

## Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Partner Update – Helensburgh & Lomond Area Community Planning Group 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

- **Community Wealth Building**

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and the Resource Collective have been commissioned by **Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP)** to undertake research into advancing **Community Wealth Building (CWB)** locally. The Scottish Government has adopted a community wealth building approach as a key practical means to achieve wellbeing economy objectives outlined in the National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), and many areas and communities, across Scotland are advancing the agenda.

There are already great things happening in our communities and places across Argyll and Bute, and they'd love to have your views and voice heard as part of this consultation. No prior knowledge of CWB is required. It will all be explained on the day, with ample time for your own input to help shape this agenda moving forward and advance your own work.

The Helensburgh and Lomond session will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1.30 – 4.30pm, at Helensburgh Parish Church Halls. Please register at [Helensburgh & Lomond: Citizen Led Community Wealth Building Workshop Tickets, Fri 8 Sep 2023 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

- **Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund – Year 3**

The Scottish Government has confirmed that the funding amount for Year 3 of the **Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund** in Argyll and Bute will be £282,303.16. More details will follow soon.

- **Positive Destinations**

**Argyll and Bute Positive Destinations** is still accepting referrals. The programme is funded by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Funds and enables 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 \(argylltsi-funding.org.uk\)](#)

- **Volunteering**

A **Volunteering Conference** will be held in Helensburgh on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Helensburgh Parish Church Halls. Further details to follow.

[VolunteerArgyllandBute.org](#) is a new and improved digital platform for volunteering, where people can search for the latest opportunities and register with the ones that suit them most. Groups and individuals can create their own online accounts to:

- Register their interest in opportunities that match their interests.
- Communicate directly with organisations offering opportunities.

- Log any hours spent volunteering.
- Provide feedback on the quality of the volunteering experience.
- Receive regular updates on new opportunities when they go live.
- Groups can advertise multiple volunteering opportunities on the portal.

- **Argyll and Bute Community Directory**

The A&B TSI database contains over 1400 services across the region and has powered the **Argyll and Bute Community Directory** which launched on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (<https://abcd.scot/>). The directory provides a referral route for third sector services (and some statutory services) and it provides a means to analyse the strengths and gaps in local provision as well as map this against data such as that on poverty, health inequality and demographics.