



**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS SERVICES**

**Community Capacity Building Report
Better Place to Live Fair 2012
Loch Leven Community Campus
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Tracey Ramsay (Senior Community Capacity Building Worker, Community Learning and Development responsible for Kinross-shire, Bridge of Earn, Glenfarg, Abernethy and surrounding areas. Part of my role is to co-ordinate and support the development of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group (KCLDG) in which the group works together to share information with individuals, groups and communities to inform services, identify and respond to needs improving the quality of life in our local communities. The group decided to take on the role of organising the Better Place to Live Fair, to-date there have been two events.

Better Place to Live Fair 3rd March 2012:

The fair provided local community members, groups, organisations and services of Kinross-shire with an opportunity to be involved in celebrating community achievements, engage with community members, make links with organisations from other communities, develop networks, attract new members to join their group, and showcase what they do.

Evaluation:

There were around 87 groups, organisations, local services and businesses involved in presenting information stalls, showcasing their work and providing taster sessions of activities, which provided local community members and visitors with an opportunity to learn about what activities and services Kinross-shire has to offer.

Evaluation forms and questionnaires indicate that local groups, voluntary organisations, services and businesses in the area have been supported to celebrate achievements, engage with community members, network and showcase what they do. Evaluation response shows 93% of the participants thought that participating in the event would be beneficial to their group, organisation, service or business. Overall the event made obvious the high level of community activity and services in the Kinross-shire area. 98% of participants said they would like it to be a bi-annual event.

The event saw approximately 500 visitors and 87 groups and organisations; involving approximately 350 representatives.

- Community groups and organisations: 39
- Local small Businesses: 33
- Local services: 14
- Sports Activities: provided 10.30am - 3pm

Participants:

Perth and Kinross Council invited representatives from local groups, organisations and services.

The following groups and organisations were represented:

- Aloe Vera 4 Health
- Anne's Handcrafted Jewellery
- A-Star Sports
- Ascent NLP
- Barking Mad
- Beauty By Adele & Donna
- Common Grounds
- Connie Weir Therapies
- Diabetics Society
- Environment Service PKC
- Catriona Sime Jewellery
- Fundraising Chest Heart & Stroke
- Culture Frog (French Lessons)
- Enable Mobility
- Fairtrade Steering Committee
- Fit & Happy
- Flutterby Therapies and Fitness Pilates
- Gordon Sime Photography
- Handmade cards by Linda Mackay
- Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven
- Help for Heroes
- Independent Advocacy
- Royal Signals (Kinross) ACF
- Kinross & District Art Club
- Kinross Camera Club
- Kinross First Responders
- Kinross Floral Art Club
- Kinross Cycling Club
- Kinross Cricket Club
- Kinross Newsletter
- Kinross Otters
- Kinross Parish Church of Scotland
- Kinross Road Runners
- Kinross Group Scottish Women's Royal Institutes
- Kinross & District Town Twinning Association
- Kinross Vaulting Group
- Kinross Volleyball Club
- Kinross-shire Agricultural Society
- Kinross-shire Civic Trust
- Kinross-shire Community Sports Partnership
- Kinross-shire Historical Society
- Kinross-shire Partnership
- Lizzie Meg
- Local Councillors
- Loch Leven Diamonds
- Loch Leven Health Centre
- Malf Media
- MEAD Project
- Milnathort Golf Club
- Orwell & Portmoak Parish Church
- Patsiedee Jewellery
- Phoenix Trading
- PKC LDP Team

- Real Nappy Network
- Rutherford Jams
- Samaritans
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Simpli Yoga
- Smoking Cessation
- Springwell
- SSAFA Forces Help
- Sylvan Wood Design
- Tayside Fire & Rescue
- The Fabulous Jewel Co
- Tidy Threads and Handbags by Sew & Sew
- TRACKS
- Traidcraft (Kinross Parish Church)
- Tripudio Dance
- Tullibole Castle
- WRVS
- 'Yoga' Buddha Bairns

Children and Families Area

At the event this year Youth Services and the Development teacher for Early Years co-ordinated a children and families area which provided interactive workshops and information stalls for children, young people and their families from the local community. Stalls included:

- Messy Play – Early Years
- Active Schools
- Youth Services
- Children & Young People's Rights
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Otters
- Buddha Bairns
- Parenting Strategy
- Flick for Kicks
- Community Link Worker

This area attracted approximately 100 visitors.

Comments from participants included:

- Very well organised. Thank you.
- The event for me was very pro-active and prosperous as a local small business
- Everything very satisfactory, thanks.
- Organisation spot on, just the locations of our stand that we weren't happy with.
- You're doing a pretty good job!
- Nothing. Great Work.
- Brilliant networking opportunity
- The whole thing was very well organised and run. It was obvious a lot of work had gone into ensuring it ran smoothly. We enjoyed having our stall and going round the other stalls. Many of them were very informative and we all learned quite a few things that we didn't know before we attended the Fair.

Although these comments are all positive, there are some less positive comments for us to work on in the future. These include:

- Not particularly well placed would have been better being in the main hall or the walkway.
- Would like a better position.
- Give details of where stall is located and exact layout prior to event.
- Leaflet area/stand for organisations
- More parking
- Open side doors for access for those with equipment.

Next step:

- To plan and organise BPTLF 2014
- To encourage more show casing of activities and services to make best use of the campus facilities.

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