



# West Dunbartonshire Community Newsletter

Welcome to the sixth issue of the newsletter. We aim to share the fantastic work currently being delivered in the authority, publicise up and coming events, funding opportunities and much more. The community newsletter will be published monthly. If you have an event or campaign that you would like mentioned then please get in touch. Thanks

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# Goodbyes

The Communities Team wish all the very best to team members who have left the service for pastures new . . .



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# Community Transport Recruitment



West Dunbartonshire  
Community Transport

Would you be interested in helping members of your community getting to and from healthcare appointments?



Could you help those who are unable to use public transport due to limited mobility?

**Then come and join us and provide this valuable and free community service.**

For our Health Appointment Transport Service, volunteer drivers use their own car to take service users from their home, to their appointment, and back home again.

In return, you will be reimbursed with mileage expenses and be fully trained.

You must have held a full UK driving licence for more than two years and a Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check will be carried out.

For more information please email [alan.karas@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:alan.karas@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

Or call: [07990 825754](tel:07990825754)

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# Jobs Fair

You're invited!



## JOBS FAIR

WITH CLYDEBANK AND DUMBARTON JOB CENTRES AND STREET LEAGUE

**WHERE:** Malt & Myre Brewers Fayre, Dumbarton G82 2QU

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 6th September 2023

**TIME:** 11am - 1pm

Are you aged 16+ and living in West Dunbartonshire? Come to our Job Fair on September 6th and talk with local employers like Timpsons, McQueens Dairies, Cameron House, Berkely Scot, Opos, Carousel Training and more who are looking to hire people just like you!

Questions? Contact us:

✉ [jack.herd@streetleague.co.uk](mailto:jack.herd@streetleague.co.uk)

🌐 [www.streetleague.co.uk](http://www.streetleague.co.uk)

📷 [StreetLeagueUK](https://www.instagram.com/StreetLeagueUK)



# Jobs Fair

The logo for Working4U features a stylized green leaf above the text 'Working4U' in a blue serif font. The text is positioned between a blue curved shape on the left and a green triangular shape on the right.

# Working4U

## Jobs Fair

The text 'Coming Soon - 3rd Oct' is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a vertical blue and white striped pattern.

# Coming Soon - 3rd Oct

West Dunbartonshire Council Working4U  
Employability Team are hosting a Jobs  
and Training Event on the 3rd October

This event will take place from  
10.00am – 12.00pm  
Clydebank Town Hall  
5 Hall Street, Clydebank, G81 1UB

To register for Working4U support, scan  
the QR code



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# Youth Employability

The next cohort of our Thrive Youth Employability Programme will be starting approx. week commencing 18th September. Register to get involved.



## Thrive Youth Employability Programme

— Course starts throughout the year —

Are you aged 16-24 and keen to:

- Learn new skills
- Build your confidence
- Explore career pathways
- Take on new challenges
- Possible £40 a week allowance

**For further details, please register your interest at <https://bit.ly/3qWsi0U> or alternatively scan the QR code.**



# Training Courses



## TRAINING COURSES

### Ready2thrive

**Start 18th September**- Aged between 16-24 and looking for one to one support to help you progress towards your goals? Over 12 weeks we will support you with: Increasing self confidence, Motivation, Get back into a routine, Goal Setting

### Thrive

**Start 18th September** - Aged between 16-24 and looking for support to help you progress towards employment? 12 week programme that helps you work towards your goals at your pace with support to help you develop your confidence and life skills.

### Employability Award

**Start 18th September** - Aged 16 - 24 and unemployed? We can help you. Working4U are offering a one week SQA employability award - gain a qualification and prepare for the world of work

### Volunteer Programme

**Start 2nd October**- 7 week training programme including a 4 week volunteering placement. Upon completion you will have achieved a Volunteering Skills Award

### Customer Service Skills

**3 day course - 9/10/11 October**- Customer service skills in retail and hospitality, Create a positive impression for customers, How to identify customer needs, How to handle difficult situations, Safe sale of alcohol overview

### REHIS Health & Safety

**2 day course - 17 & 18 October** - General overview of workplace health and safety and is accepted by employers as proof of basic H&S awareness. This certificate can also be used to qualify for the CSCS Green Labourer card exam.



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**GET IN TOUCH NOW FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
TO REGISTER**  
[w4utraining@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:w4utraining@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

# Alexandria Library Garden

What can be found in the Alexandria Library Garden harvest box for West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare?

This week, we harvested courgettes, chives, spring onions, rhubarb, wild rocket, mixed herbs, strawberries and Clydebank mangetout. Local produce for our local community!

Alexandria Library Garden is a space for all, where we invite you to pick your own fruit, veg and herbs.. or to enjoy a quiet moment in nature (probably sheltering under our gazebo from the Scottish summer rain).

Opening hours can be found online: [www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/libraries)





# Alexandria Monthly Market

Alexandria Monthly Market, Second Saturday of the month,  
Overton Road Car Park, Alexandria 10am - 4pm  
Stallholders wanted. Our next market is coming Saturday 9th



## Stallholders Wanted!

We are looking for some more stallholders for our market on September 9th if you are interested please apply via the link in the post.

OVERTON STREET  
CAR PARK  
OVERTON STREET  
ALEXANDRIA  
G83 0NZ

# Tullochan Social Hub

Tuesday Mornings 10.30 -12

9-11 Poplar Road, Broadmeadow Industrial Estate, Dumbarton,  
G82 2RD

Free drinks, soup & we've got our clothing rail out too (all free).

Facebook link—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131164293631121/user/100064791575943/>



## **SOCIAL HUB**

A space for everyone in the community

**FREE TEA/COFFEE, SOUP &  
SNACKS**

**CLOTHING RAIL (FREE ITEMS)**

**TV, WI-FI & MAGAZINES**

1030am - 12pm

**FIND US  
HERE**



**9-11 POPLAR ROAD  
DUMBARTON**



# Bedford Avenue Community Garden

The Community Garden at Bedford Avenue, Clydebank, is looking for new helpers. Want to have your own growing space? Want to learn how to grow vegetables? Go along to have a look or go to their next meeting on 12th September at 6:30pm at Bedford Avenue



# Activities



The Big Disability Group has a range of activities and groups. To register and find out more visit <https://www.thebigdisabilitygroup.com/whats-on>

Contact details: 0141 237 4560  
thebigdisabilitygroup@gmail.com  
627 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank G81 4ET

*Fridays*  
*1pm-3pm*




*Jewellery*  
*Group*

£2 per class

DROP IN OR CALL  
CHARLOTTE ON  
07471 817 064




ART  
FOR  
ANXIETY



TUESDAYS  
12.30PM-2.30PM  
THE BIG DISABILITY  
HUB,  
ALL MATERIALS  
PROVIDED

Knit and Natter

**MAGGIE'S YARN  
BUDDIES**



*Every Wednesday*  
*10.30am-2.30pm*

THE BIG DISABILITY HUB, 627  
DUMBARTON ROAD, CLYDEBANK

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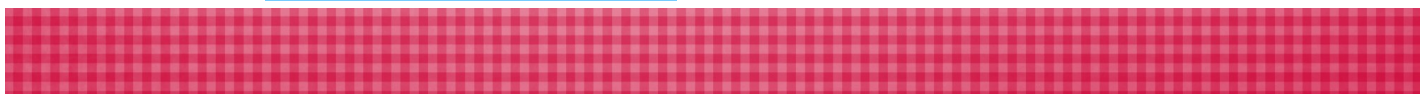


**SUPPORT AND  
DISCUSSION GROUP**

Thursdays 3pm-5pm

16+

The Big Disability Group  
627 Dumbarton Road  
Clydebank



# Activities



**LOMS**  
*Group*

- ✓ LOSS
- ✓ OF
- ✓ MOBILITY
- ✓ SUPPORT

Thursdays 10am

CALL US  
0141 237 4560

[www.thebigdisabilitygroup.com](http://www.thebigdisabilitygroup.com)

THE BIG DISABILITY GROUP'S

**DISABILITY ACTION GROUP**

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10AM

JOIN US IN MAKING REAL CHANGES

[www.thebigdisabilitygroup.com](http://www.thebigdisabilitygroup.com)

**DISABILITY KARATE**

MONDAYS  
10.30AM-11.30AM

ANTONINE SPORTS CENTRE

£5 PER CLASS

HELP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
11AM-1PM

FREE TEA AND COFFEE

627 DUMBARTON ROAD, CLYDEBANK

We Care We Share

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# Activities



## CYCLE SEPTEMBER

1-30 SEPTEMBER 2023

- >>> Ride anywhere, any time
- >>> Win prizes for riding a bike
- >>> Everybody is welcome
- >>> Join the movement to get more people riding bikes

Register for FREE at [lovetoride.net/westdunbartonshire](https://lovetoride.net/westdunbartonshire)



LOVE TO RIDE



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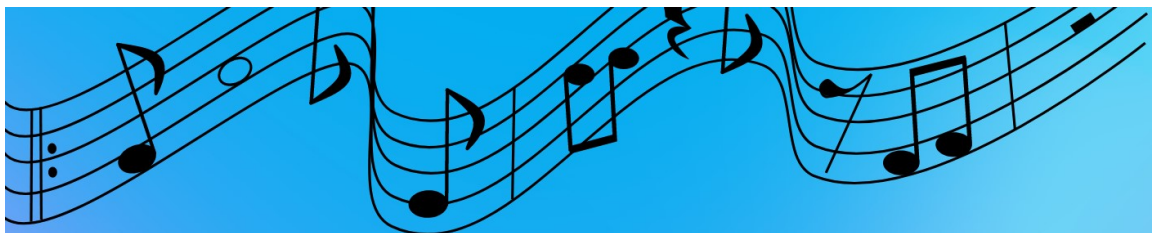


@lovetorideglobal



@lovetoride\_

# Activities



## **Clydebank District Choir**

**Dalmuir Community Centre - every  
Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30pm**

**Just a short note to let people know about our Good news - the choir was fortunate to be awarded with two grants from the Mental Health and Well-being Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund. Both grants have ensured that the Choir's future is no longer in doubt and we are looking forward to a brighter future ahead. Rehearsals have just resumed at Dalmuir Community Centre - every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30pm and new members would be welcome. Auditions are not required - a love of music and singing is all that is required. We are a mixed voice choir and our repertoire goes from light Classical to modern music like "Is this the way to Amarillo". We reckon that we're "Simply the Best - Better than all the Rest" so come along and join us.**

**John Urquhart, Choir President**

**Search Clydebank District Choir on Facebook**



# Funding Information

Corra Foundation— Boost Fund	It has been created to help groups that find the increases in basic running costs (e.g. utilities, salaries, transport) are making their work much more challenging. Boost will provide grants of <b>£500-£3,000</b> to grassroots organisations and charities with a yearly income of up to £50,000.	<u>Boost Fund supporting children and families</u> <u>(corra.scot)</u>
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	Up to £6,000 are available for UK registered charities working in the UK in the areas of advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare, and improvement or protection of the environment.	Ends 10th October  <u>How to apply – The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust</u> <u>(doilycartecharitabletrust.org)</u>
Creative Scotland - National Lottery Extended Programme Deadline 14 November 2023	Grants of £100,000 to £200,000 for 18 to 24 months are available for non-profit arts and cultural organisations to deliver a programme of creative activity lasting 18 to 24 months in Scotland.	Ends 14th November  <u>Funding   Creative Scotland</u>

For more information on funding go to SCVO link here <https://funding.scot/search> where you can search by area, type of funding and more.





# Funding Information

<p>BBC Children in Need Core Grants</p>	<p>Up to £120,000 to cover core costs are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18 years and living in the UK.</p>	<p>Ongoing Fund</p> <p><u><a href="#">Core (Organisational) Costs Funding Stream - BBC Children in Need</a></u></p>
<p>Foundation Scotland - Community Benefit Funds</p>	<p>Funding for voluntary and community organisations which are working for the benefit of residents and communities in specific community council areas in Scotland.</p>	<p>Ongoing Fund</p> <p><u><a href="#">Available Funds   Foundation Scotland</a></u></p>
<p>Youth Scotland - Stand Up to Sectarianism Deadline Ongoing <a href="https://">https://</a></p>	<p>Up to £500 are available to youth groups to tackle local experiences of sectarianism in Scotland.</p>	<p>Ongoing Fund</p> <p><u><a href="#">Stand Up to Sectarianism Small Grants Scheme   YouthLink Scotland</a></u></p>



# Community Transport



West Dunbartonshire Community Transport have been providing health appointment transport for citizens of West Dunbartonshire from 1st April 2022 for citizens who cannot use public transport.

If you feel you or someone else can benefit from the service, the patient will need to register themselves and meet the following criteria:

- Patient is able to get in and out of a private car
- Patient cannot use public transport

For further information and bookings email [wdctag@gmail.com](mailto:wdctag@gmail.com) or phone Alan on 07990 825754 to arrange an initial conversation.

Check out West Dunbartonshire Community Transport Action Group on Facebook here - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064785753378>



# Community Surgeries

This an opportunity to speak to a member of the West Dunbartonshire Council Communities Team regarding any matter concerning your community. A member of the team will happily chat and listen to your ideas. If you want one at your venue let us know.

Dalmuir Barclay Church	Last Fri of month	11am – 2pm
CATRA - Central Alexandria Tenants & Residents Association	Third Wed of month	1pm - 3pm
The Phoenix, Castlehill.	Last Thurs of month	11:30am – 2pm
Centre 81, Whitecrook	First Wed of month	11am - 1.30pm

# Community Contacts

Dalmuir Barclay Church	DBC Community Pantry & Drop in café dalmuirbarclayfoodpantry@gmail.com Friday 11-2 / Thursday 18:30-20:00	07305 039910
West Dunbartonshire Food Share	Clair Coyle wdcommunityfoodshare@outlook.com	01389 764135
Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels	Maureen Cummings contact@okfp.org.uk	01389 717792
West Dunbartonshire Food for Thought	admin@foodforthoughtwestdun.co.uk	01389 743908
Faifley Food Pantry	The White Church, Tuesdays 10—12	—
Dumbarton Rock Recovery	Concord Centre, Dumbarton—Friday 11.30-2pm mandyainslie1318@gmail.com	—



This document is also available in other languages, large print and audio format on request.

**Arabic** هذه الوثيقة متاحة أيضا بلغات أخرى والأحرف الطباعية الكبيرة وبطريقة سمعية عند الطلب.

**Hindi** अनुरोध पर यह दस्तावेज़ अन्य भाषाओं में, बड़े अक्षरों की छपाई और सुनने वाले माध्यम पर भी उपलब्ध है

**Punjabi** ਇਹ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ, ਵੱਡੇ ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਅਤੇ ਆਡੀਓ ਟੇਪ 'ਤੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਹੋਇਆ ਵੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੇ ਲਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

**Urdu** درخواست پر یہ دستاویز دیگر زبانوں میں، بڑے حروف کی چھپائی اور سننے والے ذرائع پر بھی میسر ہے۔

**Chinese (Cantonese)** 本文件也可應要求，製作成其他語文或特大字體版本，也可製作成錄音帶。

**Polish** Dokument ten jest na życzenie udostępniany także w innych wersjach językowych, w dużym druku lub w formie audio.

### British Sign Language

BSL users can contact us via [contactSCOTLAND-BSL](mailto:contactSCOTLAND-BSL), the on-line British Sign Language interpreting service.

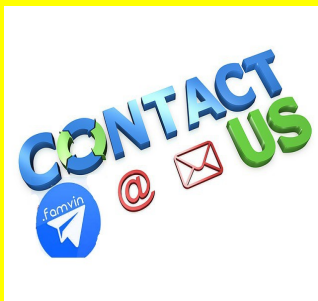
Find out more on the [contactSCOTLAND](http://www.contactSCOTLAND.org.uk) website

**Call: 01389 737527**

**Letter: West Dunbartonshire Council, 16 Church St, Dumbarton, G82 1QL**

**Email: [communications@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:communications@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)**

# Got something to share ?



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