

People in Place – Annual Update 2017: Langlees, Falkirk

Introduction

This brief update highlights the work being undertaken by Corra Foundation (previously called Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland) in Langlees, Falkirk, including the learning gathered so far through the People in Place programme.

➤ Initial community selection process

We first met with Karen Herbert CEO Third Sector Interface, Mark Meechan Communities Manager and the Falkirk local authority team on 23 January 2017 and followed up with the pledge as to how we would set out to work alongside the communities of Falkirk.¹

This initial meeting was followed up with:

- ☼ Local area team meetings.
- ☼ A community walkabout.
- ☼ Local community meetings.

As a result of the combined research and community walkabout it was agreed that Langlees had all the ‘ingredients’ for the People in Place work. These included:

- ☼ A willing appetite from the local team to support our work.
- ☼ A central venue for the worker.
- ☼ The population size met our criteria.
- ☼ The area is a self-defined community.
- ☼ The area had different community spaces.

Angela Smith was recruited and began working in Langlees in May 2017. This brief report contains a snapshot of the work she has been undertaking.



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➤ **Snapshot of work during the past year**

Phase	Activity
<p>Mapping and Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Range of desk based research incorporating previous community profiles and consultations. ➤ Introduction meetings with wider networks, services servicing Langlees. ➤ Developing statistical profiles. ➤ Carrying out personal walkabouts, identifying areas of interest ➤ Supporting the community to create surveys on social media to reach wider community views. ➤ Consultation using place standard tool meeting local people through face to face conversation.
<p>Engagement</p>  <p>MAGNET bringing people together</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local engagement methods utilised, locality meetings with former Community education workers. ➤ Introductory meetings with third sector organisations and partners, past and present servicing Langlees. ➤ Specific activities to-date have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for summer community event. • Partner delivery of six-week cooking programme. • Survey to organise community summer trip. • A community picnic. • Weekly coffee mornings in Langlees primary school. • Lantern making and parade. • Community consultation using Place Standard tool. • Tree planting, soup kitchen, toy appeal, social media donation page. • Supporting school with volunteers. • Macmillan coffee morning. • Engagement with school on outdoor space. • Partnership working with local authority and CVS to develop steering group to take forward new multi sports pitch. • Bringing people together to help tackle local issues such as bike track idea. • Easter event.
<p>Development of ideas into action</p>  <p>TO FIND SOLUTIONS that are appropriate and work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Delivery of six-week cooking program. ➤ A Community picnic event. ➤ Linking with school group to hold coffee mornings. ➤ Working with partners to support a new group through the application process to become SCIO. ➤ Development of a soup kitchen to reach those affected by substance misuse. ➤ Supporting with the organisation of a community led Christmas toy appeal. ➤ Fundraising support with local school action group for the development of a new homework group run by parents. ➤ Working in partnership with Coe Park AFC group to deliver week of Easter activities. ➤ Supported community to hold meeting to address local issues affecting the area.

Brokering role



PROVIDE THE GLUE to stick everything together²

- Sharing of resources with partner services to provide opportunities for local people, allocating volunteers to school for school award days, school trips.
- Supported local people to come together to find solution to local issues- councillors agreed backed idea to look at land for possible dirt track for moped bikes and contact land owners to seek permission/approval.
- Delivering drop in sessions for community information.
- New parent made aware of groups and encouraged to attend mother & toddler group - now attends group regular on own.
- Raising awareness of local resources available to other services which resulted in school booking centre hall regularly for P7 gym sessions.
- Secured funding to support local youth group to attend Christmas panto.
- Show casing community feedback on consultation an Easter event in partnership with Coo park. 120 people in attendance at community event and 64 children were provided with breakfast and lunch over three other days.

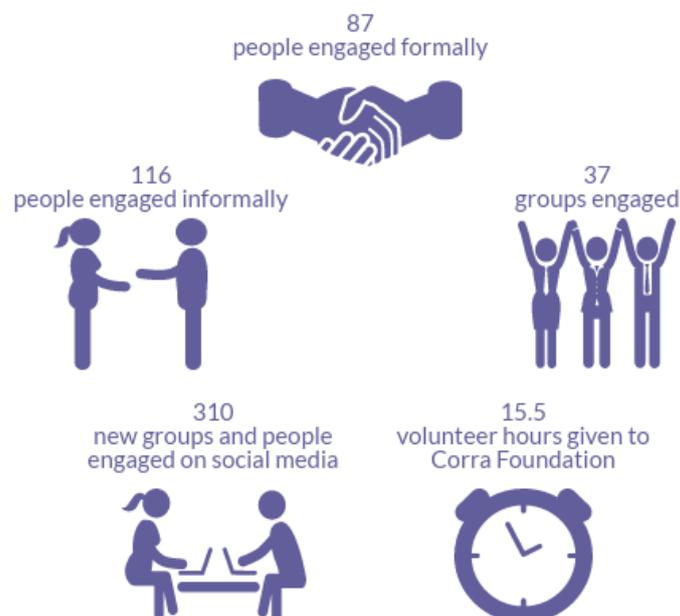


All designed to: **SUPPORT** the community to achieve their ambitions.

Area in Numbers

➤ Engagement numbers

As part of our learning and evaluation framework we have developed systematic ways in which to keep track of how we are working in the community using both qualitative and quantitative data. Below is a snapshot of engagement the Langlees community co-ordinator has done over the year.



² A snapshot of some of the connections being made can be found in the 'Connections Mapping' section of this report

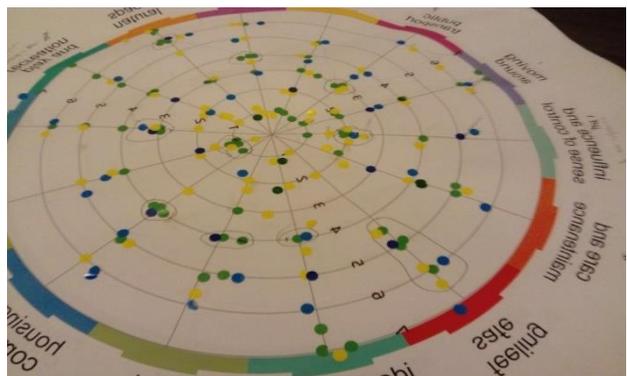
➤ Brief case study

Langlees Easter Camp

The Coo Park AFC are a local football team that work with all ages of young people that wish to take part in sport. The group are amazing at developing young people’s skills in coaching and first aid.

The group wanted to put on an Easter Camp which focused not only providing a range of free sporting activities to the community in a fun family environment, but also address a recently discovered issue of holiday hunger that some families were facing. Corra Foundation worked with the Coo Park and delivered a community feedback session on the recent Place Standard consultation.

Every child received breakfast and lunch and there were indoor activities, outdoor sports and an Easter egg hunt. The event saw many families get involved and over 50 children and young people spent hours playing.



54 Adults and kids today, 5 hours free safe activities making good use of the available community spaces.

"When we work together things can happen"

- Charlie

Look ahead

➤ Over the next few months Corra Foundation's People in Place team will:

- ✿ Continue working with Langlees Primary school to take forward a woodland community bug hunt linking to the John Muir Award.
- ✿ Work in Partnership with NHS community health development worker to develop certificated programmes on 'Cooking on a budget', 'Health & Hygiene' and an 'Elementary cooking skills' course.
- ✿ Continue to work with CVS and Falkirk Local Authority to develop the ongoing sports association through SCIO application.
- ✿ Continue to work with a group who are looking to take forward a community development project identifying and development of land for community use.
- ✿ Continue to support to the KIC Group to develop a new homework group in partnership with the head teacher of Langlees Primary School.
- ✿ Work will continue around the analysis of community consultation with the place standard tool evaluating themes and data and conveying a meeting to discuss possible solutions to the main themes highlighted.

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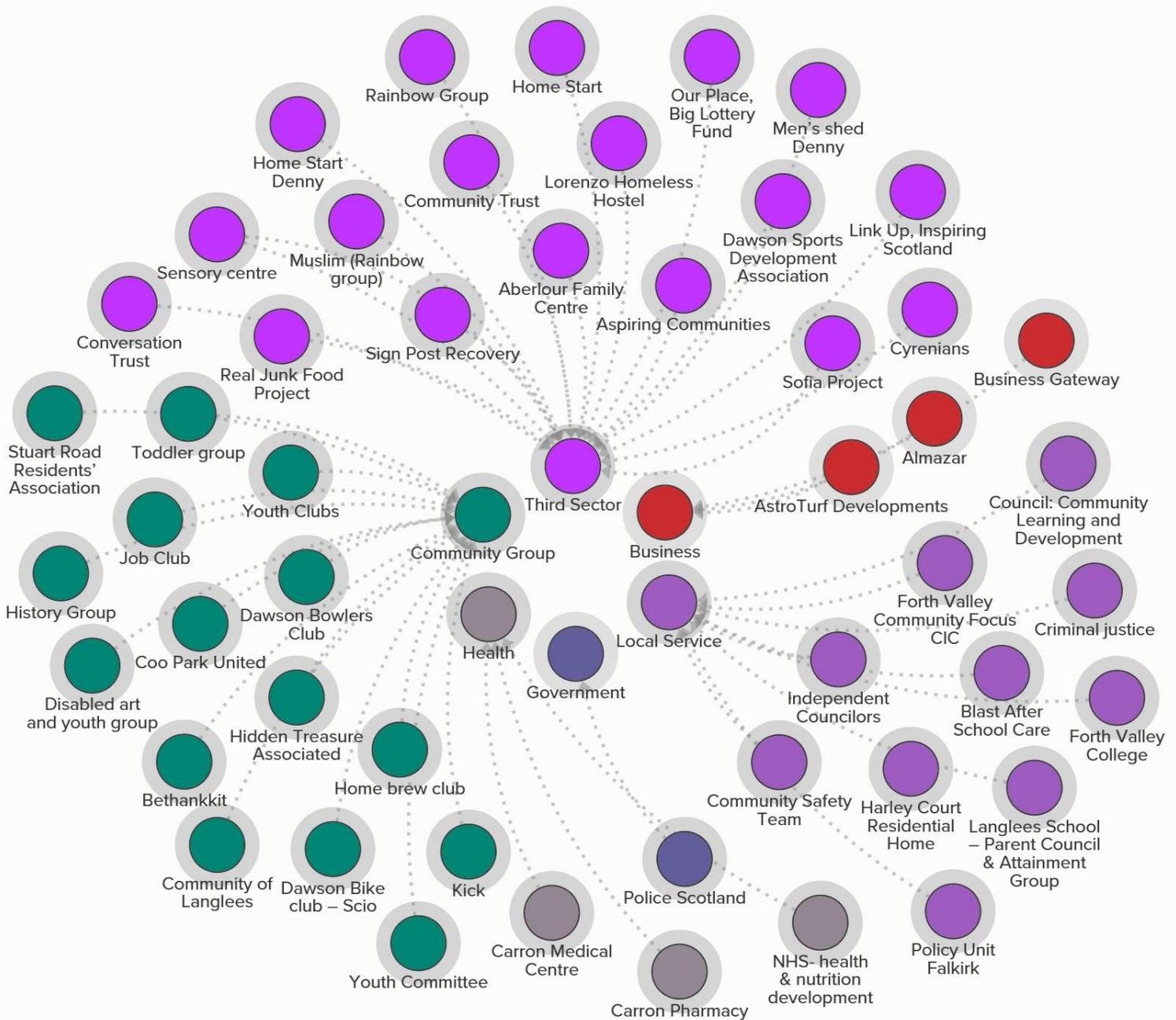
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Connections Mapping

➤ Visual snapshot of the connections being made



Legend

- Connection
- Third Sector
- Community Group
- Business
- Government
- Local Service
- Health

Summary of the People in Place Programme

Corra Foundation (previously Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland) launched the place-based programme “People in Place” in 2014 after a strategic review which highlighted that traditional grantmaking was not reaching many of Scotland’s communities, and yet these communities are among those facing the greatest daily challenges. Corra Foundation believes that by supporting communities and increasing participation, individuals and therefore communities will become more confident, more able to challenge the structural barriers that impact on everyday life and in this way the programme will achieve systems change.

People in Place has an overarching theory of change for this work. The key indicators of this are:

- ❁ To reach places in Scotland where Corra Foundation and other grant-makers struggle to reach.
- ❁ To work in partnership with the community to identify assets and encourage participation, engagement and action.
- ❁ To create a network of connections that help to increase resilience and facilitate access to sustainable resourcing for the long term.
- ❁ To increase awareness of the importance of place and how this affects life chances and opportunities, through learning and sharing.

Culminating in creating long term social change.

In 2014 we set out to establish a programme, working alongside communities in nine local authority areas that were in receipt of proportionately less independent grant funding. We are now working alongside eight communities in seven of the original nine local authority areas with the remaining two due to begin in 2018.

Sharing Lessons and Learning at Programme Level

➤ Emerging programme level learning

- ❁ Early insight shows us that by focussing on engaging and listening in small communities we are reaching people who are often seldom heard, working to provide a platform for them to be heard.
- ❁ There is an increased understanding as to why communities do not access independent grant funding. Reasons include:
 - The formal process of having to be a registered charity or fully constituted group.
 - The skills and capacity needed to complete the process.
 - The fear and time it takes to complete applications.
 - The fact that groups need to alter their idea to fit criteria
 - Worry about what will happen if the funding runs out and the impact this could have.
 - For many groups, the idea is short lived or a one off so the formal process of accessing funding is too daunting.

- There is still a big reliance on the council doing things and a belief it is their job. This, coupled with the lack of belief within the communities where the programme is working, means that the great ideas people have never come to fruition as there is a perception that there are too many barriers and they are unsurmountable.
- ❁ Early indicators are that to really foster resilience in place, different financing models need to be developed to fit with the communities' ambitions; this will be a focus for the coming year as the programme grows.
- ❁ Effective engagement takes time, developing trusting relationships to allow participation to increase organically.
- ❁ Community, agenda-free space is vital to foster relationships.

➤ Support groups

- ❁ The People in Place programme continues to benefit from strong commitment from the co-investors who provide ongoing support as well as investment, members of the Place-based Advisory Group (P-bAG), who meet three times a year to challenge and support on the operational aspects of the delivery, and the Observers group, who meet twice a year to focus on the macro impact emerging from working across multiple areas.

➤ Development of the learning framework

- ❁ People in Place has developed a framework through which to capture learning both as individuals and as a team.
- ❁ This framework involves weekly capture of reflections on what is happening in each community using qualitative and quantitative data, and bi-monthly meetings to discuss the learning coming out of these weekly reflections.
- ❁ The evolving evidence base is capturing what works and what doesn't for engaging with people in different communities, and particularly with the people who are identified as being seldom heard in those communities.

➤ Looking forward

- ❁ In the longer term, it is envisaged that this framework will help us to better understand what enables positive change.
- ❁ Support will continue to be given to develop community co-ordinators in their ability to gather evidence and listen to the stories, experiences and aspirations of the people they are working alongside.
- ❁ Our work has led to the Scottish Government funding Corra Foundation to undertake a short-term project to convene a cross-sector group to explore what makes place-based approaches effective and make recommendations for change.