

Welcome to the December edition of the CREATE Paisley newsletter, we hope you are doing well and looking forward to Christmas and spending time with family.

Over these past months CREATE have been enjoying the return of face to face, in person sessions and drop-ins and being able to interact with the young people again. This has been extremely beneficial to both young people and staff here at CREATE.

I have been working in my position as Fundraising and Marketing Manager with CREATE for just over 4 months now, and it has been absolutely wonderful to see the support come in from funders, the local community and businesses and look forward to more in 2022!

I hope you enjoy reading what CREATE has achieved over the last few months. Thank you for all your continued support to the charity and towards the young people who are supported by CREATE.

Yours Sincerely

Celia Maclean

Fundraising and Marketing Manager

Christmas

Christmas is fast approaching and it's all go at CREATE Paisley. We were delighted to be supported by Affluent Financial Planning in Bridge of Weir who generously funded our Christmas Card Competition. Young people came together to design and create Christmas cards and voted on their favourites. The winner, Ryan McFedries who attends Neu Normal at the STAR Project in Shortroods, had his design printed and they have been distributed across the community for sale and sent to our partners.



Christmas is a time where support is needed more than ever and we are delighted to be chosen by Glasgow based contact centre Go-Centric as one of 4 charities to benefit from their Give-Centric Christmas Tree where staff buy a gift or make a donation towards a bauble to go on their tree.



If you would like to make a donation to CREATE Paisley this Christmas it would be much appreciated and all donations will go towards transforming the lives of young people across Renfrewshire through creativity. **You can make a one off gift or sign up to become a regular giver on our website.**

[Give now](#)

Youth Work Update

Across autumn, we've met weekly at the Tesco Cafe in Linwood for fun and chat, arts and crafts, and talking about the things that matter to us. Our Johnstone group have met weekly for relaxed socials, music and open mic, and arts workshops.

At Halloween, we were excited to create a spooky window display for the Linstone House Association and COP26 gave us a platform for discussion about the issue of climate change.

In Paisley, we've continued to run our CREATE Cafe nights at Blend, as well as launching weekly arts workshops in partnership with Star Project in Shortroods and a weekly youth voice session at our office called Tea & Toast. We also ran a programme of workshops with Paisley Museum to co-produce a brief for the design of Introductory Gallery with young people and museum staff.

CREATE welcomes new chairperson Toni James

CREATE Paisley recently welcomed Dr Toni James as our new Chairperson. Born and raised in Paisley, Toni built a successful career as a pianist and collaborative musician as well as a university professor. To find out more about Toni visit www.tonijamespiano.com



Toni says, 'I am delighted to lead the Board of CREATE Paisley in its next crucial phase of development. The scale and quality of the work the organisation delivers and the impact it has had on young people

in Renfrewshire is a testament to its remarkable growth in only a few short years.'

Celebrating Successes

Celebrating Renfrewshire

In November we were pleased to be voted by the young people of Renfrewshire to be successful recipients of funding from the Celebrating Renfrewshire funds in Linwood, Johnstone and Paisley North, West & Central areas - thanks to all the young people who voted for us!

Coop Local Community Fund

CREATE Paisley have been selected to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund in partnership with their Paisley store for the next year ahead which is amazing news!

We encourage you to become a Co-op Member in order to support us while you shop - invite all your friends and family to sign up too - the more members who choose to support CREATE the more funds we raise. Register at the Co-op website www.coop.co.uk .



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your support this year.