



Management Board Meeting

Development and Improvement Groups (DIGs): Highlights and Issues Report

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Name of DIG	Empowered
Date of report	26 January 2024
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1	Highlights of activity and progress since last meeting
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Health Walk Network Development

The November Walk Friendly West Dunbartonshire meeting engaged attention preparing for the 'Walk this May' promotional initiative and on mapping existing provision and exploring potential areas for future development. The focus was on exploring the potential to increase the range of neighbourhood street-based routes and moving away from the established park/greenspace areas. The group will feedback target options for development in March of this year. Since the festive break, there has been a 15% increase in health-walk enquiries across authority services.

Volunteering Strategy Action Plan

The November 'Trustees Week' social media recruitment campaign, supported by a range of partners and elected members was well received and generated a strong level of interest in the role across a range of local organisations. This is a particular priority activity area as several long-established community activists/trustees look to stand down in the near future.

The inclusive volunteering working group have worked with local stakeholders to develop a series of surveys to be launched on 1st February. Followed up by a series of targeted focus groups, these will identify the successes, challenges and barriers faced by individuals and organisation and support the development of a training programme and toolkit.

Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

The assessment panel sat on 23rd January and indicative awards have been made. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday 5th February. In total 31 applications were received, with the fund of £265,000 able to support 24 of these. A full list of successful applicants will be made available after the awarding process is complete.

Financial Scam Awareness

A series of scam awareness sessions were delivered by Police Scotland colleagues via the sector forums in the last quarter, reaching around 90 local key third sector organisations.

2	Outline of any issues/risks and how these are being managed
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No current issues or risks to report

3	Outline of the main outputs expected before next meeting
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4	What are your requirements of partners in the Community Planning Management Board to achieve the outcomes of the DIG?
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No current requests

5	Please outline any good news story you wish to share
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The detailed list of CMHWBF awardees will be shared when available (mid-February 2024)