



Grassmarket Community Project

# SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT 2025



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# TOGETHER WE THRIVE; CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE

The Grassmarket Community Project (GCP), is a community of over 600 people, working together to support positive changes in one another’s lives. We believe in a world where people can reach their full potential, feel positive about themselves, valued and connected to others.

Edinburgh has a reputation of wealth and prosperity, but the reality is that poverty here is hidden and extensive; 85,000 people in Edinburgh are living in poverty, and the number is rising every year. GCP exists to change that. From our base in the heart of Edinburgh, GCP provides a safe, welcoming space, supporting hundreds of young people and adults from across the Lothians facing some of life’s toughest challenges: homelessness, time in care, abuse, poverty, mental ill health, and unemployment.

Our mission is to create an inclusive, community-led environment where people feel empowered to develop skills, build positive relationships and enjoy an ongoing sense of belonging. Our open, strengths-based approach ensures every person feels valued and supported, while our diverse activities, workshops, and social enterprises create real opportunities for growth, learning, and employment. Each week, we run more than 25 free activities and classes focused on wellbeing, creativity, skills, and shared experiences where our members are enabled and empowered to embrace a future with hope.

“GCP DIDN'T JUST GIVE ME SKILLS; THEY GAVE ME HOPE. NOW, I SEE A FUTURE FULL OF POSSIBILITIES WHEN THERE WERE NONE.”

Our vision is simple but powerful: everyone in Edinburgh and the Lothians has the chance to flourish, to use their strengths, and to feel part of a connected, inclusive community.

GCP is more than a charity — we are a vibrant, people-powered community where people rebuild their lives, potential is realised, and lives transformed. This report highlights an incredible year where we have achieved so much together. It has only been possible because of the commitment and energy of our staff team, the loyalty of our dedicated army of volunteers, and the incredible support of our funders, partners, and customers — it is because of you that we can enable so many to flourish. Thank you to you all!

**Helene van der Ploeg**  
CEO, Grassmarket Community Project

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to create an inclusive person-centred environment where people feel empowered to develop skills, build positive relationships, and enjoy an ongoing sense of belonging.

## OUR VISION

The people we engage with will shine, utilising their skills and passion to make our community a positive, resilient, vibrant, connect, and inclusive place.

## OUR KEY OUTCOMES

Members will meet multiple of our 7 key outcomes, identified in the welcome process and monitored through evaluation, census and check-ins

- Improved Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Increased Social Network
- Improved Confidence & Independence
- Increased Resilience
- Greater Knowledge of Rights & Services
- Increased Participation & Engagement
- Increased Economic Opportunity

Challenges that Members most identified as facing at referral or at check in (2025 Member Census):

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Being on benefits or low pay             | 78% |
| Social isolation                         | 69% |
| Mental health issues                     | 69% |
| Long term illness or physical disability | 61% |
| Are neurodivergent                       | 41% |
| Homelessness or vulnerable housing       | 32% |
| Drug or alcohol issues                   | 23% |
| Care experienced                         | 15% |
| Prison or offending behaviour            | 10% |
| Have refugee or asylum experience        | 10% |

## OUR IMPACT

Members facing challenges of multiple barriers will be:

### SUPPORTED

To make own decisions and steps to change

### CONNECTED

To themselves, others and society, feeling less isolated

### VALUED

For their skills, time and experiences

### HEALTHIER

Physically, mentally and emotionally

### EQUAL

And able to reach their potential

### CONTRIBUTERS

Able to make a positive contribution to the lives of others and community

# OUR SERVICES

Our Members and Open Door Services are the heartbeat of Grassmarket Community Project.

Together, we listen, learn, and respond to the needs of our community through regular community meetings, feedback, and our annual census. These services provide safe, inclusive spaces where people can connect, share, and grow; through group activities, one-to-one support, new experiences or signposting to vital services.



2,593

Hours of individual opportunities

933

Group sessions delivered

490

Current GCP members, with 155 newly joining this year

8,580

Hours of pre-apprenticeships

GROUP

Core Skills

Numeracy, 16-25 groups, IT & Digital Skills, Literacy

Creative

Textiles, Woodwork, Arts & Crafts, Expressive Writing, Guitar & Music

Health & Wellbeing

Walks, Gardening, Wild Swimming, Reading Group, Souper Social, Dancing, Yoga

New Experiences & Opportunities

Day Trips & Residentials, History Tours, Events & Parties, Community Cinema, Partnership Visits

INDIVIDUAL & OPEN DOOR

Practical & Emotional Support

Counselling Referral, Haircuts, Digital Devices & Support, Access to Daily Meals, Drop-in Support

Learning Pathways

Accredited Training and Qualifications, Workshops and Employability Support

Social Enterprise Opportunities

Volunteering, Skills Development, Work Experience, Pre-Apprenticeships

Positive Destinations & Signposting

Clear Pathways, Specific Support Services, Employment & Volunteering Opportunities, Work Experience

OPEN DOOR

74

Haircuts given via our Bad Boy Barbers partnership

2,363

New attendees this year

56\*

Films screened at Picturehouse

1,243

Attendees at screenings

852

Avg. monthly engagement across programme

144

Current volunteers

8,130

2-course meals served

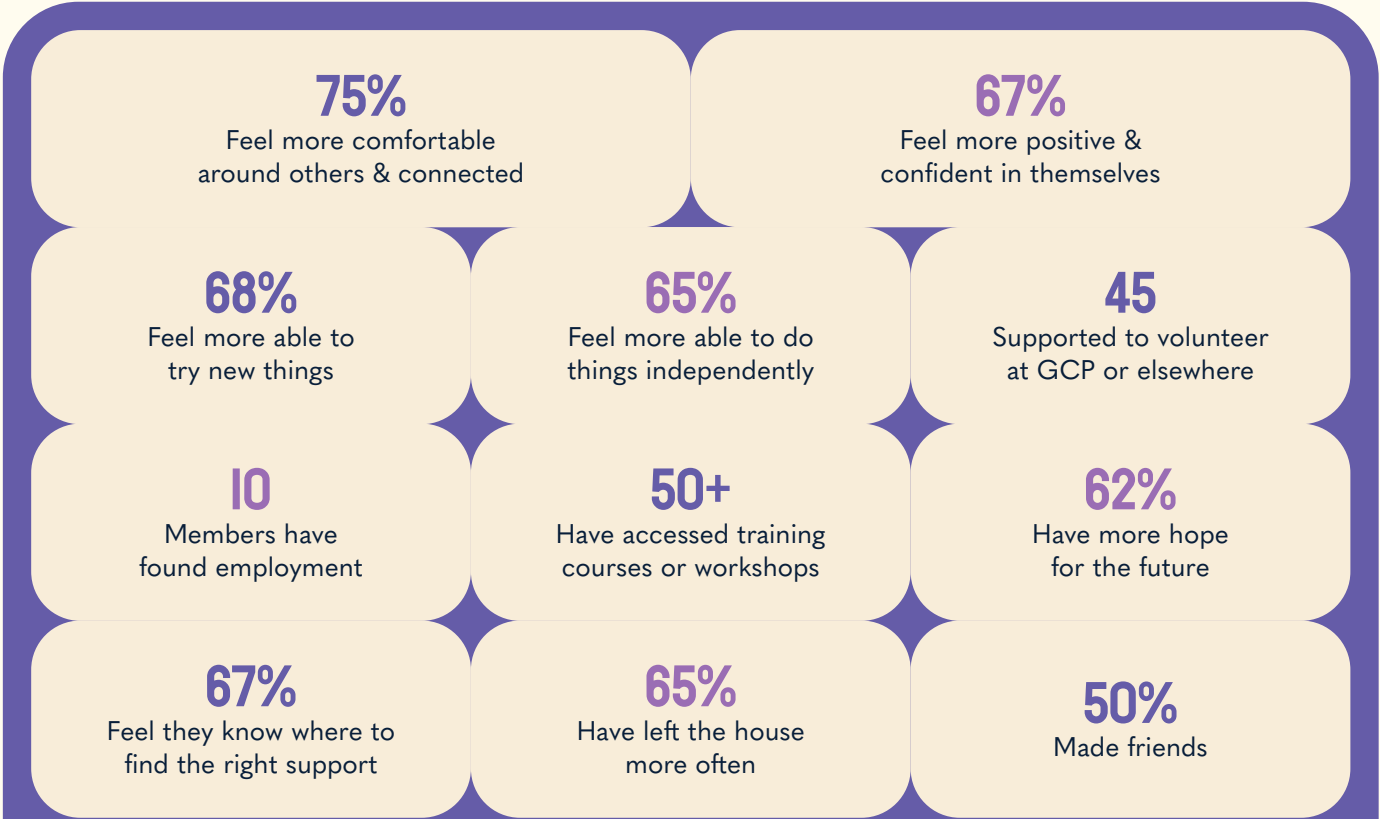
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Weekly groups, workshops & opportunities

\*including Take One Action, Lation Connections, Folk Film Gathering, Documentaries for Ukraine, Mint Chinese Shorts



Our 2025 census found that our members had the following changes since joining GCP:



MEMBER STORY

I was in a very dark and difficult place. I felt lost and confused, unsure of who I was anymore. I had experienced a serious trauma breakdown and was battling severe mental health issues.

I didn’t know how to ask for help or even where to begin, and I felt disconnected from the world around me. I wasn’t used to being around people, especially not in drop-in settings, and the whole experience felt strange and overwhelming. I was referred to counselling through GCP after one of the staff recognised how much I was struggling. That moment—though painful—was a turning point, and I began the process of rebuilding my life with the support of a community that genuinely cared.

Since joining, everything has changed for the better. Through counselling, staff support, and the friendships I’ve formed here, I’ve been able to rediscover myself and start living again. I now take part in activities like poetry, art, woodwork, writing my life story, and learning essential skills like numeracy and using a computer. I’ve become more confident, clearer in who I am, and stronger in both mindset and ability. I feel a true sense of belonging and purpose, and I’m proud of how far I’ve come. Grassmarket has given me the structure, encouragement, and safety I needed to grow.

“I NOW FOCUS ON CONTINUING THIS JOURNEY, SUPPORTING OTHERS, AND NEVER GIVING UP ON LIFE — BECAUSE I FINALLY FEEL LIKE I HAVE ONE AGAIN.”

MEMBER STORY

Before joining GCP, I was feeling very lonely and isolated. I don’t speak much English, so everyday things like understanding letters, bills, and forms were very confusing for me.

I was struggling with finances and didn’t know where to turn for help. It was a difficult and overwhelming time, and I felt quite lost navigating life in a new environment without the language or support I needed.

Since joining the Project, things have improved a lot. I’ve been learning reading, writing, and IT skills, which has helped me feel more confident and independent. I’ve also made friends here, and I know I can come in for help with things like filling in forms or understanding bills. Grassmarket has connected me with the right support for managing my benefits and finances, which has made a big difference in my life. The kindness and care of the people here means so much to me—God bless them all. This place is very important, and I’m truly grateful to be part of it.



# YOUNG MEMBERS & LEARNING PATHWAYS

**Our Young Members and Learning Pathways programmes open doors to opportunity for our community.**

We offer paid pre-apprenticeship placements, accredited learning, supported volunteering or work experience placements and in-person training. We help young people and adults of all ages take their next steps towards learning, work, or volunteering. Each pathway is built around the individual ensuring that everyone has the chance to learn new skills, build confidence, and move forward with purpose and pride.

## OUR PATHWAY

### 1. Welcome & first steps

- Meet the team, explore interests, and set personal goals
- Join creative and wellbeing groups to build confidence and connection

### 2. Core Skills & Learning

- Literacy, numeracy, digital and IT skills groups
- Accredited online learning (Health & Safety, Food Hygiene, Wellbeing)
- In-person workshops: Confidence, First Aid, Independent Living

### 3. Social Enterprise & Volunteering

- Hands-on experience in our Tartan Shop, Kitchen, Hospitality or Wood Workshop
- Work Experience Placements (ages 16–25) — 6–12 weeks, supported and skill-focused
- Long-term volunteering opportunities (all ages)

### 4. Paid Pre-Apprenticeships (ages 16–25)

- Six-month paid placements in Coffee Saints or the Wood Workshop
- Inc. industry-recognised training (e.g. Food Hygiene, COSHH) and one-to-one mentoring

### 5. Preparing for Employment

- CV writing, interview practice, and job search support
- Links to external employers, training, and volunteering

### 6. Positive Destinations

- Employment, Further Education, Volunteering, Independent Living
- Ongoing access to creative and wellbeing activities for continued growth

82

Total Young Members engaged

68

Accredited Qualifications awarded to young people

III

Total Members\*

15

Paid and voluntary placements\*\*

123

Hours of Oot The Box\*\*\*



## MEMBER STORY

I joined Oot the Box because I wanted to try something new and build my confidence. I really enjoyed it, and when staff told me about a work experience placement in the tartan shop, I decided to give it a go.

At first, I was a bit nervous, but I soon started learning lots of new things — using a sewing machine, cutting patterns, serving customers, and helping with online orders. It's a fun place to work, and I liked meeting people and feeling part of the team.

Over the eight weeks, my confidence grew a lot. I'm proud that I stuck with it and tried something out of my comfort zone. Now I volunteer in the shop twice a week, and it feels great to keep learning and helping others. Being part of the Grassmarket has given me skills, confidence, and new opportunities.

**“BEING PART OF THE GRASSMARKET HAS GIVEN ME SKILLS, CONFIDENCE, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES.”**

\*72 aged 16-25, plus an additional 39 aged 25-30 \*\*2 Social Work placements, 2 paid pre-apprenticeship placements and 3 in progress, 6 Work Experience placements, 1 Foundation Apprenticeship (Business Skills), 1 Career Ready Internship \*\*\*inc. People's Story Museum, Virgin Money Workshop, Poetry Writing Session, Coffee House Gig planning, Storytelling Workshop, Oot The Blueprint Riso Workshop, LGBTQIA+ History Month Workshop, Water of Leith Conservation Trust Cleanup, Marbling & Monotype Workshop, Dynamic Earth, Pompoms Workshop with Pauline, Botanicals, Fire Heritage Museum, National Museum of Scotland, Cyanotype workshop, Summer Showcase Prep, Museum on the Mound



COST BENEFIT: ILLUSTRATIVE CASE STUDY

We believe that prevention changes lives and builds communities.

This cost benefit case study has been created to demonstrate how early, person-centred intervention can not only transform individual outcomes but also deliver significant savings for the public sector. No two stories are the same, and these costs are illustrative, not a statement of fact.

Developed in partnership with the Specialist Volunteer Network at Inspiring Scotland, this example is designed to illustrate the potential financial impact of preventative support. It uses modelled data and assumptions to highlight how the right help, at the right time, can reduce reliance on statutory services and create better, more sustainable outcomes for everyone.

Support provided by GCP across 1 year with illustrative costs:

- 4 Meals a week for 40 weeks (£320)
- 40 Art Group Sessions (£772.80)  
2x Volunteers for 3 hrs\*: £720  
Resources at £1.32pp/session: £52.80
- 40 Woodwork Group Sessions (£4,120)  
1x Member Lead + 1x Volunteer for 3hrs\*: £3,720  
Resources at £10pp/session: £400
- 40 Poetry Group Sessions (£740)  
2x Volunteers for 3hrs\*: £720  
Resources at £0.50pp/session: £20
- 40 Maths Sessions (£740)  
2x Volunteers for 3hrs\*: £720  
Resources at £0.50pp/session: £20
- 12 x 2:1 Wellbeing Support Sessions (£270)  
Half hour Member Lead and Project Worker

£6,962.80 Estimated total cost

GCP staff costs: Volunteers £6/hr, Project Worker £20/hr, Member lead £25/hr. \*includes 1hr set up \*\*Sources: Early Intervention Foundation – Making an Early Intervention Business Case Evidence and Resources, PSSRU Unit Costs of Health and Social Care

SCENARIO:

Morgan joined GCP after experiencing severe trauma and mental health challenges, including a period in residential care.

Previously isolated, Morgan now benefits from GCP's community, routine, and wellbeing support.

They take part in Art, Woodwork, Poetry, and Maths groups, and have been signposted to counselling services.

Examples of potential costs avoided through GCP interventions:

- More reliance on NHS Mental Health services
- Assume 12 GP Appointments (£540)  
£45 per 11-minute appointment
- A&E visit (£166)
- 4 Psychiatrist appointments (£424)  
£106 per hour
- Assume 12 CPN Appointments (£444)  
£37 per appointment
- Assume 3x Mental Health Daycare visits per week (£10,764)  
£69 per attendance
- Assume 28 days of Mental Health Cluster visits (£11,984)  
£428 per bed day

£24,322 Estimated total cost

£17,359.20

Potential net costs avoided through Morgan working with GCP\*\* instead of public sector

OUR VOICES



"The Grassmarket is everything I dream of under one roof. My dream is to see the same thing be a reality in a community on the outside, where people build lives, grow and support each other. A community where everyone works together to build their dream life, which will ripple out and be a catalyst for change"

"You saved my life."

"It has helped me feel less isolated and lonely when I am able to attend. It has helped me realise my confidence and self-esteem."

"Was given help to find paid employment."

"I like being part of a team. I feel valued by the woodwork staff. The trips I have been on have been amazing. Thank you."

"I don't know what I would do without this place. I did not leave the house for months."

"I really enjoy coming to the GCP. I really look forward to the activities and enjoy the friendship and support from staff and other members. I sometimes come for lunch on activity days and it is great to eat with other people instead of eating alone all the time."

"Thankful. Keeps me going when I can't cope."

"With the confidence I got from being able to socialise in a safe environment, I was able to attend a class and am now looking towards further education. If it wasn't for the GCP, I'd probably still be doing nothing but wasting away in my room."





# SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

**Our four core social enterprises are the key to our sustainability and have been at the centre of our approach since we started in 2010.**

Generating over 65% of our £1.4 million annual turnover, they provide sustainable income that directly supports our social impact, while offering real opportunities for skills development, employment, and inclusion. From handcrafted tartan to delicious coffee and catering, every purchase helps people thrive, learn, and build a future filled with possibility.

## TARTAN

What an incredible year it has been for the Grassmarket Tartan Shop! From exciting public events to record-breaking production and the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, 2025 has been a year of growth, pride, and community spirit!

This spring, we were thrilled to take part in the Edinburgh Tartan Parade, where signature Grassmarket tartans were proudly on display. It was an inspiring moment to see our work celebrated alongside Scotland's rich textile heritage, and to feel the warmth and encouragement of the community that supports us.

Summer brought another major highlight – having our very own stall at the Royal Highland Show. The event gave us the chance to meet so many wonderful visitors from across Scotland and beyond, share our story, and showcase the craftsmanship that goes into every product we make. Our team and volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare for this and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. It was a fantastic platform to raise awareness of the Grassmarket Community Project and the opportunities we create through social enterprise.

Behind the scenes, our production team has had one of their busiest and most successful years yet. Together, we have manufactured over 4,000 high-quality tartan products, ranging from scarves and cushions to bespoke commissions and custom accessories. Each item has been made with care, skill, and attention to detail, reflecting the pride we take in sustainable, locally made Scottish goods.

We were also delighted to fulfil a large bespoke order for REHIS (The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland), a project that showcased our ability to produce at scale while maintaining our signature quality. It was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with a respected Scottish institution and to see our work recognised on a national level.

Of course, none of these achievements would have been possible without our amazing volunteers. Their energy, creativity, and kindness are at the heart of everything we do. Whether they're helping with sewing, preparing stock, supporting sales, or greeting visitors, their contribution is invaluable. The sense of teamwork and belonging they bring to the Tartan Shop continues to make it a truly special place to work and visit.

## OUR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

**79,786**

Hot drinks sold

**17,952**

Cakes sold

**14,000**

Event attendees

**560**

Events held

**4,100**

Products made in our Tartan Shop

**15**

Tartan Shop volunteers

## WOOD WORKSHOP

2025 has been a fantastic year for Grassmarket Woodwork, full of achievement, creativity, and meaningful opportunities for our members. One of our proudest milestones this year was the completion of our boat, Dochas. From the first plank to the final polish, the project showcased the incredible skill, dedication, and teamwork of everyone involved. To see Dochas, launched from Newhaven harbour with Olympic rower Dame Katherine Grainger at the helm, was extraordinary!

This year also saw us continuing to provide valuable training opportunities for pre-apprentices, giving them hands-on experience, mentoring, and the chance to develop essential woodworking skills. These programs remain central to our mission of supporting learning and personal growth through craft.

Our workshop has been bustling with commissions from a remarkable range of clients, including St Giles Cathedral, REHIS, NHS, Midlothian Council, the Scottish Government, and Edinburgh City Chambers. These projects have allowed our members to apply their craft to meaningful, high-profile work that makes a real impact in the community.

As we celebrate a year of achievements, we look forward to continuing our work in 2026, building new skills, taking on exciting projects, and sharing the beauty of handcrafted woodwork with the wider community.

## SKIFF BUILD

**1,000+**

Hours of building across 18 months

**27**

Volunteers participated (6 individual, 21 corporates)

**2**

Pre-apprenticeships participated

**35**

Members participated





## COFFEE SAINTS

This year has been a period of both growth and challenge for Coffee Saints, reflecting the resilience and dedication of our team. Both cafés have remained busy, achieving a growth in revenue and reinforcing the strength and recognition of the Coffee Saints brand.

At Little King Street, the café continues to be extremely popular, hosting a wide range of community groups and serving as a vital hub for the local community. At the Grassmarket, the café has maintained steady business, with the gaming group continuing to provide a significant income stream that supports the wider project.

Grassmarket also experienced particularly high footfall during August due to the Fringe festival hub taking up residence in the centre.

This year, we were pleased to welcome a couple of new tour companies, bringing groups into the Grassmarket café and raising the profile of Coffee Saints as a go-to destination for visitors in Edinburgh. At the same time, Coffee Saints continues to serve as a training space for pre-apprentices, offering invaluable opportunities for skills development in our young trainees.

Despite these successes, the year has been challenging in terms of staffing, reflecting wider sector pressures. Nevertheless, the commitment and dedication of our existing team, has ensured that operations have continued smoothly and that our cafés remain vibrant and welcoming spaces.

## EVENTS

2025 has been a successful year for Grassmarket Events, marked by growth in activity, strengthened partnerships, and an increase in revenue across our events function. The year has demonstrated our continued commitment to delivering high-quality, inclusive, and commercially successful events that support the wider aims of the Grassmarket Community Project. Highlights included a well-attended Elvis Tribute Valentine's Evening, Murder Mystery Night, and several lively Ceilidhs. These events not only enhanced community engagement but also generated significant repeat business and brand recognition for the venue.

A key success this year was the return of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Hub to the Grassmarket Centre, reinforcing our reputation as a valued festival partner and central cultural hub during Edinburgh's busiest season. In addition, we were pleased to welcome Dance Base as a new partner organisation, who utilised our catering facilities for their own festival events—expanding our operational reach and strengthening our network within Edinburgh's arts sector.

The General Assembly was once again delivered successfully, with excellent client feedback highlighting our team's professionalism, attention to detail, and ability to manage complex events effectively.

So far, financially, 2025 has seen a notable growth in event revenues, driven by returning customers, and strategic use of the venue's facilities. The consistent rise in client retention and repeat bookings reflects the quality and reliability of our service, as well as the strong relationships built by our events and catering teams.





# VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering sits at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteers bring compassion, creativity, and energy to every corner of GCP from group activities and open-door sessions to our social enterprises and events.

Their generosity of time and spirit strengthens our community and creates lasting impact. Corporate volunteer partners also play a key role, sharing skills, delivering workshops, and lending helping hands that make a real difference. Together, we grow stronger through shared purpose and connection.

154

Total volunteers engaged across the year

30

Member volunteers (inc. woodworkers)

4,000+

Hours of volunteering

48

Open Door Service volunteers

47

New volunteers this year

20

Key Corporate Partnerships\*

19

Corporate Days held (208 employees, 118 hours)

25

Volunteers accessed training opportunities

\*John Lewis, Murrayfield Sports Bar (Charity of the Year) Stuart Oliver, TSB, HSBC, Natwest RBS, Craft & Sew Society, Edinburgh Uni, eKAL, JP Morgan, Grahams Builders, XPS Group, Lloyds Bank, Nucleus, Edinburgh Airport, Heineken, Wilde Aparthotels, Baillie Gifford, Blyth & Blyth, Standard Life

“The volunteers are very special people.”



"Whatever I give to my class week by week comes back to me from the members and my fellow volunteers 10-fold"

Liz

"Volunteering with Grassmarket was a genuinely uplifting experience. It gave us the chance to step away from our day jobs and connect with a charity doing incredible work in the heart of Edinburgh. The sense of community, teamwork, and purpose was clear from the moment we arrived – and it was a privilege to contribute, even in a small way. We left feeling energised, inspired, and grateful to have been part of it."

Anon

"Every week, I can see how the art class helps the members develop their confidence and skills, feel less lonely and improve their wellbeing. Seeing such a clear impact is really rewarding for me."

Sophie

Volunteering at the GCP is also fun and has helped me be more creative outside of the class. If I've had a stressful week, volunteering is always a great way to switch off! I really feel part of the GCP family, which is lovely."

"Being part of the GCP community has made a really positive impact on me - it's great to be part of an organisation whose ideals you can absolutely believe in. Through volunteering I've made many valued friends and have had some welcome structure brought to my life. I'm really grateful to be part of it."

Andy

"We have enjoyed working with The Grassmarket Project on Coastal Rowing projects, it has been beneficial to pool resources and expertise to benefit members of both organisations. The Grassmarket Project are extremely open and welcoming, and their first priority is their members and the wide community"

Sean

"I feel really valued and appreciated. A great team. And so good to be involved in something that is so worthwhile and making a difference in people's lives. I feel everyone is very approachable and GCP very inviting"

Margaret



# PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership is what makes our community grow. We are proud to stand alongside organisations, funders, and supporters who share our vision of an inclusive, connected Edinburgh. These partnerships enable us to deliver transformative services, share expertise, and create lasting change.

## KEY DELIVERY & REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteer Edinburgh • Fringe Society • Coco Counselling • Out the Blueprint • Enable Scotland • Edinburgh City Council • Dance Base • Mercat • Open Book • Listen Up Storytelling • National Galleries • Creative Edinburgh • Royal Botanic • Rock Trust • Newhaven Coastal Rowing • Dignity Box • Edinburgh Film Guild • Edinburgh University • Badboy Barbers • Edinburgh Book Festival • Mainpoint Books • Move On • Scottish Seabird Centre • Social Bite • National Library of Scotland • Thrive • Village Storytelling Centre

## NETWORK AND COLLABORATION

The Usual Place • Greyfriars Kirk • Poverty Alliance • Poverty Commission • Greyfriars Charteris • Social Enterprise Scotland • Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network • Hunter Foundation • Skills Development Scotland • Community Enterprise SHAPE • Crisis • Simon Community • Edinburgh Futures Institute • Love Your Business • Breeze Digital WiSE-Women in Social Enterprise Collective • St Mary's Cathedral • Pilot Light • Voluntary Health Scotland • Foundation Scotland Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce • Historic Scotland • Invisible Cities • The Melting Pot • My Edinburgh

## KEY FUNDING PARTNERS

Grassmarket Mission • Binks Trust • The National Lottery • Robertson Trust • Nationwide • City of Edinburgh Council Baird Watson • Baird Trust • Bailly Thomas • Bailie Gifford • Nancie Massey Charitable Trust • Tabhair • eKal Solutions Edinburgh Airport • HSBC • St Giles Cathedral • High Constables • Inspiring Scotland • Evoc • Digital Lifelines • Viewforth Souter • Mary Kinross Charitable Trust • Louise MacDonald • Evelyn Drysdale Trust • Elizabeth Errington • James McNab Trust • James T Howatt • Foundation Scotland • Baldoukie Trust • James Cook • Robin Leith • Diana Porterfield • St. Augustines • Gibb Charitable Trust • Legal & General Health Equity Network • Dermot Morrin • Findlay Charitable Trust Stables Charitable Trust • Jim Cook • Susan Keys • Tillyloss Trust • Chris & Claire Fletcher • Lucy & Ben Thomson • Sharegift

## A FINAL THANK YOU TO...

Our fantastic members, staff and volunteers who continue to strengthen and develop this wonderful community



## SPOTLIGHT: EDINBURGH AIRPORT

Our partnership with Edinburgh Airport is a great example of collaboration and community in action.

Their team has supported us through funding, volunteer days, and hands-on help when joining us to build our community boat, Dòchas. Their belief in our mission and commitment to supporting our impact have helped us create opportunities, build confidence, and strengthen the fabric of our community. We are deeply grateful for their continued support.

# 100+

Hours of support from the Edinburgh Airport team

“WE LEFT GCP INSPIRED, HUMBLLED, AND GRATEFUL. A REMINDER OF THE IMPACT WE CAN MAKE WHEN WE COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OTHERS.”

- Multiple volunteer days across the year — from tartan cutting to skiff building
- Staff shared skills, energy, and creativity to support our social enterprises
- Provided funding opportunities and gifted raffle prizes to boost our income
- Helped raise awareness of GCP's mission and shared our impact across their networks
- Joined our members and volunteers to help craft our community skiff, Dòchas
- Shared the story of GCP's impact with their 3,000+ staff network

"The experience reminded us of the power of creativity and collaboration in developing dignity and purpose.

From the moment we arrived, we were welcomed with warmth and openness."





# TOGETHER WE THRIVE; CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE



## CHOOSE OUR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

The ethical choice and a great way to support our social purpose.

- Pop into Coffee Saints for a breather and bite to eat
- Visit our wee Tartan Shop for beautiful hand-crafted gifts
- Shop online for our range of hand-crafted tartan and woodwork
- Commission something special with our Tartan Team or Wood Workshop
- Book Grassmarket Centre for your next conference or celebration

## VOLUNTEER, FUNDRAISE & SPONSOR

Get in touch with us to see how you can get more involved with GCP.

And, of course, you can donate! Your donations are vital for GCP; big or small, it makes all the difference.

DONATE



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