Editors Introduction

Welcome to the twelfth Dundee Partnership E-Bulletin.

One of the key issues that the Dundee Partnership is involved in addressing is that very broad issue of Poverty, which is closely linked to deprivation & inequality. There are many ways of looking at this, each of which might prompt different responses. Back in 2011, I created a simple mind map that surrounded the issue of Poverty with broad areas such as Financial Inclusion, Employability, Education, Health, Social Influences, and Housing.

Another, created a year later where I’d put ‘Voices of Poverty’ at the centre led to topics such as; Gathering Stories, Groups of People, Who Can Help?, Who Has Influence?, Funding, What Have Others Done?, and a list of eleven Themes & Issues (ten of which are sadly still issues today, though some have been partially dealt with).

Looking at these two, neither is right or wrong but together they highlight that each of us in our own way probably views poverty differently. For many of us, the field we work in will influence this to a great extent, but personal experience outside of the workplace will also bring particular aspects of poverty more to the fore.

What does this mean for the Partnership? All these different views could be making it harder for us to work collectively, as both agencies and the individuals that make them up have different views on what poverty is and so take different actions. Conversely, this inherent diversity might help us, collectively, to tackle different aspects of poverty and naturally fill gaps in provision.

Overall though, there is a need for collective, coordinated action by the Partnership regardless of the ‘model of poverty’ that is used by each Partner. There are already a number of key things that the Partnership is committed to undertaking, as seen in the Action Plan resulting from ‘A Fair Way To Go’, the report from Dundee’s first Fairness Commission in 2015-16.

We also have our second Fairness Commission underway at present, taking a somewhat different approach and involving an equal number of people with lived experience of poverty (Community Commissioners) and senior civic, political and business leaders (Civic Commissioners). As a group they have called themselves ‘Dundee Fighting for Fairness’, and have a website here. During 2018 they will be working on making proposals for further anti-poverty work to be carried out in Dundee.

Are there aspects of poverty that you see day after day that aren’t being addressed, or do you have ideas that you would like to put forward that could help tackle poverty? We are happy to receive your communications on this topic to our email address: dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk and will usually manage to respond within a few days.

Paul Davies
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Dundee Partnership Team
Upcoming Events

Dundee Women’s Festival

4th – 17th March.
In recognition of 100 years since women gained the right to vote in the UK, this year’s festival theme is A Vote for the Future! In the Year of Young People, our two-week festival celebrates with a truly eclectic range of events. To read more, click here.

The Dragons Are Coming!

The fiery finale of Dundee and Angus College’s Enterprise Dragons competition is almost here. To find out more about the event being held on the 22nd March, click here.
Maggie’s Penguin Parade – Join in the March

For three months in Summer 2018 the streets of Dundee and the surrounding region will be home to a trail of individually designed and beautifully decorated giant penguin sculptures showcasing the wealth of artistic talent in the area, creating economic and cultural benefits for Dundee. This project is brought to you by Maggie’s Centre Dundee, in partnership with Wild in Art and will raise significant funds to support Maggie’s vital work caring for local people affected by cancer. To see how the D&A Chamber of Commerce are getting businesses involved, click here.

Dundee Fashion Week

Taking place in May, Dundee’s first Fashion Week is, amongst other things, helping Dundee & Angus College students to showcase their work. To hear from Alexandra Harnett, founder of Dundee Fashion Week, click here.

Health Inequalities and Prevention Training Session

In 2015, Dundee Partnership commissioned a report on prevention through Integrated Care Funds, which resulted in the production of the “It’s My Job” toolkit. This half day training session supports frontline staff to use the toolkit as a practical aid to identify how health inequalities and deprivation may affect their client groups. For more information and to find out when sessions are available, click here.

Drug and Alcohol Services Learning Network

A new network is starting up, to help the health & social care workforce deliver Dundee’s Recovery oriented system of care. To read more, click here.
Dundee & Angus Tourism Conference 2018

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the region in relation to tourism, including the opening of the V&A Museum of Design Dundee, and the return of The Open to Carnoustie. To find out more about the conference, being held on the 15th March, click here.

Recent Events

Scottish Apprenticeship Week, 5-9 March 2018

A Modern Apprenticeship is all about people learning while they work – and earning at the same time. Apprentices gain practical work experience as part of a highly structured training programme while working towards a qualification that will really boost their careers. To hear what one of Dundee & Angus College’s Modern Apprentices has to say, click here.

Transitions – Protecting People of All Ages

On January 24th, the Public Protection Chief Officers Group held an event titled ‘Transitions’ – ‘Protecting People of all Ages’. This event welcomed a wide variety of stakeholders such as senior managers and practitioners, who work together to ensure better outcomes for people at risk during transition. To read more, click here.

Launch of new Dundee Law web site

A new, state-of-the-art web site for Dundee Law was launched at the Law summit on the evening of 26 February. The web site, designed by local digital media personnel, tells the story of the history and development of the historic landmark from its geological creation through to the present day. To read more, click here.
Success Stories

5by20 Success Stories – Meet the Entrepreneurs

Founded in 2010, the 5by20 initiative aims to empower 5 million women entrepreneurs by 2020. Having already given guidance and support to over 1.7 million women worldwide, we met up with some of the programmes most recent graduates from Dundee, who couldn’t wait to share their achievements with us. Find out how the programme has changed their lives by helping them to launch their own businesses by clicking here.

What Could You Get Into at D&A College?

Choosing a career can be daunting but that's where Dundee and Angus College comes in. Over the last few months its employability team has been working hard to develop its Get Into... programme. To read more, click here.

Dundee International Women’s Centre

As well as a range of activities for Dundee Women’s Festival, DIWC have recently had their SQA work externally verified and held a fundraiser. To read more, click here.

Articles

Dundee Federation of Tenants Associations

The Federation is an umbrella tenants organisation registered with Dundee City Council with the purpose of promoting council tenants’ rights, and the maintenance and improvement of their housing conditions, amenities and environment. To visit their website for more information, click here.

Dundee Play Framework

Children have a right to play, and play is central to physical, mental, social and emotional health and well-being (Committee on the Rights of the Child, 2013). On this basis, Dundee has developed the Play Framework as part of a wider Dundee Physical Activity Strategy. To read more, click here.
Spring Into Action!

If you’ve been a bit of a couch potato over the winter now’s the time to drag yourself away from the TV and try something new. Dundee and Angus College leisure courses offer a whole range of opportunities from learning a new skill like sign language or drystone dyking to getting arty with pottery or paint. To read more, click [here](#).

Communication Champions

Advocating Together (Dundee) SCIO have recruited a team of Volunteer Communication Champions (adults with additional support needs). To read more, click [here](#).

Bring your innovative idea to life

Access funding through D&A College to help you research and develop your business project. Are you a Scottish Small or Medium-sized Enterprise? Do you have a brilliant idea which could benefit your company and the Scottish economy? Contact Dundee and Angus College to find out if you could be eligible for an Innovation Voucher worth up to £5000. To read more, click [here](#).

Cost of the School Day Dundee

Since March 2017 the Cost of the School Day project has been working with 11 primary schools, 2 early year’s centres and 2 secondary schools. To read more, click [here](#).
Good Governance Award
This award has been developed to celebrate and promote the role of good organisational governance in the third sector. Through a fully supported evaluation process, this award helps organisations develop and enhance their policies and procedures. To read more, click here.

Participatory Budgeting
Here in Dundee, communities are currently deciding how to spend a total of £1.2m on a range of infrastructure projects. For a national take on how Participatory Budgeting in Dundee is being viewed, take a look here.

Individual Training Accounts
Want to improve your career prospects or upskill in the job you currently have?

Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) are provided by Skills Development Scotland to give eligible learners £200 towards training and skills development. To read more, click here.

Mental Health Services Redesign
NHS Tayside is redesigning Adult Mental Health Inpatient Services and Learning Disability Inpatient Services as part of its Mental Health and Learning Disability Services Redesign Transformation Programme. For more information click here, or for an easy read version, click here.
Dundee Keep Safe

Dundee currently has twenty places fully signed up to the Keep Safe programme, and several other in the process of training their staff in order to join it. To read more, click here.

DVA Online Booking System

Dundee Voluntary Action has launched an online booking system for Number Ten rooms and resources. Members should have received log in details and will be able to access discounted rates for rooms and free resources. Non-members can also book rooms and resources at www.dva.scot/book. If you are not a member but would be interested in receiving our member discounts, you can find out more about becoming a DVA Member at www.dva.scot/member.

Dundee Children & Families Information Service

The service has compiled a series of highlights on work carried out during 2017 from their feedback and monitoring data. To read more, click here.

Consultations

Dundee Decides

An event is being held to reveal the decisions made by local residents through Dundee Decides, and to formally launch the Local Community Plans. It is an open event, and for more information click here.
Funding

Community Regeneration Fund
Allocations in January & February
Click the logo below to view these.

For more information on the fund, or to download an application form, click [here](#).

Small Grants Funding

The Small Grants Fund aims to build the capacity of communities to deliver services which ensure people are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer. To read more, click [here](#).

Links

Over time, we aim to develop this section of the bulletin to include useful links to a range of organisations and information.

Partner Links

- [Department for Work & Pensions](#)
- [Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Dundee & Angus College](#)
- [Dundee City Council](#)
- [Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership](#)
- [Dundee Partnership](#)
- [Dundee Social Enterprise Network](#)
- [Dundee University](#)
- [Dundee Voluntary Action](#)
- [Job Centre Plus](#)
- [Leisure & Culture Dundee](#)
- [NHS Tayside](#)
- [My Wellbeing](#)
- [Protecting People Dundee](#)
- [Police Scotland](#)
- [Scottish Enterprise](#)
- [Scottish Fire & Rescue Service](#)
- [Scottish Government](#)
- [Skills Development Scotland](#)
- [TACTRAN](#)
- [Tayside Criminal Justice Authority](#)
- [University of Abertay Dundee](#)
- [Volunteer Dundee](#)
Local Links
- Active Schools Newsletter
- Amina Muslim Women’s Resource Centre
- Boomerang Community Centre
- Citizen’s Advice Bureau
- DIAL-OP
- Discovery Credit Union
- Dundee Access Group
- Dundee Carers Centre
- Dundee Federation of Tenants Associations
- Dundee International Women’s Centre
- Dundee ‘My Life’ Portal
- Dundee Pensioners Forum
- Family Information Services
- Good Governance Award
- 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
- 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

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