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SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP

A Community
Working Together
Who we are...

Drumchapel Partnership is a Social Inclusion Partnership formed in 1999. We are one of seven area-based SIPs in Glasgow and one of 48 Scotland-wide. SIPs are part of the Scottish Executive's approach to tackling social exclusion. The broad objective of the SIP approach is to encourage the public, private, community, and voluntary sectors to work together towards regenerating the area they represent.

Drumchapel Social Inclusion Partnership includes everyone who has a stake in Drumchapel: those who live here; those who come to work or visit; people who run enterprises here; our community and voluntary organisations; and the people responsible for delivering public services in Drumchapel.

Our Shared Vision

To enhance the development of Drumchapel as an attractive and sustainable suburb of Glasgow, where people wish to live by virtue of the quality of life afforded to them in terms of housing, education, training, health, employment, shopping and leisure opportunities.

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This annual review covers the Partnership’s work in 2003. It celebrates the Partnership’s and Drumchapel’s achievements and also provides information on who the Partnership is and what it does.

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A Word from our Chair

I am pleased to be able to say a few words about how Drumchapel Social Inclusion Partnership has continued to make progress in the last year. Drumchapel SIP brings together the local community, the voluntary sector, the city council and other public bodies to work in partnership for the benefit of the area. I am pleased to say that in the last 12 months the private sector has also been involved in several initiatives. This short report summarises our work over the last 12 months. I hope you find it to be informative and interesting.

I would like to thank all the SIP Board members, the staff of the support team and all of the committee members, staff and volunteers of the projects for their efforts. I should also like to say how much we regret the sad loss of Councillor Madge O'Neill who had been my predecessor as chair. Madge was a great advocate for the area.

In 2003 we celebrated 50 years of Drumchapel. We received a lot of very positive media coverage. Drumchapel is changing. We hope you are starting to see the benefits of this change. We have a lot more to do and I hope you continue to support our efforts.

Elsie Job, Chair
A word from our Partnership Manager

This publication aims to celebrate Drumchapel's successes over the past year and show why we are positive about its future. The partnership is a success due to the strength of its partners’ commitment to making a difference and to working together to achieve common goals. We still have work to do but we have made considerable progress for the benefit of this community and I’d like to thank colleagues, partners and board members alike for their commitment, energy and belief in our work together.
Our priorities

We have five themes to help us achieve our vision for Drumchapel and which guide our work.

• **Empowering the community**
  We will create an environment in which local people will be provided with the support and opportunities they need to play a full part in developing and influencing the delivery of services in Drumchapel.

• **Enhancing educational opportunities**
  We will provide a wide range of life-long educational opportunities that will equip members of the community with the skills they need to take advantage of the opportunities available.

• **Alleviating poverty**
  We will reduce poverty by enhancing the local economy and providing residents with the skills they need to obtain and retain employment. We will maximise access to employment through information and advice, and promote support systems for people who cannot work.

• **Improving health and well-being**
  We will create conditions to develop and maintain good health, and in so doing improve the health, well-being and quality of life of the people of Drumchapel.

• **Engaging with young people**
  We will positively encourage young people to engage in a process of community participation that will reduce social exclusion by addressing issues that affect their everyday lives.

Over the following pages we have focused on each theme in turn, highlighting the key improvements as found by the recent 2003 baseline research which revisited the original SIP Baseline Study undertaken in 2000. Each page also highlights an example of a project/event which meets the theme’s aims. For a full version of the baseline study update report please contact the SIP office on 0141-944-8828 or online at www.drumchapelpartnership.org
Community Issues: Empowering the Community

Partnership Successes and Positive Impacts since 2000

- Three quarters of residents have lived in the area for at least 15 years and less people want to move outwith Drumchapel.
- More people are satisfied with their neighbourhood (76%).
- Crime has reduced: the number of housebreakings has decreased by 43%, motor vehicle crime has fallen by 64% and fireraising and vandalism has decreased by 16%.
- More people feel safe walking alone after dark in their area (61%).
- Almost a quarter of residents regularly attend social or leisure events/facilities.

Children & Families Centre Consultation Event

Research undertaken during 2000 identified the need for a new Children and Families Centre in Drumchapel. Funding has now been secured from the Changing Children’s Services Fund to enable the development to move to the next stage in planning. The aim is to develop a new Centre with a range of services tailored to the needs of local children and families.

In May 2003, a community consultation event was held to establish what local people considered important with regard to the proposed new Centre. This was a well supported event with 20 organisations displaying information about their services for the 50 people who came along.

By chatting to local parents and inviting them to tell us what they wanted on post-it-pads stuck to a wall gave us a total of 38 ideas. These ranged from ease of access from the health centre, generous outdoor play space, room to socialise as a family, activities for older children, and a ‘One Stop Shop’ of child and family services.
Children & Families Centre Consultation Event

"It is great to be asked what you want and feel that you are being listened too" said one parent, "usually it seems that plans are so far advanced that its too late for your opinion to make a difference. But with this development we are in at the start and that feels good".
Enhancing Educational Opportunities
Partnership Successes and Positive Impacts since 2000

- More primary age children are attending local schools.
- School attendance rates are comparable to the Glasgow average.
- Attainment at Level A in Reading, Writing and Maths is comparable to those of Glasgow figures and in some instances exceeds them.
- High School attendance rates have been improving year on year and in 2002/03 was 83%.
- Number of Drumchapel High School leavers entering full-time higher education, further education, or training has increased by 13%.

Drumchapel Education Support Team for Children and Families (DEST)

DEST continues the important work of providing additional support to children and families at the start of their school career through assessment, working with parents, home visits, structured support mechanisms, after school clubs, literacy development work, transition work at key stages (pre-5 to Primary 1 and Primary 7 to S1), and a summer programme.

The fundamental aims of the work are to ensure inclusion of the most vulnerable children and families, encourage children who have difficulty engaging in education, and support family work to ensure that children maximise their potential in and out of school.

Summer programmes offer a range of activities which encourage family time and individual challenges. In July 2003, The Summer Academy @ Strathclyde delivered an additional summer programme in Drumchapel. All Primary 7 pupils in Drumchapel were invited to join an exciting new 3 day programme to help make the move to secondary school easier.
The aim of this initiative was to motivate children to see school and learning as a positive opportunity that can lead to a better life and that learning can be fun. Pupils from Drumchapel High School who had taken part in SA@S in previous years were recruited and trained as mentors.

“Both of these holiday initiatives offered local children and families access to fun, friendship, and support at a time of year which can put a strain on families. The summer holiday can seem very long for some families and well structured events can make such a huge difference to many”. Liz-Anne Campbell, Children’s Services Development Officer.

Drumchapel Education Support Team, Summer Programme

Summer Academy@ Strathclyde
Income, Employment & Training

Partnership Successes and Positive Impacts since 2000

• The number of households who do not receive any income from employment has reduced.
• Working households have significantly greater income than non-working households.
• People’s awareness of the Drumchapel Credit Union has risen to 80%.
• Drumchapel has experienced declines in the number of short-term unemployed people by 26% and long-term unemployed people by 61%.
• Male unemployment has fallen faster in Drumchapel than across the City since 1999.
• Those in employment were significantly better qualified than those out of work.

Digital Drumchapel

Digital Drumchapel aims to provide access to ICT for all of the Drumchapel community, increase people’s skills in ICT, enhance learning and employment opportunities, and create a virtual community, which will assist in the economic and social regeneration of Drumchapel. Digital Drumchapel is also a Priority Theme identified in the Drumchapel Community Learning Plan.

Digital Drumchapel consists of:

• The Learning Centre and Cyberspace in the Open Gate
• 8 Learning Centres and 2 Access Points throughout Drumchapel
• A Community website which receives approximately 55,000 hits per month
“Having the REAL Room at Dalsetter Business Centre provides small businesses and their staff with a range of free training packages and resources which can aid the smooth operation of their business. Funding from Drumchapel SIP has enabled DCB to provide a free training room with 6 computers, which are all online. A tutor is available every Wednesday from Anniesland College who provides support on a one to one basis. Having the facility on site saves time and money. It operates on a drop in basis leaving the length of time spent and the type of training down to the individual. It has certainly been an added bonus in attracting new businesses to Dalsetter”. Liz Atkinson, Drumchapel Community Business
Health & Well-being

Partnership Successes and Positive Impacts since 2000

• Less people reported that they had a longstanding long-term limiting illness of disability that affected their daily activities or the type of work they can do.
• On a scale of 1 (negative) to 7 (positive), Drumchapel SIP residents rated their physical well-being as 5.1, their mental or emotional well-being as 5.2 and their overall quality of life as 5.3.
• Drumchapel residents generally have a positive attitude towards their experience of health services such as GP, dentist, and hospitals.
• 57% of Drumchapel residents met the recommended level of 'moderate exercise' and 32% met the recommended level of 'vigorous exercise'.

Drumchapel L.I.F.E. (Living Is For Everyone)

Drumchapel LIFE was in development for three years and came on stream early in 2002. It is a virtual healthy living centre, an idea rather than a building. The concept is to create an initiative which will work closely with existing groups and agencies to develop the area as a 'Centre for Healthy Living'. Drumchapel LIFE aims to create a:

• Healthy home life for families
• Healthy future for young people
• Healthy community for all.

Programmes of activity have focused on four priority areas - Food and Diet, Active Lifestyles, Mental Health and Well-being, and Substance Use. Over the last year Drumchapel LIFE has funded:

• Taster sessions at the new Donald Dewar Leisure Centre, with a view to introducing local people to a range of sporting and physical activities. Approximately 580 people attended these sessions over the period March to May 2003.
• A Food for LIFE event, which was designed as an introduction to healthy eating on a low budget. Over 300 children and adults participated.

• A Winter Snow Sports Programme. This enabled over 50 young people to experience new sporting activities and develop new skills.

"Much of the success of Drumchapel LIFE can be attributed to the ethos of effective partnership working it has fostered throughout Drumchapel to tackle the issue of social exclusion. This partnership approach is particularly apparent in the support given by partners to help establish Drumchapel's own Healthy Living Centre, which works toward the SIP’s Health Improvement agenda to reduce health inequalities, tackle the underlying causes of ill health, such as poverty, inequity and community alienation and acts as a powerful local advocate for health in its wider sense".

Eric Duncan, GGNHSB
Young People
Partnership Successes and Positive Impacts since 2000

- More young people felt safe walking alone in their area after dark than any other age group (71%).
- More young people undertook the recommended level of vigorous exercise than any other age group.
- Young people gave the highest rating of any age group for their physical well-being, emotional well-being, and overall quality of life.
- Significantly more young people had never smoked (44%).
- More young people (56%) had Standard Grade qualifications than any other age group.

Drumchapel Print Centre Apprenticeship Scheme

Drumchapel Print Centre has worked closely with the local Social Economy Project and others to pull together a funding package, which has allowed it to:

- Purchase a reconditioned printing press to increase its capacity and efficiency.
- Increase its customer base. The Print Centre now has over 300 clients.
- Secure the employment of its former apprentice printer (a local resident) as a qualified printer.
- Employ two additional local residents - an apprentice graphic designer and an apprentice printer.

The Apprenticeship Scheme is now well established. The apprentice printer has recently completed his 2nd year at college and the apprentice graphic designer is currently undertaking an HNC course.
"I would just like to thank Drumchapel Social Inclusion Partnership Board and staff, I’ve had two successful and enjoyable years at Drumchapel Print Centre and at college. This might not have been possible without their help”. Gordon Watson Apprentice Printer.

From the left Gordon, Gary and Ian at Drumchapel Print Centre

"I am really grateful to the Drumchapel Social Inclusion Partnership for allowing me the chance of a great future by assuring my apprenticeship with Drumchapel Print Centre. As I was only sixteen when leaving school I jumped at the chance to get a job especially in Graphic Design. This was made possible by the Partnership”. Ian Anderson Apprentice Graphic Designer.
A look ahead, some plans for the future

Primary School Developments - Glasgow City Council

In 2004, we will see the opening of a new denominational primary school in Drumchapel, St Clare’s Primary, at a cost of £3.74 million. The Drumchapel Family Learning Centre will be located on the same site.

Another local primary school will replace Summerhill and Pinewood primaries. A nursery will be located on the same site, and work will start on this project in 2004.

Drumry Primary and Lochgoin Primary will merge with pupils transferred to a new primary catering for 444 pupils. Halgreen nursery school and Drumchapel day nursery will transfer to the new primary campus.

“Our new building will be designed for learning and teaching in the 21st century. Its emphasis on the use of space and light should make for an environment where all can give of their best. We are all looking forward to the next session”. Brian Moodie, St Clare’s Primary School Head Teacher.

The Supported Training & Rehabilitation Partnership (STAR)

The STAR Partnership will become fully operational in 2004. This project is the result of a great deal of work undertaken by the partners in the Drumchapel and Dumbarton Road Corridor SIPs. Momentum, the lead agency in the STAR Partnership, will work in close partnership with a number of existing local agencies, to support those individuals who are misusing, or who have misused drugs and/or alcohol. Funding has been secured from Drumchapel SIP, Dumbarton Road Corridor SIP, New Opportunities Fund, Glasgow City Council, and the Robertson Trust. The STAR Partnership will co-ordinate and complement existing local services, and will help create a coherent pathway from a chaotic lifestyle to open employment.
Celebrating 50 years

Donald Dewar Centre launch

Donald Dewar's lasting legacy to the people of Drumchapel is being commemorated in a new £4.2 million leisure centre that proudly bears his name.

Officially opened in March 2003 by the late First Minister's son and daughter, Ian and Marian, the Donald Dewar Leisure Centre is already a local landmark.

The new leisure centre is an important contribution to the ongoing regeneration strategy for the area. It played a key role in the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The success of local partnership working has seen a range of significant investment into Drumchapel. This includes:

- The £4.2 million funding package for the Donald Dewar Leisure Centre - which includes £1.5 million from Sports Scotland; £1.1 million from Ramjet Developments; £800,000 from Glasgow City Council; £500,000 from Scottish Enterprise Glasgow and £250,000 from The Robertson Trust.
- The £3.1 million commitment for the completion of the Great Western Retail and Business Park.
- £1.4 million funding package to develop the infrastructure of the Drumchapel Business Village following a joint bid by Glasgow City Council and Scottish Enterprise Glasgow to the European Regional Development Fund.
Drumchapel's 50th Celebrations

Donald Dewar Leisure Centre
Drumchapel Partnership
Board Members

As at January 2004:

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Cllr Paul Carey (Vice Chair)
Sylvia Cowan
Eric Duncan
Maurice Fieldman
Calum Graham
Susan Hanlin
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Gary Malcolmson
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Cllr Lawrence O’Neill
Jim Wilson

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Preparing for a board meeting
Who we are...
The Partnership Support Team

Jim Gray, Partnership Manager. Jim has overall management for the Partnership Support Team, and facilitates/coordinates partnership activities as directed by the Board.

Ellen Allan, Development Officer. Ellen assists in the implementation of the local SIP Strategy, and works with local groups/agencies who require support.

Nicola Graham, Monitoring Officer. Nicola assists in the development and implementation of a monitoring and evaluation framework that can be used to measure both the impact of the work of the SIP and SIP funded projects.

Liz-Anne Campbell, Children’s Services Development Officer. Liz-Anne is responsible for facilitating the co-ordination and development of childcare and other children’s services in Drumchapel.

Tammy Girvan, Office Administrator. Tammy is responsible for keeping the day-to-day work of the office running smoothly and for supervising the Clerical Officer.

Stacey Woods, Clerical Officer. Stacey provides a comprehensive clerical support service to the other members of the Partnership Support Team.

Drumchapel
Social Inclusion Partnership office
How you can get involved

How to get involved in the Drumchapel Partnership
If you are a local resident who would like to become involved, please contact the Drumchapel Community Forum via the Drumchapel Community Support Unit:

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