

Welcome to the first edition of the Neighbourhood Partnership newsletter. 2013 has been busy and full of really great engagement activity across the City – there's too much to mention it all!

Recently, I celebrated my first full year as Convener of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee. Some of my favourite moments this year include South Central NP's YouthTalk, Western NP's Live Well in Later Life, Inverleith NP's Transport community conference and the successful online voting at the Community Council elections.

From first glance, 2014 promises to be another exciting year for NPs, with the introduction of the @Edin_NPs Twitter account in January, the launch of the 2014-17 local community plans in Autumn, e-participation and much more! Enjoy reading and please do get in touch with any feedback.

Councillor Maureen Child

Convener, Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP



Who are we?

Your Neighbourhood Partnerships Board are people from Community Councils, Police Scotland, NHS Lothian, Scottish Fire and Rescue, the voluntary sector and all 58 elected members. Together with you we are working to make your neighbourhood a better place to live. There are 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city talking with and supporting local people.

What do we do?

By listening to local matters we can plan services around what you feel we should be doing to improve your area. Working with others helps to get it right together. NPs want to hear local voices so get involved and make a difference in your community.

It's easy to talk to us!

We want to hear your views. Living and working in the local community means you know what the important issues are. Through your local NP you can influence decisions and make change happen.

There are many ways to join in the conversation:
Email: neighbourhood.partnerships@edinburgh.gov.uk

Visit the website: www.edinburghnp.org.uk

Use the contact details in this newsletter to speak to your local Partnership and Information Manager

Attend a Neighbourhood Partnership or Community Council meeting and tell us what matters to you.

We're here to listen!

*From Jan 2014
you can tweet
us @Edin_NPs*



Some of our festive activities include:

Our local libraries will be hosting festive events throughout December. This includes local choir performances, school carol singing and Christmas Storytime and Bookbug events. You can donate to the Senior Santa's gifting programme for the elderly co-ordinated by HomeInstead Senior Care at Portobello Library. You can find your local library at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/427/libraries

Through the Community Grants Fund, local projects have been supported to provide festive activities including Craigmillar Community Arts' pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" at ARTSPACE and the West End Association's festive family events and much more. Contact your local NP for full details at www.edinburghnp.org.uk

Winter Weather - there are a range of road shows being held across the city and further information can be found on www.edinburgh.gov.uk/winterweather

If you have an event that you would like us to know about email
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Dates for your diary

Jan 2014

Sat 18 – Community Council Induction

Feb 2014

Wed 5 – Western NP meeting

Thurs 6 – City Centre NP meeting

Tues 11 – Communities & Neighbourhoods
Committee

Sat 15 - Feith Decides

Tues 25 – Craigentinny & Duddingston NP meeting

Wed 26 – Portobello & Craigmillar NP meeting

March 2014

Mon 17 - South Central NP meeting

Tues 18 – South West NP meeting

Tues 25 – Pentlands NP meeting

Further events can be found at
www.edinburghnp.org.uk/events



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Did you know.....?

We have hosted over **100 events** this year across the city, **engaging** with over **6000 people**. In **2012/13** the **Community Grants Fund** awarded **£408,071** to **235 projects**. This included **70 youth activities**, over **30 environmental improvement projects** and a range of activities for **older people, community, arts and sports clubs and minority ethnic groups**.



On the move in Inverleith

The transport community conference was buzzing with ideas and suggestions for improving local roads and transport in Inverleith. Over 95 local residents and service providers attended to share information discuss issues and online conversations were hosted through Twitter. Key themes were road safety, repairs and maintenance, winter weather, cycling and walking, public transport and parking.

£eith Decides

Celebrating it's third successful year Leith NP awarded at total of £22,092 to local groups. The event invites people who work, live or study in Leith to decide on what local projects would make Leith a better place to live. People are able to vote at the event on the day or by library or postal voting. The popular event brings different people together to learn more about their area and shows the community spirit.

Applications opened earlier this year for the 2013/14 £eith Decides. The event will take place on Saturday 15 February 2014 and for more information contact Loraine Duckworth (loraine.duckworth@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Live Well in Later Life

Over 200 people attended Western NP's community information day for older people. Advice, services and information was available to carers, relatives and people with disabilities. Seminars were held throughout the day offering talks/advice from service professionals.

YouthTalk13

120 young people and partners attended YouthTalk13 and talked about ways that local facilities and activities could be improved. Many of the suggestions for change at the event were about how services are currently provided. Young people told us that small changes can have a big effect and make a difference. This would increase the number of young people involved in positive activity. The discussions were followed on Twitter through the use of iPads, offering all local young people a chance to raise what matters to them.



Community Council elections

For the first year, local residents were able to vote online and via post for the Craigmillar, Portobello and Liberton District Community Council elections. A record number of votes were received this year and positive comments were received for the process. For more information on your local community council you can contact community.councils@edinburgh.gov.uk



Living Streets in East

As a result of the Living Streets Audits, Craigminty & Duddingston has created a residents' association and a local community safety surgery. Street audits are to evaluate the quality of the streets and walking spaces in the local community. Residents are invited to walking tours with Living Streets and identify issues.

To read the most recent report or get involved in your local street audit, contact Faye Gray (faye.gray@edinburgh.gov.uk)

South by South West

To challenge perceptions of young people and their local areas, young people from the Pentland and South West Youth Forums created and produced a DVD supported by a community grant from the South West and Pentlands NPs. The video entitled "South by South West" was made to show the positive things about their community, helping to dispel the negative myths perceived about young people. The video is being shown to local high schools and youth clubs.

Students in the Community

Students and other community members are working together to identify ways of improving their local area. The annual South Central NP, hosted by the Edinburgh University Students Association encourages participants to vote for the top three ideas for funding. Previous successful ideas include promotion of a Zero Waste Hub, Art Workshops for nursing home residents and patients in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and a Film Festival showing films made by young people from the area. To get involved in the next event contact Margaret Campbell (margaret.campbell@edinburgh.gov.uk)



You[TH] Decides

Launched in Spring 2013, the You[TH] Decides encourages young people from across the Almond NP area to bid for funding for community projects. A total of £2k was awarded to 6 projects to support the purchase of musical instruments, adventure activities, environmental projects and a local art group. All applications submitted were assessed by a panel of local school pupils, the West Edinburgh Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament and members of the NP Board. Plans are underway to repeat the process next year. To find out how to get involved, contact almondnp@edinburgh.gov.uk

Are you a local community group looking for funding?

Have you applied for a Community Grant from your local Neighbourhood Partnership? Find out more and apply through www.edinburghnp.org.uk

To receive regular funding alerts and invites to funding fairs from a range of funding providers contact Maureen Thompson (Maureen.Thompson@edinburgh.gov.uk)