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Dear Community Members

My role is to support:

- People to be confident, skilled & active members of the community.
- Communities to be active & have more influence.
- Community organisations to get access to resources & to deliver services effectively.
- Community organisations to plan, manage & assess their work effectively.
- Community organisations to include a wide range of people in their work.
- Productive networks & relationships.

I take this opportunity to give you an overview of the work I have been involved in over the period of April 2010 until March 2011.

2 Funding Workshops

Funding Workshops were held at Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross & at the Bridge of Earn Institute. The workshops helped to raise awareness of funding available & what to consider when writing a funding application. The workshops were attended by 16 community members. Further workshops are planned for 2011.

Networking for Communities

This session was held at the Loch Leven Community Campus in June 2010, giving community members a chance to meet each other & exchange information about services in the area including funding advice from Serge Merone, information from Kinross Learning Centre & the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme. There were 10 people in attendance.

There is another Network session planned for Thursday 23 June at 10am at the Loch Leven Campus.

2 IT Training Workshops

The IT workshops were aimed at helping groups & organisations to use the Google tool to build a website, how to work with digital photography & how to create PowerPoint presentations. The workshops took place at Loch Leven Community Campus on 4th & 21st February, they were both well attended.

Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership

This group was initiated in April 2010 with 6 members representing Sport, Youth, Parent Council, Arts & Culture, Community Council. The partnership's objects are to:

- a) Promote the Campus & its ethos to & within the local community
- b) Act as a focal point in getting feedback on how the Campus is serving the local community
- c) Influence change & improvements to the quality of services delivered from the Campus that reflect the needs of the community; &
- d) Regularly communicate its findings to the CCMG via the means agreed

The group have agreed their Memorandum of Agreement & are in the process of establishing effective communication with local communities, campus users & the Campus Management Group. They are currently looking to recruit new members. If you are interested please email the group campuspartnership@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group

This group was initiated in February 2010 with 42 members from across all sectors representing local services, voluntary organisations & the community. Our priorities are to work with communities, young people & adults. The group have acknowledged they could provide a range of benefits to communities such as sharing resources & information & working together to deliver effective services their local action plan will be made available in the very near future.

The group took on the role of organising the Better Place to Live Fair 2011 & based on the evaluation, which indicates a majority in favour of holding this event on an annual basis, has been proposed & a final decision in this respect will be made at the next meeting. The groups aim is to recruit new partners; in particular community representatives please contact T Ramsay if you are interested.

Better Place To Live Fair

This event took place on the 5 March 2011 at Loch Leven Community Campus I am pleased to say 85 local community groups, voluntary organisations & businesses were involved in promoting their services, achievements & activities, taking the opportunity to showcase what they do. Overall the event made obvious the high level of community activity & services that Kinross-shire has to offer making it a fantastic day. The event saw approximately 420 visitors through the doors & 350 attending for stall holder involvement. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the event as it would not have happened without you.

Old Times New Places

This was a partnership project with the Community Learning & Development team, Kinross Day Centre, Kinross Museum & the Library. The project was initiated in August 2010 until February 2011, which encouraged a group of older people from the Kinross Day Centre to use the services at the Loch Leven Campus. There have been 6 visits in total with an average of 12 people each visit. The attendees influenced a programme of activities for visits to the campus, this involved group discussions around reminiscence, shown around the Library facilities & researched local history at the Kinross Museum. They were given a tour of the campus & also took part in exploring the history of T in the Park, World War II & were involved in the Museum's Black Watch Exhibition.

Getting to Know your Community

This event was a Partnership project between Community Learning & Development staff & Housing & Community Care, which was held at Kinross Primary School on 7 October 2010. There were a wide range of services in attendance to provide advice & information to the local residents, unfortunately this was very poorly attended.

Community Profiles

Community Profiles have been compiled for Kinross-shire & Kinross Town – these are currently being updated & will be available on the PKC website. They are also to be distributed to information points throughout Kinross-shire.

Texting Project

Over 60 people from Kinross-shire have signed up to this free information service that uses text messages to send relevant, up-to-date information to people of Perth & Kinross about events & services that directly impact on them. Please contact T Ramsay for a registration leaflet.

A Community Training Workshop proforma was created & published in the Kinross Newsletter, unfortunately no responses were received. This will be re-entered in June's newsletter & also the website so please respond if you are interested in any of the options.

Funding information is regularly distributed to the CCB database & through the use of local media & email & CC.

CCB database up-to-date, there are over 200 groups, organisations & local services.

If you require further help or assistance please contact Tracey on 01577 867124 email: Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk or contact the Cultural & Community Services Clerical Assistant Jayne Ramsay on 01577 867177.