



Clydesider Creative CIC

We are a community media and creative training social enterprise established in February 2016 in West Dunbartonshire.

Our Mission

To inspire change by sharing positive stories and solutions, creating opportunities for individuals and organisations to build connections and together challenge the negativity and stigma often associated with our community.

Our Work to Date

Clydesider Community Magazine - The free quarterly magazine showcases the creative skills, talents and inspirational stories from West Dunbartonshire and promotes the many positive aspects of life the area has to offer. Our first issue was published in September 2016, now on Issue 30, over 650 people have contributed writing, photography, poetry and artwork to our magazine/digital platforms or got involved with our creative events and activities.

Clydesider Creative Cafes - Clydesider Creative Taster Cafes were community-based creative events designed to broaden participation in *Clydesider* community magazine. The 'café-style' events offered a menu of free creative story-telling activities run by local facilitators. This was funded by the National Lottery Community Fund from 2018 – 2021.

Community Media & Creative Storytelling Workshops - We offered a range of community media and creative storytelling workshops directly to community organisations. The aim was to encourage those who are underrepresented in mainstream media to have their voices, experiences and ideas heard and valued while they learned new skills. This was funded by the National Lottery Community Fund from 2022 – 2024.

Clydesider Community Networks - At the start of the pandemic we established Clydesider Community Response Network (CRN) which provided an opportunity for local third sector and statutory partners to meet each month via Zoom and stay connected throughout lockdowns. In 2023 we set up WD Heritage Network which continues to meet in-person.

Take A Minute Heritage Videos – We created a series of 40 short heritage videos showcasing the stories of places across West Dunbartonshire. From well-known sites to hidden gems the films were shared on our social media and screened at local community events. Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, all films can be viewed on [Clydesider Creative YouTube](#) channel.

Cost of Living Project – a one-year multi-media project to share information highlighting the local support available for people struggling with the increasing cost of living. This included working with our volunteers to make a series of short films, creating print & digital info resources and hosting a community learning event. Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Clydesider Communication Services - Our professional communication services are designed to meet the needs and pockets of small charities and social enterprises. Services we offer include grant fundraising, copywriting, photography, design, film- making, creative storytelling workshops and community media training.

Our Team

We have a small, supportive team of staff who are backed by an ever-growing number of volunteers who donate their time, energy and ideas to the organisation in a variety of ways. Clydesider Creative CIC is governed by a Board of Directors, the majority of whom are also volunteers from West Dunbartonshire.

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