



Editors Introduction

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

In the previous issue, whilst talking about Equalities, I mentioned our third Dundee Fairness Commission and that it brought together Dundee citizens with lived experience of poverty & inequality and senior civic, political and business leaders. This group worked together over the past two years looking at many of the issues faced by people living in poverty and identified potential solutions to these.

As with the second Fairness Commission, the group narrowed their focus onto a manageable set of topics that they felt they could make a difference on, and formed three working groups to take their work forward. The areas were Disability; Food & Fuel Insecurity; and Mental Health & Wellbeing – all in themselves quite broad themes.

The working groups made use of the lived experience of the Community Commissioners in the groups as well as research involving other groups, and a large community survey. Some group members also met with a Scottish Government Minister or were interviewed by the BBC / STV about their work. From their hard work and analysis the Commission compiled a set of recommendations which they then sense checked with relevant local organisations before compiling them into their report: 'Dundee Fighting for Fairness' which can be found [here](#) or [here](#).

Looking briefly at the recommendations of the Commission, those made around Disabilities cover improvements that can be made in services and communication, requirements around the new Adult Disability Payment, and improving advocacy services for people with physical disabilities.

Within the Food & Fuel topic recommendations cover expanding on existing district heating to reduce fuel insecurity, reviewing forms & procedures around getting fuel support, decreasing the complexity of fuel schemes, and developing a Food Insecurity Strategy to help provide dignified access to food for those that need it.

Mental Health & Wellbeing were seen by the Commission as impacting on, and being impacted by, many areas of life. The recommendations called for changes to the Discover Work Service to improve access and services to people with mental health issues, improving communications to make them more understandable, prioritising support with social isolation & loneliness to certain groups identified as having priority needs, and that services be more proactive in addressing financial uncertainty in order to reduce the mental health impacts this has on people.

The above only scratches the surface of the Commission's findings, and I would recommend taking the time to read [the report](#) in full as well as sharing it with family, friends and colleagues.

Moving on from the publication of the report in mid-May, the recommendations have already helped to inform the new Fairness Action Plan for Dundee that was published last month, and will continue to be taken into account across the city as partners develop their work coming out of the pandemic. To help ensure that this happens, Community Commissioners will be joining the [Dundee Fighting for Fairness](#) group, which has recently been granted charitable status. This group will also be part of a soon to be formed Fairness Leadership Panel which will be a long-term group driving forward the Fairness Action Plan.

We all know that tackling inequality is a long-term project, but by working together and doing what we can both individually and collectively, we can make steady progress towards a fairer Dundee and a fairer Scotland.

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

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Engage Dundee

This survey of our communities is live until the middle of July, so there is still time to complete it if you haven't already done so. Responses will help to inform new Local Community Plans as well as other citywide strategies. Although primarily being carried out online, printed copies are available from Communities Officers, supported by agencies getting these out to people they know would struggle to complete the survey digitally. If you are able to take part online, click [here](#).





AVT – Seeking Researchers by 16th July

Ardler Village Trust are a registered charity, established in 2002 to bring a range of improvements for the people of Ardler. They are currently seeking researchers to assist with a community consultation and organisational scoping exercise. To read more, please click [here](#). Please note that they are looking for responses by the 16th July for an August start.



Dundee United Community Trust – Employability Manager Post

The above post is being advertised to take responsibility for the creation of a thriving employability programme to improve employment outcomes across the local community. In particular the programme will seek to target young people, lone parents, people with a disability and those who require significant support in becoming ready for employment. The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 14th July. To find out more, click [here](#).



Mental Health & Substance Use Pathfinder Project

We would like to speak with anyone who over the last 2 years has used treatment and / or support services in Dundee to address their mental health and drug or alcohol issues. We are interested in finding out about your experience of these services, and in what ways you have been supported in and by your local community. We would also like to hear about any gaps in service or challenges in accessing or moving between local NHS services, and community supports during this time. To read more, click [here](#).



Child Disability Payment

The child disability payment, which will replace disability living allowance (DLA) for children in Scotland, will be open for new claims from 26 July 2021 in the pilot areas of Perth and Kinross, Dundee City and the Western Isles.

The pilot will be followed by a full national roll-out later in the year.

Families with children already getting DLA do not need to do anything at this time. A process of transferring children from DLA to the child disability payment will also start later in the year. Families have been assured that such transfers will be automatic and at the time of transfer their benefit payments will be paid at the same rate and the same time as their DLA payments. To read more, click [here](#).





DIAL-OP

This is a multi-level support service from Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action, providing information, regular contact and support to improve the health and wellbeing of adults in Dundee.

Dial-OP helps adults connect with their community through: the Information Line, providing easy to access information tailored to peoples' needs; Bletcher Buddies, a friendly weekly phone call to look forward to for those who lack in company and Morning Call, a daily check to make sure everything is okay and provide reminders as required.

All support is tailored to the needs and circumstances of those referred to the service through access to one or more strands of the project. We welcome referrals from professionals, family, friends and self.

Email: dialop@dvva.scot
Tel: 01382 305757



Dundee Age Concern – Board Members

Dundee Age Concern are currently looking for new Trustees to sit on their Board of Management. Trustees are decision makers and play an enormously valuable role in helping Dundee Age Concern to improve the lives of older people within the community.



Dundee Age Concern provide day care activities in their purpose built centre at Fiveways, Caird Avenue. They provide companionship to their participants in a safe environment through engaging them in a range of social activities. You can find details on the role [here](#).

If interested, please contact Graeme on 01382 305705.

Public Health Scotland - LGBT+ Survey on Health & Wellbeing

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Lothian and Public Health Scotland are working in partnership to conduct a comprehensive health needs assessment of Scotland's LGBT+ population. As part of the health needs assessment an online survey is being conducted from 11th June to 20th August 2021. This survey will ask LGBT+ aged 16 people aged 16 and over about all aspects of their health and wellbeing and the factors that are known to influence health. To read more, click [here](#).





Dundee Partnership Funding Opportunities

The Dundee Partnership Team is responsible for administering three different funds, all of which are currently taking applications.

The DP Community Regeneration Fund has a monthly application schedule and supports activities that help to tackle inequalities on a Ward by Ward basis. Within the fund, applications are taken for Small Grants (up to £5k), Youth Inclusion work (no defined limits on amount), and Physical / Environmental Improvements (these need to be £6k or more).

The Common Good Fund supports activity that is 'for the common good'. This fund has a quarterly application schedule, with the next deadline being the 16th August. While city-wide activities are considered, Common Good funding is strictly one-off in nature.

The Festive Fund is also currently taking applications for events and installations over the festive season later this year, though there is only limited funding remaining from the original £50k pot after 'round one'. The deadline for submissions is the 9th August.

Further information on all of these funds, including application forms can be found [here](#).



Wellbeing Works – Community Toolbox Survey + Volunteer Request

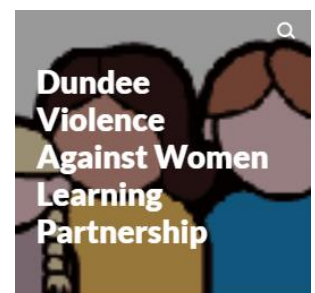
A Community Toolbox is a resource where members of the public can borrow tools and equipment for DIY, decorating, cleaning, camping or cooking for a small fee. Wellbeing Works are setting one up in the Wellgate and would like your views. They are also looking for volunteers to share their skills and help run a workshop for a couple of hours each week. To find out more, click [here](#).



Violence Against Women Partnership – Services for Women Booklet

There are three levels of service available to women in the city; specialist services for women, services with specific women only elements and universal services which could support vulnerable women. The services are wide and varied but are all designed to help women who are in crisis, who are facing difficult choices or who want information and support. Detailed information about these services can be found in a booklet ([linked here](#)) developed collaboratively by the Gendered Services Group.

Please also note that you can find more information on this and other related topics at www.dvawp.co.uk. There is also a [VAW Learning/Training page](#) which details all upcoming training in the city.



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Dundee Law Centre

Dundee Law Centre provide a free legal advice and representation service, targeted at disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. They work in partnership with community advice agencies who can help with income maximisation. One of their key services is that their solicitors provide advice and attend court and tribunals to help people keep their homes. To read more, click [here](#).



D&A College – Free Courses

To support the recovery of the local economy D&A College are offering a revised and expanded suite of free online courses designed to encourage people to re-skill or up-skill in subjects that are linked to key growth sectors. While the current batch of courses are closed to new applicants, a new batch will be opened later in the summer. To find out more, and register for notification of the new courses, click [here](#).



Job Start Payment Campaign

An online campaign will run over the next few weeks to highlight [Job Start Payment](#) and the funding available to eligible young people returning to work.

With many businesses recruiting again as restrictions ease in many local authority areas, it is expected that a number of 16-24 year olds will begin or return to work and may be eligible for money to help with the cost of starting a new job.

Job Start Payment is available to young people who have been on certain benefits for a period of 6 months – so there will be a number of December 2020 school leavers who may be eligible for this additional support soon.



The social media campaign will focus on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok channels that we know are used by this age group. People can apply for Job Start Payment for up to 3 months from getting their job offer.

Living Wage Foundation Award

A campaign to get more people in Dundee paid the real Living Wage has won a prestigious award. The Dundee Living Wage Action Group have been crowned winner of the 'Places Champion Award 2021' category by Living Wage Foundation.



Making Dundee a Living Wage City has been an ambition of major local employers and since the campaign launched in 2019 the group have quadrupled Living Wage enquiries in Dundee and gained pay-rises for over 1,500 workers. To read more, click [here](#).



Parental Employability Support

Help is available for parents seeking to increase their hours of work, improving their skills, or changing professions. More information and contact details for the Parental Employability Support Key Worker can be found [here](#).



Money Guiders Network launch – Improvement Service

The Improvement Service are developing a new learning network in Scotland called the Money Guiders network. It aims to support a wide range of individuals across all sectors that deliver any form of money guidance. They may be in the voluntary, third or public sector and money guidance may only be a small part of what they do. To read more, click [here](#).



Take your help further

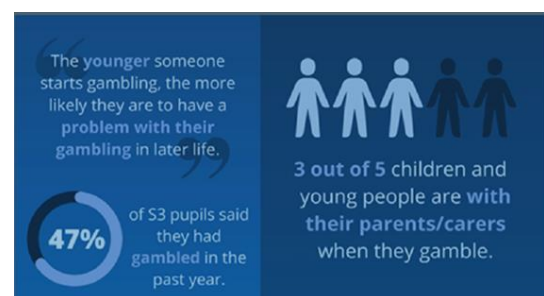
Police Scotland – Body Worn Video Consultation

Following a recent survey on whether armed officers should use body worn video, Police Scotland are now consulting on whether all frontline officers and staff in other roles should also wear these. To read more about the reasons this can be a useful tool and to access the survey, click [here](#).



Scottish Gambling Education Hub

Free webinars are on offer to continue supporting services. These are designed for staff and volunteers who work with parents, carers and families across Scotland. The interactive sessions are designed to explore current issues surrounding gambling & young people, show how gambling harms lives, bring about better understanding of what gambling disorder is, etc. To read more, click [here](#).



TACTRAN – Regional Transport Strategy Consultation

The Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership have started work on a new Regional Transport Strategy for 2023-33 and are seeking views on the problems, opportunities, issues and constraints that should be considered. For more information and to take part in the consultation, click [here](#).





Scotland Loves Local Awards

The Scotland Loves Local Awards are a celebration of all that is great about our nation's towns and neighbourhoods - recognising and rewarding remarkable dedication and commitment towards shaping a sustainable, successful future with localism at its heart. They are about highlighting the people, places and projects which are leading the way in making a difference, delivering benefits which will help make our communities cleaner, greener, stronger and fairer whether through design, delivery or sheer determination. To read more, click [here](#).



MSE Academy of Money

This offers six sessions through the Open University, each approximately two hours long. Topics covered include; making good spending decisions, budgeting & taxation, borrowing money, understanding mortgages, saving & investing, and planning for retirement. To read more, click [here](#).



Challenge Poverty Week

In Scotland, we all agree that poverty can, and must, be solved. Challenge Poverty Week 2021 is a chance for you to raise your voice in support of freeing people from the trap of poverty. Lots of organisations have already started to plan how they'll get involved. If you'd like to take part but are not sure how, click [here](#) for more information.

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4 - 10 October 2021



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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
33	20 th August	September 2021
34	22 nd October	November 2021
35	17 th December	January 2022

Feedback

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

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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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