



Editors Introduction

Welcome to the fifteenth issue of the Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin.

Several famous people have said that 'change is a constant', and that is certainly true. As individuals we are constantly trying to better ourselves or become happier through making changes, and some of this involves working to make the world around us better too.

With this in mind, the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 makes a lot of sense. It is a legal document, and so not terribly exciting to read, but it gives everyone in our communities more power to effect change in several very important ways.

To begin with, the Scottish Government is required to consult with people representing Scottish communities and draw up a revised set of National Outcomes. The draft version of these can be found [here](#). Probably of more interest are the more local requirements for a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (the [City Plan for Dundee](#)) implemented by the Dundee Partnership and Locality Plans (we have one per Ward – [here](#)) which are implemented through the Local Community Planning Partnership for each Ward.

A quote from anthropologist Margaret Mead seems appropriate when looking at parts three and five of the Act. These cover 'participation requests' and 'asset transfer requests' respectively. She said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

These two parts of the Act give powers to community bodies, and while individual actions may not 'change the world' on a grand scale, they can certainly do so at a local level.

Participation requests can be used where a community group sees a better way of doing something and enables them to enter into a dialogue with public service deliverers (not just the council). In Dundee, we already have a long established tradition of listening to our communities, and making changes where they make sense and are feasible within a range of constraints.

Asset transfer requests give community groups the right to request to purchase, lease, manage or use land and buildings belonging to the public sector. Their proposal needs to be clear and show that it will lead to better, more effective use of the land or building, as well as being sustainable. Further information can be found [here](#), and we have a Community Empowerment Officer, Carole Jenkins, who can assist with advice and the pre-application form.

A readable six page summary of the contents of the Act is available [here](#).

Within Community Planning, we are always seeking ways to link activities and services in a more productive way, and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is encouraging as it gives the communities we work with more power to be part of the progress. Will you be part of a "small group of committed citizens..."? I hope so.

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Upcoming Events

DIWC Family Fun Day

Just squeezing in as an upcoming event – this is being held on the 8th September at the Steeple. To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce – Jobsfair 2018

The biggest Jobsfair in the region will take place at the Caird Hall on Thursday September 27th. To read more, click [here](#).



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Healthcare & Wellbeing Network Meeting

This is taking place on Thursday 13th September. For full details, click [here](#).



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Tayside Third Sector Conference

Dundee, Perth and Angus Third Sector Interfaces have joined forces to deliver a third sector conference with a focus on governance. The event will be held on Wednesday 14th November. To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee International Women's Centre AGM

DIWC are holding their Annual General Meeting on the 11th September. For full details, click [here](#).



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16 Days of Activism Against All Forms of Gender Based Violence

This annual international campaign takes place from the 25th November (International Day of No Violence Against Women) to the 10th December (International Human Rights Day). To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee Voluntary Action – Events & Training

DVA have a number of sessions coming up that may be of interest. To view details, click [here](#).



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Recent Events

Volunteer Dundee's Volunteer Awards Night 2018

We held our third annual Volunteer Awards night during Volunteers Week on 7th June at The Quay, Dundee sponsored by our corporate and community partners: Dundee Social Enterprise Network, MMG Archbold, Showcase the Street, Lindsays Solicitors and Caledonia Housing Association. To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee Women's Festival Meeting

Partners met on the 4th September to discuss next year's Festival, which will have the theme 'Hear Women's Voices'. To find out how to get involved, click [here](#).





Two Care Homes Receive the Volunteer Friendly Award

Congratulations go to the first two Care Homes in Scotland who have achieved the Volunteer Friendly Award quality standard in Volunteer Management. Menzieshill House and Craigie House in Dundee have shown their commitment to effectively involving volunteers within their homes. To read more, click [here](#).



Success Stories

Dundee Carers Funding Boost

Independent Advice and Support got a fantastic boost this month when the Self-directed Support Service, part of Dundee Carers Centre, were awarded Scottish Government funding of almost half a million pounds, over the next three years. To read more, click [here](#).



Unicef UK Gold Award for Baby Friendly Services

NHS Tayside's health visitor and family nurse services have become the first in Scotland to be accredited as Unicef UK Gold Baby Friendly services. To read more, click [here](#).



News

Dundee Decides Report

A report on the recent Participatory Budgeting programme 'Dundee Decides' has been published, and is available [here](#).



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Call for Work Placements

The Get Ready for Work Team are seeking placement opportunities for refugees living in Dundee, to help them improve their employability and language skills. To read more, click [here](#).



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Dundee Partnership Website Move

The Dundee Partnership website has now moved to [here](#). The old site has had to be taken offline due to security vulnerabilities, but older information is still available on request via Dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk



Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership Annual Performance Report

The DHSCP has recently published its annual performance report for 2017-18. To read either the full report or a summary of it, click [here](#).



Dundee Social Enterprise Network – New Funeral Support Service Jobs

Following up on recent Partnership research in Dundee, DSEN are seeking applications for a number of posts in a new Funeral Support Service which aims to make funerals more affordable in the city. To read more, click [here](#).



Good Governance

The launch of the Introduction to Good Governance Programme took place on the 5th September. To find out more about this, and the general Good Governance Award, click [here](#).



COSCA Counselling Skills Course

TCA are running the above course on a fee paying basis and are inviting applications for the course starting in November 2018. For full details, click [here](#).

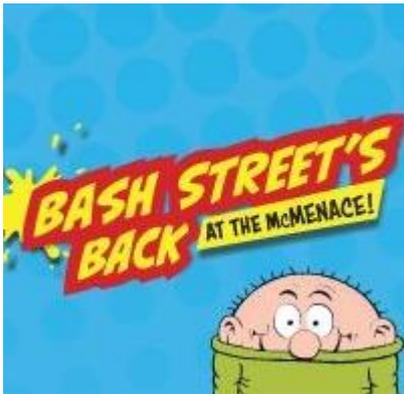


...turning the corner on alcohol...



'Special' Addition to Beano Exhibition

A collaboration between classic children's comic Beano, and artist and legendary 2-tone bassist, Horace Panter has led to a 'Special' addition to the Bash Street's Back at The McMenace exhibition in Dundee. To read more, click [here](#).



Tackling Modern Slavery App

A new app has been launched by leading anti-slavery charity Unseen to complement the Modern Slavery Helpline. To read more, click [here](#).



Articles

Fifteen Years of Discovery Credit Union

The credit union was formed in 2003 from the merger of Dundee West Credit Union and Finmill Credit Union. Since that time, the credit union has gone from strength to strength issuing over 20,000 fair and affordable loans to the tune of £12 million and helping over 9,000 people. To read more, click [here](#).



Cost of the School Day

CPAG Scotland have published their report on the Cost of the School Day in Dundee, and how this impacts on low income families. To read more, click [here](#).





D&A College – Learning to Suit Your Life

Dundee and Angus College has a wide range of work-related training and leisure courses. To read more, click [here](#).



Developing the Young Workforce

To read a case study on Rockwell Learning Centre's visit to Vital Energi, facilitated through community benefits & MarketPlace, and how employers can get involved in developing the young workforce, click [here](#).



DIWC Fundraising Drive

2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of Dundee International Women's Centre, and we're looking for your support to make it our most fantastic year yet! To read more, click [here](#).



Independent Living Website

Dundee Voluntary Action is asking for comments on a new website it is producing for the Dundee & Angus Independent Living Centre. To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee Voluntary Action – Room Hire

Number Ten has a range of fully accessible meeting rooms suitable for training sessions, meetings and interviews. To read more, click [here](#).



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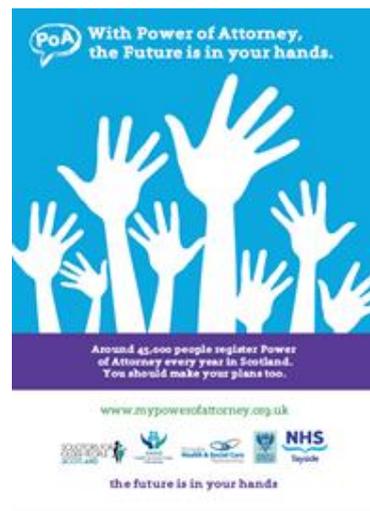
Everyone for Tennis

Tennis has just become easier for everyone in Dundee to enjoy. A new online booking system developed in partnership between Leisure & Culture Dundee and Tennis Scotland means that it is now a straightforward process to find a venue, book a court for free and receive coaching. To read more, click [here](#).



Power of Attorney Campaign

Did you know that if you become unable to make decisions for yourself - because of illness or injury for example - no-one else can make those decisions for you, unless you have given them legal powers to do so? To read more, click [here](#).



Services

Health & Work Support

This is a new, free and confidential service for individuals who are in / absent from work or are recently unemployed, for whom health is making work difficult. To read more, click [here](#).



Housing First

Housing First means that home is the best foundation from which to address any other challenges people face. It means safety and security, and a fresh opportunity for people to build and live their lives as part of a community. It means leaving homelessness behind for good - the system, the experience and the label. To read more, click [here](#).





The Corner health, information & peer led services for young people

The Corner strives to redress the inequalities experienced by young people through offering them assistance to develop skills and confidence, and support to move forward and make positive choices in their lives. To read more, click [here](#).



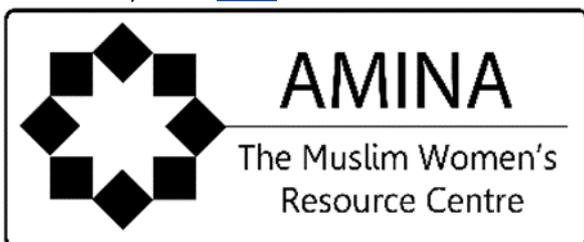
Active Schools

Coordinating a wide range of sports and physical activities in our schools, Active Schools produces a regular newsletter. One of their current groups is Miss Fits. To read more, click [here](#).



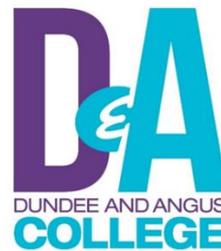
Amina – Muslim Women’s Resource Centre

Amina Muslim Women’s Resource Centre are Scotland’s award-winning national hub for engaging with and supporting Muslim women. Based across Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow, we work with approximately 4,000 Muslim and Minority Ethnic women per year. To read more, click [here](#).



D&A College Delivers Flexible Training

Dundee and Angus College is delighted, once again, to be delivering the Flexible Workforce Development Fund on behalf of The Scottish Government for all Levy Payers, across Public, Private and Third Sector organisations. To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee Carers Localities Team

The Localities Team at Dundee Carers Centre have been working across Strathmartine and Coldsides to develop new ways of supporting carers across the two localities. To read more, click [here](#).





Dundee Carers Partnership

Dundee Carers Partnership is a multi-agency partnership group who work together to make a difference for carers in Dundee. The group aim to improve outcomes for carers and make the best use of the resources available to do this. To read more, click [here](#).



Dundee & Angus Independent Living

A new website has been developed, and information produced about 'Attend Anywhere' video calling for health appointments. To read more, click [here](#).



LEAD Scotland

Lead Scotland (Specialists in Linking Education and Disability), empowers disabled people and carers to move forward in life through learning. To read more, click [here](#).



Consultations

Local Governance Review

The Scottish Government and COSLA have launched a Local Governance Review, which will ensure local communities have more say about how public services in their area are run. All the information about the consultation can be found [here](#), including a short explanatory [animation](#).





Funding

Community Regeneration Fund Allocations in July & August

Click the logo below to view these.



Hogmanay Celebrations Grant Scheme

The deadline for applications is fast approaching, so if your local community group is looking to host a Hogmanay Celebration find out more by clicking [here](#).



DVA – Small Grants Fund

The next deadline for this funding is the 11th September. For more information, click [here](#).



Building Scotland Fund

The £150 million Building Scotland Fund (BSF) will invest £70 million in financial years 2018 to 2019 and £80 million over financial years 2019 to 2021. To read more, click [here](#).





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[Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum](#) (SURF)

[Visit Scotland](#)

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund Allocations – May & June 2018

Submission Dates

We will issue an e-bulletin every two months. To enable us to compile articles and carry out formatting or editing, please submit any articles to us at:

Dundee.Partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk by the dates below.

Issue #	Submissions Deadline	Issue Date
16	19 th October	November 2018
17	21 st December	January 2019
18	15th February	March 2019

Feedback

We welcome any feedback on the e-bulletin so that we are able to make ongoing improvements in format and content that meets the needs of all who receive the bulletin.

Please send any comments to Dundee.Partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk

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