



Health and Wellbeing sub-group: Report to Neighbourhood Partnership

1. COMMUNITY PLAN 2011-14

The subgroup signed off its Action Plan. It would start creating a 6 month Outputs / Outcomes report at its next meeting.

2. HEALTH INEQUALITIES

2.1. South East Recovery Hub

There was a positive view from other services of the SE Recovery Hub after four months of operation, although people in Gracemount still had difficulty getting to it.

2.2. Guide to Wrap-Around Services (Case Management)

The subgroup was arranging to present the short guide to other NP subgroups. It had been discussed with the lead for a Scottish Government funded pilot project looking at the ways GP Practices work. The subgroup thought an e-learning module and a training package were needed to help spread the method.

The approach is being developed by Community Renewal in its 'Health Case Management' service. Community Renewal has now moved premises to the former Haywired premises.

2.3. Health-in-Mind Counselling Service

Community Renewal's move from Niddrie House Park has meant Health-in-Mind has also been finding alternative accommodation for their counsellors.

2.4. Employability Services

Community Renewal, partnering with West Edinburgh Action (WeAct), was successful in tendering for the city-wide integrated area employability contract. This was for short-term unemployed people referred from JobCentre+ or through contact from the Get on Gateway. The Scottish Government was refusing to fund services for target groups covered by Department for Work and Pensions funded programmes.

The meeting heard that longer-term unemployed people would be referred to the city-centre based Work Programme. Forth Sector, through its 'Forth Bridge Service' would be working with those who have severe and enduring mental health difficulties. Community Renewal confirmed that people who were previously on Incapacity Benefit, but who had been moved on to JSA, should come to them, but they would not be able to help them much and so would be referring on many of them.

3. SOCIAL CAPITAL UPDATES

3.1. Craigmillar East Neighbourhood Office and Library

The subgroup expressed continued interest in the plans for the new building and was encouraging members to take up the opportunities it gave for engaging the community and providing social capital building activities. With the help of the Partnership Development Officer it arranged for members to be able to visit the new library at Drumbrae.

3.2. Craigmillar Timebank

The meeting welcomed the initiative by various local organisations to set up a Timebank in Craigmillar. People earn credits for offering their time to help others and can use these to get the help they need. There is also a local initiative in Portobello. The meeting discussed the idea of being able to exchange credits across the network of Timebanks in the city.

3.3. The Whitehouse

The meeting hoped that CAT would soon be able to resolve the issues raised by Building Control so they could start fully using the Whitehouse.

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