

Pulteneytown People's Project

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What's On At The PPP

Special Events this Month

- PPP are looking forward to the prestigious SURF Awards next month where we have been awarded a Highly Commended entry in the Partnership category

MONDAY

- College Course, Wick: 9am-4.15pm
- Live Learn Work: 10.30am-3.30pm
- Mums Fun: 11am-4pm
- MAASK: 3pm-5.15pm
- Boy's Group: 3.30pm-5pm

TUESDAY

- Carnegie, Wick High: 9am-2pm
- Ladies Sewing Group: 10am-12pm
- Ladies Knitting Group: 2pm-4pm
- Keiss Computing Group: 2pm-4pm
- MAASK: 3pm-5.15pm

WEDNESDAY

- Target Activity Agreements: 9am-5pm
- Thurso Drop-in: 11am-4pm
- Watten Computing Group: 2am-4pm
- MAASK: 3pm-5.15pm
- Wick Computing Group: 6pm-8pm

To Get More Info On Any
Of Our Projects Or To Book
A Session Please Get In Touch

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FRIDAY

- College Course: 9am-4.15pm
- Job Club: 9am-5pm
- Art Class: 2pm-4pm
- MAASK: 3pm-5.15pm

THURSDAY

- College Course, Thurso: 9am-4.15pm
- Target, Thurso High: 9.30am-12.30pm
- Ladies Group: 10am-12pm
- Wick Drop-in: 11am-4pm
- Activity Agreements: 1.30pm-4.30pm
- Ladies Group: 2pm-4pm
- MAASK: 3pm-5.15pm

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DIYnomo Winter Work

WHY not let DIYnomo, your friendly, local social enterprise team help you with general maintenance services this winter as the cold begins to bite.

DIYnomo is a small social enterprise company operating throughout Caithness where all money made is reinvested in the company, enabling it to expand and provide new, useful services for local people.

The dedicated team has worked tirelessly for the last year throughout the county and surrounding villages to assist people in maintaining their property.

The DIYnomo team, Andrew Edwards and Brian Banks backed by Vince Walker, will continue to offer a full list of services for the coming months which will ensure that your house, garden and grounds remain in tip top condition through the chilly weather.

Over the winter months DIYnomo will be on hand to cover a multitude of work, not restricted to but including:

- Clearing garden paths of snow and ice which may be difficult for you to remove
- Small removals using our van and the team
- Powerwashing paths and walls to make them spotless
- Top up loft insulation to keep all the heat in your home and reduce your yearly bills
- Clearing your gardens, gutters and paths of fallen leaves
- Painting both inside and outside your home, including garden furniture
- Window cleaning
- Car cleaning; wash away that winter spray
- DIYnomo can also help prepare your garden for the onset of colder weather

DIYnomo is a local, reliable, competitively priced social enterprise company designed to give the customer maximum satisfaction.

Keep a close lookout for the DIYnomo van on the roads too – it will be easy to spot with its new decals and information.

Just call our reception team at Pulteneytown People's Project offices on 01955 606950 for more information, get a free estimate for the work you wish performed and to book the team; or simply drop into the office at: 41 Murchison Street, Wick, KW1 5HW.



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Find out all the latest on the Pulteneytown People's Project and receive our news when it happens by adding us on Facebook, Twitter and through RSS Feeds straight to your email.

Friend us on Facebook: [PulteneyProject Wick](#)

Find us on Twitter as: [PPPwick](#)

RSS Feed to our website: www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/rss.xml

The Pulteneytown People's Project website is updated daily with news, pictures and information on future events.

www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/index.html

There is a news page, information on all our projects and biographies on the PPP Directors.



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Mums Having Fun and Learning

MUM'S Fun at Pulteneytown People's Project has never been so popular, with an average of nine mums and soon-to-be-mums attending each week.

The group, which meets every Monday at PPP from 11am to 4pm, gives local mothers the chance to socialise and get help with their reading and writing through fun exercises.

While their babies play happily with each other and are cared for by the fully trained PPP staff, the mums get a chance to bake, cook, try new make-up techniques and learn how to budget their finances. To complete these interesting and relevant activities the mums have to use numeracy and literacy skills taught through the Highland Adult Literacies Partnership programme which also funds the group.

Everyone at Mum's Fun is incredibly excited about moving to the new Community Centre being built on Huddart Street, Wick, where they will be able to benefit from the modern amenities and use other services.

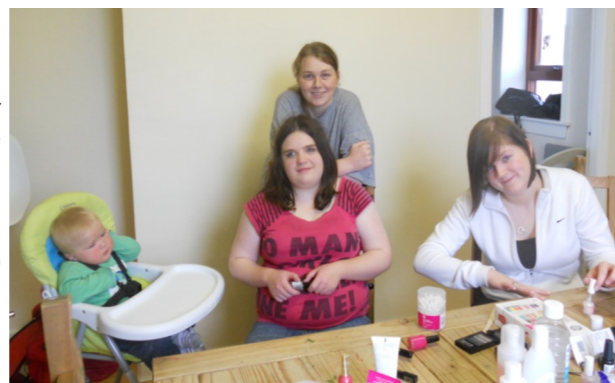
"Mum's Fun is really good, we've both been coming for a long time now," said Tasha Munro and Shelly Douglas, two of the mothers who attend Mums Fun. "We're looking forward to moving to the new Community Centre as we will get to use all the new facilities and the children will have lots of space to play in with their toys. We're going to use it all the time when it opens."

Volunteer Rena Polson, who helps the mums with beauty therapy, explained: "Through Mum's Fun the girls' confidence has really improved and you can see real, positive changes in the girl's lives even after a short space of time. Although the mums get to pamper themselves they do work hard, learning how to look after their households, how to manage their finances, numeracy and literacy skills, and cooking and baking."

Rachelle MacNab, who organises Mum's Fun, added: "I have known all the girls since their first day at Mum's Fun and worked with them in a group and also at an individual level."

"It's great to see them develop their skills; their confidence has really grown and continues to grow each week."

In the coming weeks some of the mums are hoping to attend first aid and computer courses at PPP to further increase their learning.



Community Centre News

A LOT has been happening at the new Community Centre where all the hard work is creating a truly special building.

Recent additions to the building include the main staircase which was put in place and will allow for easy access to the first floor. The kitchens for the cafe/restaurant and the training kitchen have both now been fitted and will certainly be put to good use. Other areas which have seen changes are the ground and first floor foyers where flagstone flooring is being laid, and several of the rooms which are going through the stages of being painted and having the flooring fitted.

Currently the furniture for each room is being chosen with the aim of being as practical and comfortable as possible. The modern design of the Centre will ensure that it stays looking its best for years to come and provide a pleasant location in Wick to visit for refreshments and nice meals at the cafe/restaurant, attend the Training Centre to learn new skills, or to drop the children off to enjoy themselves in the soft play area. Companies, community groups and members of the public will even be able to hire out the multi-functional hall for use as a conference venue; for sporting events such as badminton tournaments and for parties or functions.

Current PPP service users are very excited about the Centre. Margo Harper and Helen Budge, who attend the art class on a Friday, gave their impressions:

"The new Centre looks really nice, there's been a lot of thought gone into the planning of it. It's a super building. I'm sure I'll be using it plenty when it opens," said Margo Harper.

Helen Budge, referencing the Centre's electric doors, lift and disabled parking, added: "There have been lots of good reports about the disability access so I'm delighted about that."

With a booking already confirmed to use the Centre as a meeting venue in March and new jobs being advertised on PPP's website (www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk), the Centre is already proving to be a valuable asset to the community.



Features of the Community Centre

PPP will be able to provide:

- Birthday parties
- Wedding parties
- Children's themed parties with soft play and face painting

Interested in hiring our facilities?

- Badminton court
- 5-a-side football
- Netball
- Changing rooms and showers
- Band practice room

Get creative with:

- Professional cookery
- Pottery
- Art
- Mixed media
- Computers for beginners
- PC Passport classes
- Cooking classes for men
- Card making

The Centre will be able to provide much more as well, such as:

- Cinema facilities
- Youth 'drop-in'
- Football training
- Arts and drama
- Restaurant and bistro with children's meals and pensioners' rates



MAASK October Holiday Club

THE children at MAASK had a fantastic October holiday at PPP where they got to play games, go on trips and even dress up in spooky Halloween costumes for a party on the last day.

Visiting Ormlie Park and the Old Pulteney Whisky Distillery, the children enjoyed days out as well as daily sporting games of football, pool, badminton and lots of Nintendo Wii action.

To relax after such tiring activities the children designed hama bead patterns, coloured-in and worked with papier mache to create decorations for the Halloween party.

At the party the children played games of musical statues, duck duck goose and were also awarded prizes for their wonderful costumes and hama bead designs.

As a special treat the children even got to make chocolate apples which they thoroughly enjoyed:

"It's been fun being here; it's ace and I'm really enjoying it. We've been making chocolate apples and they are the best ever!" said Courtney John.

Beth Mackay was also enjoying herself: "The Club's been great, we get to do lots of special things during the day and play lots of games."

"I went on a tour of the Old Pulteney Whisky Distillery – it was really good but it smelled a bit while we were going round!"

"I definitely want to come back to the Holiday Club next time."

MAASK Manager Lynn Bain added: "The children have had lots of fun and really enjoyed the party on Friday."

"Next year's Holiday Clubs (Easter, Summer and October) will be just as exciting as they will be held in Pulteneytown People's Project's new Community Centre."



PPP Work Recognised in SURF Awards

PULTENEYTOWN People's Project has been awarded a prestigious SURF Award in the category of Partnership.

The award is recognition for the commitment and success of PPP's work with partner companies who, in working together, help to provide service users with the best possible assistance.

PPP will be receiving a Highly Commended entry for Partnership at the SURF (Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum) ceremony and are delighted to be given this honour.

PPP have been successful at the SURF Awards in previous years, having been highly commended in 2005 in the category People, highly commended in 2007 in the category Partnership, and also winning the award for best practice in urban regeneration in the category People in 2007.