



Helensburgh Community Hub – CPG update August 2024

Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Reading for Pleasure related activity

We now have almost 200 children signed up to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - a free monthly book gifting programme for all children aged 0-5 who live in Helensburgh. This is partly funded by income from the Book Nook, our volunteer-run second-hand bookshop in the Hub.

Sign up at: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/uk/affiliate/HELENSBURGH>

Further recent activity to promote and support reading for pleasure includes:

- Visits from Hermitage Primary P4 classes
- 14 free books given to military personnel, reservists, veterans and their families as part of Armed Forces Day
- Books provided to Parklands School
- Free birthday books chosen by children aged over 5 visiting the Book Nook
- Sets of books loaned to book groups on 4 occasions
- Young writers' group hosted by the Hub
- Book on a Boat – more than 40 Hub volunteers, and members of Hub, Jean's Bothy and Helensburgh and Lomond Carers Centre book groups enjoyed an afternoon on Loch Lomond with best-selling nature writer Jum Crumley and hosted by Cruise Loch Lomond.
- Meet the Author event in the Hub featuring nine local authors.

Upcoming events and new activity in the Hub

- A new volunteer-run weekly Moving Meditation session on Mondays 5.30-6.30pm

**MOVING MEDITATION
ON MONDAYS
HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY HUB
5.30-6.30PM**

Experience meditation in motion with Qigong, which focuses on deep breathing and gentle movement

All skill levels welcome
No equipment needed
Starts Monday 5 August
Helensburgh Community Hub

For more information contact the Hub on 01436 678088 or manager@helensburghcommunityhub.org.uk

- Community food festival on Sunday 25 August 11am-2pm.



Volunteering

More than 160 volunteers from 30+ organisations came together for lunch as part of Volunteers Week Scotland. This event was organised for the second year by the Hub and Visiting Friends to showcase and celebrate the huge range of volunteering across Helensburgh and Lomond.

We are currently working on a creative photography project in partnership with Kathryn Polley Photography to further showcase volunteering, and our efforts to secure funding for a volunteer co-ordinator based in the Hub continue.

Finally....

The Hub held its AGM in June (annual report and accounts are available – please contact Development Manager Gill Simpson). The DM is also supporting Helensburgh Community Council in the creation of a Helensburgh Local Place Plan, and is part of the the John Logie Baird Centenary steering group.

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