



**To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD**

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**STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Stalled Spaces Scotland: Renfrewshire has allocated its total funding budget of £20,000 to nine projects across Renfrewshire to fund a range of projects in: growing and planting; live music; art; and filming.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
- notes the contents of this report.
  - notes that further reports on the progress of the projects funded by Stalled Spaces Scotland will be submitted to future meetings of the Board.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Community groups were been invited to apply for grants of between £250 - £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based and applications were approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group.
- 3.2 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix were made available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website ([www.renfrewshire2023.com](http://www.renfrewshire2023.com)). The scoring matrix was used by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to assess each application.



## 4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 A total of nine projects have been funded through the Stalled Spaces programme:

Community Group	Funding allocated
Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire	£2,400
Paisley West & Central Community Council	£1,900
Loud n Proud	£2,007
Environmental Training Team	£1,966
I Am Me	£2,000
Renfrew Development Trust	£2,960
Kilbarchan Community Council	£2,180
Erskine Music & Media	£2,300
Star Project	£1, 834
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,547</b>

- 4.2 Discussions are ongoing with Architecture and Design Scotland regarding the availability of further funding for Stalled Spaces projects. This may enable more community groups to benefit and improve more vacant and derelict land sites across Renfrewshire. If no additional funds are forthcoming, the remaining £453 will be used to support additional opportunities within the existing projects.

## 5. Project Summaries

### 5.1 Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire

ROAR is based in the West End of Paisley and delivers a network of health and wellbeing lunch clubs, projects and events to over 600 older adults every week, supported by 150 volunteers.

ROAR aims to deliver a flexible range of low level preventative services, including befriending, designed to address the potential impact of social isolation on older adults and enhance quality of life. Stalled Spaces funding will improve the West End Community Centre site, attracting more people to the site, through planting, landscaping and installation of bird boxes.



## 5.2 Paisley West and Central Community Council

£1,900 was awarded to Paisley West & Central Community Council for two stalled sites at Brown Street and Underwood Lane in the West End of Paisley. The site at Brown Street, situated next to the railway has been cleared of undergrowth and is due to be planted (photographs below). The second site at Underwood Lane will be cleared and planters and a bench will be installed on the site. On completion of these projects a celebration event will be held at Underwood Lane, with all partners involved in the projects in attendance.



Brown Street before start of works



Brown Street in progress



### 5.3 Loud n Proud

Loud n Proud is a community based music initiative for young people in Paisley. The group was awarded £2,007 to set up pop up music events at under-utilised open space at the Sma' Shot Cottages and Restaurant in Paisley. The interactive music performances provided young people with the opportunity to play live music outdoors for the first time, over consecutive Saturdays. Members of the public were also encouraged to participate in the performances and try musical instruments. Loud n Proud are planning further live performances for 2016. A presentation on the success of this project will be delivered to this Board following this report.

### 5.4 Environmental Training Team

The Environmental Training Team having been undertaking environmental work and training for the last twenty years in Ferguslie Park. ETT were awarded funding to bring a small plot of land at the corner of Moss Street and St James Street in Paisley, and at land at the Hammills in Paisley, close to Anchor Mills, back into community use. Community Resources employees are supporting ETT in respect of design and planting advice for these sites.

### 5.5 I Am Me

I Am Me is an award winning community project which works in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of disability hate crime. The group received funding from Stalled Spaces to create a short film on a vacant and derelict land site at Paton's Mill in Johnstone. Filming took place over 2 days with some of the cast coming from the local community alongside big name actors such as Sanjeev Kohli and Eileen McCallum.

The film will be used, alongside a further 2 films and an animation as a primary school resource across Scotland. Further screenings of the film(s) will be arranged when the I Am Me Cinebus is launched in April. This will include taking the bus to stalled spaces across Renfrewshire for open showing of the films.





#### **5.6 Renfrew Development Trust**

The Trust is looking to create an art installation at unused public conveniences on Inchinnan Road, Renfrew. This is an intergenerational project, whereby young people from the YMCA and residents of Renfrew Care Home will work together to create photographic panels for display at the site.

#### **5.7 Kilbarchan Community Council**

Kilbarchan Community Council received funding to revamp a disused petrol station site by developing it into a community garden. As well as introducing growing spaces, there are plans to hold workshops and gardening clubs on the site.

#### **5.8 Erskine Music & Media**

The group aim to create a pop up music space in vacant land behind Erskine Swimming Pool. The aim is for this creative space to be used to perform music and screen local films relating to community groups and organisations.

#### **5.9 STAR Project**

STAR Project support families and individuals in the north end of Paisley facing poverty and disadvantage to improve their skills and family relationships through increased access to a broad range of specialist support services. The Stalled Spaces funding will be used to bring land back in to use at the corner of Love Street and Albion Street, Paisley through facilitating graffiti art work designed by the local community.

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