



PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUBGROUP

Briefing Note to Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership
29February12

The Portobello/Craigmillar Voluntary Sector Subgroup met on Monday, 06th February in Craigmillar. The meeting was chaired by Laura Plumb - Local Voluntary Sector Representative - and there were seven people present from a range of local voluntary organisations. The Subgroup agenda included a brief input from Lothian & Borders Police, information on the Scottish Government's Regeneration Strategy, and Issues of current relevance.

Feedback to the Neighbourhood Partnership

- Seeking to encourage better practice around Community Engagement, the Sub-Group wished to encourage the Neighbourhood Partnership to explore opportunities for using a framework such as VOiCE (Visioning Opportunities in Community Engagement - developed by the Scottish Community Development Centre.
[\[http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/voice/\]](http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/voice/)
- Given the relevance to local communities, members of the sub-group felt a full discussion of the Scottish Government's Regeneration Strategy '[Achieving A Sustainable Future](#)' would be useful - exploring its strengths and weaknesses, its linkages to and disconnects from other strategies and policies, particularly at a city- and neighbourhood-level.
- Date of Next Meeting:
Monday 14th May 2012 at a Portobello venue