

Grassmarket Community Project

SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT 2026

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INTRODUCTION



Rob Trimble
Our Chair

The Grassmarket Community Project is a remarkable charity. As the challenges faced by our members increase year on year, so too does our ability to rise to the task and deliver more and better services.

It is a testimony to the experience, dedication and sheer tenacity of our team as they demonstrate an ability to flex and be responsive to the ever-changing needs of folk in our community.

It is a privilege to Chair an organisation that rolls up its sleeves every day and meets the tough realities of life faced by so many with grassroots services that enable folk to transform their lives and achieve goals they never thought possible.

This report details the measurable impact we have delivered in the past year with graphs, numbers and data. It also explains the way we work alongside our members, how we value them as individuals with incredible untapped potential, and our commitment to go on long journeys with them.

Needless to say, this only happens with the generous support of our partners and funders. We literally could not do it without you. I hope you share my joy in reading the stories about the real difference your commitment has made in transforming the lives of folk facing some of the biggest challenges in our city. Thank you.



Helene van der Ploeg
Our CEO

It is frightening that the levels of poverty in this country continue to rise, with almost 90,000 people living in poverty in Edinburgh.

This means thousands living without food on their plates, often choosing between heating and eating. They cannot afford the essentials for living or the ability to seek out opportunities. People are left feeling alone, isolated and with nowhere to turn.

Founded in 2010 by Greyfriars Kirk and Grassmarket Mission, GCP exists to challenge the reality of poverty, supporting hundreds of people every year to have hopes, dreams and the opportunity to find their own way to flourish. Each member determines their own path and, through our programme of more than 25 free weekly activities, we support, encourage and motivate them, and give them the skills to achieve their personal goals and flourish.

This report is their story. It is a story of a community coming together every day, supporting each other, learning new skills, discovering hidden talents and making real, positive change in their lives. This is an amazing community where every day we see lives transformed. This would not be possible without our brilliant staff team, committed volunteers, and the support of our funders, partners and customers. It is because of all of you that we can create a community where everyone belongs, feels valued and can have hope for the future. Thank you.

EDINBURGH CONTEXT

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Poverty in Scotland 2026 report shows that poverty remains deep and persistent. In 2022-25, 17% of people in Scotland — around 940,000 people - were living in relative poverty after housing costs. Eleven per cent were in deep poverty and 7% were in very deep poverty, meaning around two in five people in poverty were in very deep poverty.

Relative child poverty was 21%. More than nine in ten children in poverty were in at least one of the Scottish Government's priority family groups. Poverty was also particularly high among renters, affecting 34% of social renters and 31% of private renters.

The report highlights the importance of accessible local services, trusted relationships and community-based support. Lower-income households reported wanting better access to local buses, money advice and community mental-health support. Edinburgh was identified as one of the areas showing strong strategic local action, but the national evidence makes clear that local charities and public services still face sustained demand.

OUR MISSION

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, using their skills and passions to help make our community a positive, resilient, vibrant, connected and inclusive place.

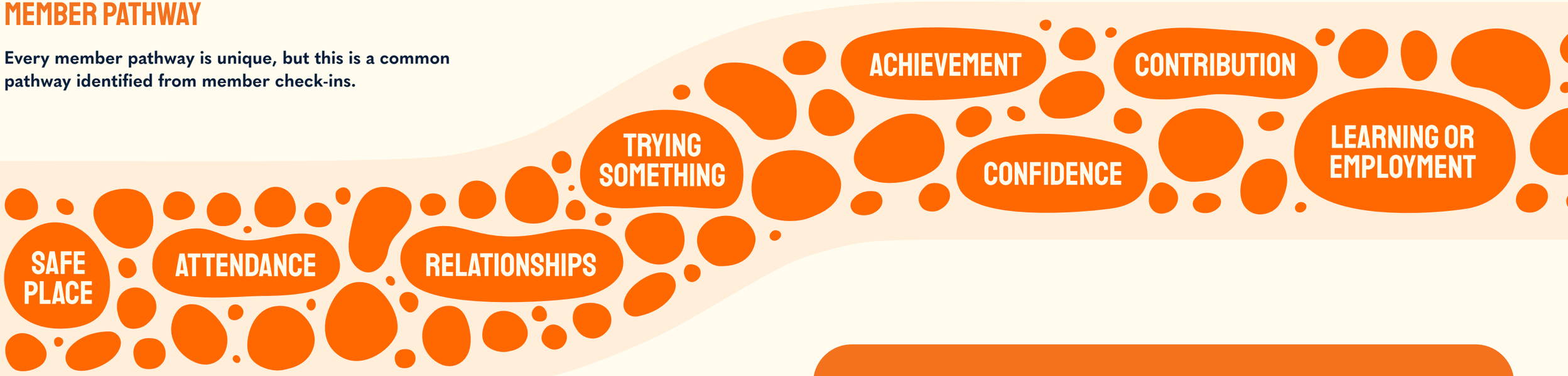
KEY OUTCOMES

- Improved mental health and wellbeing
- Increased social networks and reduced isolation
- Greater confidence and independence
- Increased resilience
- Greater participation and engagement
- Better knowledge of rights and services
- Increased economic opportunity

OUR SERVICES

MEMBER PATHWAY

Every member pathway is unique, but this is a common pathway identified from member check-ins.



+58%
Increase in members since 2024

1,305
Group sessions delivered

451
Current GCP members

2,155
Hours of pre-apprenticeships

366
Woodwork sessions

25+
Weekly groups, workshops & opportunities

8,420
Community 2-course meals served

138
Members engaged each month on average

We provide a free, year-round programme of group activity, food, practical support, learning, volunteering, work experience and paid pathways.

Members can enter at a level that feels manageable and stay connected over time. Support is flexible, relationship-based and shaped around individual goals.

GROUP

Core Skills
Numeracy, Literacy, IT & Digital Skills, Employability Workshops

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

Health & Wellbeing
Walks, Gardening, Reading Group, Social Events, Nutritious Meals, 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
Woodwork, Hospitality, Tartan, Reception

Positive Destinations & Signposting
Clear Pathways, Specific Support Services, Employment & Volunteering Opportunities

MEMBER STORIES

Every Member arrives at GCP with a different history, set of strengths and combination of challenges. There is no single route through the community.

For one person, the first step might be sharing a meal or attending a Christmas party. For another, it might be finding someone who will listen without judgement.

These stories show what sits behind our impact figures: consistent opportunities, trusted relationships and a community where people can move forward at their own pace.

Members reported the following experiences within the past five years or currently

Mental health issues or illness	57%
Social isolation / loneliness	53%
Being on benefits	47%
Long-term illness	38%
Unemployment / insecure work	35%
Difficulty interacting in groups	30%
Physical disability	30%
Learning difficulty or disability	28%
Neurodivergence	27%
Difficulty establishing relationships	27%

Members often present with considerable complexity

- 69% report three or more experiences/barriers
- Almost half report 5+

Mental health and loneliness dominate the responses

- 57% mental health issues
- 53% isolation/loneliness
- 42% reporting both

What are the most common intended outcomes for members at welcome?

- Improved Wellbeing - 77%
- Increased Connection - 71%
- Increased Confidence - 57%







97%
Of Members want to remain a GCP Member

62%
Members said they leave the house more often

89%
Said they have better mental health & wellbeing from being a Member

87%
Of Members feel less isolated

Member Story #1

Before joining GCP, life was very lonely. Because of my health, getting out of the house was difficult and most days were spent alone.

Watching TV was often the highlight of my day. I had very little contact with people, no real social life and nobody checking in on me. I spent a lot of time on my device, teaching myself new things just to fill the days. I don't have many close friends, and my family are quite distant.

When I became ill and lost my husband, I felt completely alone. Every Christmas was spent on my own and, if I had a problem, there was nobody I could call. Everything changed when my social worker recommended GCP. Although I was nervous about joining, I became a member in 2022 and slowly started getting involved.

One of the first things I attended was the Christmas party. For someone who had spent so many Christmases alone, it meant so much. I now save the present I receive at the party and open it on Christmas Day. That's my Christmas!

Since joining, I've made friends, built relationships and become part of a community. I look forward to attending activities where I can enjoy a meal, have a chat and spend time with others. GCP has given me somewhere to go, people to connect with and activities I genuinely enjoy. Without it, I don't think I would have a social life at all.

The biggest difference is knowing that I'm no longer alone. I know I have someone to call and won't feel judged. Looking ahead, I want to continue building my confidence, make more friends and become even more involved. For someone who once felt completely isolated, being part of a welcoming and supportive community has made all the difference

Member Story #2

YOUNG MEMBER STORY

Before joining the project, I had just left school and had gone through a difficult time that affected my confidence. I was nervous when I first started, but I decided to give it a go.

At first, I only attended Oot the Box sessions, but as I became more comfortable, I got involved in other activities such as the art group, Make & Mend, and community meetings. Meeting new people and being part of the wider community helped me step outside my comfort zone and build my confidence.

Since joining GCP, I have become much more positive about myself and the future. I genuinely feel better in myself and, in many ways, more grateful to be alive. Being part of the project has helped me feel heard, valued, and more confident in expressing myself.

As my confidence grew, I started volunteering and helping out where I could, which gave me a sense of purpose and helped me feel like I was making a positive contribution. One of my proudest achievements was speaking at the Summer Showcase. It's something I never imagined I would be able to do when I first joined, and it showed me just how far I had come.

The project has helped me become more confident, independent, and optimistic about life. There are always new opportunities to get involved, and I would encourage anyone looking to build their confidence and feel part of a supportive community to give it a try.

40%

Increase in GCP opportunities and group sessions since 2025





Member Story #3

"I FELT SEEN AS A PERSON RATHER THAN A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED."

I grew up in a family where my parents were dealing with their own challenges, which meant I moved around frequently as a child. Combined with being bullied because of my eyesight, it left me feeling isolated and lacking confidence. I struggled at school and often felt like I had to grow up too quickly.

As an adult, I married young and became a father to twins. However, when my marriage broke down, I struggled with PTSD and became dependent on alcohol and Valium. My addiction cost me my job, my home and precious time with my children. At my lowest point, I attempted to take my own life.

Recovery was not easy, but with support and determination I rebuilt my life. I returned to work, reconnected with my children, reunited with my family and overcame my addiction. Although the guilt of those lost years never completely disappeared, I was proud of the progress I had made.

Years later, my life changed forever when I lost my son to drugs. Having to tell his twin brother was one of the hardest things I have ever done. Losing a child is something you never get over; you simply learn how to carry the grief and live with it.

Alongside coping with that loss, I was later diagnosed with dementia, bringing a new set of challenges. After retiring, I realised I needed support and somewhere I felt understood.

Finding GCP was a turning point. It gave me purpose, structure and a sense of belonging. I was treated with dignity and respect and, for the first time in a long time, I felt seen as a person rather than a problem to be solved.

Coming to GCP has helped me become more social, develop coping strategies and focus on positive things instead of being overwhelmed by grief and negative thoughts.

I have accessed support from many organisations over the years, but GCP is different. I know that if I need help, someone will listen, understand and help me find the right way forward. That has made a tremendous difference to my life.

93%

Of members who initially said they struggled with confidence and independence have since reported improvement as a result of joining GCP

MEMBERS

"The Grassmarket feels like a purpose to me. Volunteering is so good for my confidence and I enjoy talking to people in this role.

I have had a difficult year in terms of attendance yet I feel safer knowing that I have somewhere to turn to should I need support."



"All the things I have done before was a challenge but look at me now!"

"It means everything to me, it is a real lifesaver. It gets me out of the house and this is very important as I live alone and have no contact with family and no friends. I enjoy everyone's company and I love the activities."

"Feel like I'm one step closer to finding myself and realising my true potential, each time I attend GCP"



"I have overcome some of my fears and worked on my confidence. Getting here means a lot to me if I didn't have here I would just stare at the 4 walls. I would have been lonely. I feel confident whenever I am here and I love it"

"I HAVE A JOB FOR 3RD YEAR RUNNING. ALL BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENCE BEING A GCP MEMBER GOT ME"

STAFF



"What makes GCP special is the incredibly inclusive and welcoming culture. On my very first day I felt accepted and comfortable within the community, and those feelings keep on growing the more I work here. I also love to see the community grow and evolve with every new member that joins us - everyone brings something new and unique with them, as GCP provides the perfect environment for people to be truly themselves."



"I feel so privileged to be part of the Grassmarket Community Project Team. After visiting it as a supporter for over 12 years I now truly see the impact each day the work here at the Grassmarket actually has on so many lives. It is a very special community that everyone is invited to join and become a member of, that's what makes us different, that feeling you get, that you belong somewhere."

"Having been with GCP for over a decade now, it has grown and transformed during this time. However the core values and feeling of community have remained a constant pillar at the heart of what we do. From trustees to staff, members to volunteers and everyone in between, we all work together to keep the community thriving and to remain a safe space for everyone to be included and encouraged to thrive."



COST BENEFIT: ILLUSTRATIVE CASE STUDY

What does it cost to support someone early and upstream, before isolation, poor mental health and difficulties managing everyday life develop into a housing crisis?

We compare one year of preventative, person-centred support at GCP with the approximate annual net cost of unsuitable temporary accommodation reported by the City of Edinburgh Council. It is an illustration, not a claim that Mairi would otherwise have become homeless or that £25,000 was actually saved.

MAIRI'S STORY:

Mairi has been part of GCP for 14 years. After moving to a new area, she was living with the effects of trauma and PTSD, poor mental health, deep isolation and very low confidence.

Difficulties with literacy made paperwork and everyday tasks more stressful, adding to the pressure she felt trying to manage on her own. GCP offered something steady: a familiar weekly rhythm, nutritious meals, literacy and digital support, supported walks, peer groups and a route into counselling.

Over time, that consistency has helped Mairi care for herself, build resilience and relationships, and keep her tenancy secure. She now offers peer support to others — moving from needing a safe place herself to helping make that place safer and more welcoming for someone else.

Note: name has been changed

ONE YEAR OF SUPPORT FROM GCP: £4,140

SUPPORT £2,333

Literacy delivery Facilitator and volunteer allocation	**£717**
Digital Skills delivery Facilitator and volunteer allocation	**£364**
Digital learning licence allocation	**£250**
Head of Member Services Planning and supervision	**£280**
Meals Food and staff supervision	**£418**
Bookings and regular member contact	**£196**
Supported walks Volunteer support allocation	**£108**

ADD. EST. COSTS £1,017

Check-ins	£300
Kitchen preparation	£407
Volunteer support (in-kind)	£150
Materials	£100
Walk expenses	£60

OVERHEADS £790

23.6% accounts-based support-cost allocation

£20,860
Illustrative net difference

PREVENTION BEGINS BEFORE CRISIS

The £25,000 Council benchmark is just over six times the estimated £4,140 resource cost of one year of GCP support. The £20,860 difference shows the scale of the gap between upstream community support and a crisis response

Why is this a useful illustration?

GCP works upstream. Rather than waiting until poor mental health, isolation and difficulty managing everyday tasks become a housing crisis, we provide sustained preventative support through trusted relationships, nutritious meals, practical learning, meaningful activity and early links to other services.

For someone like Mairi, this can strengthen the foundations that help a tenancy remain stable: routine, confidence, practical skills, connection and knowing where to ask for help.

The £25,000 Council figure is not presented as a saving caused by GCP. It is a local benchmark showing the scale of public cost when homelessness has already escalated to unsuitable temporary accommodation. Even after allowing for individual support, kitchen delivery, volunteer input and accounts-based organisational support costs, the estimated £4,140 annual resource cost remains less than one-sixth of that benchmark.



Method and sources: Calculation: £2,333 itemised support + £1,017 additional estimates = £3,350. The £790 support allocation uses GCP's 2025 Members Activities rate (£60,112 support costs ÷ £254,848 directly allocated costs = 23.6%), giving £4,140. Unit rates: £25/hour facilitation; £35/hour Head of Member Services; £6/hour volunteer time; £2 per meal; shared group costs. Volunteer time in Literacy, Digital Skills, walks and additional support is an in-kind value, not GCP cash expenditure. Other figures are modelled, not audited individual expenditure. The £25,000 benchmark is from the Council's Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee report (13 June 2025); it is not a causal or cashable saving.

YOUNG PEOPLE

An inclusive community for socialising and employability

This year, we refreshed our two flagship opportunities for young people: Oot the Box, our social group, and our paid entry-level pre-apprenticeship programme. We also piloted a new project-focused employability programme focused on up-skilling via a variety of activities.

PAID PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS

Age: 16-25

Our six-month paid pre-apprenticeship placements support young people who may not yet feel ready to move into employment or an apprenticeship. Participants gain practical work experience in one of three roles: Kitchen Assistant, Café Server or Woodwork Assistant.

“It’s helped me know I’m more capable than I had realised.”

3 Completed paid pre-apprenticeships

5 New pre-apprenticeships started in October 2026

2.5K Minimum number of hours of pre-paid internships delivered

OOT THE BOX Age: 16-30

A weekly social group, co-designed with young people, that develops communication and soft skills across three focus areas: Explore Edinburgh and beyond, Try new experiences and challenge yourself, and Connect and socialise with others.

"I feel this term has definitely helped me become more confident, develop new skills, try new things, help me feel more motivated."

16 Unique locations and community organisations engaged with

22 Unique experiences

80% Average rating for 'I feel like I belong at Oot the Box'

MINDFULNESS PLANETARIUM EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

Age: 16-30

One of our many partnerships over the past 12 months has been with The Royal Observatory in Edinburgh.

Our members upskilled over 5 sessions to plan, rehearse, and deliver a planetarium show to our community that combined astronomy with mindfulness.

"I learned to find my voice and I would like to use it for more public speaking/presenting in the future."

13 Members engaged with the programme

90% Of planetarium attendees enjoyed the experience

LEARNER PATHWAY

Opportunities to up-skill in a supportive environment

Through supported volunteering shifts, 1:1 employability mentoring, access to accredited learning, and monthly employability workshops, we support members of all ages to develop their skills, build confidence, and take their next steps towards further volunteering, education, or employment.

MEMBER VOLUNTEERING

Members are supported at every stage of their volunteering journey, from an induction tailored to their needs to accessible, adaptable training materials and supported trial shifts. They also benefit from practical volunteering guides co-created with current volunteers.

"Having the opportunity to help others in need."

14 Current Member volunteers

6 Unique volunteering opportunities

40+ Hours of volunteering each week

EMPLOYABILITY ESSENTIALS

Monthly workshops designed to support Members in developing their employability, volunteering, and financial skills. Each workshop is entry-level, includes hands-on activities, and is shaped around the needs and interests of our learners.

“The format and content of the presentation was really helpful in reminding me of the whole 'money' topic, which is so important to be aware of nowadays with the increasing complexity of financial matters!”

5 Workshops delivered

9 Average attendance

80% Helpfulness developing skills

LEARNER DROP-IN

Weekly sessions offering ongoing 1:1 support and guidance to help learners apply for jobs, work towards accredited qualifications through online courses, and explore opportunities for their next steps.

"It helps me to get out the house and try new things. It is a safe place to go and meet people. Two of my stories were in the GCP newsletter."

71% Of those seeking economic opportunity progressed towards work or learning

37 Completed learning or training at GCP

8 Said GCP helped them find employment

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

COFFEE SAINTS • TARTAN SHOP • WOOD WORKSHOP • EVENTS & CATERING



69%

Of GCP's total annual turnover is generated by our 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.

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.

71,233
Hot drinks sold

19,056
Cakes sold

295
Events held

15,157
Event attendees

4500+
Tartan products made/sold

179
Woodwork products and commissions

SINCE OUR 2025 REPORT

Our pre-apprentice at Coffee Saints has successfully progressed into permanent employment with us, demonstrating the real and lasting impact of our pre-apprenticeship programme.

During their time with Coffee Saints, they have developed significantly in both their professional skills and personal confidence. They have built their self-esteem, grown in independence and now hold their own within a busy café environment.

What makes this achievement particularly special is seeing how far they have come. They have progressed from a pre-apprentice into a valued and confident member of the Coffee Saints team and are now one of our best baristas!

This is exactly what we want our pre-apprenticeship programme to achieve – providing people with the opportunity, support and confidence to develop their skills, gain meaningful employment and build a positive future for themselves.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

TOTAL TURNOVER OF EACH LOCATION IN THE PAST YEAR

£243,035
Coffee Saints (GCP)

£397,361
Coffee Saints (Little King Street)

£48,532
Coffee Saints (Rainy Hall)

£137,229
Events and Catering

£64,308
Tartan Shop

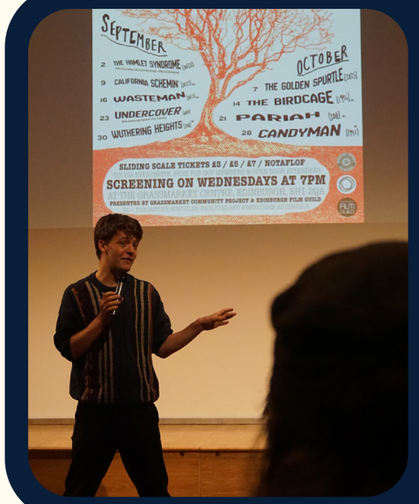
£63,834
Wood Workshop







COMMUNITY PICTUREHOUSE



10 YEARS OF THE GRASSMARKET COMMUNITY PICTUREHOUSE

A weekly evening of food, film, connection and community

Our Open Door evening every Wednesday is a dependable weekly space where people can share a meal, spend time with others and enjoy cinema in a relaxed setting. Together they offer practical help, cultural experiences and an easy way into the wider GCP community.

1,330
Attendees in the last year

58
Screening events in the last year

THE PICTUREHOUSE AT TEN

The Grassmarket Community Picturehouse has now been running for a decade! It has been sustained by the commitment of volunteers and staff, including one long-term member volunteer, whose contribution reflects the ownership and care that make the cinema a big part of our community at GCP.

We are hugely thankful to the Edinburgh Film Guild for supporting our work for the last 2 years and collaborating with us on new ideas, programming and connection.

FOOD, FILM AND BELONGING

The meal and cinema work especially well together. Food creates a natural point of connection and the screening offers a shared experience and a reason to stay. People can attend regularly without pressure to explain their circumstances, while gradually developing relationships, confidence and a stronger sense of belonging. The result is not simply attendance at two services, but an evening in which practical support and community reinforce one another.

WHY OPEN DOOR MATTERS

For someone experiencing poverty, food insecurity or isolation, a weekly evening that is reliably open can provide immediate relief and something to plan for. People can have a nutritious meal, sit with others and spend time in a setting where they are known and treated with dignity. This is particularly important for people who may be alone for much of the week or who find formal services difficult to approach. Regular contact also helps staff and volunteers notice when someone may need a check-in, practical assistance or support to reach another service. Conversations over food or before a film can lead to a first step into GCP's groups, volunteering, learning and individual support.

CONTINUING TO GROW

The Picturehouse continues with regular weekly programme while expanding into selected weekend screenings. This creates more opportunities for members, local residents and partner communities to take part, and gives the programme greater scope for live music, introductions, discussion and events built around the themes of a film.













VOLUNTEERS

"Volunteering with the GCP is the highlight of my month. I feel grateful to be trusted to take members out for walks and always walk away, pun intended, with a smile on my face. From silly jokes to more deep conversations, it is nice to connect with members and volunteers. I honestly wish I had more time to give back more to the GCP community."

"One of the things I love about the GCP, is everyone is seen and included as they are. I've always felt really welcomed and I know members appreciate the weekend walks."

"As a trustee and someone who has been involved with GCP in various ways over the last few years, I have always been humbled by the lack of judgement, the empathy and the "can do attitude" of everyone involved in making GCP so special. It is a shining example of how things can be done, and done well to support people who need it despite all the significant headwinds in the charity sector. "

"What I like about GCP is that we're all members, whatever our roles. As a trustee I'm a member, so are all our volunteers and so is everyone that uses GCP. And I'm reminded of that whenever I come into the cafe and feel the buzz"

Out of 50 volunteers surveyed this year...

- **49%** Have volunteered for 3+ years
- **100%** Say that their volunteering sessions are enjoyable and rewarding
- **98%** Say that volunteering has had a positive impact on their wellbeing

100+
Actively engaged Non-Member volunteers

28
Member volunteers

22
Volunteers for our Summer Programme

30
New volunteers since 1 October 2025

17
Corporate volunteer days

35%
Of our weekly activities led by skilled volunteers

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT:

STANDARD LIFE

Standard Life
Part of Phoenix Group

In conversation with Diane Webb, Digital Inclusion Manager at Standard Life



How did Standard Life's partnership with Grassmarket Community Project begin, and what encouraged you to become involved?

When I started as Digital Inclusion Manager, I brought experience of working closely with the third sector and knew the difference strong community partnerships could make. As we introduced Digital Inclusion Champion training, we wanted colleagues to put those skills into practice. SCVO connected us with Grassmarket Community Project and we held our first community digital inclusion event.

It was such a success that the relationship grew from there. When I later visited one of the IT classes, a member said, "We loved that day. Can you do it again?" That really stayed with me. So we did, and our partnership has continued to grow.

What have Standard Life volunteers learned?

Perhaps the biggest learning has been that digital inclusion isn't just about technology, it's about people. Our volunteers have learned to listen, not make assumptions and recognise that reassurance, confidence and human connection can be every bit as important as practical digital skills.

One volunteer captured it beautifully: "Through the eyes of someone else that needs help. I had such a wonderful day. It brings home the 'why' so much. I feel very lucky to be part of it." Another simply said: "Never make assumptions on why someone is digitally excluded."

What makes this a meaningful partnership rather than a one-off contribution?

I hope you would agree that this feels like a genuine partnership. For us, it starts with listening. Grassmarket knows its members and community best, so their needs must come first.

We understand the pressures charities face and never want our involvement to create additional work. Instead, we ask what would genuinely help and where our people's time, skills or resources could add value. That approach has helped us move from individual events towards more regular, sustainable support.

Looking ahead, how would you like the partnership to develop?

I'd love us to continue our community events and regular outreach at the IT classes, while developing more targeted digital-skills workshops around topics Grassmarket members tell us would be useful.

There may also be opportunities to share more of our colleagues' skills and donate further technology for reuse. But most importantly, I want us to keep talking and listening, and to plan the next stage together around what Grassmarket and its members genuinely need.

Thank you, Standard Life

A HUGE THANK YOU!

CORPORATE AND SUPPORTIVE PARTNERS

Aegon • Apex Hotels • Baillie Gifford • BobbAI • Blyth & Blyth • Craft & Sew Society • Edinburgh Airport • Edinburgh World Heritage Trust • eKAL Solutions • Festivals Edinburgh • GRAHAM • Historic Scotland Heineken • Inspiring Scotland HSBC • John Lewis • Keep Edinburgh Thriving • Love Your Business • J.P. Morgan • Lloyds Bank • Murrayfield Sports Bar • NatWest/RBS • Nucleus • Standard Life • TLT Solicitors • TSB The Melting Pot • University of Edinburgh • Wilde Aparthotels • Vinci Foundation • XPS Group

DELIVERY & REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS

Andy's Man Club • Bad Boy Barbers • British Red Cross • CHAI (Community Help & Advice Initiative) City of Edinburgh Council • COCO Counselling • Creative Edinburgh • Dignity Boxes • Dynamic Earth Edinburgh Film Guild • Edinburgh International Book Festival • Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society - Communities Ticketing Initiative • ENABLE Scotland • Heart of Midlothian Innovation Centre • Heriot Writers • International Ghost Society • Invisible Cities • ListenUpStorytelling • Lothian Buses • Main Point Books • Mercat Tours • Move On Scotland • National Galleries of Scotland • National Library of Scotland National Museum of Scotland • Newhaven Coastal Rowing Club • Open Book • Out of the Blueprint Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh • Royal Observatory Edinburgh • Rock Trust • Scottish Seabird Centre Scran Academy • Social Bite • Stills • The Money Charity • Thrive Edinburgh • The Usual Place • University of Edinburgh, including Edinburgh Futures Institute • Volunteer Edinburgh • Voluntary Health Scotland

NETWORK AND COLLABORATION PARTNERS

Breeze Digital • Community Enterprise • Circular Communities • Cyrenians • Crisis • Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce • Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network • End Poverty Edinburgh • EVOC • Greyfriars Charteris Centre • Grassmarket Residents Association • Greyfriars Kirk • Historic Environment Scotland • Hunter Foundations Changemakers Network • Inspiring Scotland • Love Your Business • My Edinburgh • Pilotlight SHAPE • Simon Community Scotland • Skills Development Scotland • Social Enterprise Scotland • Social Investment Scotland • St Giles' Cathedral • St Mary's Cathedral • The Melting Pot • The Poverty Alliance The Usual Place • Voluntary Health Scotland • Women in Social Enterprise (WiSE)

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