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A CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF EUROPEAN FUNDS IN WESTERN SCOTLAND

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>Kelburn &amp; Woodhall Community Resource Project</b>
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b>	<b>Kelburn &amp; Woodhall Community Resource Centre</b>
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>Clyde Waterfront URBAN II Programme 2000-2006</b>

## PROJECT ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Kelburn/Woodhall area of Port Glasgow is one of the most severely disadvantaged areas of Inverclyde.

In 1989 a group of local residents, together with Strathclyde Regional Council, met to discuss local resources and services within the Kelburn/Woodhall area. Various issues were raised and the main problems were:

- no training facilities
- access to local information/services
- community meeting place
- youth involvement in the community.

It was agreed to put forward the idea of a resource centre for the Kelburn and Woodhall Area of Priority Treatment (APT) and, from this, a steering committee was formed and an Urban Programme application lodged in 1989 with the support of Regional and District Councillors, local community groups and organisations. The resource centre was opened in November 1992. Over the last ten years the Centre has provided a local community led project that meets the needs of local residents in tackling issues relating to poverty and social exclusion. After seven years of Urban Programme funding which ended in September 2002, the project applied for funding from the Clyde Waterfront URBAN II Programme in order to increase the size of its services available to Port Glasgow residents.

URBAN II grant awarded contributes towards:

- 1 Administrator
- 1 Community Learning Worker
- 1 Outreach worker
- 2 Stewards/Caretakers
- Administration, Premises and Marketing Costs.

## PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Centre were to:

- promote, stimulate and enable lifelong learning in the community of Port Glasgow through development of a community facility that encourages self-directed learning, core skills and utilising ICT as a learning medium
- help the residents of Port Glasgow develop the skills necessary to gain and sustain a place in the employment market through a number of interventions specifically focused on employability
- identify training needs and suitable courses
- support community initiatives centred on employability eg job placement schemes for adults
- reduce exclusion and inequality
- improve access to financial, health and employment services
- help build local capacity.

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Kelburn/Woodhall Resource project plays an important role in addressing barriers to social inclusion in the in Port Glasgow area, attracting people to lifelong learning through an open and flexible approach to accessing jobs and training opportunities.

The Centre has a strong focus on:

- employability course
- family learning
- online learning
- IT familiarisation and upskilling
- open learning
- job search skills
- core skills
- study clubs
- outreach programmes.

## PROJECT STRUCTURE

The overall management of the Centre is the responsibility of the Board of Directors who are elected annually from members of local residents. The Board meets every two weeks and receives reports from staff and independent accountants, and to monitor and evaluate all aspects of the services they provide to the Port Glasgow area.

The day to day management of the project is the responsibility of the Project Administrator and Federation of Community Learning Centres.

## PROJECT FINANCE

Funding Partners	Inverclyde Regeneration Partnership, New Opportunities Funds and Scottish University for Industry
Eligible Costs (£)	£251,968
ERDF/ESF Support (£)	£125,968
Priority/Measure	Priority 3 - Creating Opportunities through local employment generation  Measure 3.2 - Linking to Local Employment Opportunities

## PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Indicator	Target	Achievement	% Target Achieved
No of people assisted to become active labour market participants	670	1001	149.40%
No of people using community employment/learning projects	1340	1001	74.70%
No of positive outcomes for local people(education/job progression)	1340	1001	74.70%