#### COVID 19 Update 29th May 2020



# Community Regeneration

Edinburgh University's Generation Scotland team and network are urgently researching the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic- and the government's policies regarding it - mainly how This is affecting the lives of people in the U.K., and, importantly, <u>who</u> is being affected.

It is a major survey of which interim results are already beginning to have an impact at national policy level in Scotland.

A further boost is needed to strengthen this effort and its results, so we ask if you could help in distributing the survey and <u>encouraging completion of it across all diverse adult groups in the UK</u>, it will not only be much appreciated but hopefully also have a significant impact on informing improved policy making for the benefit of *all* groups.

The survey can be found here. Thank you in advance for completing it and distributing it across the UK. <u>https://edinburgh.eu.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_3Fc6S8ttNkyDHNP</u>

#### creative communities In lockdown

Communities have been coming up with a wealth of innovative and creative ideas to keep themselves and community entertained and engaged during lockdown weeks. This has been a fantastic way of communities supporting each others mental health and well being through this pandemic

### VSGWL COVID-19 Third Sector Response Fund

Addiewell & Loganlea volunteers deliver regular food parcels. Breich Community Association provide support for all to grow their own vegetables. Fauldhouse & Breich Valley CDT have opened Eastfield Development Centre for food donations, collections & delivery. Longridge Community Association & primary school staff deliver a Larder throughout the week. Polbeth Hub offering counselling support. Stoneyburn & Bents Future Vision Group & WLFIN providing a friendly chat telephone service and running cook schools, fun runs & activities for all. West Calder & Harburn CDT delivering hot meals through the Brunch Club.

#### Indoors & out 🦲

Growing competitions Painting stones Affirmation messages Bake offs Big camp Oot Lockdown Friday Quiz Monday lockdown live bingo Story times Craft activities Nature challenges Bingo Community snake On line classes Cook school Fun Run

Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian is pleased to launch a £52,000 emergency small grants fund to provide financial assistance to local grassroots organisations & groups. The grant will help groups directly supporting West Lothian residents who are facing additional barriers or have increased requirements as a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Awards will be made between £600 and £2,400. Successful organisations will need to undertake all activities by 30th of Sept 2020. Closing date for applications is Friday 5th June at 5pm.See one page <u>application form</u> and <u>guidance note</u> for further information

Spotlight on volunteers Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Working together

## Activities can be found on 📑 or 🌐

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