

NEWSLINKS

Welcome to the first issue of Community Links Scotland's newsletter - NEWSLINKS This is a summary of an email newsletter sent to our clients and subscribers on a quarterly basis. It includes information on projects we're currently working on as well as latest news and updates.

We hope these projects will be an inspiration for your organisation and serve as an example of the wide range of services we provide from inception of ideas to assisting in managing ongoing projects.

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// MULL MOVEMENTS

Our work on the Isle of Mull Community Links Scotland have been working in Argyll and Bute for the last seven years. Much of this work has been generated through our strong working relationship with West Highland Housing Association, but our reputation is growing in the area and we have secured several pieces of independent consultancy over the last 3 years.



An area of particular growth for us this year has been on the Isle of Mull where we are currently involved with four very different projects, from developing recreational and amenity facilities in a community woodland, community landscaping and creation of small sensory garden for a rural care centre to developing the future of a village hall serving a small and scattered rural community.

All development work is supported by extensive community consultations involving postal surveys of local residents, businesses, community groups and visitors as well as consultation events and open days.

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CLS PROJECTS ON ISLE OF MULL

NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY

Developing the amenity and recreation side of the Mull woodlands in order to enhance facilities for local people and create income and jobs

TOBERMORY ENDEAVOUR

Developing the first community allotments on the island

MULL AND IONA PROGRESSIVE CARE CENTRE

Landscape design service to the building of the new Mull and Iona PCC, a supported housing and hospital beds complex

PENNYGHAEL VILLAGE HALL

Business plan for the local village hall

// MAKING OUR MARK IN CASTLEHILL

Seventeen young people from Castlehill in Dumbarton took part in a 13 week programme of activities to learn about wider context and impact of public art, the result of which was an installation of a new sculpture in Castlehill. Working with two artists, young people focused on the many roles it takes from the concept and idea of a public art piece, through the design stage and on to production and installation of the sculpture.



Support for participating young people was provided from Streetlinks and project management was carried out by CLS. This included funding procurement, management of the programme of activities, update meetings, reports and management of the overall budget and evaluation of the project.

// GROUNDLINKS IN METHLAN PARK

Our two qualified in-house landscape architects (Groundlinks), whilst project managing many of our non land based projects, also assist client housing associations and community groups with design and specifications on a range of environmental projects.

In spring 2010 we were commissioned to carry out landscaping services for

Loretto Housing Association in connection with their new build at Methlan Park in Dumbarton. The development provided mainstream housing for older people including some people who had lived on the site previously in outdated accommodation. Consultations with local residents provided us with ideas for the type of landscaping suitable for the area.



// CLS SPONSOR AN ARCHITECTS DESIGN COMPETITION

Glasgow Institute of Architects, Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust and Community Links Scotland announced the winner of their architects design competition titled 'A Future for Rural Communities' that invited architects, design professionals and students to produce ideas for the small community of Kilcreggan on the Rosneath Peninsula.



One of Konishi Gaffney Architects' winning designs of Kilcreggan foreshore improvements

// COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR ROSNEATH PENINSULA WEST

Community Links Scotland have been involved in the consultation process to create a Community Action Plan for the villages of Kilcreggan, Cove, Peaton, Ardpeaton and Portkil. The consultations included a postal survey, community prioritisation day and liaising with an architect employed to design proposals for building upgrades and development of a community campus. Over 1300 local residents, community groups and businesses were targeted in the survey and main areas of interest were identified.

At the end of the 12 month long process, a 166-page Community Action Plan was produced, along with a summary distributed to all households on the Peninsula.

// KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE IN GRAND CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK

Greenock branch of the Grand Central Savings bank provides a safe and accessible place for the unbanked to keep their money and offer a place where they may receive friendly help and advice.



Through the support of Community Links Scotland in preparing Wider Role applications, River Clyde Homes, a project partner on the Greenock branch, were awarded £175,028 Scottish Government funding towards the development and delivery of this project in Inverclyde.

// STREETLINKS

Streetlinks is a detached outreach project within Community Links Scotland whose primary aim is to identify and address the needs of 12-20 year old young people who are not currently accessing services or are in need of support.

Streetlinks run youth drop-ins, provide streetwork, sports coaching, and volunteer training. We have a variety of games and activities, our own minibus to take young people to facilities as well as a mobile Multi-Use Games Arena (MUGA) and a mobile climbing wall.



Visit www.streetlinks.org.uk for more information about the Streetlinks projects, news, events and activities for young people.

// SCOTTISH HOUSING CONNECTIONS LAUNCH NEWLY REDESIGNED WEBSITE

The Scottish Housing Connections consortium of 22 housing associations from the West and



Central Scotland, with help from CLS, launched a newly redesigned website developed to provide up-to-date information for their tenants and encourage co-operation between member organisations.

If you want to find out more about Community Links Scotland or what projects we work on, please visit our website where you will also find the latest news and updates. In the NEWS section of our website, you'll find longer versions of the articles included in this newsletter summary. Sign up at the website to receive the next issue directly into your email inbox.

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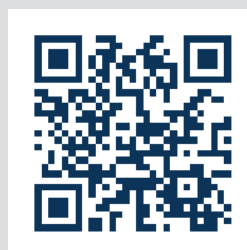
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