



Editors Introduction

Welcome to the twenty first issue of the Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin.

Prompted by a recent office move, a quick internet search tells me that Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life," and this led to thinking about all the different sorts of change that we face over time.

One that we all face is the changing of the seasons, and the changes we make to our lives as a result of them. As summer moves into autumn, we find ourselves wrapping up warmer, putting the heating on, maybe not going out as much as we did during the warm weather. We start planning ahead for winter and the additional costs and difficulties that it might bring.

Seasonal changes are regular, short term, and largely predictable. Issues of all sorts exist, evolve and arise constantly within and across our communities. These can be much harder to deal with as the causes are not always readily apparent or are comprised of the interactions of many different factors.

For example, can we say why more people experience loneliness now than in the past? I don't think that there is a single clear answer to this given that it can affect people of all ages (not just older people as many people might think), and loneliness depends on a range of factors. An NHS survey identified that approximately 11% of people in Scotland often experience loneliness.

Some of the factors involved include life transitions, transport issues, housing, poor health, depression, disabilities, not feeling part of a community, costs of participation, not wanting to be a burden, etc. It is fairly easy to see that issues around each of these factors also depend on a further range of factors, leaving us facing a complex web to untangle if we are going to try and tackle the issue of loneliness.

So how do we deal with changes like this? We already have established ways of working, which certainly deal with some of the issue – it would be a lot worse without the existing services that do help many lonely people across the city. But, we need to be willing to review what we do and accept that new ways of working may need to be found.

Perhaps in the past there was an emphasis on working with older people, but now we see that more children and young adults are needing the same kind of support, particularly at life transition points, and so we broaden our coverage. This comes with its own difficulties as resources then need to stretch across more people than before, and so we need to look at shifting resources. Reviewing our activities helps us to do this and find new ways of working that may make more efficient use of existing resources or enable us to expand our resource in some other way e.g. through the use of volunteers or engaging in work with partners.

These new ways of working hopefully then bring about a change of their own, with fewer people experiencing loneliness on a regular basis. Perhaps we help establish better connected communities which in turn could help bring about further positive change.

I've used loneliness as an example because I've been getting to know this area of work lately, but there are a myriad of other examples that could be examined with similar conclusions; education, housing, substance misuse, poverty, unemployment, transport, to name a few. These are all pretty big issues that need constant work to manage, but many smaller issues can be equally important at a local level and these need worked on too.

Heraclitus does appear to have got it right all those centuries ago - something is always changing. Perhaps our primary goal should be to make as much of this change as possible, positive change.

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Success Stories

Get Ready For Work – Supporting Refugees to Build New Lives

The Dundee City Council ESOL team helps new Dundonians, with low levels of spoken and written English to realise their potential by gaining language and other skills to participate more fully in community, family, employment and learning.

The Employability Support Team engages, prepares and supports jobless citizens to participate in the range of Employability Services that assists with removing barriers to employment, achieving qualifications, gaining work experience and ultimately supporting them into sustainable employment. To read more about how these teams work together and some of their successes, click [here](#).



D&A College Helps Young People Find Their Future

After a successful first round, Dundee and Angus College is delighted to have received further Scottish Government funding allowing it to continue to support young people who are struggling to find their future. To read more, click [here](#).





Upcoming Events

Keep Scotland Beautiful – Paid Focus Group

A paid focus group is being held at 5:30pm, 17th September at the Gate Church Dundee. The event is part of the Big Climate Conversation and aims to gather the views of the public on this important topic. To read more, and register your interest in participating, click [here](#).



Training – Reclaiming Monitoring & Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation can be a source of both confusion and contention for organisations, practitioners, and funders or commissioners. Hot Chocolate believe that it doesn't have to be this way, and suggest that rethinking M&E can make for better work as well as better reports. Training is being held on Wednesday 6th November at the Steeple. To read more, click [here](#).



Challenge Poverty Week

Taking place from the 7th to 13th October, Challenge Poverty Week brings a nationwide focus to activity to tackle poverty. It aims to show the reality of poverty in Scotland, challenge stereotypes, highlight solutions to poverty and increase public support for action to solve poverty. For more information visit challengepoverty.net. If you are undertaking activity or holding an event during Challenge Poverty Week, please let us know by email to dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk.





Recent Events

Discover Work Partnership Launch

The Discover Work Partnership was formally launched on National Employability Day, 28 June 2019 at Dundee and Angus College's Gardyne Campus. "Discover Work" (see logo below) is the new branding for the Partnership's approach to employability. To read more about the event and Discover Work Partnership, click [here](#).



DIWC Fun Day

To help celebrate their 50th anniversary, Dundee International Women's Centre held a Fun Day at The Steeple. To read more, click [here](#).



Active Schools Summer Camp

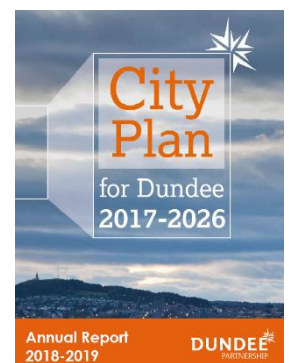
Active Schools held a summer camp for P3/4 pupils from the North East area (Fintry, North East Campus, Ballumbie and Mill of Mains). This was once again a great success, with 45 different pupils taking part over the three days (Tues 9th to Thurs 11th July). To read more, click [here](#).



News

City Plan Annual Report

The annual report on our City Plan, highlighting our progress in the key areas of Fair Work & Enterprise, Children & Families, Health & Wellbeing, Community Safety & Justice, and Building Stronger Communities is now available via the council website. To read more, click [here](#).





D&A College Community Engagement Officers

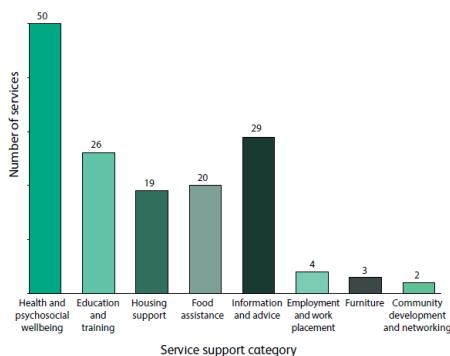
Dundee and Angus College is all about engaging with the local community so the recent appointment of two Community Engagement Officers, Carlene Cura and Iain Maciver, is an exciting development. To read more, click [here](#).



Articles

Smile4Life

Smile4Life is the Scottish Oral Health Improvement Programme for people experiencing homelessness. This research report provides a catalogue of services available to support vulnerable groups in Dundee. To view the report, click [here](#).



DIWC New Learning Year

Dundee International Women's Centre started their new year of learning activities on the 26th August. To see the regular timetable and find out how to access places, click [here](#).

DIWC August 2019 - June 2020 | www.diwc.co.uk | 01382 462 058

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10am - 12pm	English Conversation (Free)	Life in the UK (Free)	Art (Free)	House (Free)	Did you know? you can use the cliche even if you are not attending a class
	Computing (Free)	English Conversation (Free)	Computing (Free)	Free short courses (Free)	Call or email to book: 01382 462 058 reception@diwc.co.uk
	Learn to Jog (Free)	Lunch Club (Free)	Healthcare ESOL (Free)	Free short courses (Free)	See what's happening at DIWC by liking us on FACEBOOK
1pm - 3pm	Baking (Free)	College English (Free)	Computing (Free)	Job Club (Free)	
	Sewing (Free)	French (Free)	English for Life (Free)	Basic Arts & Crafts (Free)	
	ESOL (Free)	ESOL (Free)	ESOL (Free)	College English (Free)	
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Services

Family Sustainment Service

This is a new service, delivered by Action for Children and Dundee City Council, to support families who are experiencing financial difficulties within private rented accommodation. To read more, click [here](#), and for a referral form click [here](#).





Helping Older People Engage

HOPE is a free service for people over 55 living in the Dundee area and works to help people stay independent, safe and active. To read more, click [here](#), or to download a referral form, click [here](#).



Carers of Dundee

This group has started publishing a regular newsletter to provide news and information for carers and those who support them. To read the newsletter, click [here](#).



Connecting Communities – British Red Cross

The Connecting Communities service is available to all adults (18+) in the local area. Whether you're feeling lonely and don't know where to turn for a friendly chat, or you're socially isolated and struggling to cope with the demands of life, the British Red Cross can help. To read more, click [here](#). To refer someone to the service use [this form](#).



Health & Work Support – Bulletin

Health & Work Support recently celebrated its first year of delivery. To find out more about what has been achieved and how to access the service, click [here](#).



Health & Work Support



Consultations

Tayside Child Healthy Weight Plan

The Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative is carrying out a consultation on child healthy weight, and would like to hear your views. The consultation is open until the 30th September. To read more, click [here](#).



Out of School Care in Scotland – Scottish Government

The Scottish Government draft framework on Out of School Care sets out what they know about the out of school care sector in Scotland and asks questions about what the Scottish Government can do to support families in accessing high quality, flexible and affordable services which benefit children and parents and carers. The consultation is open until 6th December. To read more, click [here](#).



Draft National Transport Strategy

The [National Transport Strategy \(NTS2\)](#) sets out our vision for the next 20 years and was developed in collaboration with over 60 partner organisations around Scotland. The global climate emergency and the role of transport in helping to deliver net-zero emissions by 2045 is a key priority, along with how transport can play its part in building a fairer society - including reducing child poverty. The consultation is open until 23rd October. To read more, click [here](#).



Fair Treatment of Vulnerable Customers

The Financial Conduct Authority has a current consultation on proposed guidance for firms in the financial services sector on the fair treatment of vulnerable customers. The consultation is open until the 4th October. To read more, click [here](#).





Funding

Community Regeneration Fund Allocations in July & August

Click the logo below to view these.



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Partner Links

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[Dundee & Angus College](#)
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[Dundee Social Enterprise Network](#)
[Dundee University](#)
[Dundee Voluntary Action](#)
[Job Centre Plus](#)
[Leisure & Culture Dundee](#)
[NHS Tayside](#)

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[Tayside Criminal Justice Authority](#)
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[Dundee Blind & Partially Sighted Society](#)
[Dundee Carers Centre](#)
[Dundee Federation of Tenants Associations](#)
[Dundee International Women's Centre](#)
[Dundee Pensioners Forum](#)
[Dundee United Community Trust](#)

[Family Information Services](#)
[Good Governance Award](#)
[Independent Living Dundee & Angus](#)
[Lead Scotland](#)
[Penumbra](#)
[Positive Steps](#)
[Protecting People in Dundee \(multi-agency\)](#)
[Salvation Army](#)
[Shelter Scotland](#)
[Tay Cities Deal](#)
[Tayside Council on Alcohol](#)
[The Corner](#)
[Transform Furniture](#)
[Yusuf Youth Initiative](#)



National Links

[A Local Information System for Scotland \(ALISS\)](#)
[Action for Children](#)
[Parklives](#)
[Power of Attorney Campaign](#)
[Princes Trust](#)

[Royal National Institute for the Blind](#)
[Scottish Living Wage Accreditation Initiative](#)
[Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum \(SURF\)](#)
[Visit Scotland](#)

Submission Dates

We will issue an e-bulletin every two months. To enable us to compile articles and carry out formatting or editing, please submit any articles to us at: Dundee.Partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk by the dates below.

Issue #	Submissions Deadline	Issue Date
22	19 th October	November 2019
23	20 th December	January 2020
24	21 st February	March 2020

Feedback

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Please send any comments to Dundee.Partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk

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