



Support access to work, skills development and employability

This has become an increasing priority for local people in recent years, in response to the changing jobs market and economy. The Partnership is also keen to support young people into training, education or employment when they leave school, and to support positive opportunities for school leavers.

The Partnership will:

- Work with partners including employment support specialists local training and education providers, schools and service providers, to offer a better employment support service in the west
- Work to improve the number of positive destinations for school leavers in our area.

Making our built environment as attractive as possible.

The Partnership has specific responsibilities to consult with tenants' and residents' groups around our Neighbourhood Environmental Programme, and to promote wide community participation in consultation and engagement around planning issues.

The Partnership will:

- Deliver a programme of planned improvement projects in public areas, in consultation with local community groups and tenants' associations
- Promote engagement and support the role of Community Councils around Planning and environmental issues

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Local Community Plan 2011 to 2014

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Welcome to the new community plan for Western Edinburgh - Drum Brae/Gyle, and Corstorphine/Murrayfield wards. This plan is all about what local people have told us is important in their area, and what they would like to improve.

The community plan has been drawn up by the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership. This partnership is made up of all your local ward Councillors, local community councils, partners from Health, Police and Fire services and the Voluntary sector.

This plan focuses on where partnership working can make a difference, to support services across the Neighbourhood and the aspirations of local communities. The plan is supported by staff from partner organisations, and community groups and service providers will work together to deliver on these priorities.

People have helped to shape this new community plan by participating in consultation and engagement meetings, responding to surveys, and telling us what they think. If you would like to know more about the Partnership, please contact the West Neighbourhood Team on 0131 529 7440. westernnp@edinburgh.gov.uk

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Increase opportunities for children and young people

Local surveys tell us that residents have put this in their top five priorities every year for the past 4 years. The Partnership wants to give children and young people the best possible start in life, and to support young people in developing their skills and become active citizens.

The Partnership will:

- Support more activities for children and young people through our community grants programme, and the Neighbourhood Environmental Programme
- Provide parent information points and support for young families across Western Edinburgh
- Work together to support children who are most at risk
- Co-ordinate our work programmes to provide the best possible provision for local young people
- Improve access to safe environments for young people to play
- Involve young people in decision making about services which affect them

Make our communities safer

West Edinburgh is a safe place to live, and local community safety forums and surveys have highlighted that keeping our community safe is a key priority for residents.

The Partnership will:

- Work together to tackle antisocial behaviour and reduce crime
- Target improvements to street lighting and environmental upgrades, to make our communities safer by design.
- Support activities for young people in safe environments

Promote healthier, connected communities

People in Western Edinburgh have relatively good health in comparison with many areas of Edinburgh. However, there are some parts of the West where this is not the case.



Western Edinburgh also has more older people than many other parts of the city, and partners want to make sure that people can stay well and socially connected in their own communities for as long as possible.

The Partnership will:

- Promote increased uptake of services to support people for longer in their own homes
- Promote befriending, volunteering and community networks, to reduce social isolation and support people for longer in their own homes
- Support good mental health and well being, by promoting access to positive life experiences and social networks
- Target health promotion and education activities in areas of West where there are clear health inequalities
- Support wider access to information about existing services
- Encourage participation in physical activity through partnership programmes, support for youth activity and through joint work with a range of leisure providers

Create a cleaner, greener, more attractive place to live

Local people have told us that they want their area to be as clean and attractive as possible, and that access to open spaces is important to them and their enjoyment of the local area.

The Partnership will:

- Work with Friends of Parks and Community Groups to improve our parks and green spaces
- Support and promote community clean ups and environmental campaigns
- Target anti-littering and dog fouling campaigns in identified hot spots
- Increase the number of green flag accredited parks
- Actively support the Eco-Schools Programme
- Organise a series of environmental fairs, focusing on access to green spaces, community participation, practical improvements in the local area, and greener lifestyles
- Support local environmental improvements through community grants