

Argyll & Bute TSI

The Community Directory



The image shows a promotional banner for the Argyll & Bute Community Directory. On the left is the logo, which consists of a stylized 'Q' shape in blue and grey. To its right, the text reads 'Argyll & Bute Community Directory'. Below this, a blue banner contains the text 'Finding community services in Argyll & Bute is as easy as ABCD!' and the website 'abcd.scot'. To the right of the banner is a desktop monitor and a smartphone, both displaying the website's interface. The desktop screen shows a 'Find a Service' search form with fields for 'What service do you need?', 'Where do you need it?', and 'When do you need it?'. The smartphone shows the same interface in a mobile view. At the bottom right of the banner, it says 'Powered by Third Sector Interface Argyll and Bute'.

The Community Directory is already a much used resource with over 5500 interactions since the launch, over 350 a day! We have received some amazing feedback so far:

- Thank you for including us on this great resource.
- This is a great service and really valuable for A&B.
- This site works nicely. It's easy to search via the map or using the search function. Links follow well, and information and contacts are there where you need them. There will always be gaps in local services initially, but this is a good platform and the information will catch up.
- The directory looks amazing and I can already feel its benefit.
- It will be very useful to us and the people we support.

There is a project of work being done at the minute updating the exact geolocation of every service on the directory to better direct the community to the service door. This will be launched in the coming weeks so keep your eyes peeled! The directory is also fully mobile compatible and easy to use, if you haven't visited yet, why not click the button below to see the amazing array of services Argyll & Bute has to offer!

We would like to, once again, **thank** all of those who have taken the time to ensure your information is accurate. To make this easier in future we will be adding a self service function so that you can keep your own service information up to date.

If you think we are missing something, then please let us know using the '**Contact us**' page. As mentioned above, the next stage of this project will be to enable a Self-Service function. This will allow you to maintain and add your own data on the system, giving you another outlet to promote your fantastic services across Argyll & Bute. If you'd be interested in being a tester for this stage, please drop Phil Ashby an email on philashby@argylltsi.org.uk

[Visit Directory](#)

[Partnership working](#)

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface is delighted to introduce a helpful new resource for the community in partnership with Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Police.

We have designed and funded the printing of cards that will be given to the emergency service teams in the area to distribute them in the community where they see fit.

Each card has the Directory web address as well as a QR code that will take them directly there. This could be a vital support service to many that our emergency services come into contact with.



Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

We hosted a Conversation Café on the 26th September, in advance of the launch of the next round of the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Funding in October.

We invited those with lived experience along for a blether about communities, what goes on, what you would like to see happen and what works in supporting people in your communities.

During the cafe a representative will be decided to bring the views gathered in the conversation to the reference panel of the fund. This will enable the panel to have a clearer view of lived experience needs and wants.

In the last round 50 organisation shared over £287,000.

Positive Destinations

The Young Persons Guarantee scheme from the Scottish Government has ended. Due to its success it will be run out again as the Positive Destinations Scheme.

We managed to place 30 young people not in work or education into volunteering placements. Our main worry had been finding enough organisations that would sign up for this. However we ended up with more places than young people.

Each YP had a designated mentor who had backgrounds in working with YP's. This helped make the scheme a success.

When we start again we will expand the volunteer opportunities to include low level Offenders, those with learning difficulties and mental health.

Volunteer Events

We along with the Livingwell Network Cowal held a Volunteer Fair last Friday 23rd in the Dunoon Burgh Hall. This attracted thirteen organisation all wanting to recruit volunteers. This has highlighted the extreme problem facing groups now as there is a dire shortage of volunteers available. Already some groups in Argyll are closing due to this problem.

Realising this we are planning to hold a similar event on Bute.

Argyll Bute TSI are also organising a Volunteer Event so that the sector can come together to discuss remedies to this problem. It is hoped that this will take place late October and it will be a hybrid event. In person at our Inverary Hub and on-line.

Free online training

Our **free** online training platform gives organisations who sign up access to 240 different online courses across 9 categories.

This is available to volunteers as well as staff members.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity

Essential Skills

Food & Hygiene

Health & Safety

Leadership & Management

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Personal Development

Policy & Legislation

A full list of courses can be found [here](#).

