

Something for everyone at Gillon's Community Grotto



The community archive is now up and running. Official CBP archivist, Karen Gillon, is said to be overwhelmed by the response from local people and workers to her request for publications, papers, reports, books and leaflets.

The archive promises to be of considerable interest and use to would-be scholars and researchers in the local community, students of a wide range of community development-related

disciplines and those just eager to know more about Craigmillar's history.

Everyone is welcome to browse the collection and to borrow some of the items - please check first as the archive is housed in the Seminar Room (the 'Library' as was; we decided to change the name now that there are books in it!) and there may be a meeting on.

Karen is still looking for more materials and would like to hear from you if you have books, reports, papers etc. relating to Craigmillar that you'd like to let others use. Give her a call on 661 0200.

YOUR Refurbishment



The main hall of the building at 63 Niddrie Mains Terrace has now been repainted, and refitted with a new dance floor and carpets - it can be booked out for birthday parties, meetings, conferences or any other events you might need a hall for.

The building is maintained on your behalf by the Capacity Building Project, and we hope you will use it as much as you can. There are also two other rooms available for very reasonable rents.

Call Louise on 661 0200 to book the rooms or to arrange to take a look at what is on offer.

	Private Sector	Public Sector	Voluntary Sector
MAIN HALL (seats up to 80)	£30	£20	£10
SEMINAR ROOM (seats up to 40)	£15	£10	£7
SMALL MEETING ROOM (seats up to 15)*	£10	£7	£5

*Please note that the small meeting room is not fully disabled accessible - sorry!

NINE - IN - A - ROW!

Craigmillar Credit Union recently held its AGM and marked its ninth year as the community's local financial cooperative. Members were presented with another impressive twelve months' figures which show the Union continues to go from strength to strength, despite some challenging times.

The Credit Union successfully made the transition to the new regulatory regime introduced last summer by the Financial Services Authority. Also it continues to vindicate its decision to retain its local

independence, despite many other local credit unions choosing to transfer their operations over to the city-wide Capital Credit Union. Craigmillar strongly believes that retaining local control over its affairs is the best way to ensure that credit union services remain available to EVERYBODY in the community, irrespective of their financial, employment or family circumstances.

Call 661 9942 for more information about membership.

FORWARD PLANNING

CBP recently implemented a new three-year work plan, outlining its key targets and objectives up to March 2006. The plan covers some 10 areas of work ranging from providing community learning opportunities and holding local consultations to managing the community centre on Niddrie Mains Terrace and the ongoing development of the local Credit Union.

The project hopes to offer the opportunity in the near future to other SIP funded organisations to look at what is involved in preparing such a plan, which is a requirement of the SIP within six months of being awarded funding.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

The Community Notice Boards are becoming ever increasingly popular with more groups, projects and agencies beginning to use the boards to advertise upcoming events keeping the community informed. We have been using local artists to decorate the boards.

If you would like to advertise your project, group or a forthcoming event contact us on 0131 661 0200.

FOUNDATIONS

The Newsletter of The Capacity Building Project

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GRINS FOR SMALL GRANTS

The Capacity Building Project has just completed a round of small grants to local groups. Grants totalling £11,300 were awarded to twelve small community-based organisations. Here's what they plan to do ...

Bingham Residents Association will be able to create an area which is exclusively for youth.

CALNET will be able to run a one day international dance event.

Castle AFC will be able to purchase new strips and pay laundry and pitch hire bills.

Craigmillar Castle Regeneration Group will be able to produce a video for new tenants.

Craigmillar Community University will be able to set up a community press.

Craigmillar Heart to Heart will be able to publicise its first fifteen years and hopefully attract new members so that many more anniversaries can be celebrated in future.

Jack Kane Centre Gymnastics Club will be able to kit its members out and attract new members locally.

Jack Kane Lunch Club will be able to visit Wales and produce a booklet outlining their experiences amongst former mining communities, visiting the Welsh Assembly etc.

Niddrie Mains Neighbourhood Association will be able to complete a community mosaic and art pavement.

The Margaret Sinclair Group will be able to go on a trip

The Newcraighall Heritage Group will be able to buy portable floodlights for the five-a-side football pitch.

Young At Heart will be able to organise a number of trips, outings and visits throughout Scotland.



David Walker hands the Margaret Sinclair Group their cheque



Dishing out the Dosh

The Funding Panel of the Partnership has had a busy start to the year. Panel members first agreed a scoring system based on the Partnership's priorities then assessed 28 applications for funding. With £1.85 million to allocate and total bids of £2.25 million, it was obvious that some tough decisions needed to be made.

After an exhaustive process, the Panel eventually presented a unanimous package to the Partnership Board which subsequently approved its recommendations.

It's clear that there will be some changes as a result of the process:

- ✦ New awards are to be made to Adult Student Link, Café K, Bingham and District 50+ Project, Richmond Church and an amount has been set aside for a community computing facility at the new Hays 2 Business Centre
- ✦ The Learning Centre will no longer receive money from the Partnership. The panel took the advice of the link department of the Council - Community Education - and declined the bid but it did allocate money to Adult Student Link to take on the educational guidance function
- ✦ Business Community Connections has only received a half-year award as there are difficulties which need to be resolved with its European Funding. BCC also rated very lowly in the Panel's scoring sheets. Both of these issues will need to be resolved if it is to be funded through the Partnership again.

You are invited to the Launch of a powerful new video ...



REAL STORIES OF ADULT LEARNERS

That wee word **MONEY** (and other things) in Adult Learning

We hope you can make it:
Thursday 15th May, 2003
Jack Kane Centre (Community Wing)
9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Buffet lunch provided
Creche available

Call 661 0200 for more information

Want to do a Community Lunch?

The CBP will help you promote and advertise the event - it's a great way to tell people about what you do, or ask their opinions about things. Lunches are held on the last Wednesday in each month. Call 661 0200 for more information.



Movies at the Post Office!

Keep an eye out over the summer for new entertainment in your local post offices. Well ... perhaps entertainment is pushing it a little bit, but there will be a TV screen to look at with information about the many services available to you in the local community.

Capacity Building Project and the Craigmillar Partnership have worked to co-ordinate the making of 25 thirty second advertisements for local projects which will be shown throughout post office opening hours at Niddrie Mains Road and the Hays.

Local film-making volunteer Brian O'Rourke has been filming for several projects and an experienced film maker - Tadgh O'Sullivan - has been providing support and training in digital editing for Brian and other workers in the area who are making up their film for themselves.



Funds for Bright Ideas

The Royal Incorporation of Architects is distributing Millennium Awards of between £2,000 and £4,000 to 'help people put their bright ideas into action and bring about change for the better in their own communities'. The awards aim to help individuals to develop new skills and explore ways of seeing and understanding their built and natural environment.

Previous examples of funded projects have included a wide range of topics including wildlife gardens, industrial heritage and urban housing. For further information and to receive an application pack, contact Hazel McBride on 0141 248 6085 or rias@thelighthouse.co.uk

DOWN TO BUSINESS

Craigmillar's Community Reps have made a submission to both the Partnership and the Joint Venture Company (JVC) itself on the JVC Business Plan and its proposed protocol on the relationship between it and the Partnership.

Broadly the Reps welcome many of the proposals for the area - who wouldn't welcome plans for state of the art (and non-Private Finance Initiative) schools, a new town centre, a host of new educational, cultural and leisure facilities and several thousand new homes?

However, there are some difficulties and the Reps have spelled these out:

- they are supportive of the idea of the new town centre but have asked that alternatives to Cairntows Park are explored - enough green space has disappeared already
- they have asked the JVC to look again at the proposed location of the new secondary school and indeed at the whole idea of the new school as being one of the principal focal points of the regeneration process
- they have stressed the need to get the mix right in the new housing that is being built, especially as regards density

The Reps' view on the protocol was that the document needed to make clear that the Partnership has the responsibility for overall strategic direction and the JVC's role should be one of implementation and delivery.

The Reps are strongly of the view that the needs of the existing community must be met first. This means, for example, that initial housing developments should be of the appropriate density and type to meet the community's existing housing needs.

Please contact the Reps Office (652 1303 or 661 0200) for a copy of the Reps' paper or more information.

SUMMER PHOTO FUN

Positive Images of your Community

Would you like to show the rest of Edinburgh how you feel about living in the Craigmillar area? Would you like to have fun, take photos and make cards, T-shirts, be part of putting an exhibition together and maybe get your photo pasted across a local billboard? If so, join in the Adult Student Link Positive Images photography project.

Whether you have no experience in photography or lots of experience, this project is for you. The free workshops with free childcare will run from June to September. All ages and families are welcome.

Please contact Sally, Heather or Wendy on 652-2802 for more details.



UPDATE

The CBP continue to support the Café K Youth Project. The Café K has been successful in attracting further funding from the Craigmillar Partnership for 1 year and there's the possibility of a further year's funding.

The first 6 months of the project have been successful, with attendance on Friday nights of up to 80 young people.

It is hoped to extend the hours and open on another evening as well.

Older People United

East Edinburgh Older People's Forum is now up and running. We have a Management Committee in place and there are 57 members from Craigmillar, Niddrie, Magdalene, Bingham, Prestonfield & Newcraighall.

East Edinburgh Older People's Forum is a forum run by older people, for older people. We believe that older people should be listened to and joining the forum will allow you to:

- Let your voice be heard
- Campaign for equality
- Bring about change
- Influence local and national policies
- Raise issues and concerns, and
- Participate in social activities.

The forum will campaign on local and national issues which affect older people, such as age discrimination, but there is a strong social side too - for example the first social event is on May 9th, when Johnny Campbell will be playing at the Jewel Miners club.

If you want to know more about this, raise any issues or concerns, or become a member, contact Karen Gillon at the CBP on 661 0200, or Eileen McMillan at the Jack Kane Centre on 657 1595.

Last Chapter!

Saturday 22nd February saw the final stage in the closure of Craigmillar Festival Society, with the holding of an Extraordinary General Meeting to formally dissolve the organisation.

All the Society's outstanding affairs have now been successfully resolved after a process lasting some 18 months.

Companies House and all other relevant authorities have been advised of the dissolution, and the Society therefore no longer exists as a legal entity.

All that remains is a significant local legacy of what was in its day a pioneering and innovative leader in the field of community development.

Farewell!

PAPER PATTEN

The CBP is now part of the Edinburgh Recycling Scheme where we are recycling all our waste paper and cardboard in neatly provided boxes which are transferred into sacks provided by 'LEEP', and collected monthly.

We are actively encouraging projects within the community to be part of the scheme. For more information please contact us at 0131 661 0200.



Building on Success

The CBP jointly organised a conference with Craigmillar European Programme which celebrated the success of European funded projects up to now and explored opportunities for future funding through the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

About thirty people - community reps and staff of European projects - heard a positive report on the performance of local projects. The report, carried out by Heriot Watt University School of Management, highlighted the following achievements:

- a programme approach to community engagement
- removing barriers to education and training
- promoting employment and enterprise

A range of prominent speakers lined up to praise the projects and spell out what future developments are likely to look like. John Home Robertson MP; Gordon McLaren, Chief Executive of East of Scotland European Partnership; Brian Wright, Director of Scottish ESF Objective 3 Partnership; and Francoise Rutherford of Heriot Watt University addressed the conference, which was chaired by local Councillor, Jack O'Donnell.

Is Nature Feasible?

The Capacity Building Project has been working with the Newcraighall Heritage Society on their plan to develop a biodiversity / nature park on rural land to the east of Newcraighall.

CBP hosted a half day seminar in November, where local people, planners, environmentalists and representatives from both East Lothian and Edinburgh Council came together to discuss this exciting proposal.

The City of Edinburgh Council Planning Committee have since agreed to undertake a feasibility study to look at the potential of developing such a park on this site.

A great deal of work and discussion still needs to take place. However, if successful, the proposal would protect the area from future development and create an environment where birds, plants, insects, animals and other living things could flourish and develop.

Job Opportunity

Craigmillar Childcare Services is looking for (1) a part-time Admin/Finance Assistant - 18 hours p/w in the afternoon and (2) a mini bus driver to transport children between schools and childcare facilities in the area - 11 hours p/w (term-time) morning and afternoon shifts.

For more information or for an application form contact CCS on 657 9555 or email: enquires@craigmillarchildcare.co.uk

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

There have been two new requests for volunteers in Craigmillar over the last couple of months, and a couple of requests that are being renewed.

- Bingham & District 50+ project is looking for volunteer drivers and assistants
- The Cancer Awareness Project looking for people who can be information and advice workers. (There is a possibility of paid work too)
- Craigmillar Community Arts is looking for people to be volunteer tutors in arts related subjects.
- The We've Got the Power Campaign Group need volunteers to work on editing a community video.

IF YOU WANT TO BROWSE THROUGH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, ADVERTISE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER OR ADVERTISE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALL CLAIRE ON 661 0200, OR VISIT THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE EDINBURGH WEBSITE at www.edinburghvolunteers.org