

Our South & West Fife Area CLD Action Plan

Introduction

The South and West Fife area borders the major conurbation of Dunfermline to the west and south. It stretches from Kincardine at the Clackmannanshire/Falkirk borders in the west, to Aberdour in the east. In the south of the area are the main towns of Inverkeithing, Rosyth, and Dalgety Bay, while the West Fife villages make up the main settlements in the west. The area is characteristic of a history of declining heavy industry, such as coal mining and the dockyard at Rosyth, with the Kincardine and Forth Bridgeheads providing links to opportunities out with the area.

Locality Profile

South and West Fife is the 4th largest populated area in Fife, with 49,971 people in 23,491 households, and a similar population split to Fife. The Area has higher levels of owner occupation (68%) and lower levels of social rented accommodation (19%) than Fife. Our Vision is we want South West Fife to be a place where residents are proud to say they live there, where tourists are keen to visit, and businesses want to invest in and grow. This means creating an area that people enjoy living in, with good access to services, amenities, and opportunities to prosper. We want to make the best use of our assets and facilities, our natural heritage, and the enormous potential that we have in the community spirit that exists within the area.

Our South & West Fife CLD Actions

Opportunities for All



Local CLD Led Actions

Desired Outcomes

Plan for Fife Ambitions

- S&WF youth work partnership will continue to support SWF Youth Bank which provides grants for YP, 8-18yrs on an individual and group basis. Group grants of up to £750 and individual grants of up to £250 can be awarded on a decision-by-decision basis by the youth bank board.
- NOLB/EASYP 16+ Employability programme and Next Steps 18-24yrs Employability programme will continue to provide accredited courses in general life skills, including financial resilience, health and wellbeing and capacity resilience. EASYP is a Scottish govt funded programme for 52 weeks with 3 days per week (16hrs) and Next Step is a locally funded/CLD funded 40-week programme of 3 days per week (16 hrs)
- The S&WF Food Resilience Group will continue to support voluntary management committees and volunteers to establish and run weekly community pantries across S&WF, focusing on Food Resilience and sustainable models of community pantries.
- S&WF WRAP group will support individuals and families to address fuel poverty and the cost-of-living crisis as directed by the strategic decision and service led. By working in partnership with cosy kingdom, CARF, and housing team who have ability to do top ups and funding to assist tenants in crisis. CARF for debt management plans, and Cosy kingdom for house power audits and support.
- The Adult Learning Delivery Group will provide cooking courses to skill families in zero food waste approaches, cooking on a budget, significantly reducing food shop bills. Engaging with Cosy Kingdom and Fuel Poverty Housing Officer to do energy efficiency audits, selecting cheapest power supplies and supporting techniques to ensure best ways to keep house warm. How many groups per year, how often, how many learners
- Continue to develop Job Clubs and Welfare Sessions in partnership with Social Security Scotland to provide advice and support to individuals and families. Sessions will be offered weekly in Kincardine, Blairhall, High Valleyfield, Inverkeithing and Rosyth.

- Fewer children in poverty
- Increased household income
- Lower rates of income deprivation
- More households managing well financially
- More households paid above the living wage
- Fewer fuel poor households
- More people with access to sustainable finance.
- Increased household food sustainability.

Fife has lower levels of poverty in line with national targets

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOLB/EASYP 16+ and Next Steps - partnerships with FC, Fife college; WEA; SES and other partners where appropriate to enhance employment opportunities for 16-24yrs. • Universal YW (Youth Work) and project based YW will be developed across S&WF with relevant partners i.e., coalfields regeneration; Youth 1st; schools and college; to increase equality of opportunity, participation and engagement and increased wellbeing, access to learning, work, and volunteering opportunities for young people/young adults. Sessions are delivered on area need basis and are capped to 1:10 ratio for staff to YP per session. Sessions vary per area on this basis. • Staff will continue to take part in CPD opportunities for upskilling. • Relevant staff will undertake training in delivery of various, relevant programmes and accreditation to enhance their interventions on closing the attainment gap. • 16-24yrs supported work placements in partnership with SES and employers. A target of 4 YP per year. • Adult Learning Delivery Group will establish a multi-agency partnership with Fife College ABE, Community Based Adult Learning Tutors, and Digital Skills Tutors to support CBAL Employability courses. • Utilise local Learning Centres and local Adult Learning planning and delivery group members and budgets to create an action plan of various CBAL courses to support increased employability, volunteering opportunities and access to further education. • Courses to include, Step In, Step Up, Springboard, confidence building courses (6 Pillars, 7 Habits), access to ABE and Digital Skills courses to increase numbers out of digital exclusion. Create tailored learning journeys for most disadvantaged learners in SIMD areas. • Create new partnerships with colleges, schools, social work, health promotion, FVA, supported employment services through the Adult Learning Delivery Group. This will identify new opportunities for partnership working and create a common thread across the locality to allow learners have access to a supported network and are connected learning community. To develop wide ranging and appropriate learning journeys to meet complex and ever-changing needs of chaotic families and individual learners. With a focus on health & mental wellbeing. • Create a S&WF Adult Learning Planning Group (ALPG) Action Plan aligned to the new Adult Learning for Scotland strategy and linked to the HGIOCLD4 framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved educational attainment in all groups • Increased equality of opportunity • Increased staff confidence in using interventions to close the attainment gap • More school leavers with qualifications • More school leavers entering a positive destination • More businesses engaged to maximise school leaver opportunities • Increased participation and engagement of children and young people • Increased access to learning, work, and voluntary opportunities for parents of young children • More children reaching early developmental milestones • Increased wellbeing of children and young people 	<p>Educational attainment continues to improve for all groups</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASYP and Next step courses offer input on Mental Health support for 16-24yrs in partnership with NHS Fife health promotions service. Courses such as 7 Habits, 6 Pillars, Coping with Stress, HIICs, SMHFA will be part of ongoing programmes. • Youth Worker partnership with Active schools to deliver targeted interventions focussing on health and wellbeing. 1 session per week in Rosyth are as identified by Active schools 22/23 with 12 young people. • Universal Youth Work to continue to include education of being active, healthy eating, substance abuse, smoking and positive mental health and well-being. • Establish partnership with Health Promotion Team, Health, and Social Care Partnership (S&W Fife locality) to develop, deliver health and wellbeing courses, access to online websites, including health and social care portal. • Training and development opportunities for the Adult Learning Delivery Group members, led by Health Promotion team to upskill and develop experience in health-related course development and delivery. • Audit of all health and wellbeing, substance misuse agencies and services, identify any gaps and enhance local partnership service delivery. Audit would involve consulting with national umbrella organisations strategies, service delivery & how appropriate they are for local delivery in SW Fife area, Engaging with Addiction Services, and smaller voluntary agencies; like clued up, local health promotion teams (Katie Provan) to build an emerging picture along with any gaps in the service delivery. Currently going through a huge consultation from Scottish Government and the continual rise in drug and addictions deaths across Scotland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More integrated and community-based programmes of interventions (particularly for obesity, substance use and smoking) • More targeted support for carers • Reduced levels of preventable ill health Reduced premature mortality • Fewer alcohol related hospital admissions Reduced alcohol specific deaths • Fewer drug related hospital admissions Reduced drug related deaths • Improved air quality to meet prescribed standards to reduce preventable ill-health • Improved achievement of personal outcomes in health and social care services • More people can look after themselves to live in good health longer Increased number of people reporting positive experiences of using health and social care services • Improved mental health • Improved trauma awareness across services 	<p>Fife has reduced levels of preventable ill health and premature mortality across all communities.</p>
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Evidence of Change

- Establish multi-agency partnership to deliver CBAL employability and health related courses and services
- Increased local service provision
- Increased CBAL learner numbers
- Increased learners accessing further education, volunteer opportunities and employment
- Sustainable community pantries and food resilience projects
- Increased support to address fuel and food poverty

Thriving Places



Local CLD Actions

Desired Outcomes

Plan for Fife Ambitions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop intergenerational work which builds a sense of ownership and belonging in communities. Blairhall has been identified as an area that would benefit from this work. • The People Leadership Group will continue to develop work with subgroups that will focus and target work to areas where antisocial and risky or harmful behaviour is prevalent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced crime and anti-social behaviour • Reduced levels of harm • Reduced levels of violence and abuse against women and children 	<p>All our communities benefit from low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop and deliver an inclusive, holiday programme provision which runs in local community venues and provides high quality family learning opportunities. Programmes will be determined on learner feedback and in conjunction with learners. Programmes will be targeted at SIMD communities in the first instance. • Support adult learners to take part in projects which provide opportunities to improve mental and physical health such as introduction to Womens Wellbeing, 7 Habits, Six Pilar, coping with stress, local walk and talk groups and Brew Crew • Encourage re-engagement of community members within local community centres through a series of open days and events. • Use social media and “bump points” to actively promote the services on offer at local Community Centres. • Ensure Community centres are welcoming and inviting spaces where community members can pop in to ask for information and feel they have been supported on first contact. • Continue to build on the work of the Community Connector seminars that took place prior to the pandemic. • Develop a volunteer driver pool to support individuals and families across S&WF to attend CLD and community engagement opportunities in response to the cost-of-living crisis. • North Queensferry Community Complex Local Service Delivery through a Service Level Agreement and Recurring Grant. Focus on work with young people, community-based Adult Learning opportunities and support to community and self-help groups. • Link Officer support to NQF and Kincardine to review and refresh centre programmes in line with local community needs, trustees of the centre have a long-term maintenance and development strategy to enhance facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater participation in physical activity by all age groups • Increased footfall across all facilities, increased concessionary attendances, increased membership take-up for leisure schemes • Increased participation in cultural life • Increased participation in outdoor recreation • Increased satisfaction with outdoor, cultural and leisure opportunities 	<p>Every community has access to high quality outdoor, cultural and leisure opportunities</p>

Evidence of Change

- Board of trustees working with Fife Council Communities and Neighbourhood service through Service Level Agreement.
- Increased usage of centre, including youth groups, schools, adult learners, community, and self-help groups.
- New facilities including; multi-use games area, development of play park, increased use of green space for sports, leisure, and recreational opportunities.
- New charitable status (SCIO) Community Centre, now known as North Queensferry Community Complex

Inclusive Growth and Jobs



Local CLD Led Actions

Desired Outcomes

Plan for Fife Ambitions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLD partners to build community wealth opportunities by using local businesses to deliver services such as; catering, events, tutors, and instructors. • Supported Work placements for adult learners. • CBAL courses responsive to the needs of local employers. • Better connections at community level with local employers and big local businesses. • Build and develop the existing partnership with SES and FVA. • Develop effective, efficient, and green transport links to and from the West Fife Villages. • Investigate support for learners who express an interest. • Develop a volunteer driver pool. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased economic activity • Higher employment level • Higher improvement rates than the rest of Scotland • Increased national and international markets for Fife businesses • Increased investment in the green economy • Increased investment in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related businesses • Increased apprenticeships • Reducing health barriers to work improved business connectivity (especially transport, digital and workforce mobility) 	<p>Economic activity and employment in Fife are improving faster than in the rest of Scotland</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBAL opportunities for learners who want to seek employment in the tourism industry, developed in partnership with Local colleges and businesses. • North Queensferry Local Action Plan - utilising a Place Standards Consultation process; working with North Queensferry Community to increase tourism, utilising Forth Bridge World UNESCO Heritage Site and other rich heritage and historical sites. Engaging with South West Fife People and Place Leadership group - access to Fife Council and partner agencies to address the Local Action Plan outcomes. • CLD support development of off-road motor bike and outdoor facility in partnership with Police Scotland; community members, local businesses, and voluntary sector. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased investment in tourism Increased use of natural, cultural, and historical assets for tourism • Increased number of tourists Increased spending from tourism Increased tourism-related businesses 	<p>Fife has year on year increases in visitor numbers and tourism spend.</p>

Evidence of Change

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of heritage history of North Queensferry. • Increased tourism footfall in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local businesses enjoy increased spending in local shops/facilities. • Increased tourism facilities, that can be used by tourists and local people.
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Community Led Services



Local CLD Led Actions

Desired Outcomes

Plan for Fife Ambitions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support community pantries, from arm's length, ensuring that communities can take ownership. In turn lowering the demand on food banks etc (Oakley, Blairhall, Kincardine, HVF & Inverkeithing). • Review Job Clubs, offering a more joined up one stop shop for welfare, crisis, poverty, job search etc. • Use of digital tools and social media to highlight and promote the services offered and where to access. • Continue to support the delivery of Neighbourhood Plans focussing on priority areas including Saline and Steelend and the West Fife Villages. • CLD will build capacity to develop a community led youth hub that will influence and shape future youth work delivery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People consider services are more joined up • Reduced demand for crisis services • Reduced levels of need evidenced by lower demand for social care services through preventative approaches across all sectors 	<p>Our public services are more joined up and acting 'one step sooner'</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLD to continue to support and expand on local Participatory Budgeting exercises - Forward West Fife, Youth Bank, Scottish Power (Ash Lagoons). • Continue with and expand on Community Wealth Building approaches – Community Growing Spaces, Community Pantries, Skate Park/Play Park initiatives etc. • Continue to support and encourage participation in local Management Committees, Community Councils, Forums and Emergency Resilience Groups etc. • CBAL support to learners who are developing community led groups and services such as REHIS Food Hygiene, Health and Safety training and First Aid. There will be 2 courses of each programme per year delivered in both Parkgate and High Valleyfeild Community Centre. • North Queensferry Local Action Plan – a Place Standards consultation approach to develop a Local Action Plan with short-, medium- and long-term outcomes. Partnership approach with local reps, established into a local Community Forum, engaging with South and West Fife People and Place Leadership group. An effective Local Action Plan with identified outcomes to utilise a new land-based strategy, increased community facilities and with a commitment from local Community Forum and South and West Fife People and Place Leadership group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people involved in local community planning and locality planning • More people involved in land use planning greater numbers of people involved in planning and delivering services • More community-based models of social provision 	<p>Fife's communities and individuals are more involved in local decision making and in helping to plan and deliver local services</p>

Evidence of Change

- Established Community Forum working in partnership with South and West Fife People and Place Leadership group.
- North Queensferry Local Action Plan, agreed and implemented through South and West Fife Area Committee.
- Community Forum developing a communications strategy to inform wider community of Local Action Plan outcomes.