

## **CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**FROM:** Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 22/03/2021

**TO:** Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81

**SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – March 2021**

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This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding, current and potential projects. However, it is a brief overview as the Centre remains closed to the public.

We will be re-opening the Centre and the Gym on 26<sup>th</sup> April, as per the new Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance announced on 18<sup>th</sup> March. We are all looking forward to the Centre re-opening and welcoming back our tenants and service users.

### **1 Projects**

Appendix 1 provides a detailed breakdown of ongoing and proposed projects.

### **2 Community Pot**

At the moment, we have c. £4.7k in our Community Pot, which can be used to fund community activities throughout the year. Once lockdown restrictions begin to ease, we can start planning activities.

### **3 Centre81 Steering Group**

#### **Projects**

The Steering Group are delivering weekly Arts and Crafts packs, utilising funding from the successful CHA Communities Recovery Fund application. The online classes started on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February and will run for 12 weeks. One hundred packs are distributed every week, with further interest noted on a waiting list due to the demand of these high quality activities.

A Virtual Youth Club is also operating via Zoom Mon-Thur from 3pm till 4:30pm. There is a steady attendance with participants mainly playing games and chatting amongst friends.

As part of C81SG Communities Recover Fund, the Steering Group have digitally connected families with Fire Tablets. This is to tackle digital exclusion and help young people have a suitable device for home schooling. As part of this project youth workers help families with 1:1 tuition and this was a collaborative piece of work with the local primary schools.

The Steering Group are holding an Autism Awareness event via Zoom on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March from 10am. Guest speakers include Laura Mason, Head of Education at WDC; Gillian Kirkwood, Manager at Y-Sort IT; Susan Dolan, Chairperson of Strathclyde Autistic Society. This event is designed to raise more awareness and discuss how organisations, in particular within the third sector, can work more closely together.



Community Mapping has been commissioned from the Town Partnership. This is building on the mapping that [REDACTED] completed as part of the CHA Aspiring Communities Fund project in 2018. The Town Partnership and Steering Group recognise that connecting people with community services is more important than ever as we come out of lockdown. When completed, this will be published in the local press and housing association newsletters.

## **Future Projects**

### Educational Group Work Programme

This is a project with local primary schools where they have identified children that need support with education, friendships and health and wellbeing. This is a 10-week programme, with the first two weeks starting online on Monday 22nd March.

### Who Run The World! Girls?

Although men and women are equally likely to contract Covid-19, women are much less likely to suffer severe side effects or die from the disease. However, there are important indirect impacts of the pandemic that have disproportionately affected women, especially those on low incomes, migrants, the elderly, disabled, new mums or those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups. The aim of this project will be to bring women together in a safe environment to discuss topics which impact on their lives and help to reduce social isolation. This programme will be delivered via Zoom whilst we remain in Tier 4. With restrictions being eased, the Steering Group will deliver the programmes within Centre81

### Bikes Rental scheme

With the Centre81 cycle path almost complete, the Steering Group will offer free bike rentals to the public. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

The group were recently successful in receiving funding to deliver a digital exclusion programme in east Clydebank. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

### **Core Youth Work Delivery**

Easter holiday programme with lunch to start from Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April with lunch being available from C81 from 12:30pm with 1 hour activities from 1-2pm. Wed & Thurs after school youth clubs will start again W/B 19th April 3:15-4:30pm

## **4 Gym81**

A full service has been carried out on all our Gym equipment as well as a deep clean of the gym. We will be re-opening the gym on 26 April 2021 in line with updated Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines. A booking system has been implemented for all gym users, as well as a robust cleaning schedule.

## Projects &amp; Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<b>Growing Change for Good</b> Growing Change for Good, will focus on continuing with past CCF funded projects, such as the developing residents gardening and growing skills, encouraging/supporting home growers, delivering low carbon cooking sessions integrated with Carbon Literacy information and supporting and encouraging residents to use bikes rather than cars or public transport. The project also aims to support the set-up of a constituted Environmental Group to help with the long-term sustainability of the project.	<p>All classes and activities normally held at the Centre are on hold due to Covid19, however, we will be scheduling new classes to be delivered from the Centre from 26 April.</p> <p>We have been holding our cooking classes via Zoom (online video/meeting platform). Our 4-week block of bread-making classes has been very successful.</p> <p>We continue to liaise with our Grow Bag recipients via email and phone, and now that Spring is here, helping them plan their Spring crops.</p> <p>Our Bike Maintenance has re-commenced (only open to key workers or NHS workers at the moment).</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	<b>Empowering Clydebank</b> This project will aim to deliver the following: Digital awareness, College classes, CSCS courses, Language Café, Health and Safety/ Food Hygiene, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses, Family group parenting classes and early learning, Youth club, Older residents' lunch club, Keep Fit classes, Sport, recreation and arts activities for autistic young people, ISARO ethnic minority support and integration activities.	<p>The next College course 'Allotments' has been postponed by West College Scotland but we hope that this will begin soon.</p> <p>ISARO continue to deliver their ESOL classes, Parent club and career advice sessions online. They held a very successful online International Women's Day celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> March, which was attended by over 80 women.</p> <p>Over the last few months we have been delivering Yoga classes via Zoom. The classes have proved to be very popular, with approx. 17 people attending online classes.</p> <p>Strathclyde Autistic Society have been unable to deliver the Sports &amp; Arts Club, however, they are currently delivering one-to-one respite/support sessions for the children and families who would normally attend the club.</p> <p>Our monitoring report for the period 01/10/2020 to 31/03/21 will be submitted on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.</p>

Sustrans	<b>Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path</b>	Work on the canal path is almost complete, and it's looking fantastic. (see photos on page 5).
Communities Recovery Fund (SCVO)	<b>Communities Recovery Fund</b>	We have been successful in securing £40,805 from the Communities Recovery Fund. The project aims to help those most affected by the pandemic and includes a Tablet Lending Library, provision of fuel and food vouchers, Centre81 lunch club (once centre re-opens), food packages for local BAME families, support sessions for Strathclyde Autistic Society service users and the provision of Children's Activity Arts & Crafts packs.
Scottish Government (administered by Cycling UK)	<b>Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme (additional lockdown project carried out by C81 staff)</b>	We have been awarded a further £3,000 from The Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme to help local residents with the cost of repairing their bikes e.g. fixing flat tyres, loose brakes and clunky gears. The coronavirus crisis hit many people hard and this fund has helped people meet the costs of essential bike repairs (£50 per bike). We are unable to deliver this at the moment due to lockdown, however will be back on track once restrictions ease on 26 April.



## Canal Path near completion

