

West End LCPP Cafe Conversation

24th February 2026 – Harris Academy, Perth Rd, Dundee DD2 1NL

Present:

Louse Butchart – Locality Leader	Alan Gunn – CLD Manager, Community Empowerment
Geoff Leask – WM2U Dundee Coordinator	Bailie Fraser Macpherson – Councillor
Ged Gourlay- West End Community Council	Victoria Taylor - Blackness Primary School
Alison Mackenzie - Leisure & Culture Dundee	Barry Millar – Harris Academy
Cian Birse– Head Boy Harris Academy	Margaret Hume- Local Resident
Richard Bowman- West End Community Sports Hub	Steven Mackie- Riverside West End Community Sports Club
Bill Campbell- Lord Provost	Anne Leslie- Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action
Debbie Mackay- Housing	

Welcome & Introductions

Louise Butchart (**LB**), Locality Leader welcomed everyone to the second LCPP Cafe Conversation for the West End ward and introduced Geoff Leask (**GL**), What Matters to You (WM2U) Dundee Coordinator to facilitate the session

Background

GL shared feedback previous actions that had been taken forward along with outlining the key objectives:

- To look at what needs to change to enable better and more complete lives for children, young people and families in our community
- To learn and problem solve together

GL introduced Alan Gunn (**AG**) to give an update on the development of the LCPP Café Conversation model that is now in place across all LCPP's across Dundee including the increase in numbers attending with a focus on the increased numbers from respective local communities.

Café Conversation – Number One:

“What is your hope for the West End Community in 2026”

- Greater visibility of all opportunities for young people including sporting activities
- Fewer barriers to participation (accessibility)
- Increased engagement from West End residents in community activities.

- Increased number of ‘community leaders’
- Better connectivity of people across the community.
- Greater access to multicultural activities.
- A stronger vision/plan for the LCPP in West End.
- Development of a plan for what needs improved
- Coordination of school activities.

Café Conversation – Number Two:

Looking at the ‘hopes for 2026’, shortlist one of the hopes and discuss more deeply how you may make this a reality?

- Development of a multicultural event harnessing the existing connections that are established through the school(s). We must be considerate of the fact that not all students at Harris Academy are West End residents – the catchment is wider than West End.
- Develop a Comms Plan that enables the sharing of the ‘clear’ purpose of the LCPP with its aims and objectives. This could include engagement with University students who are resident in the community.
- Design, develop and deliver an event such as ‘Get Yor Tea’ that is relevant and outcome driven.
- Mitigate ‘Barriers to accessibility’ at LCPP and subsequent events through harnessing existing channels:
 - Community Council
 - Local School Family engagement events
 - Pupil Voice channels
 - Third Sector Interface channels
 - West Fest or a Mini West Fest
 - Intergenerational Events

Café Conversation – Number Three:

Summary of ideas and a commitment to actions from people in the room and people that you know and NEXT STEPS.

On reflection and discussion of the similar themes that had evolved from the three small groups there appeared to be both a short-term aim that would help towards the longer-term aim of a refreshed Local Community Plan that will be developed through local engagement and is fit for purpose. The current local plan is in its final year, and this is a good opportunity.

The suggested route is that a small '*short-life working group*' is convened to meet once or twice prior to the next LCPP in May to develop an outline plan to incorporate the desired shortlisted event activities noted above. This can act as a starting point for:

1. Building wider community engagement in the LCPP.
2. The development of key themes for the Local Community Plan for the West End from 2027 to 2032.

Those who have shown a willingness to engage in this are as follows and will be contacted to arrange a meeting via the West End Community Officer:

- Victoria Taylor - Blackness Primary School
- Richard Bowman
- Steven Mackie
- Christine Rea

Closing thoughts

The second LCPP café Conversation in this format has made more progress with some short-term actions that will work towards a longer-term local plan that, as has been mentioned, needs to have a clear vision and set of aims/objectives for the locality.

It is noted that the LCPP wishes to acknowledge its thanks to Harris Academy staff and pupils for their warmth of hospitality.

The next LCPP café Conversation will be held TBC