



## LiveArgyll Update

### **Community Learning Services: Adult Literacy and Numeracy Provision Bute and Cowal**

In both Bute and Cowal Community Learning Services will also be providing Adult Literacy and Numeracy support through the UKSPF and Multiply Funding Provision. The delivery/ provision of this support will be in Libraries and Community Learning Centres with 121 support sessions being offered alongside side events throughout the year (until March 2025). We have in place an Adult Literacy and Numeracy worker (Part time) in each of the areas. Please contact Hugh O'Hagan for further details Hugh can be contacted on telephone 01700801086 Email:

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### **HMI Community Learning and Development (CLD) Progress Visit of Argyll and Bute Council January 2024.**

Argyll and Bute Council has just undergone and HMI CLD Progress Visit (08/01/24 – 10/01/24) As with previous inspection models, the starting point was the CLD current Strategic Partnership Plan 2021 -2024 and How good is our Community Learning and Development?

Overall Argyll and Bute received a positive outcome and this will reflect in the published report which we hope to receive and circulate 6 – 8 weeks' time.

### **Newly Elected MSYPs for Argyll and Bute**

We are delighted to announce Alasdair Paisley, Mariska Silkowski & Sophie Bennie-Twist as the new Members of Scottish Youth Parliament elect for Argyll & Bute. They will embark on a period of training and development and will officially start their new positions from February 2024. Alasdair and Mariska will represent Argyll and Bute, whilst Sophie will represent Helensburgh and Lomond. Entirely youth led and diverse, the Scottish Youth Parliament provides a national platform for young people to discuss the issues that are important to them, and campaign to effect the change they wish to see; developing young people to be the leaders of tomorrow through training and international opportunities, encouraging young people in decision making, supporting youth action and developing essential life skills for leadership. It is a true model of youth participation and a key aspect of democracy in Scotland.

You will find out more about your MSYP elect's in the coming weeks so follow to find out more.

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Here's the link to the Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/LAyouthwork/posts/pfbid0ha5wHk8kYEVZ7LmKmuGNhGSfWhwAtmbMrQJZadufLdedTudXqgh1NipUd7ceWY8FI>

## **Youth Consultation Living on Bute**

Having discussed with the Bute Youth Action Group it was decided that we would adapt a consultation that the Kintyre Youth Action Group had run previously to find out what young people felt about living on Bute. This was an ideal opportunity for Youth Services on Bute to hear young people's voices and gather views as the event was open to all pupils in the Secondary school on the island.

On the day 94 Young People between the ages of 11 & 18 who were attending the Take Time Event took time to complete our consultation, The information collected was collated by the Youth worker and then interpreted by members of youth action group to form the outcome report.

This report will be used to provide feedback to Rothesay Academy staff, Bute Community Council, local councillors and other organisations who want to know the views of young people on Bute. It will also be used by the Youth Services to shape our services on Bute.

Bute Youth Action Group and our Member of Scottish Youth Parliament will be able to draw on relevant information from this report to enable them to share the voices of their peers on Bute and shape any programme of campaign they may take from this information.

**Summary of Findings:** Young people said that there are lots of good things about living on Bute they liked the natural outdoor spaces and that they felt safe. Most said they loved spending time with their friends and attending some groups in the community. 37 young people said they would like somewhere they could go & hang out without being moved on so they can meet friends and socialise in a safe warm environment. 57 young people would like to see more organised activities/ groups and clubs even though many of them are already engaged in sports or dancing groups they would like to see different activities for non-sporty young people.

Many are worried about the future being able to access employment or training and also having to leave the island to access these opportunities and More than half of the young people who took part said they are worried about their own physical and/or mental health and that they didn't know where to access good support other than the HUB at school. For further information Please contact Shona Edwards Youth Services Lead for the full results findings and questions asked Shona can be contacted on: 01700 501335 email: [Shona.Edwards@liveargyll.co.uk](mailto:Shona.Edwards@liveargyll.co.uk).