

**To: Paisley East Local Partnership**

**On: 15 February 2023**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**Grant Awards In Paisley East Area November 2022 to January 2023**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Paisley East Local Partnership makes awards on an annual basis to local community and voluntary groups and also receives a statement of awards to local groups in the area from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund which funds activities for 12-25 year olds through a Participatory Budgeting process.
- 1.2 In addition to the awards directly through the Local Partnership and Celebrating Renfrewshire, other awards have been made since the last Local Partnership meeting to groups in the Paisley East area through a number of other funding sources. Awards made with specific reference to Johnstone and Paisley East Local Partnership are set out below.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Paisley East Local Partnership Note the awards made since November 2022 to community and voluntary groups in Renfrewshire from funding sources other than the Local Partnership.

### 3. Awards Made To Community Groups in Paisley East November 2022-January 2023

#### 3.1 Winter Connections

Projects outlined below are specifically in the Paisley East area, with other Winter Connections elsewhere in Paisley also accessible to residents of the area.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
St Mark's Oldhall Church - <b>Social Activity Drop In</b> – The Church will provide space on a Wednesday afternoon for people to connect and take part in crafts, music sessions and board games and use the venue's facilities including pool table and table football. Free tea, coffee, cakes, soup and toasted/ sandwiches will be available as well as the opportunity to learn food/ hospitality skills from volunteer staff. A large hall is available for group activities and game organisers, coaches and equipment will be available after school and during holidays.	Paisley East	£2,000
<b>ROAR - Talk over toast &amp; tea</b> – This is a 20-week project run by ROAR, aiming to reduce isolation and loneliness, by offering different activities such as knitting, arts, book groups and digital learning in an intergenerational environment. Funding will provide catering and supplies for activities such as wool.	Paisley Sherwood Greenlaw	£2,000
<b>Winter Connections – Paisley Central Library</b>	Paisley East	Part of a separate £10,000 award to libraries

#### 3.2 Community Health and Wellbeing Fund (Engage Renfrewshire)

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Friends of Barshaw Park</b> – Funding will support an open programme of arts and cultural workshops for all within Barshaw Park	Paisley East	£1,000
<b>Kairos Women +</b> The project involves: Creative Café, Skills Café, Mental Wellness Course, and Lived Experience Planning Group who will develop and deliver a mental health focused event in December 2023	Paisley East	£20,000
<b>Paisley Opera</b> – Funds to support weekly running costs and promotional pop-up sessions	Paisley East	£5,000
<b>Ralston Community Council</b> – Deliver a pilot programme of sports activities for adults in the Ralston area of Paisley	Paisley East	£8,150
<b>Renfrewshire Carers Centre</b> – Develop a previously piloted Bereavement Group for carers in Renfrewshire	Paisley East	£2,880
<b>RIG Arts</b> – Support the delivery of EVOLVE Seedhill – an ambitious creative programme in Seedhill, Paisley, to support residents to rebuild and recover from the pandemic	Paisley East	£7,024.50
<b>ROAR Connections For Life</b> – Well Connected Project. Funding is needed to assist with this project to raise awareness, community commitment and facilitate consultation to build the Connectedness Network. Directly funded project activities would include: Walking Football in the Paisley East area and Zumba activities for older adults in areas across Renfrewshire	Paisley East	£5,320
<b>Talk It Over Paisley.</b> Talk It Over is a small group for mothers with postnatal	Paisley East	£900

depressionand/or anxiety. Funding will support a creche service.		
<b>Williamsburgh Housing Association</b> – Jones & Us Fitness Programme	Paisley East	The programme will run over 10 weeks, with 2 x weekly sessions in different areas of Renfrewshire (covering Association housing areas). Each session will focus on a different sport; football, touch rugby, basketball etc. This project will be run in partnership with local CIC Jones & Us.

### 3.3 Culture, Heritage and Events Fund

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Johnstone and Linwood – Live Music Now Scotland	Care Homes in Paisley, Johnstone and Linwood	£9,630
Fablevision – Woven In Renfrewshire	Royal Alexandra Hospital, Johnstone and Renfrew	£10,000

### 3.4 Communities, Greenspaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Friends of Jenny's Well – Mural Painting On Container	Paisley East	£2,500

### 3.5 Community Empowerment Fund

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Western Desert Recce Group – Architectural Feasibility Report and VAT Consultancy Report	Whitehaugh Barracks, Paisley East	£10,000