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Field of Dreams Report Launch

The Autism sub group of the Formartine Local Community Planning Group have been working with Outside the Box, an agency who support those wishing to make a difference in their community, to collate the views of children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families in the Ellon area and compiled the report titled "Field of Dreams". The work the group have carried out came from concerns of parents of young people with ASD that there is a lack of post education support, opportunities and activities for their children. The report details the lack of such services for these young people and the group's aspirations for the future. On Monday 30th November 2009 the report was launched at the Ythan Centre in Ellon. The aim of the Launch was to put into practice what



was gathered within the report. There was a good turnout on the day of professionals and parents, all those working with children and young people with ASD. There were presentations from Outside the Box, PAGES (Parent Advisory Group for Education and Socialisation) and from the National Autistic Society. Delegates were then asked to prioritise the needs identified in the report via a group discussion which could then influence the Formartine Local Community Plan. The main findings and people's priorities of the day were; to improve employment opportunities, improve social settings and to develop a directory of services for young people and their families. It is envisaged that the existing group can continue to build on these priorities to make the lives of those with ASD that little bit better.

Kill Your Speed Campaign

to raise awareness of the issue of speeding in Formartine

The Formartine Local Community Planning Group continues to support the "Kill Your Speed" campaign by Grampian Police. The campaign received funding from the Local Community Planning Group to produce a

leaflet for the public to raise awareness of the issue speeding in Formartine. The campaign started in early December but has been interrupted due to weather conditions but will continue as weather improves.

Formartine Forum

Local residents were invited along to the Annual Formartine Forum, held at Meldrum Academy on 3rd December, there was a good turnout of people to discuss the future of Formartine and to look at what the priorities should be to make life better in Formartine. The weather put some off but we there was good representation from Community Councils, Local Residents, Young People and Community Planning Partners such as Grampian Police, Grampian Fire and Rescue and Aberdeenshire Council. The evening generated lots of discussion and suggestion for improvement, and these will be developed to inform the updated version of the Formartine Local Community Plan.



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The Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership website is a useful source of information about the work that is being taken forward to develop community planning in Aberdeenshire. The site offers local groups and the wider public the opportunity to get involved in community planning to make a real difference in the area where you live.

Home Page

On the home page you will find frequently updated news and events involving partnership working and community engagement in Aberdeenshire. There is an A-Z and an interactive map to help you navigate around the website.

Get Involved

This section truly provides you with an opportunity to get involved in community planning. For example, you can:

- ♦ have your say by taking part in consultations currently ongoing in Aberdeenshire, such as commenting on your draft local community plan
- ♦ voice your opinion on local services and influence decision makers by signing up to our citizens' panel.

Our Priorities

The priorities which the community planning partnership is taking forward can broadly be categorised into five areas of work.

- ♦ Community Wellbeing - to enhance the quality of everyday life across Aberdeenshire by improving health and social care, housing and community safety.
- ♦ Jobs and the Economy - to improve the economy of Aberdeenshire and the employment prospects of its people.

- ♦ Lifelong Learning - to develop and improve learning opportunities and build stronger communities in Aberdeenshire by improving knowledge and skills, developing confidence, promoting inclusion and empowering communities.
- ♦ Sustainable Environment - to achieve sustainability by reducing resource use, protecting our environment, combating climate change and enhancing biodiversity.
- ♦ Developing our Partnership - to work together to make our partnership as efficient and effective as possible.

Further information on each priority can be accessed on the website. You will also be able to see how we are working towards these objectives in our local community plans in the Document Library.

Document Library

The library provides access to all key partnership documents, such as the local community plans, community profiles and Making it Real action plans. You can also view other relevant documents as well as minutes and agendas for partnership meetings in Aberdeenshire.

Tackling Poverty

Here you will find information and updates from our Tackling Poverty and Inequalities strategy group. The section focuses on local statistics and positive examples of tackling poverty in Aberdeenshire.

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