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od for Thought project

id 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.

Partners and elected members at the food for thought launch.

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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 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



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

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 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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Help for families affected by the Bedroom Tax

ver 700 tenants of ng homes are affected by the bedroom tax and the association are doing all that they can to help them. Already, ng homes Housing Services team and Greater Easterhouse Money Advice Project (GEMAP) have been successful with 337 applications for Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP).

Ann Marie Devlin, ng homes Depute CEO, said: "We are working with our tenants who are affected by the Bedroom Tax and will continue to do everything we can to help."

With 337 tenants already accessing the Discretionary Housing Payment Fund a further 365 are affected. Housing Services and GEMAP staff are currently contacting these tenants to let them know how to apply for DHP.

Of the 365 ng homes tenants affected 210 people have not applied for DHP but are paying the bedroom tax, and ng homes will be writing to them to see if there is any assistance we can provide to them.

We are also working with a number of partners who provide money advice services, affordable loans and access to basic bank accounts for their customers.

GEMAP offer a free and confidential service for tenants on all aspects of debt and money advice including benefit entitlements, benefit applications, opening bank accounts and contacting creditors. To make an appointment with a GEMAP advisor, please contact our office on **0141 560 6000** (Springburn) or 0141 336 1300 (Possilpark).

Scotcash offers affordable finance and money advice and can also set up a bank account for you. Scotcash's loan officer is working full time from our offices. To make an appointment please call 0141 276 0525.

Pollok Credit Union provides a range of loans and savings products for its members. The Pollok Credit Union now have a branch beside our Possilpark Office, 264 Saracen Street, G22 5HJ. To join, visit the branch for more information or call 0141 880 7888.

If you think you are one of the 365 ng homes tenants affected by the Bedroom Tax and are not in receipt of DHP, please contact your Housing Officer, as we may be able to assist you with an application.

complaints performance

ng homes aims to provide a first class service to all of our customers and we value your feedback. We recognise that from time to time some things can go wrong. When this happens we want to know about it so we can rectify matters and improve our service.

We have introduced a new Complaints Handling Procedure which helps make it easier for you to get your concerns resolved more quickly.

Our targets are 5 working days to resolve stage one (front line resolution) complaints and 20 working days to resolve stage 2 (unresolved at stage one or complex) complaints.

You can pick up a guide to our complaints procedure at our offices or phone us and we will send you one out.

MAKING A COMPLAINT

If you would like to make a complaint you can do so in the following ways:

Email: Complaints@nghomes.net

Telephone: 0141 560 6000

Online: www.nghomes.net/complaints

Post/Visit:

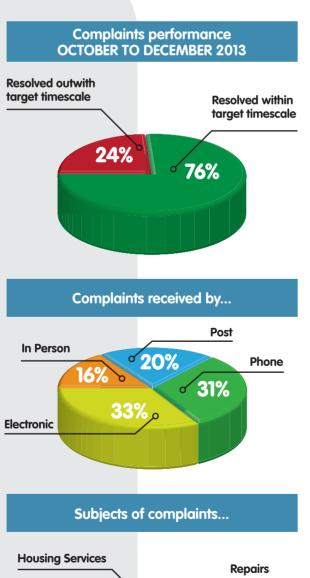
Ned Donaldson House, 50 Reidhouse Street, Springburn, Glasgow, G21 4LS

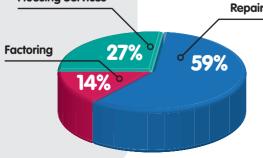
Kenna Rossine House, 252 Saracen Street, Possilpark, Glasgow, G22 5LF

HOW ARE WE DOING?

For the three month period October to December 2013 ng homes received 51 complaints.

Our Management Board receives information about complaints performance, and monitors the actions that ng homes is taking to improve our policies and services to tenants, factored owners and other customers in response to complaints received.





SPRING CLEAN YOUR FINANCES

Be Pro-Active and organise your money is the message from Scotcash.



They say a review of finances - knowing exactly what money is coming in and what you are paying out - can make a big difference. It could even free up some extra cash to help you save for those more expensive times or emergencies.

Here are a few tips to help manage your finances:

- A benefit check can make sure you are getting the benefits you are entitled to.
- Shop about for the cheapest utility rates as gas and electricity is on the rise it can pay to shop about.

When thinking about borrowing money look at the interest rates and how much you are actually paying back before signing any agreement.

Scotcash can help you with all of the above and have staff who can complete a Financial Health Check. Their staff will also make sure you are getting the benefits you are entitled to.

G-heat (Glasgow Home Energy Advice Team) also holds a weekly surgery in the Scotcash High Street office in Glasgow and can help with any utility issues big or small. These services are Free and Confidential.

Link Up gives men a —

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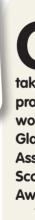
the current work supported by Link Up, it was felt that men within the community were under represented.

The purpose of the group is to support group members to build on social networks by meeting new people, identify potential opportunities to learn something new and to give men a voice within their community.

The first meeting of the group took place at the end of January with a games afternoon, fish tea and some group discussions. After the first meeting meeting it was decided that the group will meet weekly on Thursdays between 12.30 – and 2.30pm in Possilpoint, with a range of sessions and activities including further games afternoons, guest speakers, days out and group discussions.

If you think that this is something you would enjoy then please pop along to Possilpoint Community Centre on Denmark Street. Or for more information contact Gillian Halliday on **07557369599** or ghalliday@ng2works.com

Get yourself along for a cuppa and an opportunity to chat about what you would like to see happening in Possilpark.



and later included art workshops, entertainment, light exercise, fire safety visit and finished off with a celebratory lunch and award ceremony. Those taking part in the programme have given it the

said: "Another course started in February and we have thumbs up. One resident said: "It has been one of the best another planned for April. ever experiences and the coaches from Celtic were wonderful Anyone interested in taking part in the next Still Game and so helpful. It was so much fun and we made lots of new course please contact Margaret Layden or Clare Bird on friends. We are so happy to have had the chance to take part 0141 630 4288 or mycommunity@nghomes.net - I would recommend it to anyone."



• WO mature students from Malawi are being helped to further their education with assistance from ng homes.

Grace Sukasuka and Sabron Kalyolyo have been provided with accommodation while they attend Glasgow Caledonian University.

Both are aged 36 and have left behind their families to study in Glasgow.

The move followed the signing with the High Commissioner of Malawi last August of a unique agreement to support scholarships.

ng homes support unique university scholarship Our scholarship students received a warm welcome from Concierge Billy Aird. It is the first time that a university and UK

housing association have teamed up to offer sponsorship to Malawi's students.

It is being organised through the GCU's School of Engineering and Built Environment which has worked on a series of projects including asset management, agriculture research, environmental and waste management in Malawi.

Grace graduated with a Batchelor of Science degree from the University of Malawi in 2006. She was an assistant lecturer at the same university before being accepted for a Masters in Quantity Surveying and started her course in January. At home is her husband Loimbikani and their two children 11-year-old daughter Akonda and six-yearold son Tithokoze.

Grace says: "I've visited Zambia, South Africa and Kenya but only for a few days before going back home so being in Scotland is very different for me. "I do miss my family but thanks to Skype, I can still be in regular contact."

She says her course is very challenging and that academic writing is different from back home. Grace added: "Glasgow is a very big city and very different. I have never seen snow before and I do find it very cold. When I told my husband that I was living on the 18th floor he just could not believe it."

Flatmate Sabron was a classmate of Grace's when they were at university in Malawi.

He also has a B.Sc degree from the University of Malawi and is now studying for his Masters in International Project Management.

Sabron's wife back home in Malawi is also called Grace and they have three children - sons Khama, 10, and seven-month-old Benjamin and five-year-old daughter Atupele

Sabron was born in South Africa and spent time as a youngster in America.

He has worked in the construction and engineering industry but most of his time so far in Scotland has been spent in the Caledonian University library.

Sabron said: "It is great to have the opportunity to study for a Masters but especially at GCU which is held in such high regard."

Robert Tamburrini, CEO of ng homes, said: "When Glasgow Caledonian University asked if we would support their scholarships we were happy to help by providing accommodation close to GCU.

"I am sure they will find it a great place to live and learn."

Cool Water!

Fresh colder water is on the way for many more tenants of ng homes.

We are now well underway with our programme of improving the quality of domestic water throughout our building stock.

Bill Ritchie, of the Environmental Design Consultants Ateller Ten, said: "The improvements include removing outdated water storage tanks and replacing others with new insulated units.

"Certain interconnecting pipework is being replaced in part and cleaned whilst transfer pumps are being replaced with new units which offer greater energy efficiency.

"New insulation compliant with the current legislation is also being applied. 'The effect of this work is to reduce water transit time from street main to tap thus ensuring fresh colder water for all residents."

ver the past few months around 20 residents from North Glasgow have taken part in the Still Game programme through partnership working by ng homes and the **Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare** Association and funded through **Scottish Sports Relief Home and** Away Fund.

The programme kicked off with a stadium tour of Celtic Park



On completion of the course, members received a Still Game certificate and, as you can see from this picture, met Lisbon Lion Legend Bertie Auld.

Margaret Layden, ng homes Regeneration Manager,

COMMUNITIES UNITED COURSES

Celtic FC Foundation and ng homes have teamed up to bring Communities United to North Glasgow.

The programme started in February and offers local citizens a unique opportunity to attend Celtic Park to take part in course that include a range of activities linked to Health and Wellbeing. Over the duration of the course

attended by males and females including people who have English as a second language they participated in healthy cooking on a budget, fire safety, fitness testing, dance and football.

The group will come together in March for a special celebration event including a tour of the stadium.

allpay payment app

The allpay App is a mobile application (App) available to download from the Apple App or Windows Phone store and Google Play enabling you to pay bills from your Apple, Windows or Android smartphone.

Since its launch in 2012, the App has been used by residents to pay their rent and council tax, while others are using it to pay fines and manage debt repayments.

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Scan me with your smartphone to download the allpay payment app





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MEET YOUR HOUSING SERVICES TEAM

e 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

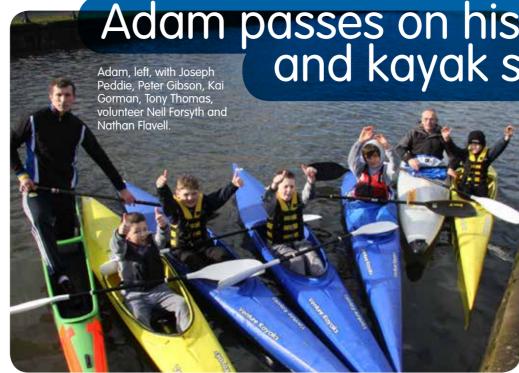
more individual & team flexibility

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 staf 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.





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







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Janice Ellison

Neighbourhood Manager

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"At ng homes we are always

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Irene Dalrymple Neighbourhood Manage "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.



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Terri McChesney

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Yvonne Kinnear Angus Street (7-9B). Atlas Road (10-47). Bagnell Street (5-41). Balgrayhill Road (104-138). Broomfield Place (7-15). Broomfield Road (2-60). Carleston 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)



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Sharon Forrester &

Alison McLean

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Redmoss Street (1-8)

Saracen Street (138, 148, 156,



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Balgraybank Street (11-97).

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Street (45-79, 33-109, 100-214).

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



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Housing Officers to really get to

know who to turn to if they need

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This change will also allow

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

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



Anne Sheeran &

Andrea Campbell

Barmulloch Road (4-172)

Burnbrae Street (3-239)

Oatfield Street (1-44)

Young Terrace (15-93)

Petershill Road (459-463)

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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)

Can you make someone's day?

o 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!

UK National 'Pay It Forward' Day on them to pay the act of kindness 24th April.

"Pay it Forward" is a book written by Catherine Ryan Hyde and is the Forward' can be simple things that 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 Then, why not get involved in the leave for someone and encourage forward to someone else.

Some examples of 'Pay It 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

Adam passes on his cance Adam, left, with Joseph Peddie, Peter Gibson, Kai

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

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."

Get in touch by:

Email: glasgowkayakclub@gmail.com Phone: 07843 835131 Facebook & Twitter: Glasgow Kayak Club's Youth Development Team

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.



g nomes 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

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





Happy Birthday ng2

taff 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 na2 now covers for na 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

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
- 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



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INSURANCE

homes.

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

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

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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.

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



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."

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 concret be treated.

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 will 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!

IMPROVED SAFETY & SECURITY

he 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, Neigbourhood 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

Manager on the Lenzie Place project. He was an apprentice when the original system was put it. 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 wider North Glasgow community

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

External HD domes, this new monitoring station offers the perfect solution for detecting and preventing antisocial 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

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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

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new ng homes art project tackles sectarianism in north glasgow

arents 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

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.

ATCH DAY VISITS

ng2's Football Development Partnership Manager Robert Docher said: "We are delighted that both Celtic and Rangers are supporting this worthwhile project. "The visit w 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 thing nomes developing turther

Pictured are one of the groups outside Celtic Park.

SEVEN A SIDE SOCCER ESTIVA

In partnership with the Scottish Youth Football Assocation 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**





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

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also in each of the sub-divisions.

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New ng homes tenant lan **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."

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home owners...

MEET THE FACTORING TEAM

The team pictured here have been in post since October 2013 and are relishing the challenge of reviewing the factoring and repairs service, developing and improving the delivery of a high quality property management service.

We aim to develop the factorina service and provide recommendations and actions for continuous improvement including:

Customer Services

- Legal Compliance
- Common repairs
- Common property services
- Billing and invoicing
- Income and arrears

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 Planned growth and continuous Improvement

Neighbourhood Manager Sharon Hazlett along with Senior Housing Officer Caroline Wilson are carrying out a Repairs and Factoring Review

It is an exciting opportunity where they can develop polices and procedures and set standards to

FACTORING FORUM

The team are working on introducing a factoring forum so owners can share ideas and suggestions on how they would like to see the day to day management service being delivered, discuss repairs, bills, complaints and ways in which to improve the service.

If this appeals to you and you would like you to share your views then why not complete the section below and return to one of the team

Name
Address
Landline Mobile
Email

FACTORS RATES – COMPARISON

To ensure we are providing the best service at the best rates the staff have carried out an exercise of comparing other Glasgow-based private factor rates. The team looked at 3 other factors and have detailed their findings below.

Compare the figures below with your own factoring invoice and you will see that the social housing rates compare favourably with private management charges.

	Management Fee	Insurance	Backcourt Maintenance	Stair Cleaning	
Factor 1	32.36	34.89	22.70		
Factor 2	46.50	64.27	19.04	30.83	
Factor 3	48.54				

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service provides a free home fire safety visit giving advice on how to identify and be aware of the potential fire risks in your home. You could also be eligible for free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to be fitted were required. For more information contact your local fire station or go to www.firescotland.gov.uk

BE GAS SAFE AT HOME

As your factor, ng homes property services would like to remind you of the importance of keeping your home safe. As the owner of the property you have egal responsibilities when it comes to gas safety.

You have specific duties for gas safety and

these include having gas pipework, appliances and chimney/flues checked for safety by a Gas Safe registered engineer. The responsibilities are laid out in the relevant gas safety legislation, such as the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998

Pensioners, disabled, those on means tested benefit and families with a child under five years may qualify for a free gas safety check. Visit www.gassaferegister.co.uk for details.

TOP TIPS FOR GAS SAFETY

- Get you appliances regularly serviced and an annual safety check carried out every year, or in accordance with your manufactures guidelines, by a Gas Safe registered engineer. This is to ensure that appliances are operating safely and correctly.
- Only use a Gas Safe registered engineer to fit, fix or service your gas appliances, including your: gas boiler, gas fire, gas cooker or hob central heating system, radiators or hot water system.
- Always check the engineers Gas Safety Register ID card. All Gas Safe registered engineers carry a card with their own unique licence number, showing the type of work they are qualified to do.
- Fit a carbon monoxide alarm. It will alert you to the presence of the poisonous carbon monoxide gas produced by unsafe gas appliance.
- If you think there might be a gas leak or notice any signs of carbon monoxide, act fast and call TRANSCO - 0800 111 999.

INVOICING

Invoices are normally raised and issued on a quarterly basis. You can expect to receive your invoices in:

- Quarter 1 1 April 30 June 2014
- Quarter 2 1 July 30 September 2014
- Quarter 3 1 October 31 December 2014
- Quarter 4 1 January 31 March 2015

It is important that invoices are paid in full within 14 days using any of the payment methods listed below.

If you are a homeowner experiencing difficulty with payment you should contact one of the team as a matter of urgency. We can provide debt counselling, debt management and welfare benefit advice free of charge.

WAYS TO PAY

By card - Each homeowner is provided with an ng property services payment card which is designed to make your payment quick, easy and convenient. This card can be used at:

Paypoint – Pay by cash at any store displaying the Paypoint symbol Post Office – Pay by cash, cheque or debit/credit card at any post office

Telephone – To pay by telephone make sure you have your payment card and your debit/credit card available.

Internet – To pay over the internet simply log onto www.nghomes.net and click on the Allpay link, have your payment card available.

Alternatively, you can also pay by Direct Debit - If you have a bank or building society account, the easiest and most reliable way to pay your account is by direct debit.



If you need to report a Common Repair, Stair lighting, controlled entry door, roof repairs or something else, contact our offices: Office hours 9.30am - 8pm - 0141 560 6000 / 0141 336 1300 Out of hours after 8pm - 0800 595 595 You can also email us at: factoring@nghomes.net



GPCF has helped to educate parents the part they have to play within the new curriculum. Many parents wanted to be involved in their child's education but did not know how to go about this. All schools within Glasgow have a Parent Council, often helping with fundraising but also able to work in partnership with the Headteacher to help shape future pathways for their school. Every parent is a member of the Parent Forum and so all parents have the opportunity to help with this shared vision. The GPCF wants to help all parents within the city of Glasgow become as involved as they can be within the life of their child's

school but it's difficult with over 200 education establishments

and speakers are arranged to inform parents about local issues the GPCF has recently taken to twitter @GPCF and facebook and they would urge all parents to follow them.

Tweeting bitesized pieces of information relevant to parents can be quickly circulated, keeping them in touch with city policy and also promoting the many achievements of our young people in Glasgow.

The NPFS has also launched a series called "Nationals in a Nutshell" which are a direct response to parents' questions, written by parents for parents. For more information use the following links: www.parentforumscotland.org



Unattended cooking appliances are the most common source for accidental dwelling fires (60%). The most common source where a fatality occurred is smokers' materials and matches and last year this accounted for almost half of all fatal casualties nationally. Other common sources include electricity supply (wiring, cables and plugs) 7%, heaters 4% and domestic appliances and candles, 2% each. Impairment due to suspected alcohol and/or drugs use was a contributory factor in 16% of accidental dwelling house fires in Scotland last year and was responsible for 30% of fire fatalities and casualties. Smoke alarms can save lives. The number of people who survive a fire has increased over the past four years which is seen as proof of the effectiveness of working smoke alarms and neighbourhood safety

projects and initiatives carried out by firefighters.

Ten years ago working smoke alarms were only present in around 1/3 of dwelling house fires; today detectors are fitted in almost half of all affected properties (45%).

The public are being prompted through the fire service Community Safety initiative to look out for people who may be at risk and encourage them to have a Home Fire Safety Visit. Firefighters are here to help but the public themselves have a crucial role to play in making Glasgow safer.

If you or someone you know is at risk from fire then please arrange a free Home Fire Safety Visit by calling 0800 0731 999 or visit www.firescotland.gov.uk

ensure that their team are providing the best possible service to our factored owners. Some of the changes being developed are:

Streamlining the bill process and how we invoice

Introducing a Factoring forum

This is a start to the future changes for factoring at ng property services and we will report on further changes in future editions of North News.

Sharon Hazlett added: "The repairs and factoring review has brought many different challenges to the team but we are committed to developing a partnership with homeowners and look forward to working with them to improve the best quality service. The review can only be successful if we work with owners and listen to their views and we look forward to exciting times ahead."

Parent Council

he new "curriculum for Excellence" (CfE) has been ten years in the making and as a result, schools are providing young people with high-quality, in-depth learning that matches their individual needs and interests.



Parents can, and should be involved and the Glasgow Parent Council Forum (GPCF formerly a group for School Board Chairs) was established five years ago to achieve that.

and well over 64,000 pupils. While meetings are held once a term in the City Chambers

Email: gpcfcommittee@yahoo.co.uk

🗧 Glasgow Parent Council Forum 🛛 🔰 @ gpcfcommittee

JOIN SCOTLAND'S FIGHT AGAINST FIRE

The number of accidental house fires across Glasgow has reduced by 32% in the last four years but there remains much more still to do. Last year three lives were lost and 160 people injured in 800 house fires. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) carry out a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit. They assess risks and provide free smoke alarms and advice to householders and families.

Prevention and Protection duties now account for a large proportion of SFRS daily activity. Last year there were almost 6,000 HFSVs carried out by firefighters across Glasgow - one visit for every 48 homes in the City.

united action to combat dog fouling

Saracen Primary School St Teresa's Primary School

og fouling is a major issue in communities. Not only is it an eyesore but it brings with it major health issues

Our last North News highlighted the Cleaner Streets community initiative to tackle this.

Children from Saracen Primary and St Theresa's Primary based at Keppoch Campus have been working alongside ng homes and Glasgow City Council and are now gearing up to start their programme in Possilpark with the support of their mascot 'Patch'.

The programme was launched in February and you may have seen the pupils in their high visibility jackets taking 'the lead' in this campaign as they identify streets, open spaces and backcourts where there are continued problems.

The pupils carried out walkabouts with Patch to check out where bins are in the area and have also helped with designing of posters and leaflets to support people to become more responsible dog owners.

They are also working with ng homes

housing and regeneration staff to look at ways to support elderly or infirm dog owners to support a 'dog walking service'.

The pupils were clear that 'responsible dog owners' should be rewarded for keeping the streets clean and are designing special 'Thank You badges' to hand out.

During the Campaign the pupils will visit the Dogs Trust through their 'Dogs in the Community' programme to get advice and support to encourage responsible dog owners.

They will present their work to the entire school, Glasgow City Council and the community. ng homes and Glasgow City Council aim to replicate this programme with schools in other areas.

Already the message from the young members of our Community is clear – Keep our Streets Clean and Say NO to Dog Fouling

If you want to find out more about this campaign please contact: Gemma Lee, Housing Officer on 0141 630 4601. You can also report dog fouling at any time by contacting **0800 027 7027**



A course has been developed to help prepare people to become good tenants and play an active part in the community.

Tenancy Sustainment Officers from ng homes have worked with the Glasgow Homelessness Network (GHN) and GEMAP (Greater Easterhouse Money Advice Project) to develop the course.

Run three days per week over a four-week period, the course helps participants build a portfolio that shows landlords, support workers and others that they have skills to help them sustain their tenancy.

The course includes workshops that focus on important issues such as financial management, cooking, nutrition, basic DIY skills and how to engage in the community.

Eight people successfully completed a pilot of the course last year and were presented with vouchers and certificates. Most have signed up for other ng homes initiatives and the Activate volunteer course.

For more info or to sign up for the next course please contact: Gail Nicolson on 0141 336 1300

Sudoku Answer (From Page 9)

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enants 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 $\pounds 50$ 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

nghomes recently launched it's school green champions program where pupils from local Primary Schools were invited to design an ecosuperhero!

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



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

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." 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. If you are interested contact Sarah Robinson Climate Challenge Officer for more information. **Tel: 0141 630 4281** or email: **srobinson@ng2works.com**

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