

Kilmarnock North

COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN

“The Kilmarnock North Community Learning Plan will enhance a Living, Learning Community by responding to local needs, issues and aspirations”.



AREA COVERED

Altonhill
Hillhead
Longpark
Onthank
New Farm Loch
and Dean

Population 16,681

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Community Learning is learning which takes place in your community and at a venue which is suitable for you.

Anyone of any age can be involved in Community Learning and it can take place anywhere – in your local community centre, youth club, village hall, local school, church or even in your own home.

Kilmarnock North is one of three areas chosen to pilot the new concept of Community Learning Plans.

A Community Learning Plan is a brief document which shows people living in a specific area, how community learning opportunities will be developed over a set time period.

The Community Learning Plan relates to the Community Learning Strategy agreed by the Council and to the Council Plan but concentrates on the learning dimension.

Learning should be exciting and available to all people throughout their lives not just to those of school age.

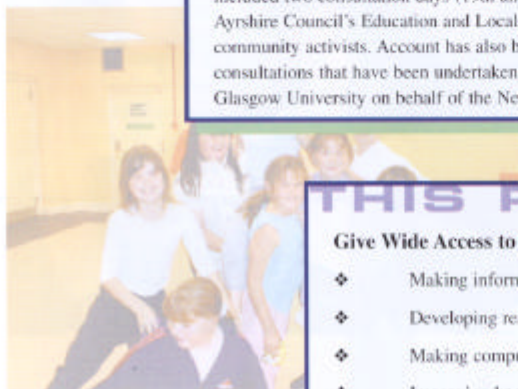
The information contained in this document has been compiled by the Community Learning Planning Group for Kilmarnock North.

20 Points for Action are listed in this Plan

Since beginning to meet in May 2000, the partners and the community have worked together to achieve some of the targets outlined in this Plan.

CONSULTATION

There has been wide consultation about what this Plan should contain. This has included two consultation days (19th and 20th June 2001) and dialogue with East Ayrshire Council's Education and Local Committees with input from a range of community activists. Account has also been taken of a whole range of other consultations that have been undertaken previously, including the study carried out by Glasgow University on behalf of the New Farm Loch Initiative.



THIS PLAN AIMS TO

Give Wide Access to Learning Opportunities in the Community by:

- ❖ Making information about learning available to young people and adults.
- ❖ Developing reading and writing skills with people of all ages.
- ❖ Making computers and their uses accessible to everyone.
- ❖ Improving knowledge about health matters.



20 POINTS

THE PARTNERS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY LEARNING PLAN UNDER

1. Establish a Community Learning Centre in Onthank, which would enable at least **100** people to learn about computers. Partners will work together to submit a bid for external funding through the New Opportunities Fund.
2. Establish a project for young people in New Farm Loch, which would involve over **30** young people and give them the opportunity to identify issues important to them.
3. Promote the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) within Altonhill, Longpark, Onthank and New Farm Loch ensuring that at least **100** people from Kilmarnock North are involved in the consultation and planning process.
4. Maximise the learning opportunities within Mount Carmel, Onthank Primary School and Hillhead Community School by offering a range of after school activities for **240** children whilst promoting adult involvement.
5. Develop a broad range of active recreational opportunities and lifestyle awareness initiatives for **every** Primary Three child by delivering **3** health related sessions in all the primary schools in the Kilmarnock North area. Provide Kids Club and RAD Card information (Recreation Activity Discount Card) to **every** primary pupil in Kilmarnock North.
6. Create and publicise opportunities to enable people who need help with reading, writing and numeracy to find the support they require.
7. Promote the benefits and importance of exercise and physical play for children under 3 and their carers through 'Fit Ayrshire Babies' (FAB) which will target community nurseries, playgroups and childminders.
8. Ensure the provision of books and other material for babies, toddlers, young people and adults as well as books on tape, large print versions and flexible learning materials for computers. Target to be **4000 issues per annum in Kilmarnock North**.
9. Ensure that **50** new people from the community actively participate in learning activities through Hillhead Community School.
10. Partners will work together to improve information to the community about learning opportunities and ensure that at least **4** articles per year are published in the local press/community newsletters.





FOR ACTION

TAKE TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES BY SUMMER 2002

11. Improve existing services to adult learners ensuring that at least **100** guidance interviews take place and **50** CV's are produced to assist people in choosing and accessing further learning opportunities, employment or involvement in their community.
12. Ensure that **50** people attend Capacity Building courses aimed at improving the skills required to effectively contribute to the work of their own organisations.
13. Help **30** people to improve their core skills of reading, writing and numeracy.
14. Ensure that partners work together to ensure that sex education is available for **all** young people in Kilmarnock North through school and community based programmes. This will contribute to decreasing the number of unintended teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections in East Ayrshire.
15. Ensure that **all** residents of Kilmarnock North have access to drug and alcohol information and support through the work of the East Ayrshire Drug Forum.
16. Ensure that **all** residents of Kilmarnock North have access to information and support around smoking cessation and prevention through National No Smoking Day, school based approaches to prevention and Primary Care led 'stop smoking' help available through local GP practices.
17. Promote the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle to all Hillhead New Community School pupils and their families, by providing **80** breakfast places each day at the 'Early Birds' breakfast club and positive play initiative.
18. Ensure that **all** secondary school pupils have the opportunity to learn about issues concerning domestic abuse through the implementation of the school education pack developed by the East Ayrshire Zero Tolerance working group.
19. Ensure increased availability of health information, access to health screening and skills development for **all** young people and adults with learning disabilities in Kilmarnock North through the 'Healthy Living Initiative' project.
20. Establish a TOPS programme within Hillhead Primary School in April 2002, rolling the programme out to remaining schools by 2004. The TOPS programme is to assist primary schools and community organisations to increase their physical ability and skill levels, to encourage their involvement in sport and to support teachers in further developing physical education programmes.



LIST OF PARTNERS

North West Community Council
New Farm Loch Community Council
Onthank Community Association
Knockinlaw Community Association
Longpark Community Association

East Ayrshire Council

- Support to Communities
- Hillhead Community School
- Mount Carmel Primary School
- Onthank Primary School
- St. Joseph's Academy
- Children and Families
- Recreation Services
- Library, Registration and Information Services
- Dean Castle Country Park
- Museums and Arts

East Ayrshire Employment Initiative

Ayrshire & Arran Health Board Health Promotion
Kilmarnock College

LEAD Scotland (Learning, Education and Disability)

Ayrshire Electronic Community

Employment Services

Ayrshire Adult Guidance Network

Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire)



MEASURING SUCCESS

In order to measure the success of this plan and to begin to build plans for the future, a series of activities will take place. Over the coming year this will include:

- ❖ Two Community Consultation Open Days.
- ❖ Regular reports to committees including the Kilmarnock North Local Committee.
- ❖ Copies of the Plan and Reviews will be forwarded to all Community Councils, Community Associations and other community and voluntary organisations within Kilmarnock North who register as partners.

The Plan is a live document subject to continuous review and improvement by agency and community partners. A report outlining progress will be produced in the Autumn 2002.

Lessons learned from this Pilot will inform how East Ayrshire Community Learning Partnership will extend Community Learning Planning across the Council area.

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