

Welcome



Argyll and Bute Council Community Development Team

Community Development is a process where people come together to take action on what's important to them. We're all about community voice !

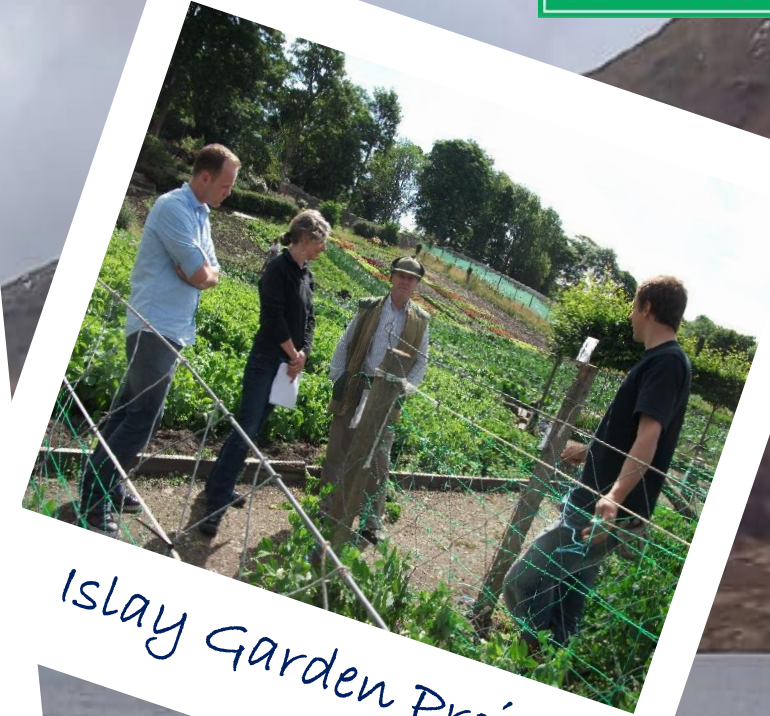
Projects



Campbeltown Organic Garden



Crossroads Carers



Islay Garden Project

The community development team supports local groups to achieve their aims and overcome challenges. The team help community groups to develop new projects and secure funding.

Community Planning



We support the four Area Community Planning Partnership groups across Argyll and Bute by encouraging and supporting community participation at meetings.



Partners



A key priority for the team is to work in partnership with agencies that support vulnerable individuals and communities.

Community development starts from the belief that everyone should have equal access to

Health
Wellbeing
Justice
Wealth
Opportunity



Capacity building

We deliver conferences, workshops and best practice training in conjunction with our Community Learning and Development partners.

We develop the skills and confidence of Third Sector organisations working with them to build capacity.

Subject matter experts attend our community training.





Community
Empowerment (Scotland)
Act 2015



*Take
Ownership !*

Community Empowerment



We can help to empower communities by supporting them in Participatory Budgeting and the Participation Request process.

We lead community engagement activities and support people to have their say in community consultations.

We help communities and public bodies work together to improve how services are run and how decisions are made

The way society and structures are organised means some people, groups & communities can end up being excluded & oppressed.

Community Empowerment and Engagement

We help communities to get organised and identify the issues they want to address or opportunities they want to explore.

We work with communities of Place or shared identity and reaching out to lesser heard voices including non digital residents.

We support communities to use their own assets to improve community life

Community-led Action Plans can help your community make things happen.

By getting local people involved, prioritising their views and setting out what will happen next, Community-led Action Plans have helped communities across Argyll & Bute make a real difference to their local area. [Learn more >>](#)



Get started with your community-led action plan using this online toolkit:



Community Engagement Standards, Place Standard Tool, Place and Wellbeing Outcomes

Resources

The team have developed a Community Action Planning Toolkit to help communities improve the places they live, including fact sheets, templates and community engagement resources.



Route 81



Duchess Wood



Kilmun Bird Hide

Funding

Supporting Communities Fund

We manage and distribute the Council's Supporting Communities Fund.

The Fund has supported over 600 Community Projects across Argyll & Bute since 2015.

Community Funding Toolkit

Maximise your funding opportunities



*Bute Shinty Club,
Ladies Section*

Grants and Funding

Groups can sign up to receive free regular funding alerts. The Council website hosts a free to use funding portal Grantnet. This allows you to create bespoke funding searches.

We also have downloadable funding tools to help you find and identify the funding you need.

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/grants-and-funding/grantnet>

Development



Gaelic Development programme and hubs

Fàilte a chur air Earra-
Ghàidheal is Bhòid

Welcome to Argyll and
Bute



Network opportunities &
regular Communities
Bulletins



Groups use their skills to
make positive change

A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water (likely a loch or bay) in the middle ground, with rolling hills and mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a rocky shoreline with some sparse vegetation and a wooden fence post on the left.

Community Development is about making a fairer, just and more inclusive society, with strong communities at the heart of decision making

For more information please visit the website
www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Funding pages at

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/grants-and-funding>
or contact

communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Thank you

Please register your interest

https://argyllandbute.custhelp.com/app/admin/Contact_Preferences_CD

Information we can send you:

- Monthly Funding Alert
- Community Development Bulletin
- Updated Topic and Information Sheets
- Information on Council Assets
- Information on Social Enterprise
- Information on Skills & Training (for community groups, social enterprises and third sector organisations)
- Access to Council Support (support with Social Enterprise, support from the Community Development team, or support with funding)