



To: **Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board**

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Report by:

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STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Council has funding in place of £20,000 to run a grant funding scheme called Stalled Spaces Scotland as a means of revitalising town / local centres and empowering communities. This scheme is managed by Architecture and Design Scotland (A&DS) who provided funding of £10,000 which was conditional on it being matched by Renfrewshire Council. Renfrewshire Council is one of seven Scottish local authorities to have been offered Stalled Spaces Scotland funding.
- 1.2 Two community engagement events were held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 and Thursday 14 May 2015 at Engage Renfrewshire's offices to promote the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme to community groups and educational establishments across Renfrewshire following the allocation of £20,000 of funding to Community Resources as part of the wider Stalled Spaces Scotland programme, managed by Architecture & Design Scotland.
- 1.3 The appendix to this report details expressions of interest already received from community groups for proposed projects. It is anticipated that there will be a number of applications submitted over the coming weeks which can be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the contents of this report in preparation for consideration of future applications.



3. Background

- 3.1 Stalled Spaces Scotland is a Legacy 2014 programme inspired by Stalled Spaces Glasgow, and supported by Architecture and Design Scotland and Scottish Government.
- 3.2 Community groups have been invited to apply for £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.
- 3.3 75% of projects funded must be town centre based, and applications will be assessed by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group. It is anticipated that the majority of awards will be for projects between £250 and £2,000.
- 3.4 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix are available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). The scoring matrix will be used by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to assess each application.

4. Resources

- 4.1 Total funding of £20,000 has been made available to fund the Stalled Spaces projects. £10,000 was awarded by Architecture and Design Scotland and this was match funded from the Council's 2015/16 Local Green Network budget.

5. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 Community groups were invited to attend two community engagement events where presentations were delivered by Architecture & Design Scotland and Glasgow City Council. Renfrewshire Council and Engage Renfrewshire representatives were also available to answer any questions and provide advice on application forms.
- 4.2 A variety of groups were in attendance at the events, including University of the West of Scotland, West College Scotland, PACE Theatre Group, Renfrewshire Witch Hunt, community councils and environmental groups. This reflects our aim for both a variety of projects and a geographical spread throughout Renfrewshire.
- 4.3 A total of 18 expressions of interest forms were received at the events and a summary of these is contained within the appendix to this report.



- 4.4 Engage Renfrewshire will work with groups to provide advice and assistance on the completion of the application form. Any applications received will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

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APPENDIX

Stalled Spaces Project Community Engagement Events 12th/14th May 2015 Expressions of Interest Received	
Organisation	Barnardos
Email Address	lorna.dickson@barnardos.org.uk
Description of Project	Barnardos works with 16-25 employment support service (Thread service/family support service). Looking at developing growing space as catalyst for city farming project.
Location	Paisley - Lochfield Road is the locus of our services. Would seek land within walking distance.
Funding Required	Around £2K
Other Info	Would be interested in partnering with creative sector/colleges/unis for skills development. Young people from Barnardos works would also be available for labour. Keen to become more involved in the community, promote community inclusion from those who are vulnerable or isolated.
Organisation	Friends of Knockhill Park
Email Address	derick.rutherford@renfrewshire.gov.uk
Description of Project	Regeneration of a neglected park area and capacity building of the local community.
Location	Knockhill Park area of Renfrew
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	Renfrew Development Trust
Email Address	brideid.com@renfrewdt.co.uk
Description of Project	Renfrew Light & Design Project. Lead of Renfrew town centre regeneration and support economic, social and environmental regeneration of Renfrew
Location	Renfrew
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	PACE
Email Address	David@pacetheatre.co.uk
Description of Project	Creation of a performance area/showcase area for groups
Location	Unknown
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	LEAP
Email Address	zuzie@myleapproject.org
Description of Project	Community woodfuel co-operative to reduce CO2 emissions and rural fuel poverty. If in Kilbarchan, potential link up with Grow Kilbarchan to develop an additional growing space
Location	Kilbarchan or Lochwinnoch
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	West College Scotland
Email Address	ewan.park@wcs.ac.uk
Description of Project	Outdoor classroom incorporating outdoor raised beds and indoor poly tunnel growing projects. Possibility of usage by diverse student/community groups (construction/hospitality/nursery). Construction students build raised beds/pizza oven/slabbed areas/seating areas. Hospitality students cater for students/community using pizza oven. Nursery grow food for catering. Idea is to create something like a focal point for West College Scotland and the Gallowhill local community. We'd link into Renfrewshire Council's application for European City of Culture.
Location	Within college grounds on derelict site.
Funding Required	£3K
Other Info	
Organisation	Bredland Allotments
Email Address	wieham1@gmail.com
Description of Project	Derelict or waste ground belonging to the Council will be turned into a garden with raised beds/wild garden picnic area/paths/benches/memorial to WWI.
Location	Cardell Drive, Paisley, PA2 9AE
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	



Stalled Spaces Project Community Engagement Events 12th/14th May 2015 Expressions of Interest Received	
Organisation	Paisley West and Central Community Council & West End Growing Grounds Association
Email Address	john.wilby@btinternet.com
Description of Project	Development of Sutherland Street growing grounds. Improvement and maintenance of Brown Street. Design and provision of community garden on development site in Underwood Lane.
Location	Sutherland Street/Brown Street/Underwood Lane
Funding Required	£2K
Other Info	
Organisation	Renfrew Community Council
Email Address	macaine@sky.com
Description of Project	Transfer of statue from Breehead to Ferry Green, Renfrew. Statue at old heritage museum no longer required. Part of heritage trail.
Location	Ferry Green Renfrew
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	Capability Scotland
Email Address	elaine.fox@capability-scotland.org.uk
Description of Project	Pop up event in local park
Location	Barshaw Park
Funding Required	£750
Other Info	
Organisation	Create Paisley
Email Address	alan@createpaisley.org.uk
Description of Project	Project to be discussed with staff at Create before description can be submitted.
Location	Paisley
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (REEM)
Email Address	info@re-em.org.uk
Description of Project	Space covered in bushes and attracting illegal dumping of used mattresses, beds etc. REEM would like to clear it, build raised garden allotments within the heart of the community and put up a community notice board.
Location	Plot between 12-14 Wellmeadow Street, Paisley
Funding Required	£400-£1000
Other Info	
Organisation	Brighter Bridge of Weir
Email Address	chair@brighterbridgeofweir.org
Description of Project	To develop an area of the main car park in Bridge of Weir village. We would like to have a community herb garden situated in raised beds.
Location	Car park in village centre of Bridge of Weir.
Funding Required	Unknown.
Other Info	
Organisation	Friends of Barshaw Park
Email Address	barshawfriends@gmail.com
Description of Project	tbs
Location	Barshaw Park. We're also looking at developing activity in the town centre to broaden audience reach.
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	



Stalled Spaces Project Community Engagement Events 12th/14th May 2015 Expressions of Interest Received	
Organisation	Erskine Music and Media Studios
Email Address	emm_studio@hotmail.co.uk
Description of Project	To film and present a film about Bargarran Community Centre in Bargarran Square. Other option is to create a performance/market stall space to be used by the community for events etc.
Location	Erskine
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	West College Scotland (Creative Industries)
Email Address	billy.kinnear@wcs.ac.uk
Description of Project	Display work showing montage of gig posters and ticket stubs from a wide range of named acts that have played in Paisley throughout the years. Graphic students to design.
Location	Paisley Centre/Renfrew Road
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	West College Scotland (Creative Industries)
Email Address	lorraine.paterzon@wcs.ac.uk
Description of Project	Graphic images, interior design, graphic design, fine art
Location	Unknown
Funding Required	Unknown
Other Info	
Organisation	Capability Scotland
Email Address	meghan.mcewan@capability-scotland.org.uk
Description of Project	Pop up market to promote service or art piece and growing area
Location	Johnstone High Street/Ludovic Square and spare ground at Kilbarchan Road/Beech Avenue
Funding Required	£500-£1000
Other Info	