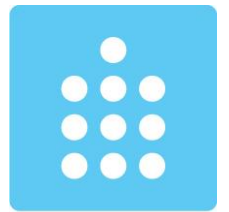


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**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND
CBHAs –
our recent research
with members**

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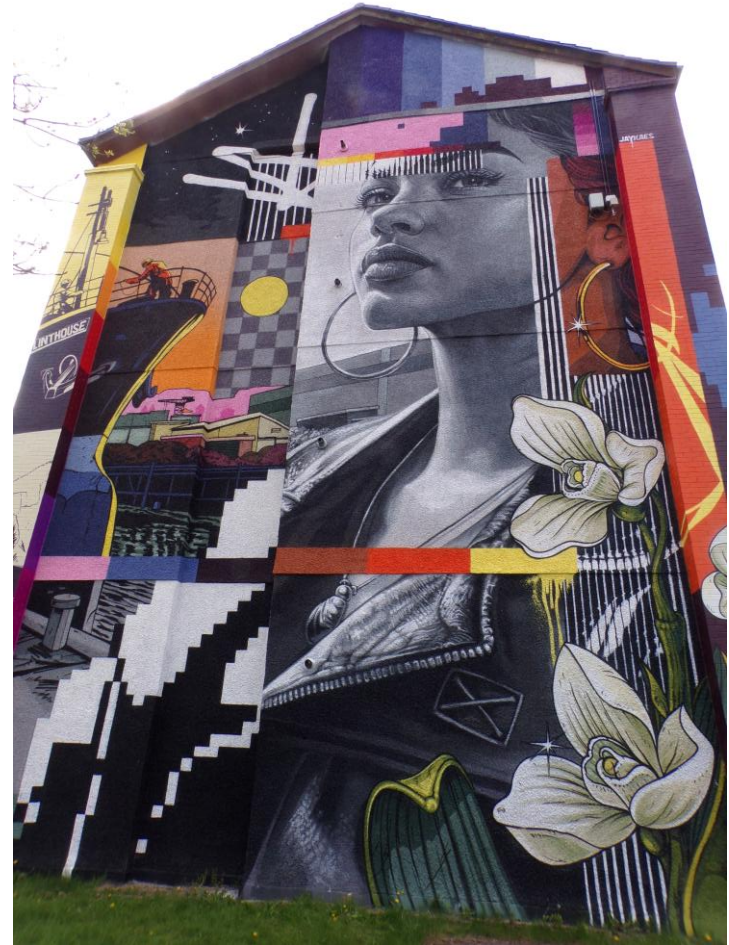
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"Great communities
don't happen by
chance they're built
with vision, purpose,
and thoughtful
design."

Jane Jacobs

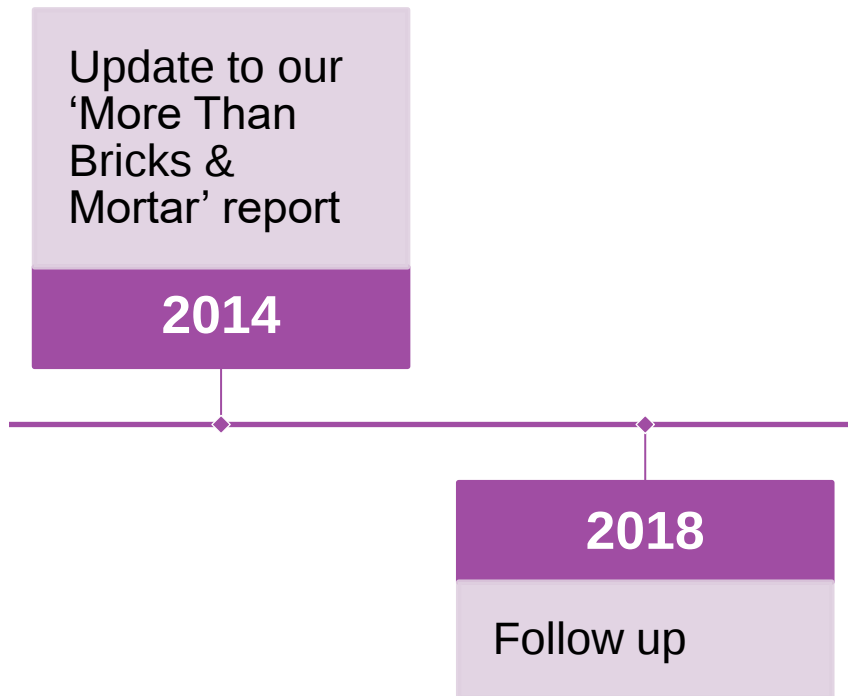
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“Places make people and people make places.” (*Professor Sally Macintyre*)



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Our recent research – April/June 2025



- Survey to all members
(30 responses – 46%)
- Follow-up discussions
- Identifying case-studies

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What we asked



Community Development staff - core funded or otherwise?

What are the key strands of your CD activity? e.g – is the focus on young people, older people, local environment, a mixture of activities?

How are these funded?

Has your CD activity changed over the years? If so, in what way(s)?

Do you think there are more pressures on your CD activities currently?

What do you see as the key challenges/opportunities for CD moving forward?

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What's in a name?



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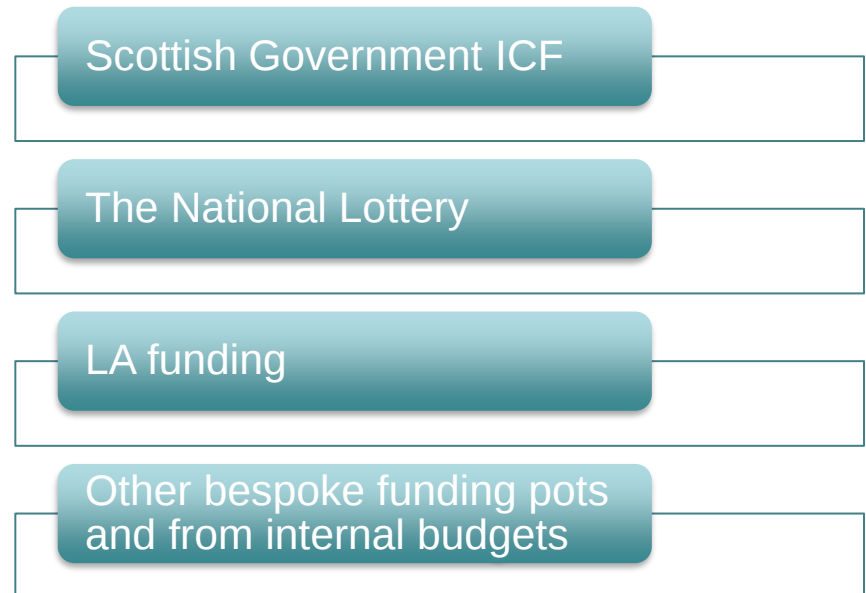
How is your CD activity funded?



CD staff/team

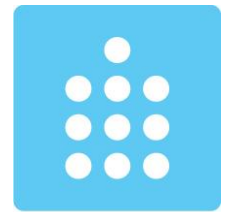
- Core funded by HA
= 16
- Mix – internal & external
= 8
- External
= 6

CD projects/activities



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Key strands



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Improving the
appearance of
the built
environment

Employment and
Training

Community
Gardens and
green spaces

Range of
activities -
YP/older
people/families

Combating
loneliness &
social isolation

Providing
Community
Facilities

Supporting
vulnerable
people

Health & well-
being initiatives

Financial &
energy advice

Food pantries

Digital upskilling
projects

Volunteering

AND MUCH
MORE!!

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Increased pressures and key challenges



Communities 'still recovering' – post-pandemic and 'hit with a wave of other challenges' (CoL/fuel prices)



Increased poverty & inequality



Increased mental illness – related issues



Increased expectations/demand

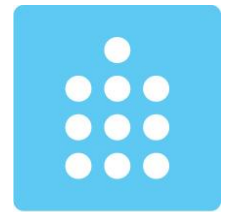


Increased apathy/detachment



Withdrawal/'rolling back' of other services – 'role creep'

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“Many of our local youth providers, tenants and Police Scotland have noted higher incidences, of specifically young boys, turning to crime or participating in ASB. X [local partnership agency] has advised they’ve never known it to be so bad, and they have 20 years experience in the area. Boys are not attending school, turning to drugs and alcohol, being groomed by local drug dealers as they can’t be prosecuted and are extremely aggressive and hostile towards agencies.

This is extremely challenging not only for our residents, but the likelihood is, these young men are potentially going to be our future tenants and trauma of their childhood, may bring with it the inability to sustain a tenancy.”

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Moving forward – key challenge



- Less funding
- More competition
- Uncertainty
- Short-term funding cycles vs long-term aims of CD approaches
- Rethinking funding?

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Moving forward - opportunities



Stronger partnerships



More collaboration



Recognition of CAO role – trust in the CBHA



Closer relationships with tenants & other community members



Catalyst for doing things differently



Sharing of expertise & resources



Use of AI in CD work

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Reflections and next steps



- Briefing with case studies to SG and other partners
- GWSF reconvened CD group
- Other opportunities to bring members together



CD IS STILL
GOING STRONG
IN CBHAS



APPETITE TO 'DO
MORE'



OUR STORY TO
TELL – WE NEED
TO KEEP
TELLING IT!



THE COMMUNITY
ANCHOR MODEL
WORKS



FUNDING,
FUNDING,
FUNDING!

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Everyone needs good neighbours

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Our Exhibitors



NO WRONG DOOR - GLASGOW

A growing network of service providers and third-sector organisations dedicated to creating a better, more connected system for families experiencing poverty.

FIND OUT MORE!

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Inclusive communication includes as many people as possible in any face to face, phone, on-line or on paper communications.

Communication Inclusion People helps any organisation to check, plan and develop their inclusive communication.



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