

Hope Kitchen- Partner Update

Hope Kitchen would like to highlight to the community planning group a new initiative including a number of third sector organisations.

Connecting Communities Collective

Oban has an incredible network of third sector groups which provide a huge range of vital services. The essential services offered provide assistance across a wide range of areas, including health and wellbeing, affordable warmth, homelessness and youth work. A group of Oban-based organisations, Healthy Options, Allenergy, Hope Kitchen and Oban Youth Café, have come together to see how working together more closely can connect, inspire and nurture our community by:

- Connecting the community, our services and staff.
- Bringing ownership of resources back to the community.
- Enabling, supporting and inspiring each other to our full potential.
- Creating a circular economy of skills.
- Raising an awareness of Community Wealth Building.
- Increasing our reach and changing people's perceptions.
- Supporting a 'can do' culture.

The collective worked alongside Atlantis Leisure to deliver a pilot, Winter Warmer, between November 2022 and March 2023 and is in the process of evaluating the partnership. The collective aims to reach out to other third sector groups and local business to collaborate in opportunities to benefit Oban and the surrounding area. Three years funding has been secured from the Investing in Communities Fund.