



LCPP Café Conversation North East: Finmill Centre

May 6th 2025

As part of an ongoing commitment to shaping a responsive and inclusive Local Community Plan for the North East, a Conversation Café session was held on 6th May, bringing together a wide range of practitioners and community members.

The group was asked: what is working well, what could be better and how they would like to be involved in making it better.

Places: What is working well:

- Finmill – community building – fit for purpose, more ownership, good learning offer, cost effective, meets local needs
- WM2U in Whitfield – filled a gap in the community and met community need
- The Crescent – community cafe and family work
- Greenfield Academy and Drumgeith Campus
- Newfield Surgery
- Fintry – people work together to get their voices heard
- Fairfield – strong community
- local libraries, lots of parks and green space, good sense of community, good links – bus routes and shops, Christmas light switch on event

What could be better

- Green space - parks – young people re. NCF engagement
- Making more use of assets in local community creatively eg. shop front/storage containers
- Less restrictions in certain buildings ie multi use buildings
- Crescent could be more user-friendly, there is uncertainty over community spaces eg. Lifegate Church, we need safer walking routes eg. Drumgeith Road, Fintry Drive
- More lighting in the park and at Powrie for evenings
- List of buildings for hire
- Fire raising
- MOM hub – under used
- More accessible, cosy spaces at night and at weekends

- Dichty needs cleaned up
- Café/bar at Finmill currently closed

Groups: What is working well

Free youth work provision, no barriers to participate, young volunteers who are involved in delivery. Walking football, roundhouse, food larder (payment reduces stigma), men's gardening at bowling green, Finmill Community Garden, karaoke nights, Finmill Family Fun Club, Fairfield Friends. WM2U Monday night group, Fintry Local Management Group

What could be better

- More children's work in addition to family work - there needs to be more support for children with additional support needs, and more open family holiday provision
- Job shops
- More support for people who abuse substances
- More support for people who are lonely and isolated – supporting people to participate – lack of provision for older people
- More evening provision

Generally: What is working well

Good partnership – joined up working
 Good sense of community – volunteers and groups
 Good services ie larders

What could be better:

Knowledge sharing of groups and opportunities for 'social prescribing'. How can we support housing officers for example who are speaking with lonely/vulnerable people to engage in community activity?

Sharing of resources and tools or partnership ie garden with a project

Long term funding/CRF funding up front

Hearing children's voices (under 10)

Sharing information – having a central point so that we can see everything that is on – digital notice board – could have a lead in each area

Connection with school

What would I like to offer:

Debbie	Offer space for groups when Lifegate own the building
Georgia	More children's services drop off/pick up – creative activities – Fairfield Community Hub
SFRS	Continuation of services to groups and individuals that we already offer
Casey	Children work/stuff for children
Johnny	Access to spaces for community groups/activity to support local priorities at Drumgeith Campus
Jenny	Children's club/work – LM6+FtooSC

Christine CHT	Work with others to start ASN group for young people
Felicity and Lesley	Meet to discuss working together with young people who are disengaged from school
Gill	A young person to work with CLD/youth work
Jacqui	Contact Fiona re advocacy support for tenants
Linzi – Abertay	I would like the opportunity to share the services on offer with our tenants
Claire R	To build a portfolio of community indoor spaces for hire
Christine CHT	To be part of a group planning holiday family activities
Nat and Liz	To organise holiday provision meeting to start coordinating this
Gayle	Give feedback to my group on what we can do
Joanne	Offer support to anyone wanting to develop service or group, ie funding development
Claire Puzey	To help form our own community
	Passing on info to residents
John Abertay	Share information or surveys to Abertay tenants from other organisations
Sarah and Denise	Meet with school to improve connections
Lesley Russell	Call headteacher at Fintry Primary School
Mark Spence	Highlight groups or activities to people we come into contact with
Natalie	Be available to support dialogue from today and develop responses Continue to champion the North East – people and place
Sheila	Take themes back to health partners and discuss action
Tom	Help collect information that people want to know about
Fiona Low	Include you in engagement for Joint Advocacy Strategy Dundee 2026-30 (fionalow@diasdundee.org)
Scrapantics	Provision of affordable art and craft resources Mental health and wellbeing sessions Play services – art/youth activities
Louise	Holiday provisions with lunch (funding?)
Fiona (OPFS)	Use of space for small groups/meetings and 1:1s – hot desking space
Gregor	Link up to offer 16+ young people job shop
Joyce	Give time to help promote use of Mill of Mains Hub and discuss it with headteacher to see how we get interest out there
Jacqui	More promotion of groups/activities to tenants – develop group in partnership considering key themes - safety

What would I like to ask someone else to do:

- Continued engagement with the community
- Funding!
- For a community module eg. HIC or NPA tenancy to be a choice for senior pupils in the new school
- Speak to a youth worker or guidance teachers on starting a group (Gayle)
- Act as links/connectors between local activity and health priorities
- Delivery/co-delivery of relevant family/parent sessions (Fiona OPFS)