

What's going on AFTER Total Craigroyston?

After 4 years of working for change in North Edinburgh, the Total Craigroyston initiative is coming to an end. Many of the successes and the lessons learned have been fed into the Council's transformation programme and will be carried forward by the new locality teams.

Total Craigroyston is holding an event on 23rd March at PYCP to bring people up to date with the work that we have done, to mark where we have got to and look at how new locality teams will take shape.

Several key pieces of work will be continued to continue to build on the positive outcomes that have been achieved.

Support In Time

Families told us often that they wanted to be offered help and support before problems became very complex. The Support in Time (SIT) meeting was set up to provide families with that early help and support. The Support in Time meetings will continue to meet monthly, chaired by the Senior Family Worker from Family Solutions. Head Teachers and Early Years staff will continue to identify families who would benefit from early support and bring forward families for discussion at the monthly meeting with their consent.

Tracey Devenney will continue to provide administrative support and can be contacted on 529 5073 or by email on tracey.devenney@edinburgh.gov.uk



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Guardians Group

The Guardians Group was set up to co-ordinate youth activities within the Neighbourhood Partnership area and improve opportunities for young people. This group took forward the Youth Talk initiative along with Total Craigroyston and the North Edinburgh Young People's Forum. The Guardians Group is the youth engagement group for the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership and will continue to meet, chaired by Scott Donkin, Partnership Information Manager. Scott can be contacted on 529 5001 or by email at Scott.donkin@edinburgh.gov.uk

Work in Primary Schools

Total Craigroyston has been working closely local primary schools with the aim of preventing young children offending and committing crimes. Steven Macara, Community Safety Youth Worker has delivered a programme called Respect in each of the schools and has provided individual support to some P7 children. The youth organisations and Community Learning and Development staff are also helping schools by providing extra groupwork for children who need extra support going up to High School

Steven's role will continue for 6 months in it's current format and thereafter should become part of the Locality Community Services Team. Steven can be contacted on 529 5032 or by email on Steven.macara@edinburgh.gov.uk

Community Connections Group

The Community Connections 16+ group was set up to support young people leaving school into Employment, training or further education. The group complements the work of the High School and acts as the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership's Training and Employment Group.

The group will continue and will be Chaired by Helen Bourquin, Senior CLD worker. Helen can be contacted on 332 6316 or by email on helen.bourquin@ea.edin.sch.uk

FACE North

FACE North works closely as part of Stronger North to provide additional youth work support to young people who may otherwise be involved in crime. This support will continue to be funded until March 2017 and the worker will now be based at Pilton Youth and Children's Project. For information contact James Riordan at 332 9815

Housing

Helping ensure that families have a good place to live is key. We have worked with the housing team and others to ensure that families get help with their housing as quickly as possible and when necessary other support. The housing training for non-housing staff has been found to be extremely helpful as well, contributing to better joint-working.

Data

Throughout Total Craigoyston we have been identifying ways to use data to help understand what is working well and where more work is needed. The 'A Place that You Know' infographic has helped to start conversations to achieve this aim and been used to help bring additional funding into the area.

Community Action North

Community Action North has been set up to help local residents influence decisions that affect their community. A Community Conference was held in February where ideas for future development were identified. These ideas include : economy, power and decision making, crime and community safety, community spaces and infra structure, housing, young people. The neighbourhood partnership has a role to play in helping address all of these Issues. Contact Dave Pickering on 315 2151 for information.



Calendar of Events for Young People

A calendar of events and clubs for children and young people during term time and school holidays has been produced regularly and has been well received by schools, parents and other partners.

It is intended that the calendar will continue to be produced, however, on a less frequent basis, maybe twice a year but particularly for the activities over the summer holidays. The calendar will continue to be available in schools, library, community centres and the community shop.



Schools

All our local schools will continue to work hard to ensure that all our young people continue to do well at school. For primaries this means working on improving reading, writing and numbers as well as developing the Rights Respecting approach. For Craigoyston Community High work will continue on improving the curriculum, supporting the no exclusion approach, ensuring that all pupils stay on until S6 and developing the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme.

Family Support

Many families have told us that too many people are involved with them and we have tested out ways of reducing that number. This will be taken forward as part of the development of the Locality Team, specifically the development of more integrated family and household support service

Key contacts for 2016

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