



Editors Introduction

Welcome to the twenty fifth issue of the Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin.

I feel that I could almost repeat my March editorial regarding how we all want to make a positive difference as it seems that more and more people are out there helping others to get through these difficult times. Far too many different offers of help for me to even attempt to outline them all here.

Neighbourliness seems to be back in fashion though (not that it went out of fashion for some), with people looking out for the more vulnerable people living nearby. Small, local groups have been springing up to help others; whether it is through getting shopping for someone who is elderly, walking a neighbour's dog, or getting dressed up as a superhero and waving to folks whilst out exercising (I've seen Batman and two Spidermen so far).

Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action have seen a surge of people wanting to formally volunteer to help too, and have recently launched a new online app, [GetLocalSupport](#), which enables people to do just that. Those needing help can ask for someone to talk to, get shopping or a prescription picked up, and get their dog walked, or put in their own other request for help. The app then puts them in touch with local volunteers.

A couple of national groups, the Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF) and Scottish Community Alliance (SCA) have recently produced articles on what organisations across Scotland are doing, and many of these are inspiring too. Take a look at the [SURF news page](#) or [this article](#) from the SCA e-newsletter 'Local People Leading'.

I hope that these positive reflections and articles help you to get through the current situation. For additional information on where to get help you can visit the [DCC website](#), or the [Community Health website](#), for information on what services are currently providing.

Until the next issue, please take care and keep safe.

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Community Companions – Pen Friends Project

Some people on their own can feel lonely and isolated. Many older people find technology challenging and prefer good old-fashioned pen and paper. Community Companions have introduced Pen Friends to connect volunteers with older people through monthly letters on common interests. To read more, click [here](#).



Carers of Dundee – New Website



Carers of Dundee have launched a new website design that includes a more colourful accessible look and boasts improved dynamic features. An exciting addition to the website is that organisations are able to request a login for the website to allow them access to a personalised profile, which will also be populated to the Services Directory. To read more, click [here](#).



Alternatives Dundee – Impact Report



Alternatives believe that every story is important and deserves to be heard, regardless of race, religion, gender, social status, health or income. Every story matters.

Throughout this report we hope you will follow our story and discover how we have responded to this need, seeking ways to remove barriers and inequalities and make our service available to all.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

Dundee Futures Project

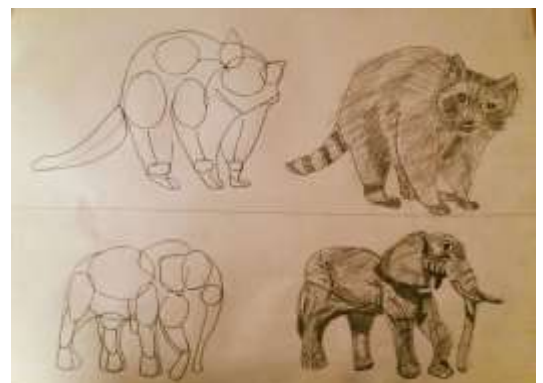


Like all other non-essential workers, we at Dundee Futures Project, are working from home. It's a different kind of work and we are adapting how we deliver our services as we have had to stop our groups, job clubs and social drop-ins. We phone 60 of our most isolated and vulnerable Futures clients every week (some several times a week).

The kind of support we are offering ranges from reassuring people who are very anxious about their future, supporting people who are shielding to access support, supporting someone who is deaf to apply for Universal Credit. To read more, click [here](#).

Dundee International Women's Centre

At the Dundee International Women's Centre, staff have been working tirelessly to stay in touch with members and develop a creative online learning programme which works for all. All the formal and informal classes are still running via Facebook groups, video chats, emails and phone calls, and members' digital skills have skyrocketed. To read more, click [here](#).





Dundee Carers Centre – Message from the CEO

A personal message from Lucinda Godfrey, CEO Dundee Carers Centre, to carers across Dundee. To read this, click [here](#).



Mind To Move – Online Classes

These are movement sessions that focus on supporting mental health and well-being. The 30 minute class involves breathing and relaxation exercises, and movement improvisation, and are open to all. The classes, delivered via Zoom, run every Tuesday at 12pm whilst we're on lockdown, and are offered on a donation / no charge basis. To read more, click [here](#).



Child Poverty Action Group – Surveys

CPAG have put together surveys for both parents / carers and children / young people as part of their Cost of the School Day project. The Cost of the School Day team wants to hear from parents and children about life since schools closed. Lots of support has been put in place around things like learning at home and help with the cost of food – we want to hear from parents and children about what is working well, and what could be improved. To read more, click [here](#).



Miss Fits – Funding Display

At St. Paul's Miss Fits, we have been so lucky to have been given a number of fun opportunities through the funding the Community Regeneration Forum provided. To read more about the activities the funding was used for, click [here](#).





Scarf – Funding

Local fuel poverty charity Scarf, has partnered with Home Energy Scotland North East to launch a new emergency hardship fund that aims to help the most vulnerable households across the North East of Scotland access funds to help heat their homes in these difficult times. To read more, click [here](#).



Volunteer Awards



We are still taking nominations for this year's Volunteer Awards and would love to spend some of this time reading inspiring stories of volunteers you know. Do you know a volunteer or group of volunteers who have made a fantastic contribution to Dundee? To read more, click [here](#).

West End Resident's Parking Scheme Consultation

Facilitated by the Community Empowerment Team and officers from City Development, two public engagement events were hosted to gauge the level of interest in a residents' parking scheme in the West End. Attendees were given the opportunity to better understand how a residents' parking scheme would work in practice and to shape developments while DCC facilitators learned what the local concerns were. To read more, click [here](#).





Links

Partner Links

[Department for Work & Pensions](#)
[Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Dundee & Angus College](#)
[Dundee City Council](#)
[Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership](#)
[Dundee Partnership](#)
[Dundee Social Enterprise Network](#)
[Dundee University](#)
[Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action](#)
[Job Centre Plus](#)
[Leisure & Culture Dundee](#)

[NHS Tayside](#)
[My Wellbeing](#)
[Protecting People Dundee](#)
[Police Scotland](#)
[Scottish Enterprise](#)
[Scottish Fire & Rescue Service](#)
[Scottish Government](#)
[Skills Development Scotland](#)
[TACTRAN](#)
[Tayside Criminal Justice Authority](#)
[University of Abertay Dundee](#)

Local Links

[Active Schools Newsletter](#)
[Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre](#)
[Boomerang Community Centre](#)
[Carers of Dundee](#)
[Citizen's Advice Bureau](#)
[DIAL-OP](#)
[Discovery Credit Union](#)
[Dundee Access Group](#)
[Dundee Blind & Partially Sighted Society](#)
[Dundee Carers Centre](#)
[Dundee Federation of Tenants Associations](#)
[Dundee International Women's Centre](#)
[Dundee Pensioners Forum](#)
[Dundee United Community Trust](#)
[Family Information Services](#)

[Good Governance Award](#)
[Independent Living Dundee & Angus](#)
[Lead Scotland](#)
[Parish Nursing](#)
[Penumbra](#)
[Positive Steps](#)
[Protecting People in Dundee \(multi-agency\)](#)
[Salvation Army](#)
[Shelter Scotland](#)
[Tay Cities Deal](#)
[Tayside Council on Alcohol](#)
[The Corner](#)
[Transform Furniture](#)
[Yusuf Youth Initiative](#)

National Links

[A Local Information System for Scotland \(ALISS\)](#)
[Action for Children](#)
[Parklives](#)
[Power of Attorney Campaign](#)
[Princes Trust](#)

[Royal National Institute for the Blind](#)
[Scottish Living Wage Accreditation Initiative](#)
[Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum \(SURF\)](#)
[Visit Scotland](#)

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
26	19 th June	July 2020
27	21 st August	September 2020
28	23 rd October	November 2020



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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