



# Our Aberdeenshire

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— Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership newsletter —

## Welcome to the new Community Planning newsletter

This newsletter will keep you in the loop about anything related to Community Planning in Aberdeenshire. We are planning to publish four editions throughout the year with both Local and Shire wide info and articles. We'd really like to know what you think of it from the layout to the content. Please forward any comments, good, bad or ugly, to the central Community Planning team - contact details are at the bottom of this page and we'll take it from there...

### What is Community Planning?

**C**ommunity Planning is all about ensuring that public organisations work together and with people in local communities. The Community Planning partnership listens to, communicates with and involves communities in decisions on how services can better meet local needs.

The aim of Community Planning Partnership is to work together for the best quality of life with happy, healthy and fulfilled people, living in a healthy, safe and sustainable environment with a vibrant local economy. Working together for everyone in Aberdeenshire by listening, involving and responding to the people in our communities and by working in partnership with our communities and local organisations to deliver more efficient and improved services, which meet local



needs. It is something that happened in Aberdeenshire long before it was officially called 'Community Planning', but has been made a statutory duty through the Local Government Act (2003).

#### The partners...

In Aberdeenshire, there are ten main community planning partners; Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Councils for Voluntary Service Network, Community Councils, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, Grampian Police, Local Rural Partnerships, Nestrans, NHS Grampian, Scottish Enterprise and Skill Development Scotland.

#### Are you already involved in community planning?

You may already be "doing" community planning without even knowing it if you, possibly as part of a community group or community organisation, put forward the views and wishes of your community into local projects. This could mean any project that affects your community and is being undertaken in partnership.

We are keen for the community planning partnership to be aware of these types of projects. The easiest way of making sure of that is to contact either your Local Community Planning Group, or one of our community and voluntary partners mentioned above, i.e. Community Councils, Councils for Voluntary Service, and Local Rural Partnerships. Support or advice may be able to be provided.

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**REACHING OUT PROJECT  
PETERHEAD**

The Reaching Out Projects in Fraserburgh & Peterhead were recently awarded the Best Team and also the Silver Award in the Advancing Community and Citizen Well-being category at COSLA Excellence Awards. Staff, volunteers and Council representatives received the award at a ceremony in St Andrews followed by a dinner.



The Award is currently being displayed in turn by some of the projects who have been supported by the Reaching Out Projects.



A showcase event was held in the Harvest Community Church Hall to give partners and projects an opportunity to show their community what has been accomplished and the future

work that is planned.



Several Partnership organisations and projects took part in the event, including BRIDGE CVS, NHS Grampian, Foyer, Team Tanzania, Aberdeenshire Council Learning & Development, Jobcentre Plus, CFine, Waste Aware Aberdeenshire, Working For Families, Credit Union, The Hotspot, Roll It Productions & the Reaching Out Project, who proudly displayed the Award at their stand.

Team Tanzania showed how they are helping young people in Tanzania have a decent standard of life and education.



Lifeshapers Our Space team from Aberdeen Foyer provided complimentary healthy soups and tasty puds for everyone, with fruit and veg donated by CFine.



The event was open to the public, to let them see the work that had been carried out and suggest future activities they would like to see taking place in their community.

Beautiful hampers were also raffled, filled with items generously donated by local businesses.

A Celebration Dinner was held at the Leisure Centre in Fraserburgh where volunteers, projects and partners were treated to a meal, with entertainment provided by local groups who had received funding.

For more information about the Reaching Out Project in Peterhead, contact **01771 624811**