

Making an Impact with Cashback for Communities

This summer, Impact Arts' Cashback for Communities funded programme –entitled Cashback to the Future – engaged with over 150 young people in Ayrshire, Edinburgh and Glasgow in in-depth creative workshops led by accomplished artists who offered masterclasses in visual arts, music, performance and digital work.

Aimed at 14-19 year olds, these workshops offered truly free, safe and

creative spaces for participants to be inventive and imaginative, with first-rate guidance on hand from skilled creative staff and volunteers. They ran Tuesday – Friday each week from the beginning of July.

Being funded by Cashback for Communities, the programme engaged those who may not ordinarily have had the chance to take part in such activities. Referrals came from a wide range of valued partners and support agencies, including projects for unaccompanied asylum seekers, local community centres, social care charities and the NHS's child and adolescent mental health support teams.

The programme ended with a series of stunning showcase events. To get a more comprehensive look at what was accomplished, have a look at the dedicated [Cashback to the Future blog](#), which documents a truly unforgettable summer for the young people and artists involved.

In July, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Annabelle Ewing visited the group's headquarters in Irvine to find out more about the Cashback to the Future programme and, most importantly, hear from the young people themselves



Young people from Ayrshire, Edinburgh and Glasgow took part in this year's Cashback to the Future programme.

on what they have enjoyed and learned across this summer arts programme.

The fantastic work truly spoke for itself and the sense of ownership and pride was abundantly clear as the young people explained their journeys over the four-week programme, working across the creative disciplines of Music, Performance, Visual Art and Film.



Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Annabelle Ewing finds out more about the Cashback to the Future programme.

Police Scotland launch One Punch campaign



Twelve per cent of recorded violent crime in Scotland (2015-16) involved a single punch, and Police Scotland is today launching its national 'One Punch Can Ruin Two Lives' campaign at Glasgow's Garage nightclub.

The four-week campaign, which forms part of "Safe Summer", urges people to think about the long-term consequences of their actions and consider that alcohol is often a factor in these incidents.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams said: "Drinking too much can make you vulnerable and it increases your risk of becoming a victim of crime or getting into trouble.

"One punch can kill and could result in you facing a jail sentence. I want people to enjoy their nights out but at the same time to drink responsibly and consider how much alcohol they are consuming and the effect it has on their decision making and judgement."

The "One Punch Can Ruin Two Lives" campaign will see Police Scotland working closely with partners including the NHS and licensed premises to urge people to consider the consequences and change their behaviour. Posters and advertising will be displayed in bars and clubs, at ATMs and other public locations.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson said: "Identifying and tackling the root causes of crime and the issues that cause harm in our communities is a responsibility for the police, our partners and communities.

"The 'One Punch' campaign is part of the Safe Summer – Action Against Violence campaign and I am encouraged by this initiative to reduce the number of violent incidents

and improve the safety and wellbeing of individuals and communities."

Dr Christine Goodall, Director of Medics Against Violence, Honorary Consultant and Lead Clinician for Oral Surgery said, "We are pleased to support Police Scotland with their important 'One Punch' Campaign. 'One Punch' can be enough to take a life or to result in permanent and life changing disability. This not only affects the victim and their family but leaves the perpetrator facing a long prison sentence with their future and that of their family also significantly affected. There are no winners.

"We would like to reinforce, to young people particularly, how easy it is to cause serious injury. We see this all too often in hospitals and even if the victims survive their lives can be very difficult and different going forward.

"We would appeal to young people to make sensible choices about their actions and around alcohol and to groups of friends to look out for each other when out socialising, because impulsive action taken when judgement is clouded can result in a lifetime of regret."

BSC Board Member and Director of the Violence Reduction Unit, Will Linden said: "When we drink alcohol, it impacts upon our behaviour, and we can react to situations in a way that we wouldn't whilst sober. One punch can lead to another then another, one punch can seriously injure someone, one punch can kill and one punch can mean prison. One brief moment can change your life and those around you forever."

The campaign is supported by the charity 'Every Action Has Consequences' (www.eahconsequences.com) which was launched by the family of Adam Rogers, who was killed as a result of one punch in 2009. Having lost Adam his family and friends through the charity urge people to think about the consequences of their actions.

Pat Rogers, Mother of Adam and co-founder of the charity 'Every Action Has Consequences' said, "Dave, Tim and I are really pleased to see the 'One Punch Can Ruin Two Lives' Campaign being launched in Glasgow this week.

"We are so glad that Adam's Story is being used and we hope it continues to have a powerful impact on those who see it. Many people don't realise that fists can be as dangerous as a knife or a gun. One punch killed our lovely son when he was trying to act as a peacemaker.

"We fully support this campaign it is so important to get the message across loud and clear - one punch is too many."

New family centre opens at Glenochil Prison

A new visitor centre for the families of prisoners at Glenochil Prison was officially opened by Justice Secretary Michael Matheson in July.

The centre provides the families of those in custody with a welcoming space outside prison security where they can access support and information before or after their visit.

This can range from a cup of tea to more in-depth support addressing issues relating to housing, finance, mental and physical health, concern for children and domestic abuse.

An estimated 20,000 children are affected by parental imprisonment in any year in Scotland. The Scottish Government is providing £1.8 million to improve and increase the provision of prison visitor centres as a way of mitigating the negative impact parental imprisonment can have on children.

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said:

“We want to ensure those affected by the wider impact of prison - the families and children of those in custody - have access to the advice, information and support they need to deal with what is often a very challenging situation.

“We know the children of prisoners face a number of additional challenges from a young age, with parental imprisonment having a negative impact on their long-term life chances and health. Prison visitor centres are vital to helping us break this cycle and are an example of the work the Scottish Government is doing to help give every child in Scotland the best possible start in life.”

Chair of the National Prison Visitors Centre Steering Group Andrew McLellan said:

“We are delighted to see such great progress towards achieving our ambition of a establishing a Prison



Cabinet Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson officially opens the new family centre

Visitors Centre at every prison in Scotland. We know that supporting prisoners to maintain positive family ties reduces reoffending and makes Scotland safer. Yet prisoners’ families and prisoners’ children in particular often pay a very high price for their family member’s imprisonment.

“Too often financial difficulties, emotional trauma and a lack of support are all part and parcel of having someone in prison. The warm welcome and practical support these services offer make a huge difference to family members during what can be a very difficult time.”

Chief Executive of Families Outside Nancy Loucks said:

“Imprisonment of a family member is recognised as an Adverse Childhood Experience with significant lifelong effects. Prison Visitors Centres are therefore a critical resource for reaching some of Scotland’s most vulnerable families, and we welcome the Scottish Government’s investment in these services.

“It is vital that all public services recognise their role in supporting children and families affected by

imprisonment, so they can live healthy, active lives, free from stigma and impediment.”

The prison visitor centre at HMP Glenochil is run by registered charity Stirling Interfaith Community Justice Group (SICJG) who applied for and received Scottish Government grant funding of £50,000 to deliver the service.

£1.8 million of Scottish Government funding is enabling four new prison visitor centres to open this year at HMP Glenochil, Shotts, Low Moss and Inverness.

The funding is also helping support the seven existing facilities at HMP Edinburgh, Addiewell, Perth, Grampian, Barlinnie, HMYOI Polmont and HMP & YOI Cornton Vale. All facilities are run by third sector organisations in partnership with the Scottish prison Service.

The funding supports the Programme for Government priority of reducing inequality and promoting social justice.

A [National Performance Framework for Prison Visitor Centres](#) was introduced in June which all services are required to meet.

Risky business helps to educate young people

The Risk Factory in Edinburgh was Scotland's first interactive safety centre for children.

Since 2007 it has focused on providing risk awareness education to Primary 7 children in Edinburgh, West Lothian and Midlothian.

The project is jointly funded by City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council, Midlothian Council, West Lothian Council, Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Power and Scottish Environmental Services.

As part of the school programme, The Risk Factory works with children with additional and special needs including behavioural, emotional and supportive needs and has now expanded this to working with adults.

Scenarios are based on a core programme, but the Risk Factory can tailor scenarios to meet the particular needs of the group.

The project aims to provide high quality, interactive community safety education which will assist in developing pro-active citizenship and will help to reduce the numbers of incidents and fatalities associated with a wide

The Risk Factory is based on the principle that learning by experience is more memorable than being told what to do. At the Risk Factory pupils are put into scenarios that they could face in everyday life and are taught strategies that could help save, not only their own lives, but others too. The activities at the Risk Factory include safety issues on the dangers of: railways, water, anti-



Road Safety is just one theme that is covered in the Risk Factory.

social behaviour, fire, home, building sites, farm yards, buses, road safety and electric sub stations.

BSC team member Cliff Sime recently visited the Risk Factory with colleagues from the Safer Communities Division at the

Scottish Government. "It was interesting to see first hand the scale and detail of the project," he said. "It's a fantastic resource for local schools and gives young people a unique opportunity to make serious safety judgement calls in a realistic, yet safe environment."

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