

To: Paisley North West and Central Local Partnership

On: 15 November 2022

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Paisley North West and Central Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Paisley North West and Central Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Paisley North, West and Central Local Partnership in 2022/23 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2022/23 be noted.

Appendix 1

Paisley North, West and Central Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23

General Grant Fund and Common Good Fund	£55,702 (minus expenses)
Total Funding Awards	£55,702

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid
FR1037	Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited	£2,224.30	£2,224.30
FR1040	Forever Young	£809.72	£809.72
FR1042	Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club	£1,000	£1,000
FR1043	Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	£1,943.33	£1,943.33
FR1046	REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities)	£3,365	£3,365
FR1054	C-Change Scotland	£2,024.30	£2,024.30
FR1062	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£1,428	£1,428
FR1065	Renfrewshire Environmental Trust	£2,000	£2,000
FR1068	Fablevision Studios (trading as StudioFV)	£2,024.30	£2,024.30
FR1069	Paisley Darkside Historical Walking Tours	£1,512.96	£1,512.96
FR1146	Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	£1,000	£1,000
FR1071	Rainbow Turtle	£809.72	£809.72
FR1072	Oakshaw Trinity Church Friendly Hour	£500	£500
FR1078	Paisley West Church	£2,024.30	£0
FR1084	Bungalow Enterprises CIC	£1,214.58	£1,214.58

FR1087	Paisley Peoples Archive	£1,000	£1,000
FR1081	CREATE Paisley	£2,535	£0
FR1089	Shopmobility Paisley & District	£645	£645
FR1090	7th Paisley & District J.N.I. Scout Group	£809.72	£0
FR1102	Remode Renfrewshire CIC	£950	£950
FR1103	Own Yer Bike	£1,313.91	£1,313.91
FR1104	MOSSVALE COMMUNITY CHURCH	£809.72	£809.72
FR1106	Tots to Teens	£2,655	£2,655
FR1115	Finding Your Feet	£3,000	£3,000
FR1096	The Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	£1,000	£0
FR1124	right2dance	£2,024.30	£2,024.30
FR1133	The Wynd Centre	£1,150	£1,150
FR1134	Darkwood Crew – Helping Ferguslie Flourish	£2,2024.30	£2,024.30
FR1138	Glencoats, Tenants, Residents & Family Association	£1,417.01	£1,417.01
FR1123	Renfrewshire Witches Hunt 1697	£1,214.58	£0
FR1141	Lamont Farm Project	£1,000	£1,000
FR1147	Glasgow Community Circus CIC trading as Community Circus Paisley	£2,024.30	£2,2024.30
FR1148	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,954.65	£1,954.65
FR1150	School of African Cultures	£2,024.30	£2,024.30
FR1165	Paisley and District Battalion – The Boys' Brigade	£1,012.15	£1,012.15
FR1170	Pachedu	£809.72	£809.72

TBC006	Ferguslie Seniors	£667.78	£0
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Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund	£21,333
Total Funding Awards	£21,133

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
	Pals of the Privies	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	Darkwood Crew	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	Own Yer Bike	£2,991.41	£0	£2,991.41
	Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	£2,920.00	£0	£2,920.00
	Right2Dance	£2,885.00	£0	£2,885.00
	New Tannahill Centre	£2,000.00	£0	£2,000.00
	Loud N Proud	£1,500.00	£0	£1,500.00
	Outspoken Arts	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00

2021/22 Award Feedback

Feedback on outcomes achieved by groups awarded funding by Paisley North West and Central Local Partnership is as follows:

FR1040 – 7th Paisley & District JNl Scout Group

Project – Post Covid Recovery – Activity Project 2021

Awarded - £2000

LP Area(s): PNWC

What did you want the money to do?

To improve our facilities within the Bield activity centre, providing climbing and archery sessions for local groups and out with our partnership area

What did you spend it on?

We used the grant to reorganise our storage areas for archery and climbing equipment and also relocated our camping store and installed new racking for tents and equipment

How many people benefitted from/access your project?

Due to covid restrictions we were not able to invite as many groups to take part in the climbing and archery sessions, but in the last three months due to a relaxation of restrictions we have had groups from Paisley, and Renfrew using the climbing walls, probable about 100 young people have enjoyed the facilities

How did your project benefit people in the community?

On return from covid restrictions we have seen a remarkable uptake of new members to our Explorer Scout section, which has 25 members boys and girls aged 14 years to 18 years from across the district. Isolation during lockdown has encouraged these young people to take part in our indoor and outdoor activities on offer, and currently we have 21 signed up for bronze and silver duke of Edinburgh award scheme

How can you evidence the impact of your project?

Currently we did not take any photos because of our strict covid mask policy and guidelines. Hopefully we will return to normal evidence demonstration shortly.

How has the grant been spent?

1/ Refurbishment of our storeroom to create a training room
2/ relocation of camping store, providing racking and storage boxes
£2,000 spent on providing better storage facilities, and climbing training of 5 young instructors, to provide community climbing sessions.

Total Spend = £2200

FR1055-58 – Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club

Project – Provision of Ice

Awarded - £10,870.20

LP Area(s): Renfrew - £4844.64, Paisley East - £2437.95, PNWC - £2587.61,
Gleniffer - £1000

What did you want the money to do?

Get the Paisley Pirates back up & running after 21 months away due to the COVID pandemic. The financial support from Renfrewshire Council was crucial to our survival & ongoing legacy, which has been in existence since 1946.

What did you spend it on?

Provision of Ice

How many people benefitted from/access your project?

Many people (young/old) have benefited from ALL Local Partnerships in the Renfrewshire area, even although some of these partnerships turned down our application.

The community-wide benefited through our live events (Games at Braehead) &/or via social media outlets such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & TikTok. The local press, namely Paisley Daily Express also featured (& continue to do so) the Pirates on a weekly basis.

The COVID pandemic caused many, if not a large majority of people within the community to feel isolated, lonely & depressed. However, our varied social media streams & the gradual increase of our live events, gave people a focus & way of interacting with others, whilst enjoying the sport they love.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

The biggest impact to our community, was that Paisley Pirates have come through a major pandemic - COVID 19, which saw our team 'frozen out' for 21 months. However, through sheer determination & financial support from Renfrewshire Council, we have managed to survive & continue our legacy, which has been in existence since 1946.

Many of our players have been suffering from mental health issues stemming from COVID, as restrictions prevented participation of our sport. Our gradual return to play was of huge benefit, not only to our players, but management, volunteers & indeed our Renfrewshire wide supporters. The commencement of competitive games, which was our ultimate goal, as games made a huge difference everyone's mental wellbeing.

All of our social media streams have seen a steady increase in numbers this season (avg 21.6%). Follower numbers are as follows; Facebook 2806, Twitter 2499, Instagram 844. We have also introduced TikTok to our growing media streams this season.

How can you evidence the impact of your project?

The Paisley Daily Express including social media streams such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter & TikTok are all available as evidence for our project.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=paisley+pirates+ice+hockey

<https://www.facebook.com/paisley.pirates>

<https://twitter.com/PaisleyPirates>

<https://www.instagram.com/paisleypiratesofficial/>

<https://www.tiktok.com/@timbers00/video/7043162534563613958>

How has the grant been spent?

The grant has been spent for the provision Training & Game Ice.

Total Spend = £10,870.20

FR1061 – Forever Young

Project – Activities over the Airwaves

Amount Received - £5815.92

LP Areas – Renfrew - £2000, PNWC - £2865.92, J&L - £950

We wanted to buy big televisions so that when socializing in the lounge area together the tenants could watch or interact with digital and technology. Have outside roadshows with our local radio station and online exercise classes.

We have 280 tenants living within Renfrewshire so with the multi money we received we were able to provide them with a new 50" TV with all the extras. They could access online facilities including exercise classes and interact with other complex through technology.

Through our poetry/creative writing classes online our tenants were able to create work that we shared with the community on billboards and on the NCN route 7 cycle path.

Paisley FM came along and did their gigs outside so this was a huge benefit to the community as they were able to be outside safely and listening to the music.

With our creativity we have got the message to others to get onto the cycle path and look for our poetry boards that stretch 4 miles from Paisley George Street to Johnstone Morrisons.

Forever Young have also been recognized in many areas and this year has been give the Provost Community Group of the Year Award, this has been an honour.

We can evidence by the way our tenants have engaged with technology, they loved being able to keep the exercise going and now even better as they are able to do it safely back in the lounge altogether. Paisley FM was a godsend during lockdown, they came along and provided music entertainment in all weathers so our tenants could have a bit of fun.

Due to the reduction in funding we just down scaled everything and finished the projects a bit quicker, but all still gave the same impact.

Evidence Received

Photographs

How was the grant spent?

We bought 50" tv's for the complexes, we got Paisley FM to do outdoor roadshows to entertain during the lockdown and we were able to bring many people together using technology. Online quizzes, poetry classes, exercise classes. the engagement for this was fantastic.

Costs

TVs - £5823 (£7.08 overspend)

FR1137 Friends Of Barshaw Park

[Local Partnership Feedback Survey](#)

[Section 1](#)

1.1	Organisation Name	Friends of Barshaw Park
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[Section 2](#)

2.1	Project Name	Growing Proud Community Connections for Wellbeing and Health
2.2	Amount Received	£7,573.74
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness	X
	<input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing	X
	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks	

	<input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride X <input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work X <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Friends of Barshaw had hoped to hold regular events and activities for families and children in 2021, but ongoing and changing covid regulations, made planning difficult, with the risk of losses if events were cancelled. So we concentrated on activities around special events.</p> <p>We worked with other local groups, such as the Scouts to deliver the events.</p> <p>The Local partnership also granted us funds to buy a composting toilet and a water harvesting system. We have experienced delays, but the soakaway and plumbing for the composting toilet is now in place and the water harvesting system is just to be connected to the guttering. We have set aside £5200 from the grant for the installation. We are consulting Building Control on the construction of the toilet building. We already have planning permission. The toilet will mean our volunteers can stay in the gardens for longer and the water harvesting system will be a boon as we experienced drought in the last few summers.</p> <p>The rest of the grant has been spent on special events.</p>

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants. If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area)</p> <p>over 100 people benefited directly from participation in our events. The COP26 events gave an appreciation of nature and cause for contemplation. The events were multi generational and attracted individuals and families from different backgrounds and new connections and friendships were formed. The events more mostly outdoors, for covid safety, but also to appreciate the benefits of fresh air and to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Barshaw Park.</p> <p>Participants were divided almost equally between Paisley East and Paisley North West & Central. Most of the family participants were from Paisley North West & Central.</p>
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FR1196 Impact Arts

Section 1 1.1 Organisation Name Impact Arts (Project) Ltd

1.2 Organisation Address The Boardwalk, 105 Brunswick Street, Glasgow, G1 1TF

2 2.1 Project Name Make it Your Own (MIYO) Original

2.2 Amount Received £3,088.00

2.3 What priorities did you tell us your project would meet? ☒ Tackling isolation & loneliness ☒ Health & wellbeing ☐ Environment & parks ☐ Roads & transport ☐ Moving around & connectivity ☐ Community & road safety ☐ Community facilities & public assets ☐ Community identity & civic pride ☐ Young people and/or intergenerational work ☐ Renfrew town centre & play facilities

2.4 What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain). We were awarded £3,088. We spent £588 on materials for the project and the remainder £2,500 on lead tutor fees and creative assistant fees

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people in your community benefited from your project and how?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your reached in each Local Partnership area)

Through taking part in the MIYO project, we enabled our participants to achieve the following outcomes:

- To feel increased ownership of their tenancy
- To increase tenancy sustainment
- To develop life skills and creative and practical DIY skills
- To increase confidence in their abilities
- To feel less isolated and form better social connections
- To have a more positive and aspirational attitude towards the future
- To have improved feelings of wellbeing and mental health
- To feel proud of and safe in their homes

During this funding period we were able to increase our in-person delivery as the Government have continued to gradually ease COVID restrictions. Our MIYO delivery staff adapted really well to the ongoing delivery changes whilst ensuring that they were following the most current Government COVID guidelines. They were instrumental in enabling the MIYO project to increase its in-person delivery schedule during this funding period not only allowing the project to work with more participants within a workshop environment but also continuing to ensure that the participants and staff members safety was at the forefront of any increase to in-person delivery within a workshop setting. Our project tutors delivered bespoke, person lead individual creative

sessions that were codesigned by each participant and that responded to areas/skills that each participant wanted to work on and develop.

This covered various types of artistic and creative work as well as different types of practical skills and included what they would like to achieve by participating in the project. Thus, enabling our participants to gain new practical and personal life skills as well as supporting them to grow in confidence and belief with what they can create and achieve within a short period of time.

By participating in the project our participants developed a sense of pride in what they have been able to achieve, and the majority of our participants go on to continue to work on other areas within their tenancy to further develop that feeling that their tenancies are now their homes. Through the work that they have undertaken and the support that has been provided from our creative tutors they feel far more confident within in themselves and that they have the skills and abilities to carry out various DIY tasks independently.

Our participants came to realise that it is possible to create a comfortable home environment on a small budget. During their time with us they were supported by our tutors in identifying where they could save money during the process of carrying out home improvements, how to work to a set budget and what could realistically be achieved. They also gained an understanding of what can be easily upcycled and were to source materials locally at a reasonable cost.

During the past year a lot of our participants on our MIYO project have found that the COVID restrictions have had a damaging effect on their mental health; a lot of our members already had pre-existing mental health conditions and/or have experienced further challenging personal circumstances during this period.

By being able to participate on the project in person and by attending regular sessions (therefore being able to create a positive routine) the project has been particularly beneficial for them. The feedback that we received from the clients during this funding period is that they were very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the project in person and being able to return to some form of normality.

This has been very beneficial for their mental health as taking part in creative activities the participants have found that this has boosted their confidence, motivation, feelings of wellbeing and self-esteem.

Impact Arts also continue to provide support to all the clients involved in MIYO project by offering the opportunity to participate in the project via various online platforms if that was their preference.

We also provided support with enabling our participants to access support from other external agencies, if and when required, so that they can receive further support within areas such as mental health support, benefits, financial, housing and employability advice.

Through taking part in the project participants developed relationships and connections within the local community which meant that they are far more likely to sustain their tenancies as they now feel more positive about their home and local environment, feeling far more settled and comfortable within in their homes and the community.

This also reduces the pressure and demand on local housing support services and registered social landlords and promoting behaviours that demonstrate social responsibility and community cohesion.

Feedback: Impact Arts delivery staff: "It's been really good getting back to face to face working with our clients as we're able to offer so much more physically/practically and hold space better for people emotionally/mentally. We've noticed the toll the pandemic has had on individuals and how isolated people have been. The people we have been engaging with recently have been really emotional to leave us and have said it's been a lifeline and they'd love if they could stay for longer. The most common theme we've found in evaluation is people finding themselves creatively and realising they have skills and talents where they never expected. We've also noticed that after people have settled in their homes there's been a considerable number of people returning to employment."

Linda and Susan Participant quotes: "I feel that when another challenge comes up again, I won't be nervous or stressed because this workshop has given me the tools and confidence to overcome it."

"I looked forward to coming in each Thursday and always went home feeling proud and accomplished"

"I was struggling to see my new home as anything but a never-ending problem and now I am looking forward to moving in"

"I felt like at what was initially quite a low point in my life it gave me the energy I needed and a purpose to do other things"

"More confidence in myself and my abilities, broadened my horizons, I can change things with a small budget. Got me out of home on a regular basis"

"I would like more people in the community to have a chance of being part of it because the benefits are amazing: emotionally and psychologically"

"My next focus is to just continue improving my home and get back to work"

FR 1189 Lamont Farm

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Lamont Farm Project
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Lamont Farm Project
2.2	Amount Received	Approximately £12k
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness<input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks<input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport<input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity<input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety<input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets<input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride<input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work<input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities	
2.4	What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain). On core running costs, spent full amount	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants. If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area) Can't give specifics from each area but thousands of people benefitted
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FR 1192 Own Yer Bike

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Own yer bike
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Own Yer Bike (SCIO)
2.2	Amount Received	2276.74
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet? <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Tackling isolation & loneliness</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> x Health & wellbeing</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> x Environment & parks</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> x Roads & transport</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> x Moving around & connectivity</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> x Community & road safety</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Cx ommunity facilities & public assets</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> x Young people and/or intergenerational work</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities</div>	
2.4	What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain). Our funding allowed us to continue on from the GOV £50 repair scheme and offer 50 people the chance to get their bikes services for free by offering them £50 vouchers to cover the cost	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your reached in each Local Partnership area) 50
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FR1052 Paisley and District Boys Brigade

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Paisley and District Battalion
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Battalion Administration and Events
2.2	Amount Received	£3,000
2.3	<p>What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness<input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks<input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport<input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity<input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety<input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets<input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride<input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work<input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities	
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Our Battalion provides a necessary conduit between the Boys' Brigade at country level and the various companies we have in the Council area. There are administration costs associated with running this and maintaining a local HQ building and shop to support boys and young people in the 22 local companies. These costs also allowed us to do a limited recruitment drive as well as subsidising ALL companies from our funds in the past year, a move which has allowed us to keep the majority of the companies afloat financially and properly funded to allow them to offer the boys the guidance, training, support and experience which they need to progress through the organisation. In addition, we have been able to cover the costs of a small number of events. We were able to spend/allocate all the funds kindly awarded to us.</p>	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area)
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	Indirectly, over 750 boys and young people have benefitted from the funding received, either by training, receipt of a Queen's Badge, or by way of subsidy to allow their company to continue to support them through their Boys' Brigade adventure. Attached is our review of 2021-22 which showcases some of the things we did in the past year, some of which would have been impossible without your support.
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FR1080 Rainbow Turtle

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Rainbow Turtle
1.2	Organisation Address	7 Gauze St, Paisley PA1 1EP
1.3	Main Contact Name	Chris Johnstone
1.4	Main Contact Telephone Number	07879 238071
1.5	Main Contact Email Address	christopher.johnstone@ntlworld.com

Section 2

2.1	Project Name	
2.2	Amount Received	
2.3	<p>What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness <input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities </p>	
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Most money went on the part-time Educational Officer's salary The remainder was spent on conferences, meetings and equipment for the Educational Officer</p> <p>The money was fully spent</p>	

Section 3 – Impact

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We estimate we have reached over 1000 people in Renfrewshire in the past year. This includes schools across Renfrewshire, meetings, competitions, street stalls, stalls at the University and the podcast among others.

Our previous Education officer resigned last year and we appointed a new Officer during 21/22. She has been learning the role and has been very active. This was done in the face of the pandemic and this has temporarily altered the nature of the role.

The role of the Education Officer used to involve a lot of work with schools across Renfrewshire and that has been severely limited in 21/22 due to Covid. However, despite the restrictions, many connections have been made and many re-established.

During COP26 we ran a well-attended meeting about Fair Trade and the Climate Crisis. We had 3 speakers including a coffee grower from Uganda. Over 50 people attended.

<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/2021/11/04/climate-change-fair-trade-behind-the-scenes/>

<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/news/page/2/>

We also represented Renfrewshire Fair Trade at two COP26 events as well promoting COP26 in the shop.

<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/2021/11/04/climate-change-fair-trade-behind-the-scenes/>

We ran several interviews on our podcast <https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/our-podcasts/>

We involved schools in a very popular 'Design a T-shirt' competition which reached over half of Renfrewshire schools. This was part of fair trade Fortnight and we also ran a food tasting stall outside the shop in Gauze St.

<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/category/fair-trade-fortnight/>

We have held stalls and educational events at the University. These have gone down well and increased our reach into the student population.

Work within the charity and linked to the Rainbow Turtle shop involved the volunteers and getting them out the house and linking with other volunteers, old and young, and members of the public.

Martin Rhodes, Chief Exec of Scottish Fair Trade Forum, gave a great talk at our very well attended AGM.

<https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/news/page/2/>

	<p>We have linked with the Gatehouse coffee roasters in Paisley to promote a premium Fair Trade coffee. This has been very successful and helped promote local business as well Fair trade.</p> <p>We promoted Black history month and its importance with fair trade in the modern world. This was reflected in our shop window as well as reaching out to local groups.</p> <p>https://www.rainbowturtle.org.uk/2021/10/11/black-history-month/</p> <p>We have worked with CREATE and other local third sector organisations to share our aims.</p>
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FR1136 Renfrewshire Environmental Trust

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Renfrewshire Environmental Trust
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Spuds for Buddies (Phase 4)
2.2	Amount Received	£2,050
2.3	<p>What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness <input type="checkbox"/> xHealth & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> xEnvironment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> xCommunity facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> xCommunity identity & civic pride <input type="checkbox"/> xYoung people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities 	
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Materials for 27 new raised beds from B&Q - £1296 and Running costs - admin, stationery, printing, payroll, accountancy - £754. The funds were fully spent. The Covid-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on our delivery of services. It was not possible to establish raised beds built with the support of Renfrewshire Unpaid Work Team.</p>	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants. If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area)</p> <p>In Spring of 2022, wooden planters were provided to create additional food growing spaces within nursery grounds, and school grounds within Paisley North, Gallowhill, and Ferguslie. We supported the planting of 600 seed potatoes within local nurseries, primary schools and after school care provision. The key outcomes were 27 Spuds for Buddies new raised beds for growing potatoes and other vegetables; Enhancement of outdoor spaces accessed by 200 children and young people promoting healthy lifestyles. 5 volunteers developed skills in various tasks associated with the project including mentoring and administration. Photos are attached.</p>
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FR1077 Renfrewshire Toybank

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank
2.2	Amount Received	£7,887
2.3	<p>What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities </p>	
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Spent full amount – split between storage costs for a year, gift cards for teenagers, Easter eggs and Halloween costumes. This was what we expected to spend the funding on however our storage costs have now significantly risen.</p>	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your reached in each Local Partnership area)</p> <p>Almost 2,700 children received Christmas gifts, over 750 Halloween costumes were given out, 3,800 easter eggs and over 1000 birthday gifts – a total of 8,250 gifts out in a year to children in Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Providing parents and guardians with new toys and gifts helps to reduce stigma as there are no links to the toy bank as all gifts are of a high quality and quantity, the same as children's peers. This also helps reduce to risk of families getting into debt at Christmas, knowing that their children will get to enjoy the magic of Christmas.</p> <p>With the rising cost of living providing Halloween costumes has been a vital service this year and feedback from groups and parents highlights this. With school Halloween discos, the toy bank can help reduce financial pressure from families while tackling stigma by providing new high-quality costumes in a range of accessible locations throughout Renfrewshire. The same applies to Easter. Birthday gifts are always given out, as much as I have said above that 1000 children have had gifts we know this number is higher. Organisations that work with have "birthday boxes" with toys and gifts suitable for children that they work with. This model came about due to covid. This means gifts are already with organisations and we provide top ups when needed. When a top up is needed, have more accurate figures.</p> <p>I will forward some databases onto you with the photographic evidence, however please note that these will have some data removed due to data protection and GDPR. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p> <p>Some examples more to be seen on databases –</p> <p>Johnstone Social work referrals (Xmas) – 280 Johnstone Health visitors(x-mas) – 20 Linwood Families firs(x-mas) – 22</p> <p>The STAR Project (x-mas) 45 Pals of the Privies (x-mas) 18 Northcroft health visitors (x-mas) -26 Paisley social work north (x-mas) – 150</p>
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FR1155 Shopmobility Paisley and District

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Shopmobility Paisley and District
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Advancing Social Enterprising in Renfrewshire
2.2	Amount Received	£8,223.74
2.3	<p>What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness <input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride <input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities 	
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>We purchased a company van, logo'd the van with our company branding. We have spent almost £10k on the van to date. We had unexpected repair and maintenance costs, fitting out the back of the van breakdown and pick up costs as well as insurance increases. However; we are very grateful for this money which has enabled us to further develop our social enterprise and ultimately enhance service to members.</p>	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants. If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area)</p> <p>Hundreds of people have benefitted. The outcome is that we are now able to pick up and deliver mobility equipment locally as well as enhancing our repairs and maintenance service following on and off-site repairs. This can save an individual trying to deal with mentally getting out of their house to navigate public transportation to Shopmobility as we can now deliver to them if that's what they need. We also pick up food from RAMH pantry and deliver to our members and we pay the £1 for a lifetime membership with RAMH – all they do is pay the £2.50 for their shopping. We also deliver and pick up shopping to those in the RAH, pick up prescriptions. We know 73% of our ordinary members are still suffering from social isolation and loneliness (post pandemic), and, live in poverty – they tell us this. Following surveys, the impact is very positive indeed and we deliver a service which our membership tell us they need and receive great benefit from.</p>	
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FR1048 The Wynd Centre

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	The Wynd Centre
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Child Play Therapy
2.2	Amount Received	£ 3,873.74
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet? <input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness X Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride X Young people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities	
2.4	What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent?(was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain). We employed a Child Play Therapist to assist children between the ages of 5-12 with therapy to improve their wellbeing and worked alongside their school to ensure they were receiving the required treatment. These classes are held weekly and last about 1 hour. These are completely free of charge and they use equipment such as games and toys to assist with their therapy. Another party of the money has been used to send our Child Play Therapist on further training to increase her knowledge of the field which would benefit the children that attend.	

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your reached in each Local Partnership area) We have had eight children attend the therapy in the last 18 months since we reopened after lockdown. All of these children have had one-to-one sessions over a period of 4-5 months and if they need to be extended then we do so. We are striving for the number to be higher but there is a long process which we have to go through before the child can begin their therapy and that includes liaising with their schools. The children have come from all over Paisley and the surrounding areas including central Paisley, Glenburn, Foxbar, Seedhill and Shortroods. The progress that has been made with the children has been very encouraging and we are looking to grow the service along with introducing an Adolescent counseling service for those aged 13-18 which would also be free of charge.
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