



Welcome message from Councillor Child

Welcome to the latest edition of the Neighbourhood Partnership newsletter.

2016 has been a busy year for the Neighbourhood Partnerships with lots of activity taking place across the city to support the delivery of their Local Community Plans. Highlights include Boroughmuir High School becoming the UK champions of the Young Consumers competition and further updates on the development of Edinburgh's participatory budgeting approaches, including a new initiative in South Central.

If you have any comments or feedback please do get in touch using the contacts in this newsletter.

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Convener, Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee



South Centra£ Decides



This year the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership allocated over £200,000 through their participatory budgeting (PB) initiative 'South Centra£ Decides'. PB is a successful way to involve communities in decision making and a range of initiatives have taken place across the city since 2010.

The money allocated for local decision making was made up of Community Grants and Neighbourhood Environment Programme funding.

On Saturday 30 April 2016, a market stall event took place at the Methodist Church Hall, Nicolson Square. Residents aged 8 and over were invited to attend and score projects.

The hall was split up to show the projects that were eligible for the different funds available. Applications for all projects had already been on display on the Neighbourhood Partnership website leading up to the event to allow residents an opportunity to consider them in advance. In addition, applicants for the Community Grants Fund each had a stall on the day where they promoted their project. From previous PB events across the city, this was identified as a useful way for groups to raise the profile of their project, network, and recruit members and/or volunteers.

Over 200 people took part in the scoring on the day. Projects for each of the different funds were scored from 1-5 and the results announced at the end of the event. The successful projects included an initiative to improve public areas through art and support for older people and adults with additional support needs to use IT.

A full list of all the applications, successful projects and the eligibility criteria can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Partnership website.

To find out more or get involved in the next event, contact [Margaret Campbell](#), South Neighbourhood Team.



Coffee, Cake, Connect!



On Monday 25 April 2016, the Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership hosted its first information and awareness raising event for older residents living in the local community. The event took place in the South Neighbourhood Library and organisations on the day included Living it up, Vintage Vibes, the Council's Community Safety Team, Edinburgh Leisure, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Edinburgh Libraries and Libertus.

Over 65 people attended and enjoyed the coffee, cake and conversation with each other and exhibitors. The feedback received was extremely positive and included: *"It was a fun day"*; *"A great opportunity to learn about what's available locally"* and *"lovely to meet new people in the area"*.

To find out about future events, contact [Pam Brown](#), South Neighbourhood Team.

Meet the Funders

The 17th 'Meet the Funders' event took place in Waverley Court on Thursday 12 May 2016. The event attracted 203 visitors and 30 exhibitors.

Community groups met organisations which provide funding and resources, including the Big Lottery, Royal Bank of Scotland Foundation, Sportscotland, PassITOn, Scotrail Community Fund, Greenspace Scotland, Tesco Bags of Help and the Robertson Trust.

Since the first event in 2009, the number of exhibitors has steadily increased from 8 to 33 and the 17 events have attracted 2,580 visitors.

Comments from visitors included *"great event, got lots of useful info and advice"*, *"good range of funding/resource opportunities"* and *"excellent-friendly, encouraging, optimistic."*

For further information and support on funding, contact [Maureen Thompson](#), Local Community Planning Team.

Inverleith Youth Talk



This year, Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership combined its second 'YOU(th) DECIDE' campaign with its first ever 'YouthTalk', into one major event.

The event, held on Friday 11 March 2016, was co-facilitated by Broughton High School and a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Approximately 85 people attended and almost half of those present were young people from local statutory and independent schools, youth groups and libraries.

Participants were asked to join discussion tables which were themed to topics identified by young people during earlier information gathering phases of YouthTalk. The themes included parks and green space, roads and travel and ICT, with the discussions facilitated by the Inverleith Youth Forum. Together, young people and service providers prioritised issues and pledged to make changes and improvements for the area.

The second part of the day involved scoring the YOU(th) DECIDES applications. Adopting a participatory budgeting approach to allocating Community Grants Funding, applications for up to £1,000 were invited for projects to improve the local area for young people.

Before the event, young people were invited to submit ideas for activities that would make the Inverleith area better. 52 young people who lived, studied or played in Inverleith submitted a total of 60 proposals. These were assessed, and 26 proposals were taken forward for consideration by the Inverleith Youth Forum. A total of 880 votes were cast and the top projects included educational, social and recreational trips and events and activities in local parks.

For further information or to get involved, contact [Elaine Lennon](#), North Neighbourhood Team.



Schools Consumer Education Programme

The Consumer Education Programme supports the four capacities of education as highlighted in the Curriculum for Excellence. Topics included in the programme include shopping rights, health and safety, money and credit, through to food safety and environmental issues. This links to school subjects such as Economics, Modern Studies, Geography, Business Studies, Home Economics and Enterprise.

There are two elements of the programme, both delivered by the Local Community Planning Team to schools across the city.

Young Consumers is open to 15-18 year old pupils. The programme is delivered during term time and ends with a quiz. This year, Boroughmuir High School represented Scotland at the UK finals in June and won the title of UK Champions of the Year.



The second part of the programme is Consumer Challenge delivered to Special Needs schools in the City. This year pupils in three schools, Pilrig Park, Kaimes and Woodlands participated. As with the Young Consumers, the programme culminates in a quiz, which this year was won by Pilrig Park on 14 June 2016.

If you would like your school to be involved, contact [Alex Jones](#), Local Community Planning Team.

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