

## **Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Partner Update – Helensburgh & Lomond Area Community Planning Group, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Argyll and Bute Community Directory** – Following on from the launch of the **Argyll and Bute Community Directory** on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (<https://abcd.scot/>), the TSI has now introduced Self Service functionality. This option enables organisations to log on to the Directory, and update and maintain their services themselves. To use self-serve, first register (<http://abcd.scot/registration>) and then claim your organisation’s listing.

**Warm Spaces** – The TSI continues to maintain the Warm Spaces list for Argyll & Bute [warmspace locality - Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface \(argylltsi.org\)](http://www.argylltsi.org). If you know of a warm space not already listed on this page, please contact [Laurenmartin@Argylltsi.org.uk](mailto:Laurenmartin@Argylltsi.org.uk) with the details. The TSI also continues to offer the **Inveraray Hub as a space for community groups to meet instead of heating their own space.**

**Cost of Living Crisis** – As voluntary organisations face spiralling costs, falling income and an uncertain future, many organisations are experiencing financial challenges while continuing to see an increased demand for services. The TSI have compiled a list of useful resources for organisations [Cost of Living Crisis Information page - Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface \(argylltsi.org\)](http://www.argylltsi.org) If you would like to add anything to this page, email [info@argylltsi.org.uk](mailto:info@argylltsi.org.uk)

**Skills Network Training** – The TSI have partnered with The Skills Network to offer distance learning qualifications fully funded via the Scottish Funding Council without a cost. This is ideal for filling skills gaps or personal development, the online fully funded courses are delivered virtually around your schedule and come with nationally recognised qualifications upon completion. More information is available at [Fully Funded Courses - Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface \(argylltsi.org\)](http://www.argylltsi.org)

**Positive Destinations** -The TSI is rolling out Positive Destinations which is the successor programme to the Young Person’s Guarantee. This will see the delivery of pre-employment support services via the provision of a mentor and a volunteering placement. Positive Destinations will enable support to be extended to other vulnerable groups not previously included under the Young Person’s Guarantee Programme such as those aged 15 years and 50+ years. A recent Providers Event held at Helensburgh Job Centre allowed our third sector support advisor to meet DWP staff and tell them more about it. If you would like to know more about the programme, please contact [PaulaDarbyshire@argylltsi.org.uk](mailto:PaulaDarbyshire@argylltsi.org.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Volunteer Conference** – This took place on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in Inveraray and was well attended both in person and online. Initial responses to the Volunteer Survey were also presented which demonstrated the challenges faced by organisations and volunteers across Argyll & Bute, alongside the added pressures exerted by the Cost-of-Living Crisis. [PowerPoint Presentation \(argylltsi.org\)](http://www.argylltsi.org)

**All our Children Network meeting** – The TSI will be holding the next All our Children Network meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. This will be a hybrid meeting with the option to attend in person at the Inveraray Hub. On the agenda is the merger between All our

Children and The TSI Children and Young People Network. To view the agenda and sign up [Children, Young People and Families Network Meeting Tickets, Tue 14 Feb 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**Social Enterprise Network** - The TSI will be holding the next Social Enterprise Network meeting on Wednesday 15th February 2023. This will be a hybrid meeting with the option to attend in person at the Inveraray Hub. For more details and to reserve a spot [Social Enterprise Network Tickets, Wed 15 Feb 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**Community Networking Breakfast** – The TSI will be holding their first Community Networking Breakfast on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 8.30-10.00am in The Coffee Lounge at the Commodore. This free Community Breakfast will provide a chance to catch up on what's going on in the third and voluntary sector and network. [Community Networking Breakfast Tickets, Tue 28 Feb 2023 at 08:30 | Eventbrite](#)