

CASE STUDY

Renfrewshire CLD International Women's Day 2023

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3577/>

Adult-and-Family-Learning



Aims and objectives:

Our Personal and Social Development group completed a women's history course at Southend Action Centre and they wanted to share their knowledge about what they had learned in the group. The women had gained confidence and wanted to celebrate by hosting an event for International Women's Day.

Renfrewshire CLD International Women's Day 2023 demonstrate their impact on:

Every detail of the event was discussed and planned by the learners. "Chat with me, Friends and Tea" was held in March 2023 with learners attending from lots of different groups.

The group based the event on the programme 'Loose Women' to encourage and enable everyone to speak out loud.

Participants were asked to write down a topic which they would like to discuss and it was placed in a tub in order to ensure that the event covered areas of interest throughout the day by everyone involved.

Learners and staff were on the panel and discussed a wide variety of topics including women's history, equality, mental health, childcare, LGBTQI, feelings, life in general, cost of living and appointments. The event ended on a positive note, bringing everyone together to sing and dance to 'Sisters Are Doin' It For Themselves' by Eurythmics and Aretha Franklin.

Evidence of impact:

- Health and wellbeing
- Increased confidence, skills and knowledge
- Democratic participation
- Cost of Living Crisis / Social Justice

What does community development mean to you?

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Community Development is one of our founding cornerstones; it guides our work and is a key pillar in achieving community & individual wellbeing.

Simply put for us: Democracy and shared solutions. Participation and action. Connections and influence.

Brendan Rooney
Healthy n Happy Community
Development Trust

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Working with a community to deliver services, build trust, collaboration, and worthwhile activities. The core values underpin all of what we do at CHSS.

Chris Docherty
Chest, Heart, Stroke Scotland

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Very interesting approach, women and men struggle for equality so it was great to hear all views. I loved the way the programme was based around Loose Women as people opened up and shared and learned together.

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We believe that the key purpose of community development work is to collectively bring about social change and justice.

We must work with communities to continually challenge oppression and tackle inequalities, staying true to our beliefs that community development should always be rooted in values and principles.

Gordon Terris
Scottish Community Development Network

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As someone who has lived in the Western Isles for a majority of my life, I understand the impact of community development in ensuring that vital services are delivered. Community development involves people coming together and working in partnership to improve their area in many different ways. In my role, I help to run Gaelic learning and development programmes as it is important to ensure that people are given the opportunity to learn about leadership, enterprise and other key areas vital for community development in the language in which they feel most comfortable communicating and learning.

Iain Boyd
Social Enterprise Academy

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