

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Partner Update – OLI ACPG

Period: 14th April 2023 to 16th July 2023.

Local Strategic Partnerships

At the June 2023 **Community Planning Partnership (CPP)**, A&B TSI CEO presented a fourth paper on moving the **local Community Wealth Building (CWB)** agenda further forward. The paper noted proposals for the governance of CWB locally and the arrangements for awarding the research contract to the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES).

In partnership with the Council and Inspiralba TSI has commissioned research from the Social Value Lab into the **health of social enterprises in Argyll and Bute**. Results from this research are expected to be published in Autumn 2023.

At the end of June, A&B TSI commissioned a three day Combined First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid course at Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban for Third Sector organisations. There was interest in the course from a variety of small to medium groups across A&B with attendees ranging from Mull and Oban to Helensburgh & Lomond.

The TSI national network is continuing to work on a response to the cost-of-living crisis and to advocate for Fair Funding for the Third Sector.

Future Events

The next meeting of the **Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network is scheduled for Thursday 24th August at 2pm in the newly refurbished Inverary Hub**. There is an option to attend remotely. For more information and to register attendance follow the [Social Enterprise Network Tickets, Thu 24 Aug 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

On Wednesday 6th September at The Rockfield Centre in Oban there will be a workshop exploring Community Wealth Building (CWB) in Argyll. The workshop follows on from a session conducted in May however, attending that previous session is not a prerequisite to participation. This session forms part of the work that The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and the Resource Collective have been commissioned to undertake by Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface for the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership. To find out more about the workshop in Oban and similar workshops in other areas of Argyll and Bute follow the link [Citizen Led Community Wealth Building Series | Eventbrite](#)

A&B TSI are organising a **Volunteer Conference at The Rockfield Centre in Oban on Friday 8th September 11am to 4pm**. Please pencil the date in your diaries. More details to follow once the agenda has been confirmed. **Brian Grout has been appointed as the Co-ordinator for the Argyll and Bute Positive Destinations Programme** and will be speaking at the Volunteer Conference in September. The programme offers support for anyone over the age of 15 with barriers to further education or employment by offering a 6-month volunteering placement in organisations across Argyll and Bute, with mentors to support personal development. To register go to [Register \(argylltsi-funding.org.uk\)](#)

