

CASE STUDY

The Spartans Community Foundation
<https://www.spartanscfa.com/>

Aims and objectives:

Since 2008, the Spartans Community Foundation has focused on delivering impactful initiatives in North Edinburgh. Our objectives include increasing participation in sports, providing learning opportunities, improving health and employment, reducing crime, and fostering community cohesion.

We operate as a social enterprise, reinvesting profits back into the community for positive social outcomes.

The Spartans Community Foundation demonstrate their impact on:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Cost of Living Crisis / Social Justice
- Democratic Participation
- Economic Regeneration
- Learning and Education



Evidence of impact:

The Spartans Community Foundation aims to enhance the quality of life for the North Edinburgh community using sports and community engagement. We address local challenges in a highly deprived area, collaborating with partners to tackle social needs. Our facility serves as a hub for activities, providing complimentary or low-cost options and safe spaces for young people.

Our priorities are education, youth work, and mental and physical well-being, striving to improve opportunities and prospects for all. We actively work with local schools, reducing the poverty-related attainment gap through targeted programs. We were a key community support hub during the COVID-19 pandemic increasing funding opportunities for refugee-led community groups.

What does community development mean to you?

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SCF embraces community development as a process which empowers community members to address their concerns collectively.

We are redefining the role of a football club by prioritizing community engagement and social impact. Our core values align with community development, emphasizing human rights, social justice, equality, and diversity.

We adhere to the core values, ethics and principles and are always driven by what the local community needs are.

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The cross-cutting elements of community development

Community development has never been so important to delivering economic, social and environmental justice. Its philosophical values are only part of the story with the future of viable services, and the communities that need them, increasingly dependent on workable dialogue between citizens, decision makers and service providers to promote equity of outcomes and real social change or that at least mitigates the effects of our currently disastrous social, economic and environmental policy.

Mick Doyle
Scottish Community Development Centre

Bringing together energy and best practice from community groups.

Michael Costello
Social Enterprise Academy

What Community Development means to me is that it is the key to unlocking the potential inherent in every community to meet the challenges they face, both local and global and to overcome those challenges to create vibrant and creative communities that meets the needs of all who live there.

Colin Campbell
Inspiring Scotland/ Bethany Christian Trust

Empowering communities to support the people within them will always be the best approach because of the understanding and collective strength it offers.

Mark Soanes
Scottish Recovery Network

Community development is a group of people who work for the betterment of their community by developing the community's skills through activities and workshops.

I adhere the core values, ethics and principles because these are the values always helps me to work and serve the community by promoting and practising social justice and Human rights.

Mala Jayhindaran / Shawn Fernadez
Springburn Unity Network