

PITCH DATE	3 rd October 2007
PROJECT NAME	Time for Change - Timebanking
CONTACT DETAILS	Pat Logan, Manager, 01688 302500
Project Description	<p>Timebanking (where people exchange basic skills to help each other within their neighbourhoods for a virtual time currency) encourages people and communities to develop self help solutions towards improving their own quality of life and well being. The timebank model is successfully used to improve service delivery in Health, Housing, and Local Government in other parts of the UK. The project, Time for Change, will consolidate and build on existing local timebank developments and in particular to this funding hub pitch, seeks to target agencies to use the Timebank Model.</p> <p>Managed by the Volunteer Centre, 5 p/t development workers will work with a range of agencies and communities to establish the growth of timebanks. An application made to BLF could be enhanced with partner involvement.</p>
Feedback from Hub	<p>Timebanking is a recognised delivery model for engaging those who are hard to reach and making best use of local social capital. It has many applications in Argyll and Bute, in particular through the emerging Community Learning and Regeneration Strategic Plan and through the health related benefits that volunteering can have. The pitch to the Funding Hub panel was particularly to engage partner involvement. To explore these links strategically the Funding Hub panel have invited the project to prepare a paper for the Health and Wellbeing Group of the CPP which should demonstrate the benefits of timebanking within Argyll and Bute (as per their 2005-2008 project) to include best value and links with agency strategies. This work will lay the foundation for a joined up approach to timebanking which will hopefully make best use of partner resources. The project is bidding to Big and were advised by the panel to consider other options for funding.</p>
Recommendations	Note the contents and request that the Health and Wellbeing Theme Group feed back on the outcome of the timebanking paper submitted.

PROJECT NAME	Community Planning Partnership Website
CONTACT DETAILS	Eileen Wilson, CPP Manager, eileen.wilson@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Project Description	<p>To commission a Digital Inclusion feasibility study to look at developing an IT based, interactive communication tool to enable partners and communities to work more closely and more meaningfully. The product would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable communities to comment, influence and participate in the planning process • Explore ways of communicating with hard to reach groups • Identifying appropriate outreach mechanisms to support these activities • Sharing resources such as information, video conferencing facilities, meeting rooms, admin support and best practice and thus • Make resources more accessible
Feedback from Hub	<p>Requires demonstrative partnership contribution and support to the project if it is to work. Stand alone website would be a positive step to having the autonomy to communicate as a partnership although there was concern from one agency that this project was a step too far. All partners agreed that steps need to be taken to prevent digital exclusion and to ensure value for money</p>

	that the tendering process involved IT expertise from partner agencies. It was also noted that the tendering process should be open and inclusive to social economy organisations.
Recommendations	For noting and to invite partners to consider how they could offer development and ongoing support to the project.