



## **Argyll and Bute CPP Bulletin 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Welcome** to the latest issue of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Bulletin.

This fortnightly bulletin is a place for sharing items of interest between community planning partners and our wider network of readers who are interested in the work of the Community Planning Partnership. These include links to strategies, consultations, reports, training, conferences & news stories.

If you have items you would like to share through this bulletin, please send links with up to 200 words of introductory text to: [cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

We make every effort to ensure that any hyperlinks in the Bulletin work – some of them may take longer to load. If you require printed copies of any of the documents attached in the Bulletin please contact: [cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk).



Argyll and Bute Council also send out other bulletins regularly that may be of interest:

### **Communities Bulletin**

Every three weeks, containing links to resources and information for people in communities, community groups and the third sector in Argyll and Bute.

Sign up here: [Note of Interest Form \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://argyll-bute.gov.uk)

### **Cuairt-litir Gàidhlig Earra-Ghàidheal is Bhòid - Argyll and Bute Gaelic Newsletter**

Up to twelve issues per year, sharing and promoting Gaelic news, events and other opportunities for everyone in Argyll and Bute. To subscribe, send an email to: [gaelic@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:gaelic@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

### **Monthly Funding Alert**

A wide range of current funding opportunities gathered from a range of sources and collated in a monthly bulletin highlighting deadlines and links for more details.

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### **New in This Bulletin:**

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## **Coming Soon! Improving lives in Argyll and Bute - tell us your priorities**

The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership is planning the focus of our work for the next 10 years.

We will shortly be launching a survey to find out the **top 3 themes** residents think are most important for improving lives in Argyll and Bute – **Watch This Space!**



## **Job opportunity: Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council – Oban, Lorn and the Isles**



We are excited to share this opportunity for someone with community development skills and experience to join our team.

In this permanent full time post, you will support community organisations in Oban, Lorn and the Isles to help them to achieve their aims, and work with partners to ensure community priorities can be met. We are looking for a self-starter who is motivated to help communities in the area to thrive and develop.

As part of the team you will receive access to training and skills development opportunities.

Whilst the post is advertised for 35 hours per week, we are open to discussions on flexible working arrangements. For more information or to discuss this post, please contact Kirsty Moyes, Community Development and Building Back Stronger Team Leader

[kirsty.moyes@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.moyes@argyll-bute.gov.uk), 01436 657635.

The **closing date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022** and applications can be made via [myjobscotland](https://myjobscotland.gov.uk).

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## **CPP Management Committee Minutes**



The Minutes of the CPP Management Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 are now available to read on Argyll and Bute Council's website [here](#)

The next meeting is due to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10:00am.

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## **Local Police Plan 2023-2026 - Community Consultation**

The planning cycle for the development of the Local Police Plans 2023-26 has commenced. Members of the public, and public, private and third sector organisations have told local divisions what is important to them, and what they want officers and staff to prioritise during the lifespan of the Local Police Plan.



Police Scotland now invite community partners and relevant members of your organisation/association to provide feedback on the draft Local Police Plans.

Feedback can be provided through an organisational response to the Local Policing Plan consultation which is available here: [Local Police Plans 2023-2026 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space](#).

If you have any questions, please contact

[ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityEngagementTeam@scotland.police.uk](mailto:ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityEngagementTeam@scotland.police.uk)

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## **Argyll and Bute TSI The health of our sector survey 2022 – cost of living and volunteering**

Volunteers, community members, statutory partners and community groups are invited to help Argyll and Bute TSI to understand the nature of the current challenges facing volunteering and community groups so that they can advocate and campaign for change.

You can take part in the survey by clicking here:

[Health of our sector survey 2022 – cost of living and volunteering \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

Findings will be presented At the Volunteering Conference on 9<sup>th</sup> December (see Dates for your Diary for more information).

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## **Dates for Your Diary**

### **November**

#### **Bringing Ownerless Properties Back into Use - 29 November 2022. 1:00 PM**

A consultation on the Ownerless Property Transfer Scheme has been launched to create opportunities for public bodies, local authorities, community groups to transform ownerless land & buildings into functioning public assets.

You are invited to join this webinar that will explore the proposals for the new scheme, and share how you can get involved in the consultation. For more information and to sign up, click here:

[KLTR's Ownerless Property Transfer Scheme: Bringing Ownerless Properties Back Into Use - Events - News & Events - Scottish Land Commission](#)

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### **December**

#### **Free Carbon Literacy Training**

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Learn more about: the science behind climate change; social equity & climate change; what you can do to act on climate change; and strategies and skills for communicating action on climate change.

The training has been designed by ACT and is suitable for all Argyll and Bute residents.

To find out more or reserve a space contact course facilitator, Jamie Joyce, at [jamie@act-now.org.uk](mailto:jamie@act-now.org.uk) or call 07943020241. [Climate Change Training For Everyone.pdf](#)



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**Volunteering Conference on 9<sup>th</sup> December – 10am-1pm followed by a Networking Lunch, Campbell Suite Inveraray Inn, Inveraray**  
Online and In Person for tickets click : [Argyll & Bute Volunteering Conference Tickets, Fri 9 Dec 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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## Why is the right to health important to your role? 13 December 2022, 10:00 AM



Public Health Scotland will be hosting a live online event for people who work in public services to learn what the Right To Health is, what it means in practice and how to empower communities to exercise their rights.

For more information and to book your free spot, click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/why-is-the-right-to-health-important-to-your-role-tickets-432756054007>

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## January 2023 Onwards

**UHI Argyll** is holding a series of open days. To find out about the courses starting in January 2023.

**Tuesday 17th January 2023** – Open evening 4pm – 8pm (Ahead of UCAS deadline on 25th Jan)

**W/C 27th March (day TBC)** – Open Day 12-8pm – this event will link with a series of national college events taking place this week.

For further information, click here: [Study with us - Open Days \(uhi.ac.uk\)](https://www.uhi.ac.uk/study-with-us/open-days)

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## Previous Items You May Have Missed...

### Partner Good News Stories

The Scottish Women's Development Forum (SWDF) was established in 2003 to increase the representation of **women** in policing in Scotland. Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Policing Division were delighted to have 2 of our local officers from Argyll and Bute as finalists for the Scottish Women's Development Forum Annual Awards which were held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Police Scotland College – Tulliallan. This year the awards were centred around "Time to Shine" and reflected commitment to local policing throughout Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire.



PC Eilidh Ann Dewar is from Oban and is currently providing support for a review of rural policing throughout Argyll and Bute ensuring officer welfare and the best possible service is provided to our communities throughout Argyll and Bute. PC Dewar was previously a local response officer covering the Oban area before taking on this role. PC Dewar won the Excellence in Performance Award which was awarded by Deputy Chief Officer, David Page.



PC Laura Evans is the Partnership Liaison Officer for Argyll and Bute, based in Dunoon covering the whole of Argyll and Bute looking at opportunities to develop partnership relationships that will help keep our communities safe. This has ranged from fraud prevention, suicide prevention, support for those living with dementia and road safety matters. Laura was previously a response officer covering Cowal before taking up this role. PC Evans received the Highly Commended Award as Police Officer of the Year with her award being presented by the Chief Constable of Police Scotland, Sir Iain Livingstone.

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## **Argyll and Bute Council Heat Your Home webpage**



The cost of the gas and electricity we use in our homes is going up. Argyll and Bute Council has created a new webpage outlining steps that can be taken to deal with this. Please share this page with anyone who might find it useful:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/heat-your-home>

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## **Money Guiders Scotland Network**



Money touches every aspect of our lives. Money guidance is often given as part of wider services provided by many different types of organisations and practitioners. If you talk with others about their money worries and help them, then you are most likely a money guider. The Money Guiders Scotland Network is designed to give you the support and information that can help make it easier for you to talk to others about their money worries.

You can find more information and sign up for regular updates here:

[Money Guiders network | Improvement Service](#)

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## **HIE Household survey results**



HIE has published the findings of its [My Life in the Highlands and Islands survey](#), carried out by IPSOS at the start of the year. The study area includes Argyll and Bute.

More than 5,300 people over the age of 16 living in 4,442 households across the region responded to the study. The study examines residents access to healthcare, education, transport and economic opportunity. The findings show that sustained and flexible investment is required in services, housing, transport and digital connectivity in the Highlands and Islands to realise economic opportunity and ensure a just transition to net zero.

For more information, click here: [Household survey highlights investment needs | HIE](#)

690 adults living in Argyll and the Islands responded and you can read a summary report of these findings here: [Argyll and the Islands Summary Report](#)

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## **NatureScot National Parks Consultation**

The Scottish Government is committed to the creation of at least one new National Park during the lifetime of the current Scottish Parliament. It is nearly 20 years since Scotland's first two National Parks were created. Before more are created, Scottish Ministers wish to review the role of our National Parks, especially their role in addressing the crises of biodiversity loss and climate change.



NatureScot are seeking views from a wide range of stakeholders and interested groups and individuals on the role of National Parks and the selection criteria for new areas.

For more information and to submit your response, click here:

[The future for National Parks in Scotland - Have your say - closing date 30th November 2022 | NatureScot](#)

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## **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan**



The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has revealed its plan to help keep Scotland's communities safe.

The Strategic Plan 2022-2025 sets out the Service's strategic intentions for the next three years, and details seven objectives to achieve them.

More info: [Scottish Fire & Rescue Service \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](https://firescotland.gov.uk)

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## **Scottish Fire and Rescue Stay Fire Safe Campaign**



Due to a rise in the cost of living, it is anticipated that people may look at alternative ways of heating and lighting their homes. Scotland's fire and rescue service is warning that changing behaviours could put households at risk of accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

To raise awareness to help to keep people safe, SFRS and other fire and rescue services across the UK are backing the National Fire Chiefs Council's Stay Fire Safe campaign.

This aims to provide advice regarding the hazards associated with, and guidance for the safe use of portable heaters, electric blankets, wood burning stoves and candles, as well as highlighting chimney safety – a potential fire risk if they have not been cleaned or properly maintained.

For more info: [Scottish Fire & Rescue Service \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](https://firescotland.gov.uk)

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## **Scottish Fire and Rescue Winter Safety Campaigns**



SFRS have produced leaflets which focus on different elements of winter safety:

[Power Cuts](#)

[Home Fire Safety Checklist](#)

[Chimneys](#)

[Your Guide to Fire Safety](#)

[Electrical Safety](#)

[Safe Cooking](#)

“Your Safety” Section of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Website provides access to a library of safety advice and information. Click here : [Your Safety Section of the SFRS Website](#)

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## **Skills Development Scotland Strategic Plan**

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) has launched its new Strategic Plan, offering a blueprint for tackling economic challenges. Entitled [Skills for a Changing World](#), the Plan offers a vision of an agile, dynamic, employer-led skills and career ecosystem able to take advantage of economic opportunity.

More info: [Skills for a Changing World | Skills Development Scotland](#)

The logo for Skills Development Scotland, featuring the text 'Skills Development Scotland' in white on a dark teal background with a scalloped edge.

## **New report from Versus Arthritis**

A new report shows people living with chronic pain in Argyll and Bute are struggling with pain every day and losing confidence in their future.

The study found that the strength of partnership work in Argyll & Bute is the main building block to sustained improvement, rooted in an understanding of communities and the role of the third and community sectors.

Read the full report here: [pain-people-argyll-report-versus-arthritis.pdf \(versusarthritis.org\)](#)

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## **Free trees for schools and communities**

The Woodland Trust want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree, so they are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities.



The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. By planting trees, everyone will help bring us nearer this important goal.

There are several different tree packs to suit a variety of circumstances. There are two delivery periods per year, one in March and one in November. The Woodland Trust is currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in MARCH 2023.



Applications for March delivery are expected to close in mid-December or sooner depending on stock availability.

For More Information, Visit: [Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#)

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## **Worrying about Money**



An updated version of the Argyll and Bute 'Worrying About Money' leaflet is now. A digital version can also be found here: [Worrying About Money Online Version](#)

The leaflet is available: [here](#)

The poster is available: [here](#)

Benefits Money and Energy Advice is also available: [here](#)

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## **Community Assemblies and Climate Action**



The Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) Global Local podcast looks at the motivators and communication needed to encourage citizens to invest in tackling the impact of climate change in their local area. Freya Millard chats with Elke Weissmann and Belinda Tyrrell from the Edgehill University about their recent project on using citizen assemblies to address climate change on a local level.

Listen to the full episode here: <https://anchor.fm/global-local/episodes/Community-assemblies-and-climate-action-e1p8dl1/a-a8mqpi4> (there will be an error message when you click – click on OK to access)

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## **Scotland's Census Outputs Consultation**



Scotland's Census plan to start publishing census information in 2023. As part of their work towards publication, they have now launched a Scotland's Census outputs consultation.

All users of census data are encouraged to respond. By responding to the consultation, you will help to produce census outputs that will meet your needs.

The consultation asks users to give their views on:

- the order and sequencing of topics published
- the tools used to publish data
- the geographical levels that data are published at
- how changes to census questions impact users' planned work/research
- what they need from the new census questions

Find out more about the consultation and how to respond [here](#).

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## **Scotland's Census: Update on securing high quality outputs**

Scotland's Census recently published a paper on how they are:

[Securing high quality Census Outputs and Population Estimates.](#)

The paper explains how they are bringing together data from Scotland's Census Collect 2022, the Census Coverage Survey 2022 and administrative data within statistical estimation methodology. It also covers how they are adapting our statistical methodology to ensure that Scotland's Census 2022 delivers high quality outputs.

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## **Living Well mid-strategy report**

The Living Well Strategy was launched by Argyll and Bute's Integration Joint Board in September 2019 as a strategic approach to preventing long term health conditions and enabling people to live well, and also supporting people already living with a long-term health diagnosis.

The Living Well Strategy covers a 5-year period to 2024 and a mid-strategy report has now been published. The report reflects on the progress of Living Well and the strategy partners, reflects on the challenges due to COVID-19 and discusses the next steps to ensure that people within Argyll and Bute can live well. It can be downloaded from:

<https://www.ablivingwell.org/resources-publications>

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## **Public Health Annual Report**

The Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute includes health improvement, health intelligence/data analysis and the Alcohol and Drug Partnership support team. An annual work plan sets out the work of the team and this is reported at the end of each year. We are pleased to announce the publication of our 2021/2022 annual report, which can be downloaded here:

- <https://www.ablivingwell.org/resources-publications>.

The report provides detail on the range of activity delivered by the team supporting the pandemic response but also starting back our core work and addressing the social determinants of health and prevention. If you would like to get in touch with the team please contact:

[nhsh.abhealthimprovement@nhs.scot](mailto:nhsh.abhealthimprovement@nhs.scot)

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## **HSCP Money Counts training**

The HSCP is offering short training sessions for HSCP and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector workers who are able to have brief conversations with individuals about money worries and signpost on. The session aims

to improve understanding of poverty and its impact, increase confidence to talk about money worries and increase knowledge of support services that are available to people within Argyll and Bute.

Dates and times:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 14.00-14.30 hrs

The course is booked through [TURAS](#)

If you do not have a TURAS account, please follow the link below to create one. TURAS is free and gives access to health and social care learning resources. [TURAS Account](#)

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### **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Review**

The Scottish Government has begun a review of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (July 2022) to explore if the legislation is doing what it set out to do and if any changes are required.

The review will have a particular focus on community ownership and strengthening decision-making to improve outcomes for the local community. The review should finish in the second half of 2023.

For more information please email [Community.Empowerment@gov.scot](mailto:Community.Empowerment@gov.scot).

Please ensure you include which part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) 2015 you are interested in, your question and contact details.

[Community empowerment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

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### **Argyll & Bute Community Directory**

Argyll & Bute Third Sector Interface are delighted to announce the launch of the Argyll & Bute Community Directory.

This online resource contains access to over 1300 services across the region and more services will be added over the coming months as the community directory grows.

You can visit the directory by going to <https://abcd.scot/> (Link may be slow to load)

There is a help page where you will find videos and hints and tips on how to use the page as well as a contact us page if you have any queries or changes to your service.

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### **Argyll and Bute Scotland Loves Local Gift Card**

The Scotland Loves Local (SLL) gift card is designed to encourage local spending and support local businesses.

Gift cards can be purchased via the following link:

[Argyll and Bute Gift Card](#)



Find out about the experiences of some Argyll and Bute businesses that have signed up to the [Argyll and Bute Gift Card](#) in this short film, by clicking this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvGRy-ea92I>

Recipients of the Argyll and Bute gift card will be able to enjoy a range of fantastic local products, services and experiences on offer from across the area. They include:

- Hotel stays
- Local gifts
- Clothes
- Local dining
- Household goods
- Groceries
- Local services (e.g. garages, accountants)

The Argyll and Bute businesses which accept the gift card are listed as follows: <https://scotlandgiftslocal.com/product/argyll-bute-gift-card/>

If you are a business owner and would like to register to accept the gift card, it takes less than a minute to sign up via the following link: <https://lovelocal.scot/register-your-business/>

The gift card runs on the MasterCard network and any businesses that accept card payments, can accept the gift card.

For more information, visit: <https://lovelocal.scot/giftcard/>

This is a fully funded programme delivered by Scotland's Towns Partnership (STP), the organisation spearheading the Scotland Loves Local Campaign, supported financially by the Scottish Government and endorsed by Argyll and Bute Council.

Thanks to local businesses who've signed up so far and are backing the Argyll and Bute SLL Gift Card.

You can read case studies from them below:

- [Wreckspeditions](#)
- [Loch Fyne Gallery](#)

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## **Ready Scot Learn - emergency planning**



[Ready Scotland LEARN](#) is an open-access eLearning hub – free, no login and no data gathering - which contains original online learning modules and links to trusted learning content on topics related to emergency management in Scotland. It is aimed at community groups and voluntary sector organisations who have the skills, resources and ability to get involved and have a strong desire to help local people.

[Ready Scotland LEARN](#) will help to strengthen knowledge and awareness of emergency planning, and encourage collaboration and connections during “ordinary” times so that when crises arise, strong partnerships and relationships nationally and locally are already in place.

Follow the link to find lots of information about [community resilience](#) and together with these Scottish Government resources we can work together to build on resilience in Argyll and Bute.

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## **The Little Book of Big Scams - Scottish Business Resilience Centre 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.**



The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of The Little Book of Big Scams has been produced by the Scottish Business Resilience Centre. Please spread it far and wide, get the word out there and help keep our communities protected from fraud. Access it [here](#)

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## **Your Police – Your Local Policing Plan**

Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Public engagement activities help improve how they deliver policing services in local communities, to ensure they are accessible for everyone.



The Annual Police Plan sets out what Police will do to keep communities safe. It has been developed using public responses to the 2021 survey – along with focus groups, workshops and other contact. The survey is designed to be completed online to participate, visit: [Your Police](#)

A British Sign Language version of this survey is available at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/bsl-version-your-police-2022-2023>.

If it's necessary to complete the survey in a different way (for example, over the phone) contact: [InsightEngagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:InsightEngagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

### **Closes 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Responses are anonymous unless respondents choose to self-identify in responses.

There is information about how to claim 150 Rewards points after submitting response for Young Scot card holders (ages 12-25) To join, go to [young.scot](#) to sign up.

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# Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund

Information for partners and stakeholders



## **New Fund from CARES**

The new 'Let's Do Net Zero' Community Buildings Fund from CARES will help community organisations reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. The fund is now open and is planned to run until the **end of March 2025**, subject to funding availability. Funding is available for many types of self-managed community buildings.

### **Who can apply?**

Applicants must be constituted non-profit distributing community organisations, including organisations with charitable status, that are established and operating across a geographically defined community, or faith groups.

CARES has already supported many community organisations throughout Scotland to successfully install renewable technologies in their community buildings. You can read about these projects on our website, including:

- [Cairnlea Parish Church](#) installed two air source heat pumps and now has a cosy hall to restart its community activities
- [Aboyne and Mid-Deeside Community Shed](#) installed four air source heat pumps to provide space heating at its community shed
- [Loch Ness Hub](#) installed solar panels and an air source heat pump to decarbonise the building's heat and energy supply.

For more information and case studies of buildings funded, click [here](#)

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## **Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) – New 'How to' YouTube videos available**

Local Energy Scotland's goal is that communities across Scotland are engaging, participating and benefiting in the energy transition to net zero. To help achieve this, they administer the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). CARES offers a range of financial support and advice to community groups, organisations and businesses as above. CARES also supports communities interested in shared ownership of a renewable energy project, and communities that have been approached by commercial developers regarding community benefits packages.

The CARES 2022 Conference took place on 27th September and looked at how communities can take climate action with the support of CARES. A range of 'How to' sessions were held, looking at some of the key skills and actions needed to drive change in communities. These were recorded and are now available on YouTube: [Local Energy Scotland - YouTube](#)

For further information, please contact Gemma Murray, Development Officer for Argyll & Bute, at [Gemma.Murray@localenergy.scot](mailto:Gemma.Murray@localenergy.scot)

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## Community Funding Toolkit

With funding from the Scottish Government Rural Communities Testing Change Fund a Funding Toolkit for community-led local development across Argyll and Bute was developed to support and help local communities access future funding opportunities and is free to download below.

We hope this toolkit helps you secure the funding to **Invest in Argyll** download the tool kit from the link below. **Deadline: Ongoing**



[https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/funding\\_toolkit.pdf](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/funding_toolkit.pdf)

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## Argyll and Bute Council Weekly News Round Up

You can sign up to receive the Argyll and Bute Weekly News Round Up which is full of useful information, guidance, surveys and vacancies [here](#).



## Funding Links

### Argyll and Bute Flexible Food Fund

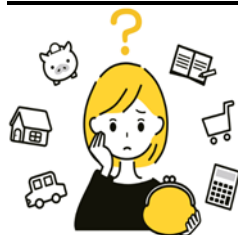
The Flexible Food Fund is having a really positive impact in communities across Argyll & Bute, putting cash in the pockets of those with no financial buffer. Bute Advice and ALIenergy have worked successfully to provide welfare rights, money and energy advice to over 200 households across Argyll and Bute. This holistic approach is supporting households to become financially stable and helps bring peace of mind to families across Argyll and Bute.



Applications to the fund can be made via the [online claim form](#) available on the council's website. If you need help or support to complete the form please call us on 01700 502784 and ask about the Argyll and Bute Flexible Food Fund.

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## Benefits Money and Energy Advice Leaflet – New Updated



A new Money Worries guide has been created by Bute Advice Centre and ALIenergy in partnership with the Argyll and Bute Community Food Forum, with the aim of providing basic information to help households maximise their income where possible, reduce outgoings and make the most of existing budgets. In addition, it will provide contact details of support services available throughout the region. Please share this widely with your networks.

The Leaflet can be found on Argyll and Bute Council's CPP Webpage, [here](#)

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## **Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Funding Update**

The TSI's latest Funding Update can be found [here](#). (this hyperlink may be slow to load)

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## **Funding for Communities**

Funds to support communities at this time can be found [here](#).

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## **Sign up to Funding Alert**

You can sign up to receive the Argyll and Bute Council monthly Funding Alert [here](#).

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## **Grantnet – Funding Search Tool**

GRANTnet is a straightforward free to use service which can help you identify suitable funding for your activity or project across a wide range of funding sources.

### **What is GRANTnet?**

- Up-to-date information on over 7,000 grants and other incentives,
- Rapid identification of funding sources specific to need,
- Data sourced from EC and UK Government sources, including Government departments, local authorities, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors.

### **How to access GRANTnet**

You can access the Grantnet home page [here](#).

When using the system for the first time, go to the '**Log in / Register**' page [here](#) and enter your details including your e-mail address (this will become the username), name, organisation, postal address and telephone number. Clicking on the 'Register' button will generate an e-mail providing a password.

**Using GRANTnet** - When you log into the system you must answer some questions about your organisation and the project which you wish to undertake. GRANTnet will then provide an overview of all the funds available.

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## **Funding help available for businesses**

Funds to support businesses at this time can be found at [here](#).

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## **COVID-19 Advice from NHS Inform**

Covid 19 is still around – for the latest updated advice, visit the NHS Inform website by clicking: [here](#)



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## **Other Partners Covid 19 information**

Here is our partner websites with other useful information :-

[Police Scotland](#) - Information about how the Police is responding to COVID 19.

[Fire Scotland](#) - Latest news and details of how they are providing an emergency response during COVID 19.

[Highlands and Islands Enterprise](#) – Advice for businesses, communities and third sector organisations.

[Scottish Natural Heritage](#) – Tips to support and enjoy local wildlife.

[Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park](#) – Details of facilities and helpful advice for visitors and businesses.

[Argyll College UHI](#) – Student support and advice.

[Argyll & Bute Council](#) – Help and advice for residents, businesses, communities on Covid 19 and changes to council services.

[Scottish Enterprise](#) – Business continuity advice.

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