



## A New Organisation is born – G15 Thriving Places!

Thriving Places (TP) in Glasgow was set up as a ten-year strategy to be delivered in 10 areas across Glasgow. In Drumchapel, Thriving Places started in October 2016 and on completion of ten years, should terminate in 2026. However, we were informed by GCC that funding for Thriving Places would only be guaranteed for this year 2023-24 which could mean that, perhaps, this could be the last year of GCC funding for Thriving Places. As a result, we created a new Third Sector organisation called **G15 Thriving Places**. We are a collective of four community development workers, who many people already know, Charles Bailey, Michelle Donaldson, Tracy McKenzie, and Ted Scanlon. Our organisation also has a small board of people who live and work in Drumchapel and has acquired the status of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

After five years working from the Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS) charity shop in Drumchapel Shopping Centre, sadly, we will have to move premises. The Charity Shop will continue but without Thriving Places. Neither CHSS nor Thriving Places wanted this move but unfortunately, due to a steep increase in insurance, we cannot cover the cost. We cannot thank CHSS enough for an excellent partnership over the past five years, which has served well the community of Drumchapel. Both CHSS and Thriving Places will continue to serve the community albeit with Thriving Places, now **G15 Thriving Places**, working from Drumchapel Community Centre.



Andi Cameron from St. Clare's Primary

Cernach Housing Association has been an excellent host-anchor organisation for Thriving Places since 2016. For this financial year 2023-24 Cernach will continue in this role. Once terminated this financial year, **G15 Thriving Places** will lead on the future of Thriving Places in Drumchapel. So, this year is a transitional year for Thriving Places, and hopefully, as a new organisation, we will be able to continue the important work delivered by the Thriving Places initiative.

Nevertheless, even in these changing and challenging times our contacts continue the same, so if you need to contact us feel free to do so.

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# THRIVING PLACES ON THE MOVE...LITERALLY



# Drumchapel Community Council Update

Community Councils represent the local views of the community and engages with City Councillors, Council Department, Police, Fire rescue and others. In Drumchapel, we meet monthly, and our aim is to address several issues among which are:

- traffic safety
- parking
- potholes
- bin collections
- fly tipping
- licencing
- littering
- police reports
- local campaigns

Elections to the Drumchapel Community Council will be held on Monday, 9th October 2023 at 6pm in the Good Year Social Club. Valid nominations forms must be received by the 8th of September and can be found at G15 Thrivng Places, currently in the Chest, Herat & Stroke Scotland in the shopping Centre.

If you are 16 years old and over and, on the voters register you can apply to join. You must be nominated and seconded.

For further details contact [ANDY LYNCH](#) on **07586 852 571** or [secretary@drumchapel.scot](mailto:secretary@drumchapel.scot)



## Infrastructure Fund:

Glasgow City Council has decided to distribute £1 million to each ward for local people to decide upon how to spend the money. We are Ward 14 that consists of Drumchapel, Blairdardie & Knightswood and we will have to organise a series of meetings to decide upon how the money will be spent. We will have to agree on our priorities and needs. The money will be shared with all three areas within the Ward. Once this process is complete Drumchapel Community Council will organise a series of meetings with the community to decide upon how the money should be spent.

The Community Council has been successful in installing the outdoor gym in the park, the covid memorial, and the Christmas tree lights. We are currently working on repainting the railings around the park. These are results of the commitment of local people and would invite anyone wishing to become a part of the Community Council to come forward and take on the commitment of speaking up for the community.

## REMINDER:

**Elections on Monday 9th October and nominations submitted by 8th of September.**



## Our second successful Activate course

Working in partnership with University of Glasgow our second Activate course took place in the Goodyear Social Club from February. 12 local people attended the first meeting with 10 completing the 13-week course and 5 applying to attend University of Glasgow to study BA in community development. The Activate course is an introduction into community development and needs no formal qualifications to attend. Activate is a way of developing community capacity by giving participants the opportunity to reflect on their practice in the light of basic community work values and principles. It builds on the experience of those who work in the community.

We will be running another Activate course in the future, if you or someone you know could be interested, please contact G15 Thriving Places to find out more or to sign up.

Well done to everyone who completed the course and good luck to those attending university.

"Taking part in the Activate course has really helped increased my awareness and understanding of the needs of my local community, the people that live in it, and the things that need to change to make the place a healthier, safer and more loving place to live, and raise a family in".

"The course showed me that anything in this scheme is possible, if local people become empowered, come together, on the same page, heading in the same direction, with a shared goal - the scheme and the lives of the people that live in it can and will change."

"It really inspired me to find out more about community development, how I can utilise my power and the strength communities hold when they come together. I had great fun working with my course mates, meeting new people, and growing personally".

"I'm so grateful to have been asked to take part in the course, I learned a lot and it opened up so many opportunities for me, as well as teaching me about how I could possibly help provide more positive change in my community".

"The course was great; it looks at all the values of community development and the importance of working together for change in our communities. It was fantastic to meet and learn with new people".



# D70 – D in The Park

This year, 2023, we celebrate 70 years of Drumchapel. Lots of things have happened along the 70 years. Old buildings have been knocked down and new ones put up; some people have moved out to other places and new people have made Drumchapel their home. What is important in all these changes is that the people of Drumchapel continue to care about each other and are a welcoming community.

On Saturday, 15th July, to celebrate the 70 years, a group of organisations came together to promote a family fun day in the park. Everyone enjoyed the day which started with a walk along the Drumchapel Way, with the “athletes” escorted into to the park by a piper. The day then went ahead with bouncy castles, mini-zoo, food, drink, face painting, police horses, kids rave, games and plenty of music, all for free. A special feature was the Heritage tent where people could reminisce about the history of Drumchapel from 1953 up until today. It was a true celebration of life in Drumchapel.

All in all, a great day was had by everyone so, bring on D80!!!





At Fortune Works we have been actively involved in the D70 celebrations. We already have organized several litter picks to keep Drumchapel neat and tidy. However, we wanted to try something a bit more adventurous and came up with the idea of a treasure hunt!

We met up with Drumchapel High and G15 YP Shape project and threw some ideas about on how best it would look and took those ideas back to Fortune Works. We then started to become creative with QR codes, mapping and even filmed some videos to give out the clues. If you are not savvy with QR codes, the clues are written on the back of each one. Our idea was for the participants to find 7 areas of significance within Drumchapel and follow a trail.

The D70 Treasure hunt is now live and will be available from 28th June until 15th of August. You can pick up your pack from Fortune Works Garden Centre or at G15 Thriving Places. All you must do is follow the clues to find the 7 significant places, get the answers, and once you've found all 7, unscramble the clues and find the answer.

Then head down to Fortune Works Garden Centre, hand in your completed pack with the correct answer and you can win a prize!

- £70 Garden Centre Vouchers**
- £50 Garden Centre Vouchers**
- £30 Garden Centre Vouchers**

The above 3 prizes will be drawn live on Facebook on week starting 14th August.

The first 30 people who complete with the correct answers will get a £5 Garden Centre Vouchers.

A special thanks to Iain Corbett from CYC Scotland, formerly Neighbourly Labs, for funding our idea!



Photographs by Kevin Harvey

# Scottish Refugee Week

16-25 June 2023

A group of organisations, Drumchapel Friendship House, New Hope Community, G15 Thrivng Places & North West Health Improvement Team celebrated Scottish Refugee week with 2 workshops and a multi-cultural celebration. The workshops took place in Drumchapel High School where we shared thoughts about what it means to be an asylum seeker and refugee in Drumchapel today. We used the “We Journey Together” tool which challenges many of the myths around asylum seekers and refugees. We discussed issues which ranged from

racism and discrimination to solidarity with many of these people fleeing from desperate situations. The week concluded with a multi-cultural celebration in the shopping centre area, for the whole community where we shared food, music, and recreational activities. We hope that this week of activities has contributed towards Drumchapel becoming and even more welcoming and caring multi-cultural community. Thank you to Wheatley Homes and all the volunteers who came along and made the day possible.



# Drumwealth Games 2023

The 2023 Drumwealth Games took place on **Friday 9th June** across 6 locations in Drumchapel with approximately 300 local P6-P7 pupils participating in the one-day event. The aim of the Games is to provide young people with the chance to try out an activity of their choice and encourages a healthy, active lifestyle. This year, the event was a partnership between Active Schools, D70, Drumchapel Sport, Glasgow Life, and several other community partners. This was the first Drumwealth Games post COVID. All activities were delivered by local voluntary sports clubs/organisations to encourage and facilitate a pathway for young people into their local sports clubs.

The event was launched in 2013 as part of the local D60 group's programme to celebrate Drumchapel's 60th birthday. It proved so successful that it has continued to date and has become an annual event in the local calendar. We are now 10 years on celebrating Drumchapel's 70th birthday.

## The local clubs who took part in this year's event were:

- Drumchapel United Football Club
- Glasgow Eagles Basketball Club
- Drumchapel Tennis Club
- Drumchapel Cycle Hub
- GHK Rugby Club
- Force Tae Kwon Do
- Drumchapel Pickleball Club



## We were also supported by:

- PEPASS modern apprentices
- Coach core apprentices
- Competence Matters

## Participating schools were:

- Camstradden Primary School
- Antonine Primary School
- St Clare's Primary School
- Langfaulds Primary School
- Drummore Primary School

Active Schools Co-ordinator, Fiona Kirk commented 'This is a fantastic community event which allows children within the local area to take part in a sport / physical activity that they can access locally. It highlights school to club links and allows children to try a new activity that they may have not tried before. Encouraging children to become more active, more often, within their community, will increase their self-esteem and confidence'.

The event is part of the D70 celebration, recognising the important role physical activity and local sports clubs play in the lives of young people in Drumchapel.



# Trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park

On Friday 7th July G15 Thriving Places, in partnership with Drumchapel Friendship House took 100 local people for a day trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park in Stirling. This outing was aimed at people who were not already booked on outings offered by other organisations in the area.

Feedback from those who came along was very positive. The weather held out with little rain. It was a good opportunity for many children to spend a day with their friends and families. Undoubtedly, for the parents, it was a great relief to be able to spend some time away from the house and enjoy a day out.

These outings are part of the Thriving Places Community Connecting Plan which focuses also

on bringing people together, tackling isolation, and building community. Hopefully, we will be able to organise more outings in the coming months.

Friendship House is open to the whole community and meets every Wednesday, from 12 noon until 2:30 pm for a chat and to share some food. Everyone is welcome to come along.

