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PEACE & CLIMATE JUSTICE

"I care about the environment and the climate because I care about human and planetary wellbeing. Those are the same thing in my view. We are standing up for justice and for sustainability, for liberation for everyone. There can be no climate justice without social justice."

Greta Thunberg



ONE PLANET, ONE PEOPLE

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of their skin, or their background, or their religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than the opposite."

Nelson Mandela

NO ROOM FOR RACISM



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This year our anti-racism campaign linked in with the overarching theme of Peace and Climate Justice, but why?

PEACE because currently there are between 65-and-130-armed conflicts going on across the globe, according to the Red Cross International Committee, displacing millions of people from their homes, plundering and destroying communities, killing people and causing severe climate problems.

CLIMATE JUSTICE because due to these wars, resulting in climate chaos, the poorer countries are those worse affected. In many cases, the richer countries are the cause of many of these wars and should pay out more to support the poorer countries who feel the brunt of the climate chaos, to help them recover from this disastrous situation, hence the need for climate justice.

ONE PLANET because planet earth is the only planet we have, there is no PLANET B! We have a duty to protect our planet and all living species on it, so that they can live in harmony and peace.



ONE PEOPLE because as part of protecting all living species on our planet we must also protect all human beings who live on it, all 8.3 billion human beings, who make up the one people living on this our planet.

NO ROOM FOR RACISM simply because we need a world where there is room for everyone, no matter the colour of our skin, the language we speak, the religion we practice, the food we eat or the clothes we wear.

All of this is not easy to do but in Drumchapel we are building a welcoming community where there is a place for everyone, a place that is a small example of what the world should look like!



So, what did we do?

Like last year, we decorated the community centre with 28 flags of different countries representing the countries of origin of many of the New Scots living in Drumchapel. We also exhibited our boards with true information about asylum seekers and refugees to challenge the fake news spread by the corporate media and some social media outlets.

We launched the campaign with a multicultural football tournament which saw 38 men and women of different ethnic origins, the majority of whom living in Drumchapel, take part in the tournament. The tournament was a success, albeit a bit competitive, as football can be!!!

We concluded the campaign with a celebratory event in the community centre to show how Drumchapel is a welcoming community. At this event the schools and third sector organisations each sang a song of their choice, and we shared some food, from Scotland,India and Pakistan. The schools produced some artwork, exhibited in the community centre, all of which contributed to creating a positive community vibe on the day.

We also drew a map of the world on the wall at Friendship House, an organisation who support asylum seekers and refugees in the community. During the next few months, we will fill in the map with colours and information about the different countries of people living in Drumchapel, who come from other places around the world.

All these activities took place during the month of October, and we hope that the same positive community vibe we experienced during October, will remain throughout the year, to continually challenge any form of racist behaviour in the community.

Let's all embrace this struggle to make Drumchapel a welcoming community of peace where there is a place for everyone.









A CLEANER, HEALTHIER D















Under the banner of Peace & Climate Justice, several organisations came together in May concerned about the amount of waste being literally dumped in all four corners of Drumchapel. We decided that something had to be done, so we opted for a "clean-up week". The dates agreed went from Monday 25th May until Sunday 31st of May, with each organisation deciding which date suited best. It was a week of hard work, organising which streets to tackle and combining times with each organisation so that the Glasgow City Council (GCC) could organise picking up the bags. We manged to collect 156 bags of waste which were collected by GCC.

While concerned about waste in Drumchapel we also wanted to promote Drumchapel as a community of Peace. To this end we organised a family fun day where everyone was invited to come along and enjoy a day together as a community. This took place in the shopping centre during the month of July and was another great success with over 1000 people coming along. On the day everything was free, from food to the different rides enjoyed by the children, and we promoted the importance of taking care of our place as part of our contribution towards climate justice.

A second "clean up", this time one day, and with additional support, was then organised in August. This "clean-up" brought on board some businesses linked to the organisation "Business in the Community". Again, this was a successful day when businesses had the opportunity to do some hands-on work in the community, while sharing a short lunch together with some of the community organisations. On the









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day we collected 172 bags.

Our campaign continued into the month of October, which is the month when we engage in our anti-racism campaign. This combined with Drumchapel as a cleaner and healthier place to live and work, promoting the community as a welcoming and healthy community with no room for racism.

We promoted 13 workshops in the schools and with some Third Sector organisations on the issue of anti-racism through the lens of Peace & Climate Justice. We took advantage of the workshops to insist on the importance of dealing correctly with our waste and how this makes our place cleaner and healthier. While insisting on the need to care for our place we also reenforced the need to care for one another and for many people coming from other countries to make Drumchapel their home.

With this edition of Drumchapel News we hope that every family in Drumchapel will embrace the importance of caring for our place, our streets, our houses, our bins and indeed all the buildings and empty spaces in Drumchapel, as well as our people, everyone, without exception, building a community or peace.























Drumchapel Cycle hub & Keep Drumchapel Tidy!

Established and running for over 10 years in the community, Drumchapel Cycle Hub has taught hundreds of children and adults how to cycle, taken individuals and groups out cycling and repaired and refurbished a whole lot of bikes!



In more recent years, we gave away hundreds of refurbished children's bikes to families for free over the festive period. These bikes were donated and then serviced, repaired and cleaned up in our workshop, saving lots of bikes from being dumped, and saving lots of families' money!

However, although this was a positive and successful project, we understood that most children would quickly grow out of the bikes and families would then need to find new or second hand bikes the following year.

As bikes were returned to us, we realised that we could help families further by creating a Kids Bike Library - children's bikes would go to families and then come back to us when the children needed bigger bikes or they needed repair. Since February 2025, we have refurbished over 280 bikes to go to families for their children. Amazingly, dozens of these bikes have been to several children as they have been used, returned and gone out to families again.

The success of this project really comes down to families understanding that they don't need to spend money on brand new bikes. Most decent children's bikes are made to last far longer than just a few months!

We accept donated bikes and our workshop assesses the condition and we try to refurbish as many as we possibly can. Many donated bikes have had little use and can go to new families almost immediately. Our mechanics however really can work wonders, and we can also use parts from broken bikes for repairs.

Over the years, communities across the country have experienced quite substantial fly tipping, individuals often getting rid of household items that could be repaired or reused by other people.

Our hub is just one organisation trying to reduce waste and reuse what we can. As our organisation grows, we're keen to help others learn how to repair and reuse. The pavilion in the park is currently being refurbished, and we will have a bigger repair workshop with space to hold training sessions so that others can learn how to maintain, refurbish and reuse bikes too!

Our workshop is currently open three days a week, Monday Wednesday and Friday 9.30-4.30pm. We offer FREE puncture repairs as well as low-cost services. If you have primary age or younger children, our Kids Bike Library is a fantastic resource.

If you are keen to help reduce waste and keep our community tidy, we have also set up a social media page 'Keep Drumchapel Tidy' where we organise regular litter picks around the local area. All volunteers are welcome.





Drumchapel Walking Group (DWG)

DWG is now one year old. We are a group of people from Drumchapel and surrounding areas who have a passion for outdoor walking. Since last October we have completed 12 walks which include the local Kilpatrick Hills and have gone as far north as Glencoe.

We do this for pleasure, for health reasons and for the love that we have for our wonderful planet, which offers beautiful, tranquil and picturesque scenery.

All of this does not cost anything, and our planet asks for nothing in return apart from caring for it wherever we are. When I am up a mountain amid this beauty it gives me a sense of the bigger picture and that we are only a small part of this immense universe.

The walks generate a sense of camaraderie where each one of us is important and has a contribution to make. Obviously, safety is paramount as there are dangers of which we must be aware. Overall, we take the necessary steps to offset these challenges.

One of the main benefits of the Drumchapel Walking Group is that it contributes to breaking down barriers like for example isolation which many people can feel in these challenging times, accompanied at times by financial difficulties, as well as insecurity regarding the future of our planet.

Our group is also aware of the importance of caring for our planet locally, in the streets of Drumchapel. Fly tipping, dumping of large items in green spaces causes us great concern and we must play our part. Undoubtedly Glasgow City Council has a role to play but we as citizens have a duty to care for our place. Overflowing bins, perhaps due to wrongly placed items, causing rats and bad smells, as well as seagulls having a feast and the collection only taking place every three weeks, all make our place look dirty and unhealthy.

Personally speaking, it worries and concerns me greatly how most people are tired because they are not being listened to by those who should listen. We are good people and fundamentally have a right to fresh air, a clean environment and a healthy and decent standard of living. In 2026, the UK Government is attempting to address multi billion pounds of debt therefore we can expect further measures which will have a detrimental impact on our standards of living.

We need to continue to believe in one planet and one people, which means caring, sharing and looking after one another. Giving hope must be translated into action which benefits all our communities, recognising that we are custodians of our planet. All of this depends on how we as human beings commit to SAVING OUR PLANET!

Andy Lynch







FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Where friendships are made!

Friendship House started in the 90's as a group of volunteers in a local church who wanted to help people coming from other countries, to make Drumchapel their home. Since then, it has evolved into an independent Third Sector organisation with a small board of trustees who continue as volunteers to support families across Drumchapel, and at times beyond!

Every Wednesday a hot meal is provided free of charge and there is also access to a parcel of food from the foodbank. Clothing, based on donations from the community, is also made available for those who require, again free of charge. In partnership with G15 Thriving Places, everyone has access to advice on a wide range of issues, if not solved on the spot, appointments are made at a further date.

However, the most important part is that Friendship House is a safe place where friends are made and people can start to build new relationships in a country which they have to try and make their own. This is not an easy task as many come from difficult and at times traumatic experiences.

The UK asylum-seeking system does not make their situation any easier and is becoming increasingly complicated. Even more so with recent UK government legislation, making it more difficult, through the Home Office, for people to settle here, now many having to wait for years before receiving the right to remain, a form of institutional racism.

Nevertheless, with all these difficulties, Friendship House is an open door for those who are looking for a place to help with the challenge of trying to carve out a new life in Scotland. Through enjoying some food together, perhaps meeting someone who speaks your language, many have found Friendship House to be a small haven amid the challenges they experience in their everyday lives, whether that be the language barrier, accessing work, finding a place to stay and unfortunately at times experiencing racism in the process.



Friendship House is a welcoming open door for everyone on Wednesdays from 11am until 1.30pm – come along!

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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE DRUMCHAPEL