

Shulah Allan
Chair person
Corstorphine community centre
Kirk loan
Edinburgh

Date 30 September 2022

Your ref

Our ref

Dear Shulah Allan

I am writing this letter to support Corstorphine community centre's (CCC) recent development's and in particular to illustrate my relationship with CCC and share some of our collaboration.

Over the last 4 years I have worked closely with the centre manager Sian McSorley and Youth worker Fiona McCabe. My role as a lifelong learning development officer is made easier in the locality with partners with experience and understanding of community development.

From 2017 Corstorphine Community centre staff and representatives have contributed and been one of the lead organisations in the West Edinburgh Youth Engagement partnership. In my view , a partnership organisation like CCC has provided strong leadership and stability , which has helped to sustain this model. The YEP strategy group has been successful in identifying and addressing gaps in service.

Fiona and I meet on a regular basis as practitioners to share practice ideas , explore areas for development. Earlier this year Fiona and I worked together to re-develop the local YEP plan with input from partners to create a more efficient model with clear roles and objectives for partners.

Back in 2019 we delivered "youth talk "a consultation with over 1200 young people and key stakeholders taking part where they shared their views on local services for young people. The outcomes from this consultation helped the Youth engagement partnership to develop relevant services for young people. After the consultation Sian and I regularly met with a group of young volunteers in the St Johns Road Centre. This was to progress some of the ideas and themes from the final youth talk event. The outcomes were providing free pop-up youth clubs in local parks, various new youth groups, a Drama group, a youth support service.

I can also confirm CCC's attendance to the Western Neighbourhood network where communities are encouraged to discuss issues of shared interest. It is a platform for partners to develop appropriate service solutions at a neighbourhood level

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I am looking forward to my continued partnership working with 'Corstorphine community centre , their involvement in the YEP and providing more support and services to a young people & beyond in West Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely

Steven Kipanda

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Kipanda', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lifelong Learning Development Officer