

## A walk in Possilpark



The Building Safer Communities Board held its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May in Possilpark.

In the morning, Board Members attended the North Glasgow Homes' Community Breakfast, where they met local community groups, organisations and residents (pictured above).

The community breakfast includes a speakers corner where different people have the opportunity to share work that they are involved in across the community. This demonstrated the good links to initiatives and activities that are helping to improve community safety and build capacity and confidence across different sections of the community – including African Challenge Scotland <http://africanchallengescotland.co.uk/> and Impact Arts [www.impactarts.co.uk](http://www.impactarts.co.uk).

Speakers included a member of the Possilpark community who helps people identify their own core strengths and skills and Rob Gallagher-Reilly of Impact Arts who is running a summer programme of performance arts activity for local young people. Board Chair Gillian Russell took the opportunity to talk about the Board's work and invited attendees to chat with members about what BSC means to them.

Following the breakfast, the Board walked to Maryhill Community Safety Hub, taking in Possilpark, Ruchhill and Maryhill.

The Community Safety Hub is run by Community Safety Glasgow (CSG) – a collaboration between Glasgow City Council, Police Scotland and the SPA, SFRS, key third sector organisations and community groups.

The Board heard from Ann Fehilly, Head of Strategic Services within Community Safety Glasgow about how the Hub brings together a range of services into a more integrated model of good practice to maximise the services impact on crime, vandalism, gender based violence and anti social behaviour. One of a number of Hubs across the City, the Maryhill Hub was an old primary school earmarked for demolition and in taking it over CSG redesigned and reshaped it to become a point for local community connection and engagement. The Centre also includes a dedicated Home Safety centre run by SFRS.

It was then down to Board business where members reflected on work to date and discussed the future direction and remit of the BSC programme.

# Working together to improve child safety

Katrina Phillips, Chief Executive of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, outlines how Child Safety Week (5-11 June) helps improve child safety and tackle injury inequalities.

Unintentional harm is a major cause of death and injury for children in Scotland, accounting for one in 13 of all childhood deaths and one in eight emergency hospital admissions.

It is also a leading cause of acquired disability. Children who suffer severe scalds will need years of painful skin grafts and will still be scarred for life. Children with severe head injuries, for example from falls or road accidents, can suffer permanent brain damage.

Children under five are over-represented in hospital admissions, with falls, poisoning and scalds the leading causes of unintentional injury for this age group. Unintentional harm is closely associated with inequalities:

Children in the most deprived areas of Scotland are more likely than those in the least deprived areas to have an emergency admission to hospital for unintentional injury.

'Family adversity' is significantly associated with children experiencing three or more accidents requiring medical attention during their first five years. Supported by the Scottish Government's Community Safety Unit for 11 years, Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's flagship safety education campaign. This year it runs from 5 to 11 June with the theme 'Safe children: sharing is caring'.

Child Safety Week helps put the issue on the radar of a wide range of agencies and individuals, including community groups and early years and parenting initiatives.

This year, over 2,200 stakeholders across Scotland have received a free Child Safety Week poster and action pack, plus access to downloadable safety resources and social media posts. These support frontline staff and volunteers to deliver safety messages in ways that are fun or engaging – with



*Community Safety Minister Annabelle Ewing (centre) visits Circle Haven Project, at Craigmoynton Primary School, Edinburgh, to mark Child Safety Week 2017, with Rhona Hunter, Chief Executive of Circle Haven (left) and Katrina Philips Chief Executive of CAPT.*

children and parents more receptive as a result.

Impact evaluation shows that the resources developed for Child Safety Week are used year-round and that contacts initiated to run joint events can lead to enduring partnerships.

Our emphasis is on building resilience, so that all families, including those from harder to reach communities, are supported to understand the real risks to children and gains skills and knowledge to improve children's safety.

We develop practical and inclusive safety messages, and target organisations working in deprived areas.

Impact evaluation shows that awareness of Child Safety Week 2016 was highest among families in social class DE.

During Child Safety Week 2017, Community Safety Minister Annabelle Ewing will meet parents supported by Circle's Haven Project and Stepping Stones, charities working in deprived areas of Edinburgh, as they learn about child safety.

We encourage everyone to get involved in Child Safety Week. Please sign up at: [www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/get-involved/sign-up/](http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/get-involved/sign-up/). As one early years centre said:

"Take part – the promotion of everyday simple steps to make the house a safer place for children can have the most profound effects.

**"Simple stuff saves lives!"**

# Giving young people in Glasgow a voice

**Young people across North Glasgow came together earlier this year to develop projects, present them to the community and help decide which should be allocated funding as part of an inspiring local initiative.**

Supported by the Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund, led by ng homes and facilitated by Space Unlimited, the "Your Voice Young Choice" project put the decision-making responsibility in the hands of thirty-seven 10-16 year olds, who dreamed up concepts and projects which could promote positive change and social inclusion in their communities.

Projects included; creative spaces, athletic and sports clubs, gardening and food workshops, music, drama and arts clubs, even a young person's gym! Each of the projects were unique, creative and positive, as the young people learned key motivational, budgeting and leadership skills.

The most popular project and the one which received the largest amount of grant funding was The Climb Up, a hillwalking club providing equipment and qualified guides to get you out and active in our glorious Scottish hills.

Owen Cook, Joint Partnership Manager at Space Unlimited, said: "It's been a pleasure working alongside ng homes and with young people from North Glasgow on this project so far."

"As young people and adults work together to make the ideas happen, the young people's confidence, skills and sense of connection to their community will continue to grow. They'll know that they can really make a difference."



**Representatives from The Climb Up—a hillwalking initiative celebrate their success at Springburn Academy.**

Following the success of the project, a *Young Persons' Forum* will be established to sustain the interest and involvement of the young people beyond this project and continue to give them a voice in their community.

Kathleen Glazik: Scottish Government, Policy Officer, Community Empowerment Unit said: "I was delighted to attend ng homes' Community Choices event at Springburn Academy.

"I was impressed and inspired by the young people who were pitching for votes, and also by the young voters who took the whole process very seriously.

"I look forward to seeing the many ideas coming to fruition with support from the Community Choices funding secured on the day."

## The Art of Violence Reduction

Over the past year the Violence Reduction Unit and Glasgow School of Art have been working together to explore how creative arts can help tackle all forms of violence.



**Student Met Yuhang presents her artwork on domestic violence.**

Recently, the School asked a group of their master's students to create a number of conceptual pieces, which potentially could be used in many different ways. The Violence Reduction Unit expects more ideas to generate, as the understanding between them and GSA will grow.

Keith Jack (VRU) said: "We have world class "creatives" on our doors step at the Glasgow School of Art. In many ways there is a natural and obvious connection between us, both organisations looking to adopt innovative solutions to the challenges we face.

"This latest collaboration follows on from previous work we did last year with students, creating a fashion show for a Medics Against Violence fund raising event.

"The enthusiasm and skill the students offer and their ability to use their creative talents in a problem solving way is inspiring and something we feel could lead to better outcomes for our communities. The collaboration also provides an opportunity for us to connect people from very varied backgrounds, raise awareness and understanding of the issues and create opportunities that otherwise would be missed."

# What Works?

**What Works** is a three-year project to improve public services for all Scotland's communities to flourish.

**What Works is running a number of excellent events over the coming month— check out the details below.**

## What Works in Economic Regeneration

**Tuesday, 13 June 2017, Glasgow**

This event launches a What Works Scotland report asking what works in place-based economic regeneration in Scotland. Alan McGregor from the Training and Employment Research Unit at the University of Glasgow and Ken Gibb from What Works Scotland will give a presentation about the report. We'll also see three case studies of contemporary regeneration in Scotland presented by SURF – Scotland's Regeneration Forum.

[Book your free place on Eventbrite](#)

## Book launch - The People's Verdict: Adding Informed Citizen Voices to Public Decision-Making

**15 June 2017, Edinburgh**

Claudia Chwalisz will present the key findings from *The People's Verdict*, a study of 50 long-form deliberative processes, where randomly selected citizens played key roles in decision-making. She makes the case that adding informed citizen voices to the heart of public decision-making leads to more effective policies. The session will include opportunities for participants to discuss the book's findings and the role that Scotland can play in advancing democratic innovation.

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## People, Prejudice and Planning: Community-based responses to promoting equality and tackling hate

**20 June 2017, Glasgow**

This event will look at the experiences of community-based projects working locally on combating prejudice. It will

reflect on experience of doing this work and explore the lessons being learnt about how to support it. It's aimed at practitioners from the equalities and community development sector, academics with an interest in the issue, community planning partnerships and others in policy roles. The session will inform the final draft of a joint publication between the Scottish Community Development Centre and What Works Scotland on learning generated by the ScotTS action research process.

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### Other events:

A two-day training event about [working in complexity](#), led by facilitators Brongah Gallagher and Chris **Corrigan**, aims to introduce people involved with non-profit and community groups to complexity science, the Cynefin framework, and some practices and tools to better work in a complex space. *Please note that there is a charge for this event.* Taking place on 15 and 16 June in Govan, Glasgow.

**Evaluation Support Scotland** is running [a series of three workshops](#) during 2017 and early 2018 on focusing on outcomes and indicators, evaluation methods and plans, and analysing and reporting on outcomes.

**SURF** is running [a series of free half-day workshops](#) during May and June focusing different aspects of regeneration.

Thanks to everyone for visiting our website and retweeting our tweets to help promote the Building Safer Communities programme. This month we gained more new followers to reach a grand total of 2,152! Please get in touch if there are any particular messages you'd like us to retweet.



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## Your BSC Bulletin

We hope you have found this edition of the monthly BSC Bulletin useful and informative.

We plan to feature regular updates about what is going on in BSC areas, highlight good practice and innovation and provide useful links and information.

We would be delighted if you would get in touch with any feedback or ideas for future content.

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