

MAKI COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – NOV 2015

THIRD SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS FROM ISLAY AND JURA

- **Young Fire Fighters** – to date a steering group has been set up, start up funding is in place, safe kids day has been scheduled for November, volunteers are in place and now expressions of interest are being sought from interested 12 – 17 year olds.
The expected project start date is January 2016.
- **Mens Shed** – in conjunction with Re-Jig an 8 week ‘Up cycling Mens’ Shed’ pilot is to commence in Jan 2016. The aim is to engage, train and assist people wanting to recover from addictions, people who are socially isolated and people who have barriers to learning through a project based on the up cycling of donated items of furniture.
- **Youth Services Transport Link** – is to be trialled Jan to March 2016. The project is aimed at transporting high school aged children from around the island on Saturday nights as there is no public transport available any day of the week after 6pm. The young people will be transported to the Cyber Cafe in Port Ellen to enable them to socialise in a safe, warm environment free from drugs and alcohol.

- **Seniors Forum** – a group of mature people are travelling to the Older Persons Assembly in Oban on 13th November with a view to gathering views and good practice and possibly setting up a Seniors Forum on Islay and Jura.
- **Islay and Jura Bump to Birth Fund** – has been become a registered SCIO set up to provide relief from financial hardship to pregnant mothers from Islay and Jura expected to await the birth of their baby on the mainland by providing financial assistance and to advance the social welfare of expectant mothers on Islay and Jura by campaigning for better health and maternity services on the islands.
- We have been consulting on Fairer Scotland, Health and Social Integration and locally on the future of Bowmore Hall.

- **FOURTEEN** – has dispersed over £20,000 of funds on a variety of sports, arts and volunteering projects on Islay and Jura. Examples of awards are -
 1. £2,000 was awarded to the Small Isles Parent Council to cover the costs of purchasing and installing a tower frame structure and slide for community use as there are no other play areas available on Jura.
 2. £2,000 was awarded to Argyll College to purchase safety equipment, training materials and RIB/workboat hire, enabling the delivery of a course in maritime skills.
 3. £1,620 was awarded to Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile to set up a Gaelic cafe/teenage drop in centre to run on Wednesday afternoons after school, enabling young people to engage in activities through the medium of Gaelic.

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