



Locality Activity Fund (LAF)



Impact and Learning Flash Report - Year 2024/25 April 2024 - September 2024

This fund aims to...

The Locality Activity Fund (LAF) provides small grants to support local Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) organisations to provide local services/activities which help residents from their localities improve their health and wellbeing and promote equality and inclusion. LAF funds are allocated through the 6 Locality Consortia, chaired by Locality Hosts

At the start of this year...

Locality hosts received between **£45k - £60k** to allocate through Locality Consortia

Local CVS organisations can apply for up to **£5k** per LAF project

As per Sept, **£137.8k** of the total **£300k** has been allocated

6 months in, LAF projects have...

...supported **7309** unique individuals, including **434 carers**

41 projects* have delivered **380 sessions**

*This is the number of projects who reported so far. Final reporting will be higher

...contributed towards **outcomes** including:

Note that not all service users have reported on outcomes yet

The projects have been supported by...

181 volunteers and **3,104** volunteer hours

That's as many hours as 3.5 people working full time every week!

Volunteer hours equate to **£37.2k** match funding

(2024 RLW rate of £12)

4772

adults feel more connected, included and safe

1552

adults' health and wellbeing improved

283

carers feel more informed and aware

261

carers' health and wellbeing improved

5979

young people's health and wellbeing improved

People have said...

“**My mental health improved**, as the course got me out of the house. My children have loved the recipes, we have cooked these together at home. I also got to **share skills** with other participants”

Person who attended the Cooking on a Budget course at Maranatha Centre, Motherwell Locality

“I had a positive and interesting time. Lots of fun and friends got me out the house and connecting with great people. **The art really helps me live**. It was a brilliant opportunity to be creative and involved in a fun activity in a safe and supportive environment. I would encourage more sessions like this.

Person who attended Moira Anderson Foundation's Clay Highland Coo workshop, Airdrie Locality

“The inclusive Tea Dance catered for local senior citizens as well as involving young people eager to **share their life experiences**. In this respect, it proved hugely successful in **bridging generational divides**, fostering understanding and enabling companionship amongst attendees”

Coordinator of the Kilsyth Civic Week Organising Committee on the Intergenerational Strictly Come Dancing Tea Dance, the North Locality

More stories and case studies can be found in on the [Community Solutions website](#)

Many thanks to the funded projects who provided information for this report.

Pictures show...



People at the Cooking on a Budget course, Motherwell Locality



People attending the Muirhouse and Flemington Fun Run, Motherwell Locality



Clay Highland Coo created by Moira Anderson workshop attendee