

Our 2021 Exhibitors



Generations Working Together



[Generations Working Together](#) is the nationally recognised centre of excellence supporting the development and integration of intergenerational work across Scotland.

Intergenerational practice can contribute towards improved health and wellbeing, breaking down social isolation and loneliness and offering all generations the opportunity to connect and form meaningful relationships across generations.

GWT's vision and ambitions include:

To enable Scotland to become an intergenerational nation.

To influence national and local policy in favour of intergenerational practice.

To promote, support and increase innovation in intergenerational practice in Scotland.

To increase participation in intergenerational practice.

To ensure sound governance.

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RNIB Scotland



The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Scotland is the country's leading charity working with blind and partially sighted people. We support children and adults with sight loss and help them to live full and independent lives, campaigning for their rights.

Around 178,000 people live with a significant degree of sight loss in Scotland, around 4,300 of which are children and young people.

This number could eventually double unless we act to prevent avoidable sight loss. The rise of sight threatening conditions such as diabetes and an aging population will increase the number of people affected by sight loss unless action is taken.

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Community Leisure UK



Community Leisure UK is a membership association representing charities (with a public benefit asset lock) managing and providing public leisure, sport, arts and/or culture services in partnership with local authorities for communities across Scotland, England and Wales.

Our 26 Scottish members operate a vast range of public leisure and culture facilities across Scotland, and have a collective social value of £354.6m. These charities work closely with key health and social care partners to improve the health and wellbeing of local communities and individuals; supporting the six public health priorities for Scotland.

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Scottish Parliament



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The Scottish Parliament's Participation and Communities Team exists to enable individuals and communities in Scotland to contribute their views and experiences to the work of committees, leading to more balanced, informed and legitimate scrutiny. We develop and design engagement in partnership with communities, that takes account of how and when people want to engage with Parliament. Every local authority area has a designated Community Participation link. Email pact@parliament.scot to find out more.

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Outside the Box



We're an independent charity providing development support to groups and people across Scotland and beyond. We envision a society which is welcoming and inclusive. We support people to shape their communities, the things that matter to them and the services they use. Everyone wants to contribute and has skills, experiences and knowledge to share.

We provide co-production support and training around human rights, evaluation, Mums' workplace equality and LGBTI+ inclusive support.

We collaborate on creative solutions to shared challenges with partners across sectors. Get in touch if you have an idea or want to work together to enable positive change.

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Public Health Scotland



Public Health Scotland is Scotland's lead national agency for improving and protecting the health and wellbeing of all of Scotland's people.

Our vision is for a Scotland where everybody thrives. Focusing on prevention and early intervention, we aim to increase healthy life expectancy and reduce premature mortality by responding to the wider determinants that impact on people's health and wellbeing. To do this, we use data, intelligence and a place-based approach to lead and deliver Scotland's public health priorities.

We are jointly sponsored by COSLA and the Scottish Government and collaborate across the public and third sectors. We provide advice and support to local government and authorities in a professionally independent manner.

Our values of respect, collaboration, innovation, excellence and integrity is at the heart of our work.

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Hearts and Minds



Hearts and Minds is an arts and health charity that supports people to build resilience, increase empowerment and reduce feelings of isolation through the art of therapeutic clowning.

We work in collaboration with [paediatric healthcare units](#), [respite centres](#), [schools for learners with complex additional support needs](#) and Dementia Units.

Our [Clowndoctors Programme](#) supports children and young people in hospital, hospice, respite care, and in schools for learners with complex additional support needs.

Our [Elderflowers Programme](#) supports people living with dementia or dementia-related conditions in hospitals and residential care homes.

Through playfulness, smiles and laughter, we help people to deal with anxiety, fear, confusion and sadness.

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Home Energy Scotland



Home Energy Scotland helps people in Scotland create warmer homes, reduce their energy bills, and lower their carbon footprint. We are funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Energy Saving Trust.

We work with people and organisations to help tackle fuel poverty and the climate emergency – both key priorities for Scottish Government (and humans in general).

We do this through a network of regional advice centres covering all of Scotland, which offer local knowledge and expert advice on:

- **saving energy and keeping warm at home** Click to add text
- **funding options including Scottish Government grants and interest free loans**
- **installing renewable energy at home**
- **greener travel including electric vehicles and ebikes**
- **cutting water waste.**

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