



THIRD SECTOR
Dumfries and Galloway

Takeaway Fact Sheet

ROADSHOWS

Community facility management focus roadshow: Eskdalemuir Community Hub

The session opened with a welcome from Selina McMorran, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway's Community Engagement Officer (Annandale and Eskdale).

The theme of the Roadshow was decided through pre-engagement with organisations in Eskdale and surrounding areas. Through this engagement it was highlighted that a Community Facility Management focus Roadshow in Eskdalemuir would be beneficial.

The format of the day included a presentation from Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS). There was an opportunity for 1:1 meeting with Nick Paterson, Facilities Management Advisor and the TSDG Engagement Team, who were able to offer advice around governance, funding, volunteering and social enterprise. This was then followed



Presentation from Nick Paterson, of Community Ownership Support Services, DTAS.

by one hour drop in sessions with the TSDG Team and guest speaker. It was a fantastic opportunity for groups to meet with Nick and access his knowledge and support, and all the groups who attended managed to speak to Nick.

Next Steps

It has been identified that a similar event will be beneficial and this will most likely take place in Gretna on the 10th October, more information will follow.

Emerging themes

- Opportunity to access new support offered through Community Ownership Support Services, COSS
- What opportunities are available to groups through Community Shares
- Assets becoming available through the Church of Scotland
- Projects and organisations that support working toward Net Zero have more access to support and funding.
- Property and land should be an asset to the community not a liability
- Funding required to support community owned facilities to continue to develop their facilities
- Training could be beneficial for community groups considering taking over an asset and what their legal requirements are
- For continued development sustainability of the organisation needs to be considered at every stage.



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Current support landscape

What does the current support landscape look like for Community Owned Facilities?

The main organisation offering devoted support for organisations considering taking on an asset or already in ownership of an asset is Community Ownership Support Services (COSS).

This adviser-based service is being delivered Scotland wide and aims to provide individual community groups and public bodies with a bespoke support service from the first steps to the completion of the asset transfer. Their support includes a combination of -

- Expert advice on all aspects of asset transfer
- Training courses on the asset transfer and asset development process
- A wealth of written materials and training modules
- Web access to information on good practice, toolkits and case studies.
- Sign-posting to other support agencies

Community Land Commission work with a wide range of stakeholders across a number of sectors, both public, private and social enterprise to deliver their programme of work, to support organisations to look at land ownership.



Community Land Scotland help communities and landowners to secure land for growing and nature-based activities, enabling people across Scotland to benefit. Their information and advice service makes good use of Scotland's policy opportunities, and supports you with the experience and knowledge of their members and partners.

What can TSDG do to support your organisation with community facility ownership and management?

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway can support your organisation to be asset transfer ready by ensuring your governance is in place and ready to take on an asset. We also offer a number of workshops around governance, business development, volunteering and funding. These workshops along with other support that is available will put your organisation in the best possible position to take on and manage an asset.

Feedback

Very welcoming, and very informative.

Nick was most helpful and I am looking forward to meeting further and receiving more further info.



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Useful information

COSS contact details:

nick@dtascot.org.uk or call 0131 225 2080

Community Land Scotland contact details

<https://www.communitylandscotland.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/> or call 0300 244 9822

Community Land Commission contact details:

info@landcommission.gov.scot or call 01463 423 300

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway - training opportunities

<https://www.tsdg.org.uk/training23/>

Speak to TSDG Engagement Team

Info@tsdg.org.uk or call 0300 303 8558

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