

## Community Links Scotland

Community Links Scotland (CLS) is a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having share capital, it is a charitable not for profit organisation established in 2002.

Our aim is to support voluntary organisations, Community Based Housing Associations, Community Development Trusts and community groups to develop and implement successful regeneration projects. Community Links Scotland adds value to, and enhances existing services, as well as assisting in the establishment of new projects. We do this by:

- Improving the consultation and participation processes.
- Extensive research in order to identify gaps in provision within communities.
- Identification, development and management of initiatives that meet previously identified gaps in provision.
- Strengthening the role of voluntary and community groups as effective regeneration players and developing links between agencies, initiatives and local people.
- Developing sustainable business / action plans
- Preparation and submission of funding applications to support the implementation and sustainability of projects.
- Working with groups from the initial idea, through community engagement, funding procurement, appointment of design team and on site works, to funding drawdown and ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

In addition, we currently deliver two targeted projects within West Dunbartonshire:

- The Volunteers in Progress Project (ViPP) - is funded by the Scottish Government and the National Lottery Community Fund and aims to provide opportunities for vulnerable individuals to develop work based skills within a supportive environment that builds confidence and enhances self-esteem.
- Carbon Conversations – is funded by Climate Challenge Fund, and aims to provide more holistic support to residents within Clydebank and Faifley through working with them to reduce energy use, consumption of new resources, and consequently their financial outgoings

We are a small team of 5 with a diverse background of skills and experience.

Since our establishment, staff have worked on over 1000 individual projects with over 300 community led organisations, accessing more than £45 million in project funding to our Clients. We only work for not for profit, voluntary run, community based organisations.