

CLYDEBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FROM: Centre81 Co-ordinator **DATE:** 24/06/2021
TO: Management Committee **REF:** \AM\C81
SUBJECT: CENTRE81 UPDATE – June 2021

This report is to provide the Management Committee with an update of Centre81, including events, funding, current and potential projects.

1 Projects

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

2 Community Pot

We currently 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 further, we can start planning activities and events with our delivery partners.

3 Centre81 Steering Group

The Steering Group had their first AGM on 24th June. The group also had a School's Out Afternoon Tea celebration for the young people who attend the clubs. The afternoon tea was funded by CHA.

They are busy getting ready for their Summer project, **Sun's Out, Fun's Out**, which will be delivered from Centre81 three days per week throughout the school holidays.

4 Gym81

A booking system has been implemented for all gym users, as well as a robust cleaning schedule. Since we opened, the gym has been busy with most slots booked each day.

5 Wider Role

Our CCF Community Gardener and Project Officer will be attending a 'Clydebank Can' event on Saturday 26th August to showcase our Grown Change for Good project and promote all things Centre81.

Projects & Funding

Fund	Project	Update
Climate Challenge Fund (CCF4)	<p>Growing Change for Good</p> <p>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>	<p>Our cookery classes resumed on 20th May and continue to be very popular, we are currently scheduling in the next block. During the next block, the cookery teacher will be taking participants to our community garden so they can use the produce we have grown in their recipes. (including blackcurrants, various herbs, potatoes, onions and carrots)</p> <p>Our community garden is now blooming, we have had a spring clean of our polytunnel and have 2 large containers in the garden for all our storage needs.</p> <p>Bike donations and repairs continue to be busy as cycling has become very popular since the start of the pandemic.</p> <p>We took delivery of 7 new fleet bikes, which we plan to use in our community cycle events and hire out. Our Project Officer has met with Y-Sort-It and we plan to work in partnership during the summer holidays to deliver led cycle rides and bike ability sessions.</p>
Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	<p>Empowering Clydebank</p> <p>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>	<p>We have been in contact with all our delivery partners and are in the process of scheduling in/booking our classes and courses, where we can.</p> <p>Our Friday & Saturday Sports & Arts delivered by Strathclyde Autistic Society is running as normal and we are at the club is running at max capacity.</p> <p>ISARO Community Initiative continue to run online workshops and sessions, however their Ethnic Ladies Group has started back at the Centre.</p> <p>Working4U and West College Scotland classes are on hold until at least August.</p> <p>Our Friday Night Youth Club is off for the summer holidays.</p> <p>Our weekly fitness classes at the Centre have resumed (there is currently a limit on numbers that can attend, due to covid-19 restrictions)</p>

Sustrans	Access Ramp from Centre to Canal Path	Work on the canal path is almost complete. The contractor has been on site over the last three weeks erecting a retaining wall.
Communities Recovery Fund (SCVO)	Communities Recovery Fund	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 food packages for local BAME families, support sessions for Strathclyde Autistic Society service users and the provision of Children's Activity Arts & Crafts packs.