2025/26, while 9 have entered further education and 3 have moved into other purposeful learning opportunities.
- We continue to deliver weekly youth club sessions for 8–19 year-olds across Yoker Community Campus, Heart of Scotstoun, and The Whiteinch Centre, providing safe, supportive, and engaging spaces for young people in our communities.

Knightswood Community Centre https://www.knightswoodcentre.co.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064798833808

- **Knightswood Community Centre Youth Forum**
- Knightswood Community Centre in partnership with Ignite Arts have restarted the Youth Forum. The aim of the Youth Forum is to hear young people's voices regarding what they feel they need and want from the Centre and the community. The forum met on Thursday 2nd October 2025 with three young people attending.
- **Knightswood Community Cinema Update**
- **T**he Community Cinema is still free and very popular with 60 to 90 people attending every week. There is tea, coffee, biscuits at 12.30pm (£1.00 Donation) with films starting at 1.00pm
- **Knightswood Community Centre Partnership Events**
- 77 people attended Martin O' Connor Re-Building a Nation on Wednesday 24th September 1.30pm. Glasgow Life reported that Knightswood was by far the busiest community venue on the tour.
- The Big Band/ Singergie Choir Concert on Wednesday 22nd October is fully booked. There will be a strict ticket only policy in place.
- The Centre is already getting enquires for the Christmas Panto the Wonderful Wizard of OZ, (Saturday 13th December at 2pm, 7pm).Tickets won't be available until the middle of November £3/ £1.
- **Community Garden**
- The Area Partnership Grant will enable the final phase of building the garden path which will start at the week beginning 3rd November – weather permitting!
- The Born to Be Alive, planting event/ picnic for families/ young people in the community garden on the 27th September was cancelled due to Storm Amy. This event is now on Thursday 16th October at 1.30 pm.
- The edible hedge plants for the community garden have now been purchased. The hedge will be planted in late November. The Glasgow Community Food Network Grant (£500) has now come through.

- **Newsletter**
- The newsletter for August/ September 2025 is now available on the Centre's website and has been distributed to trustees, users groups and partners.

Kingsway Community Connections https://www.kingswaycc.org.uk
https://www.facebook.com/KingswayCommunityConnections

- Kingsway Community Connections are celebrating their 25th Anniversary of. We wish them all the best with all their plans and celebrations.
- As part of their commitment to sharing learning and strengthening community partnerships the team from Kingsway Community Connections visited the Marcus Lipton Centre in Brixton. The Centre is a well-established hub for youth and community development in south London. KCC has built a strong relationship with the senior team at Marcus Lipton, based on shared values around youth engagement, trauma-informed practice, and community-led development. This visit provided an opportunity to exchange good practice, explore new approaches, and deepen the relationship between the teams.
- During the visit, Lainy Bedingfield from KCC and Wayne James from Marcus Lipton Centre called for calling for urgent action, national leadership, and long-term investment to protect young people. See more here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrIFP3rBMGU https://bit.ly/4ojrWOd
- **The Mobile Community Shop** pilot is going well. It runs Friday from 11am - 1pm in the Community Garden. Every Friday Good Food Scotland are bringing affordable food to Kingsway. Membership costs £1 per month.

Glasgow Eco Trust/De'ils on Wheels

- De'ils On Wheels community bike workshop - continues to provide affordable bikes and repairs to the community and take in donations of unwanted bikes https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/deilsonwheels
- Free bikes and repairs - secured further funding from Cycling UK Access Bikes Fund to provide people with up to £100 towards getting their bike repaired and, via referrals from community partners, provide people who cannot afford a bike a free bike helmet, lock, and lights
- Glasgow Eco Trust are running two Feminist Walkabouts at Thornwood Roundabout. If you go through Thornwood Roundabout or would you like it to be safer, greener and more accessible then find out more about the events: https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/Event/feminist-walkabout-thornwood-roundabout-mon-10-nov
- https://glasgowecotrust.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowEcoTrust https://www.facebook.com/DeilsOnWheels