



Community Learning Services LiveArgyll Update

SAWA Project Bute. Projects and activities continue at Mount Stuart Library through the Book Repair Class and ongoing one to one mentoring and gardening placements. In addition to online ESOL classes currently running there is a face to face English Language Class held weekly at the Greentree café and delivered by one of the Volunteer mentors. The Bicycle Repair Project is also ongoing. On Thursday 12 January a book launch took place at LiveArgyll Library on Bute to acknowledge Ukrainian and Arabic New book sections. In attendance with Janice (Librarian) where members of the women's group. Consultations took place with members of the community who speak Arabic and Ukrainian to find out what books they wanted to see in the Library.

After the Festive break Community Learning Services activities have resumed and in addition to existing activities ongoing there are new initiatives underway and up and coming.

Adult Learning Bute – David Hagerty has joined the Community Development and Planning team as a Community Development Officer and therefore Adult Learning activities and classes will resume once his position has been filled.

Adult Learning Cowal – Classes/activities are set to continue in Dunoon and prior to the Christmas break 18 Adult Learners attended a variety of activities in relation to Health and Well Being and Social Inclusion.

Youth Work Bute: Cooking on a Budget: Young people identified the need after sessions during October GIVE programme. Young people are aware of cost of living crisis and this project aims to give them the skills to make healthy and nutritious food on a low budget. They learn about basic H&S, food prep, budgeting and life skills which include preparing food, cooking food & costing out how much each meal cost to make per portion. It will run over 7 weeks and involves other Partners with Jane Liddell a volunteer from Bute Shinty club & members of Bute Oasis foodbank. 8 young people have already taken part in the first session that ran through November/December 2022. Due to its success another session will run again in February 2023.

Dunoon/Cowal - Dunoon has a girls group running on Wednesday evenings with around 9 in attendance and is run by a Young Leader it continues to cover topics such as Puberty/relationships/consent, Self Esteem and Drugs and Alcohol with input from Police Scotland and Project rape Crisis.

MSYPs are running consultations events across Argyll with young people around their right to vote and how to vote. During this event they will also be supporting the Community Planning partnership in promoting and encouraging more Young People to complete the recent Improving Lives in Argyll Survey if they haven't already done so.

New Appointment of LiveArgyll Community Learning Services Youth Team Leader: Wendy Reid has been appointed as the Youth Services Team Leader and will start in her new role in February 2023. Wendy will start to introduce herself to Partners, Organisations when she starts and we would like to welcome her on-board.

