

Community Planning Update



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Local Update - News

Healthy North Ayrshire are looking for carers who are interested in being involved in a storytelling group. The group is being created to work with carers and identify many of the issues which they recognise affect their health and well-being. The aim of the group will be to allow group members to share their stories. For more information contact the Healthy North Ayrshire Team on 0800 169 1441 and leave contact details. A member of the team will then make contact.

A new DVD featuring young people in North Ayrshire was launched on 19 January at the Harbour Arts Centre. **Planning to Act™**, developed by Planning Aid Scotland, is a new approach to engaging young people in the planning process, through using drama and other interactive training methods. North Ayrshire was one of four areas covered by a national pilot of Planning to Act™, and the DVD focuses on the North Ayrshire experience. Thirty young people aged 14-18 years took part in the day's training, which aimed to demystify the planning system by raising awareness of how it works, and their own role in it.

The Isle of Arran Natural History Society received funding of £5273 from **Awards for All** in December to expand its remit by running a Wildlife Events programme, widening the number of people able to learn about the island's environment and encouraging more people to participate. In addition the society will build capacity through training for volunteers. See below to a change in the way small community grants within the heritage sector are applied for.

3TFM – the community radio station broadcasting from the Three Towns – is now online at www.3tfm.org.

Irvine Bay Regeneration Company's Annual Public Meeting will take place at the Gales Hotel, Irvine on **Thursday 19 March**. Log onto www.irvinebay.co.uk for further details.

Local Update – Community Planning Groups

The **CPP Management Group** (Chair: Sandra Bale, NAC) met on Wednesday 21 January 2009. The agenda included presentations on the CPP terms of Reference and the Fairer North Ayrshire Development Fund for Early Intervention/Early years; North Ayrshire Labour Market; Progress Report on the Single Outcome Agreement; Scottish Government proposals for a new 'interface' between CPPs and the Third Sector and the Fairer North Ayrshire Finance report.

The **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership** (Chair: Chief Inspector Stewart Rorrison, Strathclyde Police) met on the 30 January 2009. Members received a presentation on the new CPP Terms of Reference. Members received a number of reports and updates on the following topics: Cashback for Communities; Strategy Sub Group; Safer Streets Initiative; Tasking and Problem Solving Group; Scottish Executive Information Sharing Demonstration Project; ADAT Delivery Reform; Safe and Secure Action Plan 2008/09; Financial Monitoring; Publicity for Safer Communities Initiatives and CPP update which covered the Community Planning Week and the CPP SOA Action Plan.

Local Update – Other Partnerships

A new **North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP)** is to be developed as part of the national programme to reform the existing Alcohol and Drugs Action Teams (ADATs). The new

Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships across Scotland will have stronger links to Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs). An Ayrshire-wide Stakeholder Event was held on 22 January, hosted by Ayrshire and Arran ADAT, to explore options for North, South and East Ayrshire. The event's findings will be discussed by the ADAT Steering Group in February, with recommendations subsequently made to each CPP Board, including where each new Alcohol and Drugs Partnership should sit in relation to each CPP, as well as their remit and membership.

National Update

Awards for All (grants between £500 and £10,000) is currently operated as a joint scheme of four lottery distributors: SportScotland, the Scottish Arts Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Big Lottery Fund. From April 2009, HLF will no longer play a role in Awards for All but instead will use Your Heritage and Young Roots grant programmes to ensure the continuation of small community grants within the heritage sector.

Awards for All will soon have a new application form and guidance notes for use after April 2009. Awards for All will continue to fund heritage projects after April 2009 but all applications will need to demonstrate a **strong community focus** - i.e. involving and benefiting the local community rather than just members of a heritage group. Applications will need to relate to a project (e.g. not just equipment).

Your Heritage: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YourHeritag>

Young Roots: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots/>

Awards for All: <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/>

Stewart Maxwell, Minister for Communities and Sport, recently launched the **Scottish Government's consultation** on proposals for **investment reform**. The document, *Investing in Affordable Housing: a consultation*, gives an opportunity for stakeholder groups, local authorities, housing associations and tenants to contribute views. The closing date for responses is 17 March 2009. Visit www.scotland.gov.uk/consultationns/current

Better Health Better Care & Equally Well supports the increase of healthcare capacity that will address the health and wellbeing of children and young people within the curriculum for excellence cohort. The Scottish Government has commenced a two year project to increase health capacity in schools starting in communities that have the highest number of vulnerable children and young people. The delivery of care will be developed in an integrated way using a partnership approach between partners involved. The model will harness existing skills whilst at the same time develop new roles.

4 NHS Board demonstration sites have been identified

- NHS Ayrshire & Arran. South Ayrshire Belmont Cluster which incorporates Craigpark/SouthPark Special School
- NHS Lothian. West Lothian. Armadale Cluster
- NHS Forth Valley. Clackmannanshire
- NHS Grampian. Moray

Work has began within each demonstration site to identify the health needs of the school population that will inform what additional resources are required to meet the health & well needs of the school population. It is hope that new models will commence early next year within each of the demonstration sites.

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New initiatives, publications and resources

Switching to a more sustainable transport system would reap billions of pounds in health benefits for Scotland, according to a new report. Research by Transform Scotland Trust found Scotland's economy could benefit by up to 3 4bn a year if the country was to invest heavily in green infrastructure such as cycle paths and walkways, and move to continental levels of cycle use.

Towards a healthier economy, www.transformscotland.org.uk

A £12m fund to encourage Scotland's third sector organisations to become more enterprising will launch in the New Year. The third sector enterprise fund will offer between £25,000 and £100,000 to organisations wishing to build their capacity, capability and financial sustainability. Details: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding

Source: New Start 12 December 2008

A new social enterprise kitemark will be introduced across Scotland this year in an effort to highlight their significant social and environmental benefits of the sector. Social enterprise network Senscot is aiming to have 15 organisations approved by the end of the year, with an overall target of 150 over the next five years. The Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition (SSEC) remains optimistic about the sector's prospects during the downturn. Details of SSEC's forum on surviving the recession can be found at www.ssec.org.uk

Plans for a pilot scheme allowing those on benefits to be paid for helping to regenerate their neighbourhoods are due to be submitted to the DWP this month. For more information visit www.communityallowance.org

Measures designed to create a lasting legacy from Glasgow's 2014 Commonwealth Games have been unveiled. They include setting up a community sports hub, where public facilities such as schools will be open longer and run extra activities at a lower cost. The Scottish Government's interim legacy plans also aims to improve links between existing sports clubs and encourage the creation of new groups. A full legacy plan will be launched in the summer. *Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 – delivering a lasting legacy for Scotland*, www.scotland.gov.uk

Source: New Start January 2009

Calendar of upcoming events

You may have been e mailed directly with information on relevant events.

Upcoming events are also listed on our website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/communityplanning.

Please check regularly as the website is frequently updated.

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

Wednesday 4 February 2009	CPP Economic and Learning Partnership
Friday 6 February 2009	CPP Environment Partnership
Thursday 19 February 2009	CPP Board – Special Meeting (Single Outcome Agreement)
Thursday 26 February 2009	CPP North Ayrshire Housing Partnership

Contact details

The Update is circulated across North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership on a monthly basis. Please let us know of any information we should be highlighting in future editions. Contact us at:

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