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## VISION

“Dundee is a vibrant city where every citizen contributes to community life and community learning in order to dream, to discover and to develop”.

## STRATEGIC STATEMENT

In every area of the city the Community Learning Partnership will deliver:

Joined up support for the implementation of Local Community Plans and to co-ordinate public service delivery (Neighbourhood Partnership Networks).



co-ordinated support for Community Learning and Development (through the work of the Community Learning and Development Partnerships).



Community Learning And Development programmes which reflect local and strategic priorities (Community Learning and Development Action Plans).

## We will support:

the right of communities to organise and express their views (Neighbourhood Representative Structures and Forums).



community decision-making (through a variety of activities including the operation of the Community Regeneration Fund).



access to information, capacity building and personal development.

*This work will be done with the goal of promoting inclusion, addressing prejudice and discrimination and improving the quality of life for all who live in Dundee.*

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Community Engagement

## Community Engagement

### **Strategic Statement:**

The main aim of the Dundee Partnership's community engagement strategy is to develop the capacity of communities to engage in the planning and delivery of services. This will be done by producing an inter-agency community engagement and communication strategy for each local community plan area.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Local Community Engagement Strategies produced for all 7 Decentralisation areas on an inter-agency basis.
- National Standards for Community Engagement incorporated into Community Engagements Strategies.
- Action plans for involving young people in community regeneration produced.
- Levels of participation in community regeneration activities reach 15,330 per annum.
- Community Profiles being developed as a tool for community engagement.

## Community Arts

### **Strategic Statement:**

Community Arts provide an opportunity for all citizens to enrich their lives and have the potential to challenge, exhilarate, inspire and educate. Community Arts will reflect the cultural richness and diversity of Dundee.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2006**

- 338 Creative Learning, Visual Arts and Music workshops and events were held over the year, attracting a total of 5,453 participants
- The Early Years Music Partnership was delivered to Under 5's groups through out the city.
- 5 years of support to local artists through Dundee Visual Artists Awards scheme was celebrated through the launch of a new publication and exhibition at Generator Projects
- Dundee's annual festival of Traditional Scottish Music, 'Fest n' Furious' saw an increase in attendance through its diverse programme of beginners workshops, 'come & try' sessions, talks and live performances.
- A 6 month arts exhibition and outreach programme for 'SELF', was delivered in partnership with several agencies. Work created by children, young people and adult participants was exhibited along side the exhibition at McManus.

## Community Health

### **Strategic Statement:**

Health Development work aims to provide health improvement, education, advice and support to people to tackle and address health inequalities. Health development work will aim to promote health gains through community learning and development responses to health issues.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- The Corner's Drop In Centre continues to respond to approximately 800 enquiries each month.
- 150 health outreach workshops delivered in communities in the last year.
- 10 young people received the Gold Youth Achievement Award and 40 received the Silver.
- 81 peer educators trained to deliver drugs, alcohol, healthy lifestyle and smoking prevention sessions.
- The Dundee Healthy Living Initiative Young Parents Drama Group made a film about the lives of women in Whitfield.
- Local people trained as Exercise to Music Instructors and Walk Leaders.
- Average of 25 different health related groups supported each month.
- Media, music and drama events attracting 120 people.

## Community Safety

### **Strategic Statement:**

Community Safety work aims to create a city where crime is reducing and where people are safe and feel safe through the implementation of the approved Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan. Community Safety work is advanced through Community Learning and Development responses.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- 9 community safety groups supported to realise action plans.
- 8 CLD groups supported to include community safety issues within Local Community Plans.
- 17 focussed personal safety talks delivered.
- 9 community festivals attended to supply 264 personal safety alarms and advice.
- Partners e.g. Police, Fire and Rescue, other Council Departments "report that the Warden Initiative has assisted them in delivering improvements in the six local areas". Blake Stevenson Evaluation 2006
- The Dundee Anti Social Behaviour Strategy has been co-ordinated successfully and appropriate reports submitted to the Scottish Executive highlighting milestones achieved.

## Anti-poverty/Social Inclusion

### Strategic Statement:

The Dundee Partnership's Action Plan for tackling poverty and promoting social inclusion aims to tackle the issues which will make a difference to people living in poverty in Dundee, where these are not already being addressed.

### Key Achievements 2005-2007

- Financial Inclusion Strategy agreed, a co-ordinator appointed and several new projects funded.
- Community Transport Initiatives established as part of the Local Transport Strategy.
- Poverty Awareness Training Programme established.
- Dundee City Council's Common Debt Recovery Policy under review.
- Development of a Youth Inclusion Strategy underway.
- Family-friendly employment policies developed through Working For Families Initiative.
- Employability Action Plan and NEET Strategy produced.

## Voluntary Sector Development

### Strategic Statement:

The voluntary sector are key partners in the delivery of the Community Learning and Development Strategy. This partnership will continue to grow on both a local and city-wide basis.

### Key Achievements 2005-2007

- 150 people attended Dundee Partnership Compact Development workshops.
- Agreement to produce a Dundee Partnership Volunteering Policy.
- Dundee Social Economy Partnership established and an Action Plan produced.
- Voluntary Sector involvement in Community Regeneration Forums established.
- Voluntary Sector involvement in CLD Partnerships secured.
- Dundee Equalities forum established.
- Voluntary Sector representation on Dundee Partnership secured.





## Literacies

### **Strategic Statement:**

The Literacies Sub-group of the Partnership are working together to address low levels of literacy, enable people to: handle information; express ideas and opinions; make decisions and solve problems as family members, workers, citizens and lifelong learners.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- 1,990 adults each year received literacy support.
- Youth Literacies Project established targeted at 16-24 year olds.
- Work Based Learning Project established with key employers taking part.
- Spotter and Referrer Network increased.
- Literacy support available in 41 venues across the city.
- 12 projects received Challenge funding to deliver literacies.
- English For Speakers Of Other Languages (ESOL) - provision expanded.

## Community Capacity

### **Strategic Statement:**

Development work with groups and individuals to promote confidence, understanding and skills required to influence and impact positively on the community life, resulting in active communities which contribute to the life of the city.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- 5 Community Regeneration Forums established representing 15 of the most deprived community areas in Dundee.
- 75 people participated regularly in the work of the Forums including the allocation of £17.5m CRF monies.
- CRF members training needs identified in line with National Standards For Community Engagement and training delivered in response to identified needs.
- Dundee Civic Forum established to enable Community Councils and Neighbourhood Representative Structures to come together to address issues of common concern.
- Dundee Civic Forum undertook a study visit to Orebro in Sweden.
- Dundee City Council Leisure and Communities staff provided community development support to 108 groups.



## Adult Learning

### Strategic Statement:

Adult learning opportunities are available in a variety of settings to promote the value of learning and help satisfy the learner's desire for knowledge.

### Key Achievements 2005-2007

- Adult learning survey identified 1,187 learning opportunities available per week.
- Partnership work with Dundee College/University of Dundee providing courses for 500 people
- Menzieshill Centre - adult learning facilities created on ground floor to make learning opportunities more accessible.
- Charleston Community Centre opened with high quality adult learning facilities.
- Community Learning and Development Data Management System piloted.
- Adult Learning Week celebrations undertaken at local level.
- Civic Reception held for Dundee Adult Learners.
- Dundee Winner at Scottish Adult Learner's Award.
- 1,200 people attended Give it a go, learning event in Caird Hall Jan 07.

## Libraries

### Strategic Statement:

Library and information services' primary aim is to excite people's curiosity and help them satisfy their desire for knowledge and information through providing access to reading, learning and ICT.

### Key Achievements 2005-2007

- "Quick Reads" and "Open Door" audio series titles purchased to promote literacy skills through reading groups and links with literacy colleagues.
- 350 taster sessions facilitated by staff for members of the public, to promote information literacy.
- Multi Cultural "Mela" held in July 2006 to celebrate cultural diversity in the city and promote social cohesion and inclusion.
- Street party held September 2005 to commemorate end of World War 2. Attended by 200 people.
- 400 library users and non users surveyed on opening hours and mystery shopper exercise undertaken to identify users needs.
- Working with external agencies to provide ICT training to socially excluded groups.
- Informal areas created in four community libraries.

## Community Guidance

### **Strategic Statement:**

Community guidance aims to provide quality assured, independent advice and guidance which enables individuals to make informed choices in their personal, family, work and community lives.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Dundee Community Guidance Group established.
- Literacies Gateway - one point guidance and referral system established.
- Inter-agency trainings been held with CLD and Careers Scotland staff.
- Dundee Community Guidance Partners code of practice agreed.
- 520 people given guidance in community venues.
- Community based job shops provided in CRF areas.

## Children And Young People

### **Strategic Statement:**

The development of learning opportunities which have at their heart the personal and social development of young people will continue to be a priority. We will continue to develop opportunities for young people to play a full and positive role in community life.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Approximately 38,000 young people engaged in mainstream youth work programmes per year.
- 8 Youth Workers enrolled in the first SVQ in Youth Work to be delivered in Scotland.
- Over 2,000 young people involved in community planning activities.
- 240 young people achieved accreditation through Youth Achievement Award, Natural Connections Award, Young Quality Scot Award and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Significant increase in partnership working facilitated by Youth Work Providers Groups.
- Work started on new national and local Youth Work Strategy.
- Around 4,500 hits per month on the local pages of the Young Scot website.



Young People



## Volunteering

### **Strategic Statement:**

Volunteering will continue to be supported by statutory and voluntary sector partners. The importance of volunteers to the quality of community life and to the lives of individuals is recognised by the partnership and is integral to the delivery of community learning.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Partnership Initiatives taking place eg Youth Volunteering, Sports Development, Countryside Rangers.
- An audit of volunteering within Dundee City Council Departments has been conducted.
- The Access to Learning Project and Dundee International Women's Centre have built capacity amongst members.

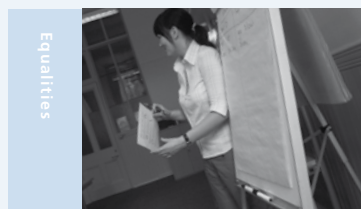
## Equalities

### **Strategic Statement:**

Dundee is a city where everyone has choice of, and access to, goods, facilities, services, jobs and opportunities to participate and contribute on equal terms.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Equalities Partnership established.
- Joint consultations were held on partners' equalities schemes.
- The Equalities forum established and has run a number of training events.
- Council Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations have been supported to work with DIWC and the Chinese Women's Group.
- Access panel increased membership, worked to improve access at Templeton Wood.



## Centres and Projects

### **Strategic Statement:**

Access to Community Centres and projects ensures that people have access to social, resource and information bases and opportunities to participate in a wide range of learning programmes.

### **Key CLD Achievements 2005-2007**

- Douglas, Finmill, Kirkton and the Highwayman building improvements led through the Local Management Groups ensuring high quality attractive accommodation is available for CLD delivery.
- Through a publicity/ marketing strategy, Community Centre programmes have been distributed more widely across the areas they serve. Postcode surveys have been carried out.
- New purpose built CLD accommodation now open in Charleston, developed in partnership with the local community.
- Development of Easter - Summer - October - holiday provision in partnership with other Departments and Agencies.
- Increased local involvement in the charitable status aspects of the Community Centres through LMG's and the requirements of OSCR (office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)

## Outdoor Education

### **Strategic Statement:**

Dundee City Council will be a first class accredited provider of licensed outdoor education tuition from novice to instructor standard to all interested participants at a cost which encourages participation.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Centre now known as an Outdoor Education Centre as opposed to outdoor Activities. Philosophy and culture now closer to PSD than skill acquisition.
- Ancrum now a "one stop shop" for all Outdoor Education information within Dundee City.
- In excess of £250,000 invested during the last four years to ensure that Dundee citizens have access to first class equipment at an affordable level.
- Approximately 300 people trained NGB standards.
- Accreditation now offered in skiing, kayaking, orienteering as well as generic awards such as ASDAN and new dedicated Natural Connections Award.
- External funding has greatly increased opportunities for young people who would otherwise never experience outdoor education opportunities.



## Environment

### **Strategic Statement:**

Dundee Partnership for the Environment (DPE) will act as a catalyst to enable Dundee to develop in ways which safeguard the future of the environment in the city. Through a partnership approach, DPE will engage communities to enhance understanding and awareness of the quality of Dundee's environment and develop opportunities for local action.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Consultative Draft Environmental Strategy produced and Feedback Report from consultation exercises prepared. Work continuing to prepare finalised action plan.
- Focus Group discussion (led by Geddes Institute) held in September 2006 to feed into Dundee Partnership performance assessment.
- DPE projects taken forward include: TWIG Project, Reconnecting the Tay, Dighty Valley Invasive Species, Red Squirrel Project, Greenspace Partnership and Dundee Environmental Mapping Initiative.
- Strategy's Action Plan currently being prepared.
- Public consultation held for the development of Draft Environmental Strategy.

## Sport In The Community

### **Strategic Statement:**

Sport in the Community aims to increase community participation in sporting activities, encourage young people and families to become active and develop a network of sporting skills within the community.

### **Key Achievements 2005-2007**

- Football Festivals organised.
- 2 youths involved in coaching children in their area.
- 16 volunteers recruited for sports coaching.
- 3 junior sports leader awards courses delivered.
- A range of diversionary activities have been established through partnership working.
- 20 work placements supported for school pupils.



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