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NORTH WEST PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IS A SUCCESS!

To launch Creative Futures Lochside and Lincluden's new weekly photography group, they ran the North West Photography Competition. The competition attracted entries from a wide range of ages. **CONTINUES PAGE 1**



STRIKING IMAGE... Cally receives her prize, winning image right.



Lift's Tea in the Park attracts the crowds



It was an exciting build up to LIFT's (Lochside is families together) latest event, Tea in the Park. They landed some great sponsorship from Tetley's tea and Tunnocks, and Tesco. On Saturday 31st March they then held a craft afternoon at Lochside Community Centre to decorate eggs in preparation for the event. The craft afternoon was well attended and enjoyed. Eggs, tea and cakes at the ready... the big day was on Easter Sunday 1st April. Over 70 people of all ages came along to the Tea in the Park event indoors and out at Lochside Community Centre. Alive Radio were outside providing the music for the day. Craft continued indoors with Hidden Histories making small catapults. Many of the children's favourite part of the day was the egg hurling competition (they had been boiled). A fun twist on the traditional egg rolling contest. LIFT would like to say a big thank you to Anne Croucher from Tesco for organising the donation of eggs and Easter eggs from Tesco for the event. Picture special inside.

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TEA IN THE PARK



NEW FUNDING FOR THE AREA

Over the past few months a collective group, made up of different local groups from around Lochside and Lincluden, have been working together to find out how to apply for Dumfries & Galloway Council's People tackling poverty fund.

Many attended the Creative Futures L+L residential weekend at Allanton Peace Sanctuary. They identified what were the real issues in North West and worked creatively to come up with ideas for projects that could combat them.

There were five projects that were applied for. This included two 'Grub Clubs', one for Lochside and one for Lincluden, community transport for groups in Lochside and Lincluden, funding for events, projects and workshops for LIFT, and the LIFT Grow your own project.

Passionate volunteers from LIFT, Lochside Community Association, and Lincluden Community Centre attended the voting day at the Usual Place cafe on Saturday 24th March. They presented their projects alongside many other groups from around Dumfries, engaging with the public to win their votes.

It was later announced that two of the projects from Lochside and Lincluden had gained funding. LIFT's funding for events, projects and workshops and the Lochside Community Association's Grub Club.

The individuals that worked hard to apply and promote the projects are delighted with the outcome and the impact that it will have on their communities.

Lochside Community Association's Grub Club will provide meals for children and families during the summer holidays.

LIFT will now be able to grow, continue and expand its annual line up of community events.



NW PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The entries were displayed in an exhibition at the Creative Futures L+L hub at Lincluden Community Centre. The judges on the awards evening were Jim McEwan – photographer for the Standard newspaper, and Angie Gilmour – former HND Photography student.

The winning picture was taken by Callie Uygun of graffiti under a bridge in North West Dumfries. Callie was presented with a £250 Nikon Camera by Judex Paul, President of the Devorgilla Rotary Club. Jen Martin's image of children playing in trees came in second place, and Liam Templeton's image of the Cuckoo Bridge taken on 35mm film came in third place. Nathan McMinn won the People's Choice award with his image of the river surrounded by green space. A huge well done to everyone who took part and entered.

Thank you for all of your entries!!



SNAP HAPPY... a selection of the entries

GLENTROOL PARK LITTER PICK

Friends of Glentool Park - truly want to give a heart felt thanks to our very ain #LitterHero, Mr Jim Henderson!

The fabulous community spirited Jim has dedicated many hours, and bin bags, to his continued commitment to ensuring Glentool Field and Play Park remain litter free. He drives all the rubbish collected to the nearest recycling unit over at Lincluden to ensure it doesn't blow about Glentool Field again!

Jim is often seen, sometimes wearing his high viz coat, picking up rubbish and debris littering the green spaces of the largest housing estate in Dumfries and Galloway, Lochside. With an estimated population of five thousand, Jim thinks it is really important to relay the message that our green spaces matter. In Lochside we are very fortunate as we have a lot of green spaces and a wonderful marsh land that provides habitat for many different species of birds. It also hosts healthy populations of frogs, newts and other wildlife. Jim loves his community, he is

LOCAL HERO



JIM

a good neighbour and a great friend. He really wants to see a new play park, skate park and hopefully the proposed marsh land development projects come to life for his community.

The litter picks are part of the #keepbritaintidy campaign. Friends of Glentool will be organising more litter picks in the coming months when the weather is good. Look on the Friends of Glentool facebook page to get involved in keeping Lochside tidy.



VOLUNTEER TEAM... Michelle Johnstone, Gary Batch, Jim Henderson and Sue Holywell

Positive feedback about the Time Machine theatre show

On Saturday 24th February Creative Futures L+L teamed up with the Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival to provide a theatrical experience at Lochside Community Centre. Working with classic bunraku puppets, The Scientific Romance Theatre Company's take on the HG Wells classic sci-fi tale took the audience on a thrilling ride through a tale of human folly, evolutionary change and social upheaval. The event was well attended and there has been some really positive feedback about the night. We asked people online if they enjoyed the show; 92% said yes and only 8% said that they didn't enjoy it. After such great feedback we hope that more of these events will come to the area this year.

ART + ACTION GROUP

BLOCK 1 COMPLETE

Creative Futures L+L Art + Action Group has run for 5 weeks since 8th March led by team member and Public Art project worker Kirsty Turpie. During this time the group have had an introduction to Public Art, had a go at creating their own miniature sculptures from recycled materials and mod rock and have discussed how creativity could brighten up public spaces in Lochside and Lincluden. The next block will begin with an Art + Action taster afternoon at Lochside Family Centre during their mental health week. If you are curious to find out more come along, offer some views and have a go. In the next block we will start creating some outdoor mosaics. Taster afternoon: Lochside Family Centre Monday 14th May, 2-4pm.



POETRY CORNER



Spring in Dumfries

The early sun rains down on the shimmering silver Nith. New born ducklings, take their first steps into the world.

Daffodils and Bluebells peek their heads out and feel the heat. Slowly beginning to dance to the rhythm of children's laughter.

Soft green grass is greeted by the baby blue sky above. Suddenly, the sky begins its cries.

A soft breeze starts to become stronger and the gentle cry turns to screams of anger. Then sorrow, as sharp pellets of rain beat down on Dumfries.

Poem by former Lochside Primary student
Image by Muirinn White for NW Photography Competition

If you have an image, drawing, or piece of creative writing inspired by North West Dumfries or Dumfries that you would like to send to us and have featured, please get in touch by emailing kirsty@thestove.org

Wot's Gan Oan...

SOUND SYSTEMS PROJECT (New dates after the Easter Holidays)

Lincluden Community Centre

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP (Every Thursday 6pm - 8pm)

Lincluden Community Centre

Open to all ages and levels of photographer...you don't need a camera, yer phone will do just fine.

ART & ACTION GROUP (Mon 14th May 2-4pm Lochside Family Centre)

Keep up to date on the Creative Futures facebook page.

MAXWELLTOWN MEMORIES DROP IN (Every Thursday 1pm - 3pm)

Lincluden Community Centre

ART DROP IN (Every Friday starting soon)

Keep an eye out for more details in the newsletter and on the Creative Futures L+L facebook page.

MONDAY 14TH MAY Art + Action Taster Afternoon

Lochside Family Centre, 2pm - 4pm

MONDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 20TH MAY

Mental Health Week @ Lochside Family Centre

Programme of events on the theme of stress. More details call Lochside Family Centre on 01387 721702.

SATURDAY 19TH MAY Open Day @ Lochside Primary School

Lochside Community Council

Every Tuesday of the month. The next dates are 17th April, 15th May, 19th June. If you would like any information contact Billy Farries on 07838104062.

Lincluden Community Council

Lincluden residents are welcome to inform us with any issues they have by coming along to our monthly meeting, second Thursday of every month at 7:15pm at the Northwest Resource Centre or email us at lincludencc@gmail.com or call chair Malcolm Campbell on 07709426955. Next meetings April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, off July.



Lochside Table Top Sale

Every 1st Saturday of the month at Lochside Community Centre. £10 for a double table, £7 for a single. Contact: lochsidecc@gmail.com

Creative Futures Drop In (Every Tuesday 11am - 2pm)

Every Tuesday local groups, and individuals from the community are invited to drop in to the Creative Futures Lochside + Lincluden Hub. Discussion, event planning and volunteer opportunities.

Let's Get Sporty

Multi-Sport @ Lincluden Community Centre, every Monday P1 - 3 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm and P4 - 7 from 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Lochside Family Centre

Monday - • Dumfries Toy Library Stay and Play 9.15am - 11.15am

• Stay and Play 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Tuesday - • YMCA Young Parents Group, 1.30pm - 3pm

Wednesday - • DTL Stay and Play 9.15am - 11.15am

• Stay and Play 12.30pm - 2.30pm

• Family Fun Group 3.30pm - 5pm

Thursday - • Mums and Dads Drop In 9am - 10am

• Baby massage 10.30am - 11.30am

Friday - • Breastfeeding support 10.30am - 12pm

Times and dates may vary from time to time. Please phone the family centre on 01387 721702 to check.

Unless otherwise stated all activities are FREE and open to all ages and abilities (venues are accessible for people with disabilities)

Introducing your new CEIS representatives

CEIS Dumfries and Galloway provide a comprehensive Employability, Community Outreach Service and Skills Development Service. Our mission is to tackle inequality, strengthen communities and help to improve the contribution of local people to our society. Lee and Allan, our community engagement officers, can be seen attending local community events, hosting drop in sessions and knocking on doors. We are able

to offer advice and guidance. Email: lee.toti@ceisdandg.co.uk or allan.forsyth@ceisdandg.co.uk



MAXWELLTOWN MEMORIES GET TAE GITHER



The Maxwelltown Memories group meet every Thursday afternoon (1pm - 3pm) at Lincluden Community Centre. After a successful event in March of last year, they

organised a 'Get tae gither' for Saturday 24th March. Many came along to share their memories of Lochside, Lincluden and The Abbey Inn, over coffee and cake.

GET IN TOUCH

Here at the Creative Times we aim to celebrate the many positive activities and opportunities that are available in North West Dumfries. We would like to invite all local groups that would like to share their news and events with the local community to get in touch. We are based at the Creative Futures L+L hub at Lincluden Community Centre, and are happy to help you get involved.

Contact the team: Lee McQueen - lee@thestove.org
Kirsty Turpie - kirsty@thestove.org
Angela Gilmour - angie@thestove.org

Visit our drop in:
Every Tuesday
11am - 2pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



LIFT Volunteer to help with LIFT's exciting line up of community events including Lochside Gala. Contact Angela: lift16@outlook.com
Allanton Peace Sanctuary There are six internships available at Allanton Peace Sanctuary for under 25's. For more info and to apply, call 01387 740642 or email jessica.allanton@gmail.com. The deadline is 5pm on Sun 22nd April.

Woodgrove Community Transport

For Bookings please contact us on:

01387 248064 or 07502 517463

email: woodgrovetravel@gmail.com

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