



## Editors Introduction

Welcome to the thirty first issue of the Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin.

Equalities and fairness go hand in hand, and are both vitally important topics for the Dundee Partnership and our broader network of organisations and communities to be aware of and taking action on. We need to ensure that those facing disadvantage are given the support they need, but also that the support available is the right kind of support.

To achieve this, we need to engage with and listen to those with lived experience. After all, who better to know what someone with, for example, a particular disability needs than someone with that disability?

Within the equalities arena we are governed by the Equalities Act 2010, which aims to give people protection against discrimination and identifies nine protected characteristics. These are; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Everyone has one or more of these characteristics, and so the Act in effect protects everyone against discrimination.

As part of our responsibilities under the Act, Dundee City Council has recently published its latest [Mainstreaming Equalities Report](#). This summarises the local context for Dundee and sets out our planned outcomes in relation to additional equalities work over the next four years. An action plan to work towards these outcomes is under development.

Alongside this, the work of our third Dundee Fairness Commission is coming to a conclusion, with an event taking place on the 19<sup>th</sup> May to launch the Commission's recommendations report (an invitation is included in this newsletter). Over the past two years, the Commission has involved twelve Community Commissioners with relevant lived experience alongside twelve Civic Commissioners who are able to influence policy in Dundee.

While both of the above reports have been under development, the impact of covid has been clear to all involved. In essence, those who were disadvantaged prior to the covid pandemic are likely to have been put at even greater disadvantage as a result of it. This means we will need to work even harder during and after our 'recovery' period to address the issues experienced by these people.

To help move this agenda forward, I'm happy to say that the Community Planning Team has recently been able to recruit two new Equalities & Fairness Officers, Ross Craig and Anna Yule. Both of them have extensive experience in this field of work, and have been able to 'hit the ground running'. I'm sure they would both welcome contact from any of you also working on equalities and fairness.

Until our next issue, please take care and stay safe.

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## **Caroline Bairner Award for Kindness**

Caroline Bairner was a much-loved community worker in Dundee who spent a lot of time helping others with empathy, compassion and care, and worked selflessly to help others to achieve, succeed and feel like they matter. Devastatingly, Caroline passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on January 1st 2021. Dundee Bairns have set up an annual award to honour her legacy of kindness. To find out more, including how to nominate a young person for this award, click [here](#).





## Fairness Commission Report Launch

We warmly invite you to the Dundee Fairness Commission Final Event: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon.

In May 2019 Dundee Fairness Commission brought together 2 distinct groups - citizens who know what it's like to be trapped in poverty and citizens who are senior civic, political and business leaders in Dundee. Over the last 2 years they have listened to Dundonians experiences of Disability, Food and Fuel Poverty, and Mental Health and Wellbeing, particularly during the covid pandemic. They spent time seeking out the issues and solutions from those who experience significant challenges in their daily lives and the organisations that offer support.



In this interactive event they will share their recommendations for change. The event will also present opportunities for you to share your thoughts, along with creative contributions and a coffee break. Please book your place on Eventbrite: [Dundee Fairness Commission Final Event Tickets, Wed 19 May 2021 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

We will be hosting this event on Zoom. We will send you the link by email by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, with specific event instructions included. This email will come from [danielle@faithincommunitydundee.org](mailto:danielle@faithincommunitydundee.org).

We look forward to seeing you then.

## EU Settlement Scheme

Almost 8,000 EU citizens in Dundee have already applied to the EU Settlement Scheme to secure their rights to live, work and use public services in the UK, but we need your help to make sure that no-one misses out, including anyone who might be unaware of the scheme or unable to apply without assistance. This might include people who are older, have disabilities, are vulnerable in some way or perhaps don't have English as their first language. Will you please use any of your regular communications to service users and staff to raise awareness of the need to apply by 30 June 2021. Contact information for applying and getting help with applying can be found [here](#).

**EU Settlement Scheme**  
**- don't miss out.**

**Deadline for applying -**  
**30 June 2021**

Apply online (using a PC, laptop, Android device or iPhone)  
on the GOV.UK website at [www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families).



## Social Isolation One Stop Shop

Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action along with the Health & Social Care Partnership are developing a Social Isolation One Stop Shop. This will function as a route into the Third Sector for older people who have been assessed as socially isolated or at risk of social isolation.



We are inviting referrals of people who do not have critical or substantial need but would benefit from some lower levels of interventions and support. To find out more, click [here](#).

## WDIDI Money Advice Leaflet 2021

Do you know someone who is in a money related crisis and not sure how to deal with it? The updated 'What Do I Do If?' leaflet will be of interest. It provides options for accessing support with a range of financial issues such as waiting on a benefit decision or payment, budgeting, debt, or simply not having enough money to go round. The WDIDI Money Advice Leaflet can be viewed and downloaded from [here](#).



## Age Scotland – Dementia Awareness Courses

While we're still unable to deliver our courses face to face, at Age Scotland we're continuing to deliver them via video conference which is allowing us to reach people from all areas and we would be delighted if you or your colleagues would like to join us. All courses are free and will be delivered using Zoom. To read more and see dates for upcoming courses, click [here](#).



## Autism Awareness

Different minds.  
One Scotland.

Autism is part of everyday life. Yet even though 1 in 100 people in Scotland are autistic, it's often misunderstood. Autism is a neurological difference; put simply, autistic brains work differently to non-autistic brains. They see and experience the world differently to non-autistic people. It's important that we all understand more about autism – both what it is, and what it is not. To read more, click [here](#).



## BSL Video Relay Service

BSL Users should be aware of the availability of a BSL Video Relay Service. This can be used to assist with claims to Universal Credit. A YouTube video providing information in BSL on accessing the service can be found on the Dundee City Council site, [here](#).



## Carers Vaccination Programme

You may not yet be aware of a service launched in March to enable unpaid carers to register for the Covid-19 vaccine. The online service opened on Monday 15 March, and is for unpaid carers aged between 16 and 64 who provide face-to-face care for a family member or friend. The service is accessible from [this link](#). You can also register via the COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 0800 030 8013. Please select option 3: Register as an Unpaid Carer. Full details can be found on the Scottish Government website, [here](#).



## Dundee Carers Partnership Covid-19 Engagement Findings

A report outlining the findings and recommendations from the Dundee Carers Partnership Covid-19 engagement work has now been published. From late September to mid-November 2020, the Dundee Carers Partnership have worked together to undertake engagement with carers and the workforce supporting carers to better understand the impact of COVID-19. The final report presents the findings from the feedback gathered from the local engagement and contains a series of recommendations to ensure outcomes are met for carers in the City. For the full report and findings click [here](#).



## Community Centres Reopening

Most of our community centres have now reopened. Under national regulations, the centres will initially be open for appointment-based services only such as youth work, adult learning, and English to Speakers of Other Languages sessions. They will continue to be open for food larders. For more information, click [here](#).





## Common Good Fund

The Common Good Fund is once again open to applications, and seeks to support community groups and organisations to recover from the pandemic, especially where this helps those in our more deprived areas. For more information, click [here](#).



## Community Cars – Project Summary

Community Cars is a volunteer led door to door car service for the over 65's in the Dundee area, and has now been able to restart their services. They have a team of dedicated volunteers to provide transport, to fulfil the everyday need of their members. To qualify for membership, you must be over 65, live within Dundee and have difficulty using or accessing public transport. Trips can be going for shopping, visiting friends, going to the bank, a medical appointment or even just a treat, for example a hair appointment. To read more, click [here](#).



## Creative Breaks Funding

£600,000 funding is available for short breaks projects for carers and the people they care for. The Creative Breaks programme provides 12 month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for carers of adults (aged 21 years and over), and young carers (caring for children or adults), and the people that they care for. To read more, click [here](#).



## Dundee & Angus Business Training Courses

Dundee & Angus College are back with a bigger and better offer of our exciting range of free courses. We took on board feedback, streamlined our sign up process and added additional courses, such as online marketing, and they are now available for employers to offer their staff to help them enhance their skills or learn new skills. To read more, click [here](#).



## Deaf Action Befriending Project

Deaf Action are delivering a new Befriending Project for deaf people and those who are hard of hearing. They are seeking both volunteers and befriendees who could benefit from this service. For more information on receiving the service click [here](#), or to find out about how to volunteer as a befriender, click [here](#).





## Eden Project Communities Network News

Many of you will already know about The Big Lunch, the nation's thanksgiving weekend for neighbours. This year a number of organisations have joined forces to make June the Month of Community, kicking off with The Big Lunch weekend on the 5th and 6th of June. Big or small, online or in person this year it's more important than ever to connect to one another.



You can order your Big Lunch pack [here](#). You can also keep up to date with the events and what's happening in Scotland by heading to our [Facebook page](#).

## Engage Dundee 2020 – Results

In August 2020, community members were asked to share their views on the impact of the pandemic on them and share their experience of accessing services. The findings of this survey are now available and make up an important source of information on local priorities for partners to take into account when looking at our recovery from the pandemic. To read more, click [here](#) (*please note that this link prompts a download of the report*).



## Everyone Aboard – Poverty Alliance Campaign

Everyone Aboard is a campaign by the Poverty Alliance to extend free bus travel to those with a Universal Credit entitlement and other low-income benefits, and to all young people under 25. Addressing transport poverty in Scotland is a vital part of building an environmentally sustainable society, ensuring everyone's human rights can be realised, and of combatting poverty and inequality. To download their campaign document, click [here](#).



## Food Train

Food Train have continued to provide their service throughout the pandemic, and have recently published their Spring newsletter. This covers the whole of Scotland, but has a focus on what's going on in Dundee on page seven. To read more, click [here](#).



## College Training Helps Boost Local Workforce

Dundee and Angus College is determined to support local businesses and just one of the ways it can do that is by helping them make use of the Flexible Workforce Development Fund. This funding allows access to a suite of training specially designed to help businesses recover and flourish, from Service Design and Mental Health First Aid through to Management, Digital and Health & Safety. To read more, click [here](#).

## Hot Chocolate – Films & Funding

Hot Chocolate turns 20 this year! As part of our celebrations we have produced a collection of short films with young people's voices from across the years. You can find them on our Twitter (@hotchocotruster), Facebook (Hot Chocolate Trust), and [here on our website](#). We are inviting people to consider making a donation to keep Hot Chocolate's youth work innovating and making a difference with young people into the coming years too – all those details are alongside the films. If you felt able to support us in this way we would be hugely grateful – if you were able to pass on the stories and this invitation to consider donating then that would be amazing too. We know, of course, that this isn't a great time financially for many individuals and for many other charities so please don't worry if it's not a good time to give. We hope you have a minute to enjoy and be encouraged by some of the stories anyway. To read more, click [here](#).



## Housing First Dundee

Housing First Dundee is a consortium run programme lead by Transform Community Development in partnership by Salvation Army, DSG and We Are With You. It is simple, it aims to turn the existing homelessness system on its head. Rather than making extremely vulnerable people, often with complex needs, sleep rough or in unsupported places such as hostels or B&Bs. Housing First Dundee gives people a safe home of their own and then puts in a place a support structure to help them sustain their tenancy, re-integrate into society; and ultimately thrive. Housing First Dundee is a truly transformative programme that provides a human-centred, kind, and compassionate response to the systemic issue of homelessness. To read more, click [here](#).



## Marie Curie – Easy Read Resources



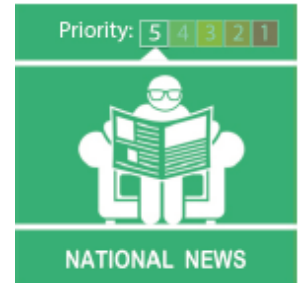
During 2020 Marie Curie carried out a survey of community organisations asking for information on ways that they could help/ Over sixty organisations responded and 75% of responses said that it would be useful to have access to a set of easy read resources around dying, death and bereavement. These resources have now been produced and are available [here](#).





## Priority Services Register

Scotland's electricity distribution and water networks have joined forces to launch PSR Scotland, an innovative partnership to inform customers of the free support available when they need it most. With the launch of the new PSR Scotland website, customers across the country now have a one-stop-shop where they can learn more about the free help available in their individual area, with links straight to the specific pages on each company's website to make the registration process as simple as possible. To read more, click [here](#).



## Reach Out –Befriending Service Dundee Pride

Dundee Pride is proud to announce a new befriending service, Reach Out, thanks to funding support from the National Lottery Community Fund. Reach Out is a support service (NOT professional advice), as well as a platform for the community to form and support each other. Anyone in need of conversation and a friendly listener can call our phone line and connect with a volunteer. We are also currently looking to recruit volunteers to help us with this vital support service. To read more, click [here](#).



## STI Testing Poster

Men Only Tayside, NHS Tayside and the Terrence Higgins Trust have produced an information poster that can help those seeking to find out if they have a sexually transmitted infection. It provides information on when to get a test and gives contacts to arrange for a home testing kit. To read more, click [here](#).



## SURF Awards 2021 – Launch Event

The prestigious national **2021 SURF Awards** for Best Practice in Community Regeneration will launch at a **virtual event on the 3rd June** in partnership with the [Glasgow Canal Cooperative](#), as part of the [Glasgow Canal Regeneration Partnership](#), to celebrate and promote the Scottish Government Year of Coasts and Waters. The SURF Awards are delivered each year by SURF, a regeneration forum with over 300 cross-sector member organisations across Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish Government. To read more / register for the event, click [here](#).





## Top Doorstep Scams

Sadly, doorstep scams are commonplace and we all need to be alert to the potential that someone offering a service or deal may be trying to set one up. Trading Standards Scotland and Police Scotland have put together a simple poster that highlights some of the more common doorstep scams as well as contact details for reporting them. To read more, click [here](#).



## Warm Homes Boost for Dundee

Householders in Dundee will benefit from reduced energy bills and free energy efficiency measures over the next two years, thanks to a new home energy advice project due to kick off later this month. Local energy efficiency and environmental charity Scarf has successfully secured over £400,000 from **Ofgem's** Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme to deliver hands on fuel bill support and energy efficiency measures to home owners and private tenants in the city. To read more, click [here](#).



## Dundee's Year of the Older Person

Dundee's Year of the Older Place is currently taking place, having started on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and running up to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2021. The year is all about celebrating Dundee's older population through awareness raising activities. Check out the [Facebook page](#) for more information and look out for more ways to participate during the rest of the year.



## 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 Law Centre](#)  
[Dundee Pensioners Forum](#)  
[Dundee United Community Trust](#)  
[Family Information Services](#)

[Funeral Link](#)  
[Good Governance Award](#)  
[Hillcrest Adult Drug & Alcohol Service](#)  
[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](#)  
[British Deaf Association](#)  
[One Scotland](#)  
[Parklives](#)  
[Power of Attorney Campaign](#)  
[Princes Trust](#)

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

## Useful Apps

Recovery Roadmap – [Android](#) - [Apple](#)

## 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](mailto:Dundee.Partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk) by the dates below.

Issue #	Submissions Deadline	Issue Date
32	18 <sup>th</sup> June	July 2021
33	20 <sup>th</sup> August	September 2021
34	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	November 2021

## 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.

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We also make occasional use of the mailing list to send out additional information and Dundee Partnership event invitations. If you do not wish to be contacted with these, please let us know.

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