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ng homes launch Food for Thought project

Partners and elected members at the food for thought launch.

Did you know that an average of 3 million tonnes of food go to waste each year? At the same time increasing numbers of people are suffering severe financial hardship.

Over a number of months residents and staff of ng homes have been working together to look at ways to tackle issues of food waste and food poverty and a number of suggestions and ideas were taken forward.

This resulted in a successful funding application from Big Lottery Fund, Support and Connect Initiative for ng homes 'Food for Thought'. The aim of the programme is to provide additional support for individuals and families who live in North Glasgow and it has three elements to it.

The first part of the programme will include the provision of food and furniture redistribution to those who are in hardship or require additional support. This can be accessed through initial contact with housing services and Food for Thought staff.

ng homes 'Food for Thought' staff are working in partnership with FareShare, a Social Enterprise which operates by re-distributing excess food from manufacturers to partner organisations.

It ensures that good food is put to good use rather than going to waste and operates from 17 cities in the UK with the Glasgow unit based in Springburn.

Last year, the food redistributed by FareShare contributed towards more than 10 million meals in the UK and helped businesses reduce CO₂

emissions by 1,850 tonnes.

The second part of the programme will have a strong focus on connecting people of all ages and backgrounds through fun and creative community food events such as 'Meet and Eat', 'Cook and Share' and much more.

Nutritious and delicious Cookery Workshops for adults, families, parents and children will take place across the community. The Team will work alongside other local organisations to complement the food related projects already operating in the area.

The final element of the programme is volunteering. Local people will have access to informal and formal volunteering opportunities and will have the chance to gain new skills, meet new people and be more involved in their community.

Food for Thought Co-ordinator, Janice Quinn, said: "This project will enhance the service already being provided by ng homes Tenancy Sustainment and Housing Staff who are seeing an increase in referrals for support.

"Community based food events and opportunities for informal and formal volunteering will also go a long way to increasing social connections for people, will encourage intergenerational activities and reduce isolation."

National Climate Change Week in early March seemed the appropriate time for ng homes to launch this exciting new programme.

Staff arranged an International Food Event at



Young Cara from Springburn enjoys a hot meal at the launch

Balgrayhill Community Centre for the afternoon of Friday 7th March with a variety of food on the menu.

You can find out more about the 'Food for Thought' programme by contacting Co-ordinator Janice Quinn and her colleagues; by email on mycommunity@nghomes.net; or by contacting your local office who will pass on your enquiry.



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MEET YOUR HOUSING SERVICES TEAM

We now have more Housing Officers and they are dealing with less homes now that improvements to the way we deliver your Housing Service have been introduced.

As a result, Housing Officers should have more opportunities for closer contact with all of their customers

Your Housing services will now be split into three dedicated staff teams covering Springburn & Balornock, Possilpark & Parkhouse and the Multi Storey Flats.

Each area based team will consist of a Neighbourhood Manager and six Housing

Officers. Teams will also have Housing Assistants and Maintenance Assistants. As revealed in the last issue of North News, this new structure is designed to:

- support ng homes and our tenants in preparing for and addressing issues in relation to Welfare Reform and the introduction of Universal Credit
- support the on-going modernisation of the Concierge Service
- maximise the 24/7 Concierge Service
- Improve staff development opportunities by creating new jobs and

more individual & team flexibility

Depute CEO Ann Marie Devlin said:

"By reducing the number of properties a Housing Officer is responsible for allows each Housing Officer to engage more closely with their tenants and identify and resolve any issues quickly and effectively."

In this issue we are publishing photographs of our Housing Officers and giving details of the properties they are responsible for.

More personalised leaflets will also be distributed by Housing Officers.

Saracen House will soon be open for business and our staff will be moving from our existing office at Saracen Cross into the new offices at Saracen House in Saracen Street during April. More details on Saracen House will be available in the next North News and all of our Possilpark and Parkhouse customers will be notified of the office relocation in due course.

Possilpark & Parkhouse



Irene Dalrymple
Neighbourhood Manager
"All the Team are very excited about the new way of working, the reduced patch sizes will make it possible for them to get to know all their tenants and to provide a comprehensive housing service. It will also make it much more straightforward for our tenants as the Housing Officer will now be the main point of contact."



Christina Duncan
Allander Street (134), Ardoch Road (4-50), Balgair Gardens (1-39), Balgair Place (1-27), Balgair Street (25-41), Balglass Gardens (1-22), Balglass Street (24-41), Balmore Road (47-59), Bardowie Street (100-149, 184-248), Panmure Street (198-202), Saracen Street (185-277), Stronard Street (21-89), Sunnylaw Place (1-15)



Liz McMillan
Allander Street (67-101), Barloch Street (3-5, 2-18), Carboth Street (3), Hamiltonhill Crescent (1-27), Hamiltonhill Road (96-115), Killearn Street (56-251), Redknock Street (1-23), Saracen Street (98-110), Stonyhurst Street (67-102, 217-231)



Kerry Stephen
Ashfield Street (Odd 143-173), Balmore Road (8-72), Bracken Street (28-30), Broadholm Street (24-152), Claddens Quadrant (11-61), Claddens Street (26-84), Coltmuir Street (16-34), Crowhill Street (5-93), Gadloch Street (26-36), Glenhead Crescent (7), Glenhead Street (6-44), Haywood Street (82-209), Knappdale Street (105), Lamb Street (23-43), Liddesdale Road (144)



Lynn Bennett
Barloch Street (139-162), Balmore Road (139-221), Balmore Square (3-39), Broadholm Street (162-326), Buckley Street (4-74), Chestnut Street (7-23), Crowhill Street (104-233), Cypress Street (8-12), Glenhead Street (54-140), Hawthorn Quadrant (8-20), Hawthorn Street (313-483), Kippen Street (5-81), Spruce Street (9-23), Walnut Crescent (18-39)



Gemma Lee
Barloch Street (139-162), Closeburn Street (2-73), Denmark Street (123-183), Hawthorn Court (4-40, 100), Hawthorn Court (2-8), Mansion Street (4-127)



Sharon Forrester & Alison McLean
Allander Street (107-119), Balmore Road (77-83), Barloch Street (29-53), Bilsland Drive (772-802), Hayston Crescent (8-48), Hayston Street (1-43), Mireton Street (10-43), Redmess Street (1-8), Saracen Street (138, 148, 156, 172-294), Stonyhurst Street (106-116)

Springburn and Balornock



Janice Ellison
Neighbourhood Manager
"At ng homes we are always striving to improve the service we provide our tenants. By reducing the Housing Officers patch size and giving them responsibility for rent and arrears within their patch, tenants can now deal with a full range of housing issues with just one person."



Bola Akintoye
Balgairbank Street (11-97), Boghead Road (60-81), Broomfield Rd (426-488), Eastburn Road (5-7), Edgefauld Road (177-311, 371-405), Cardarach Street (8-28), Cockmuir Street (45-79, 33-109, 100-214), Craigenbay Street (28-37), Drumbotie Road (1-87), Gartferry Street (3-21), Hillhouse Street (34-83), Langrigg Road (3-78), Lumloch Street (6-20), Wallacewell Crescent (2-60), Wallacewell Place (5-9), Wallacewell Road (91-144)



Anne Sheeran & Andrea Campbell
Barmulloch Road (6-172), Burnbrae Road (3-239), Petershill Road (459-463), Oatfield Street (1-44), Young Terrace (15-93)



Terri McChesney
Avonspark Gardens (1-15), Avonspark Place (1-5), Avonspark Street (5-225), Dykemuir Place (1-25), Dykemuir Street (4-172), Red Road (3-75)



Catherine Mather & Debbie McNally
Auchentoshan Terrace, Auchinloch Street, Laverockhall Street, Midton Street, Broomfield Road (721-745), Broomfield Crescent, Broomfield Drive, Broomknowes Road, Springburn Road, Petershill Road (77-163)



Yvonne Kinnear
Angus Street (7-98), Atlas Road (10-47), Baginell Street (5-41), Balgrayhill Road (104-138), Broomfield Place (7-15), Broomfield Road (2-60), Carlston Street (21-28), Cowlairs Road (12), Crichton Street (20-47), Gourlay Street (41-49), Hillkirk Street (7-45), Hillkirk Place (22-26), Kemp Street (6-10), Morrin Path (10-52), Springburn Way (2-36, 83-91), Valleyfield Street (15-21), Vulcan Street (8)



Jeanette Glen
Campsie Street (2-131, 140-206), Downs Street (17-34), Mansel Street (9-128), St Monance Street (13-37), Syriam Gardens (1-12), Syriam Place (10-20), Syriam Street (9-96)

Multi Storey Flats



Paul Johnson
Neighbourhood Manager
This change will also allow Housing Officers to really get to know their tenants and tenants will know who to turn to if they need housing advice or support.



Geri Anderson
(Senior Housing Officer)
Croftbank Street (15), Edgefauld Road (250)



Lesley McConnochie
Carron Crescent (9,19,29), Carron Place (3-33), Elmvale Street (126-162), Blackthorn Street (2-38), Fernbank Street (151-186), Memel Street (141-158), Horne Street (76), Hawthorn Street (538-584, 624-700)



Danielle Quinn
Carbisdale Street (3-58, 53), Carron Street (10-73), Eccles Street (12-15), Fernbank Street (195, 200), Springburn Road (771-783)



Chris Farren
Balgrayhill Road (178,198), Viewpoint Place (42)



Pamela Hutchison
Balgrayhill Road (151-163), Lenzie Terrace (1-217)



Margaret McKinnon & Laura Sharkey
Galloway Street (37-88, 75-107), Springburn Road (1292-1296, 1330), Stobhill Road (6-50), Viewpoint Gate (2-28), Viewpoint Place (22), Viewpoint Road (6-78, 84-100)

Adam passes on his canoe and kayak skills to youngsters



Adam, left, with Joseph Peddie, Peter Gibson, Kai Gorman, Tony Thomas, volunteer Neil Forsyth and Nathan Flavell.



with a single bladed paddle. Most of the youngsters he currently coaches use kayaks – in a closed cockpit with a two bladed paddle.

There are sprint races for both disciplines over 200m, 500m, 1,000m and 5,000m and for individuals, pairs and fours. The C and K initials are used to determine the discipline and the number afterwards determines how many people in the boat.

During the winter months Adam has been putting youngsters through a fitness programme at the Possilpark Millennium Centre.

The training has also highlighted the importance of a healthy diet for performance sport.

With warmer weather ahead, the youngsters will be able to get on the water at the canal near Applecross Street. It's the venue for a marathon kayak event on Sunday 13th July.

Adam said: "Robin Cole, the president of Glasgow Kayak Club, has been a tremendous help in getting the development programme up and running.

"It was a culture shock for me to see the differences in sport in Scotland where all sorts of

clubs rely so heavily on volunteers."

They include Fraser Porter, Andy Watt and Neil Forsyth.

Adam says the initiative would not have happened without Andy Watt's support. He has worked tirelessly over the last five years to make Pinkston Paddlesports Centre become a reality.

He also pushed for coaching qualifications for local youth group leaders who have now qualified and have already been getting local youths out onto the water.

Adam added: "When the centre opens in November it will be a massive boost to canoe sport in Scotland and would not have happened without Andy's drive and enthusiasm."

Adam also gets support from our Sports Legacy Co-ordinator Greg Cann.

Adam said: "I have a passion for sport and canoe and kayak in particular. I've started coaching a group age nine to eleven years and hope to progress from there.

"We already have one lad who competed in the Scottish Marathon Championships and won a silver medal. The kids really enjoy it and their parents are giving them loads of support."

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Facebook & Twitter: [Glasgow Kayak Club's Youth Development Team](https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowKayakClub)

Youngsters are being given a chance to try a new sport thanks to a partnership with coach Adam Rzepinski and the Glasgow Kayak Club.

They have teamed up to establish a youth development programme aimed at improving the paddle skills of local youngsters and taking them to competition level.

A canoe champion at national level in his native Poland, Adam graduated as a PE teacher ten years ago and came to Scotland to improve his English.

He is now duty sports manager at Glasgow University's Stevenson Building.

Adam is 33 and in two years will qualify for Masters events. Meantime he still competes in marathon canoe events – kneeling in an open canoe

ngsportslegacy update...

ng homes will continue the roll out of FREE swimming lessons for under-5s attending nurseries and living in North Glasgow.

It's part of partnership with Scottish Swimming, Glasgow Club and NHS (Northeast), and following a Children and Families grant from The Big Lottery. Over 100 youngsters took part in a pilot scheme of 10 weeks of swimming lessons at Springburn Leisure Centre.



ngsportslegacy and ng homes, in partnership with Scottish Swimming and Glasgow Club, are piloting Adult and Child classes for under-3's and their parents.

This will be a similar 10-week block of lessons to children living in the Springburn & Possilpark postcode areas, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to assess requirement. To book a space on a Wednesday morning session (9.30-10am), please contact Springburn Leisure Centre on 0141 276 1690. Option 1 and leave your details.



Jump2It for schools

A number of local primary schools across Springburn are being offered the chance to take part in a National basketball initiative.

Jump2It, delivered by Scottish Sports Futures, in partnership with Glasgow Rocks and Scottish basketball, will be introducing the sports to local children and running a series of weekly clubs, culminating in some tournaments and festivals to allow the kids to show off their skills.

All sessions are FREE until Easter, and for more information phone: 0141 630 4254 Email: mycommunity@nghome.net or Facebook: www.facebook.com/ngsportslegacy www.facebook.com/GlasgowStorm

ng homes have again teamed up with the School of Hard Knocks charity to look at how sport can assist confidence and self esteem in socially disadvantaged areas.

This time the recipients of the project, that looks to use sport as the catalyst for positive social change, are prisoners in HMP Low Moss.

An 8-week block of work with 22 prisoners, made up of long and short termers, ended in February. Participants received a weekly input of rugby and education designed to form a rugby team and develop social and employability skills.

In the classroom sessions, the group has looked at roles of leaders and what makes a champion.

For more information on the SoHK charity, please contact scotland@schoolofhardknocks.org.uk



Can you make someone's day?

Do you remember the time when people just 'did each other a good turn' as they say in Glasgow?

A time when people made someone's day by being helpful or doing something nice!

Then, why not get involved in the UK National 'Pay It Forward' Day on 24th April.

"Pay It Forward" is a book written by Catherine Ryan Hyde and is the story of a young boy taking part in a school assignment who came up with an idea to 'make a difference' in someone's life through an act of kindness.

One good deed may not seem like much, but if everyone did something good for someone else, then the cycle of kindness can help us become better people.

The 'Pay it Forward' idea has now become an International Movement and the vision behind it is that you do something nice for someone without any reward.

Some schools have designed 'pay if forward cards' that they leave for someone and encourage them to pay the act of kindness forward to someone else.

Some examples of 'Pay It Forward' can be simple things that make a difference like – giving up your seat on the bus or train, providing food to an organisation that helps homeless people, making a donation or paying someone a compliment.

There are so many wonderful ways to get involved in Pay It Forward. For more information visit www.payitforwardday.co.uk

Happy Birthday ng2

Staff at ng2 are celebrating the third anniversary of the company.

It started with just eight full time employees based in a small office space at the bottom of a multi-storey flat with two tipper vans.

Fast forward three years and the workforce is now 80 based throughout various locations in north Glasgow and with a fleet of 14 vehicles.

The change and growth in ng2 during its short three years has been remarkable and a fantastic success story.

The evidence of this growth can be found

simply by looking at the wide range of services ng2 now covers for ng homes.

When ng2 was launched in March 2011 it could only deliver a limited range of services mainly involving close cleaning, bulk and back court services.

Over the years, staff have undertaken courses to develop the skills needed for the business and ng2 now provides, in addition to its original duties, the following services:

- Closes / Bulk
- Window Cleaning

- Jet Washing
- Controlled Entry and stair lighting
- Electrical
- Joinery
- Painting

All of this work is carried out using a fleet of specialised vehicles including a fully equipped high pressure water jetting van, an 85 foot Cherry picker, transit vans for transport and tippers for disposing of waste and bulk to the dump sites.



CHERRY PICKER FOR HIRE

ng2 has gone to great expense to add a cherry picker to their growing fleet of vehicles.

The addition of such an advanced vehicle again highlights how much the company has grown over the last three years.

Eight current ng2 employees from various divisions within the company have been fully trained on the safe use of the vehicle.

The cherry picker enables ng2 staff to carry out high level works at heights of up to 85 feet including:

- External painting
- Glazing
- High pressure jetting
- External fabric repairs

As well as providing avenues of work for ng2 the cherry picker is also available for hire with or without a trained operative to the wide range of contractors ng2 work alongside at competitive prices.

Contractors interested in hiring the cherry picker should contact Martin Baker from ng2 on 0141 630 4252 or alternatively email info@ng2works.com



HIT SQUAD EXPANDED

ng2 recently changed the way the Environmental Hit Squad is deployed throughout the north of the city.

Instead of one hit squad for the entire area there are now three separate squads working in designated neighbourhoods, Multi storey flats, Possilpark / Parkhouse and Springburn / Balornock.

This change means the number of people employed as part of the Environmental Hit Squad has now doubled from four to eight and, even better, means that four existing staff were promoted within ng2. This is further proof that there is real opportunities for development and progression in the company.

The change also now gives Neighbourhood Managers direct access to a Hit Squad for their neighbourhood meaning environmental work and void clearances can be carried out quicker and more efficiently.

CAVITY INSULATION CUTS FUEL BILLS

Cavity Wall insulation work for properties in the Springburn area should lead to tenants having lower energy bills.

Around 800 homes have recently had similar work carried out, although the fabric or building types means some properties are not suitable.

City Technical won the contract and on completion will organise surveys to enable Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) to be issued.

Billy Steel, CEO of sub-contractor Energy 2050 said: "The major benefit for householders is increased heat retention in their properties.

"This normally leads to them spending less on gas or electricity to heat their homes and can result in savings of between £100 and £300."

Tenants were supplied with a question and answer leaflet and another document dealing with frequently asked questions.

BALCONY IMPROVEMENTS

A major overhaul of the balconies of properties in Carbisdale Street has been carried out.

The balconies will be waterproofed and the drainage upgraded. There will also be concrete repairs, treating of timber doors and metal railings. Exposed concrete columns not covered in the recently installed insulated render system will also be treated.



James Camley and David Coyle outside one of the four multi story flats they clean every week.

CLEANING UP AT CARRON

David Coyle and James Camley have been working together for over six months now providing close cleaning service and bulk uplift for the entire Carron estate.

James is well known to residents in the Carron area having been based there for over a year.

He is often praised for the great work he does in the area by tenants due to the high standards of cleaning in the area.

David joined ng2 in the summer of 2013 and due to restructuring of the cleaning patches he slotted into an opening to work along side James.

David quickly settled into his role in the Carron estate and has helped maintain the high standard of work carried out in the area.

Between the two men in a week they clean four multi-storey flats which include 14 landings each and a combined total of 1344 stairs, three Mini Multi storey flats which include seven landings each and a combined total of 336 stairs and 29 Closes with a combined total of 1221 stairs.

This adds up to 2901 Stairs cleaned per week and an astonishing 150,852 stairs cleaned per year!



Apprentice electrician Brad Doyle has landed support for his skills development from Edmundson Electrical.

The leading electrical suppliers, with 250 locations throughout the UK, gifted a tool bag to Brad through their Glasgow Depot Branch.

The presentation was made to Brad by Sales Representative Colin McCubbin with Derek Allan, the Glasgow Depot Branch Manger, left, and Matthew Duffy, Jetting Supervisor, also in attendance.

Pat Bradley, Enterprise and Employability Manager, said: "There is an excellent working partnership between ng2 and Edmundsons Electrical and it is great to see them supporting our apprentice."

INSURANCE

FREE Tenants of ng homes who are aged over 60 years or have a disability are entitled to receive FREE contents insurance cover.

The free insurance is part of the ng homes tenants reward scheme, designed to acknowledge the part that responsible tenants play in paying their rent on time and helping to sustain the investment in their homes.

A number of other benefits of the insurance include Wedding gift cover, pedal cycle cover, unspecified and specified valuable cover outside the home.

Tenants will have free access to online legal advice plus a series of free documents such as wills, complaint letters and help with identity theft.

Other key features include no excess, no

minimum physical security requirements, fixtures and fittings cover up to £2,000 and £5,000 accidental death cover.

In order for tenants with a disability to receive the free contents insurance they must contact ng homes and provide details of their disability for our records.

This means that the first £100 of the claim is deducted and not paid out.

IMPROVED SAFETY & SECURITY

The expanded and refurbished concierge control room at Lenzie Place is packed with the latest technology and is now fully operational.

Now more than 1,500 households in our multi storey and deck access properties in the Balgrayhill, Wellfield, Carron and Parkhouse areas of North Glasgow will benefit from this and feel more secure.

ng homes partnered with Scotshield, a leading UK independent service provider for electronic security solutions, to carry out the upgrade.

Concierge staff can now be even more responsive to tenants needs both day and night using new CCTV cameras and other technology.

Paul Johnson, Neighbourhood Manager at Lenzie Place, said: "We always listen to our customers before we make any changes to services or improvements to their homes. This new control room is monitored by professional staff and will provide a feeling of safety and security for our tenants and the wider North Glasgow community."

After over ten years of operation the analogue CCTV systems at the Concierge station required an upgrade.

We felt that any new solution needed to use the very latest technologies to enable rapid expansion in the future.

The new Lenzie Place control room has a number of operator positions each with three display monitors and joystick keyboard control. There is a monitor wall of 32" screens that can show images from all of the cameras on the estate.

A number of existing external cameras were upgraded to the new Internet technology utilising the existing fibre network infrastructure.

The move towards an Internet based platform will bring additional future benefits to all residents of ng homes by creating new "intelligent buildings".

Ann Marie Devlin, Depute CEO of ng homes, said: "Concierge services and particularly the person present on site will continue to be an important part of ng homes support for the community."

"This is just the beginning of an ongoing investment programme in technology to improve our services to tenants, residents and anyone who uses our Multi Storey Flats now and in the future."

"Our partnership with Scotshield is key to achieving our ambitions especially given their track record in this and other sectors and we are delighted with the results achieved at Lenzie Place."

Martin Gordon was Scotshield's Project



Customer Service Officers Ashleigh McIntyre and Paul Carey in the new control room at Lenzie Place.

Manager on the Lenzie Place project. He was an apprentice when the original system was put in.

He said: "From start to completion the project took three weeks. Combined with the recently installed

"...will provide a feeling of safety and security for our tenants and the wider North Glasgow community"

External HD domes, this new monitoring station offers the perfect solution for detecting and preventing anti-social behaviour.

"The new software allows the operator to set camera views on both their operating station and the new monitor wall. Playback can also be quickly accessed and downloaded should an incident occur."

Scotshield Managing Director John Stewart added: "ng homes are very much a progressive organisation, much like Scotshield, and we look forward to continuing our partnership to help them deliver the next phase of their digital homes vision."

Robert Tamburrini, CEO of ng homes, said: "All of this demonstrates that ng homes and our partners are committed to providing for our tenants diverse needs by delivering the kind of products and support services needed for the future."



Scotshield Engineer Ian Brown stands by the wall of monitors



new ng homes art project tackles sectarianism in north glasgow

Parents and children are taking part in a new project using art to support anti-sectarianism in North Glasgow.

The project which supports the Scottish Government's Tackling Sectarianism Campaign kicked off at Keppoch Campus with a workshop from local artist George Smith and Nil By Mouth Campaign Director Dave Scott.

Dave said: "This is a fantastic project and a great opportunity for pupils and their families to come together with others to shape their vision of the future. There are challenges in this area but also a sense of pride and friendship. I'm sure this ng homes project will be a huge success."

Children from Saracen Primary school and St Teresa's Primary school took part in the first session along with their parents and Head Teacher of Saracen Primary Evelyn Gibson.

Evelyn said: "We are always keen

to engage in projects that help to break down the barriers of sectarianism and so we are delighted that parents and pupils from both schools have the opportunity to discuss the key issues and look at how we can address these through art, within the local community."

Robert Docherty, ng2's Football Development Partnership Manager said: "We are extremely grateful to Saracen Primary and St Teresa's Primary, Dave Scott, George Smith, Glasgow Kelvin College and the young people and their parents for supporting this worthwhile project."

Each session will allow the participants to listen and learn and encourage them to think about, talk



about and confront the issues.

Local artist George Smith outlined some of the activities including recreating stained glass artwork and said: "Art can be a way to let people open their minds and look at a problem from a different angle. It is not about creating an artistic masterpiece (that would be a bonus!) but each session would result in each person producing something they have created and treasure – and hopefully make them think a bit more

about the subject."

The project is one of many that ng homes are currently running and links to their wider work regarding this issue in supporting the Scottish Government's Tackling Sectarianism Campaign.

Glasgow Kelvin College are also providing two students to film the project over the next few weeks. It is planned to exhibit the resulting artwork at a celebration event following the programme.

MATCH DAY VISITS

Match day visits provide opportunities for schools and local clubs to attend a Celtic or Rangers match as part of ng homes' Tackling Sectarianism Campaign. In their learning centres both clubs show a DVD which details their history and key moments. Each group also receives a mini tour of the club including the trophy room and directors box, if available.

ng2's Football Development Partnership Manager Robert Docherty said: "We are delighted that both Celtic and Rangers are supporting this worthwhile project. The visit will also cover how to support your club in a positive manner."

Coming up is a visit to Celtic Park to see the Hoops take on Aberdeen on 22nd March.

Dom Sharkey of Rangers Education said: "Young people have enjoyed visiting our Trophy Room and Directors box prior to the game. We hope to continue this partnership with ng homes developing further initiatives."

Pictured are one of the groups outside Celtic Park.



SEVEN A SIDE SOCCER FESTIVAL

In partnership with the Scottish Youth Football Association West Region ng homes are proposing to run a 7-a-side festival for the 2003 Age Group on Tuesday 8th April between 10am - 3pm at Petershill Park.

Entry is free to those teams who get a place, and places are going fast!

The Festival supports ng homes and the Scottish Government's Tackling Sectarianism Campaign. Teams interested in entering should email their details to Peter Glancey at peter.glancey@icloud.com



New ng homes tenant Ian Kilpatrick receives his keys from Housing Officer Terri McChesney. Ian said: "I'd applied to a few housing associations in the area and I was delighted when ng homes got in touch with an offer." Ian plans to decorate his new home in Springburn over the next few weeks and was impressed with ng homes saying: "I can't thank the staff enough, they have been great, helping me get everything organised before I move in."

Sudoku

Our readers are having lots of fun with our brain teasing sudoku games. The game is played on a nine by nine grid that is sub-divided into 3x3 grids. Some of the squares already have some numbers. The idea is to fill all the squares with numbers 1 to 9 so that each number only appears once in each column and each row and also in each of the sub-divisions.

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Tenants of ng homes watching a new device being pitched on the BBC TV show **Dragons Den** had seen it all before.

For the innovative wireless energy-saving egg that switches off appliances and lights when not in use was tested in the homes of some of our tenants and all of them noticed savings on their bills.

The energyEGG was invented in Glasgow by Brian O'Reilly, of start-up company TreeGreen after being driven to distraction by his four children continually leaving on games consoles, TVs and stereos when they had finished using them.

As part of Home Energy Checks (HECs) ng homes tenants were offered an energyEGG. The device was tested by a range of customers including families, retired households and tenants with disabilities.

With its remote control function the energyEGG makes it easier to switch off difficult to reach sockets.

Pat Scott, from Springburn, thinks she'll save £50 per year.

She said: "I love the energyEGG. It has been a life saver since my operation and my back problems. I have difficulty switching off the TV from the socket and I also often forget to turn it off at night, I can either use the remote or the energyEGG switches off the TV if I forget."

Maggie McCart, from Balgrayhill, is also a fan of the energyEGG. She said: "I think it's great. My daughter Megan often falls asleep and leaves her Xbox on. The energyEGG switches it off so it will be saving me money on my electricity bills."

John Watt, Energy Efficiency Project Officer for ng2, said: "We are delighted that ng homes tenants are making good use of the energyEGG. Anything that helps reduce fuel poverty and promote energy saving behaviour changes can only be a good thing."

ng homes is the only housing association in the UK to trial the energyEGG with its tenants and



Home Energy Eggs – A Cracking Invention

Chairperson John Fury said: "With fuel bills rising all the time we are always looking at ways to help our customers. The energyEGG seems to be doing just that. We are delighted to be working with TreeGreen on providing our customers with this innovative product."

In the Dragons Den, inventor Brian O'Reilly gained a £50,000 investment offer from Piers Linney, on condition other investors give him a 30% share in the business.

The device was also featured on the shopping channel QVC for the first time in February and Brian's success in the Den was highlighted on BBC Reporting Scotland.

Brian said: "I am very grateful to ng homes for their interest and assistance in trials and am convinced that tens of thousands of other families will also save money with the energyEGG."

ENERGY FACT BOX

A casserole stew cooks in the oven in one hour or eight hours in a slow cooker but which method costs more to prepare?

The oven. It is all based on the power needed for each device measured by kilowatt per hour (kWh) ratings. The oven would use about 2kWh while the slow cooker would be 0.7kWh.

The typical electricity unit is about 14p so the oven cost is 28p while the slow cooker around 10p per stew.

If you were making three stews a week for a year, it would cost £15 for the slow cooker. In the oven it would cost almost £44.

ng School Green Champions

ng homes recently launched its school green champions program where pupils from local Primary Schools were invited to design an eco-superhero!

Winners so far:

St. Catherine's: Beth Tinlay, Claire Nolan, Ami Brown and Calum Griffin

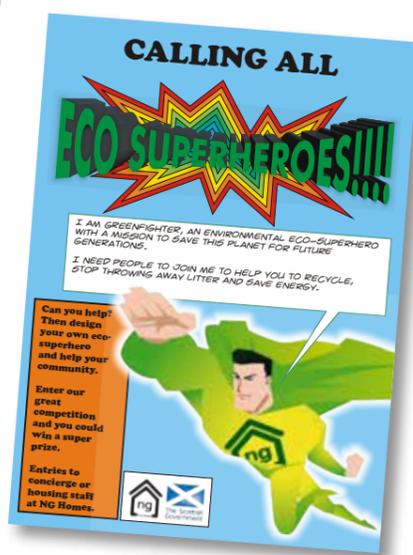
St Teresa's: Alex Todd, Amy Miller, Jay McIver, Leah Brannan

Barmulloch: James Richards, Zeyana Ali, Ellie Brown, Asli Gunes

St Martha's: Iona Strachan, Acsah Sunil, Adam Masih, Seinab Omar, Jennifer Duru, Tegan McDonald.

Balornock, Elmvale and Saracen results will be announced later.

Margaret Layden, Regeneration Manager for ng homes, said: "Well done to all the winners so far. The entries were inventive, attractive and more importantly eco friendly! We look forward to meeting pupils in Climate Week for some eco challenges."



Carron Seniors & Elmvale Primary

Carron Sheltered Housing tenants volunteered to share their knitting skills with pupils from Elmvale Primary, giving the youngsters an opportunity to learn something new.

It also introduced them to crafts and encouraged them to upcycle old items to help reduce climate change.

The Seniors visited the school for five weeks and also shared childhood experiences. The pupils enjoyed hearing what the older generation did at their age and found they shared many similarities and interests.

We want to continue the upcycling, sewing, knitting and craft workshops. If you are interested contact Sarah Robinson Climate Challenge Officer for more information. **Tel: 0141 630 4281** or email: srobinson@ng2works.com

GROW YOUR OWN

Free garden workshops have been organised at the sheltered housing units at Gourlay Street and Hawthorn Street for 3rd April and Petershill Allotments on 4th April. There were earlier workshops held at Red Road Family Centre.

As well as advice on how to grow veg and herbs with seeds and compost supplied there's also a chance to chat over cups of tea/coffee and cake.

Children are welcome but they must be accompanied by an adult.

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