

Newsletter

December 2021

What a “Golden Day” at Knightswood Community Centre 50th (plus one) Anniversary/Open Celebrations

The Knightswood Community Centre 50th (+ 1) Anniversary /Open Day celebration was on Saturday the 4th December 2021. The main aim was to showcase and publicise the range of activities as well as the partnership work in the Centre. Despite the weather the Centre was bustling.

Five groups performed on the day. Ignite Theatre did three excellent performances from their Minis, Juniors and Seniors Groups. The Mullholland Dancers gave an entertaining display of agility and dance. The Youth & Community Theatre performed the first act of Beauty and the Beast. They hope to do the full show in the spring of 2022. The Glasgow Seniors Citizens Orchestra played an array of Christmas popular tunes which put everyone in festive cheer. The afternoon was rounded off by a fantastic display from Jim McIntosh’s Dog Training Group.

In the Lincoln Hall the following groups had information stalls: Al-anon, Aye Can Dae, Caravan Project, Community Council, Community Police, Fit-n-fun, Glasgow Life Libraries, Knightswood Community Centre, Knit Wits, Linkes, Local History Group, Thane Road Neighbourhood Watch and Weight to go with Nikki. MP Carol Monaghan gave a welcome speech congratulating the Centre on its anniversary and emphasised the good work of the Knightswood Community SCIO Trustees and Centre staff. The other politicians in attendance were: MSP Bill Kidd, Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Councillor Eva Murray.



GSCO in full swing



Jim McIntosh's Dog Training Class



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Members of Ignite Theatre Minis Group



Mullholland School of Dance



Youth and Community Theatre



Lord Provost Philip Braat and Allen Lindsay
Chair of Knightswood Community SCIO.

In the afternoon the Lord Provost Philip Braat, said a few words about the success of the Centre and congratulated Jim McIntosh on 51 years of dog training at Knightswood Community Centre. An incredible feat of endurance and dedication.

Throughout the day there was a host of other activities.



The Art for All group had a wonderful art exhibition which was enjoyed by everyone.



Knightswood Camera Club taking professional portraits for Centre visitors



The Knightswood Table Tennis Club

Gary Gentles (Centre Manager) said that “everyone has been very complimentary and enthusiastic about the Open Day, they loved the performances, activities and information stalls as well as the excellent run café with its endless supply of free tea, coffee and biscuits”. North West Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service had 8 volunteers who ran the Café with enthusiasm and a smile.



Lapidary Group demonstrations and display



Links Creative Arts class for children

A Ceilidh Afternoon and Evening with Celine

The Alderman Hall was rocking and reeling on Friday 3rd December at Knightswood Community Centre with the fabulous Scottish folk musician Celine Donoghue and her band with special guests performing. Celine did two concerts, the ceilidh afternoon was for Seniors and featured Scottish and Irish popular songs like Flower of Scotland, Marie's Wedding, Wild Rover and Molly Malone. These got everyone clapping and tapping their toes. Afternoon tea and biscuits were greatly appreciated.



Celine Donoghue and John Carmichael

There was a family ceilidh in the evening and the Celine Donoghue Band were again in fine form. There was socially distance Scottish dancing and children's songs like the Three Crows which got everyone out of their seats. Celine has great skill in getting children and adults to join in the musical shenanigans. All the

families had a fun and entertaining evening. As the audience came into the Centre, they were entertained by the hilarious Glasgow street theatre group Future Follies.

The Ceilidhs were produced by Glasgow Life working with Knightswood Connects and Knightswood Community Centre. Special thanks to Mari Binnie (Glasgow Life) and Ann Harvey (Knightswood Connects) who helped organise the events which were so enjoyable for everyone.



Celine dancing with the families

COVID-19 safety guidance when visiting Knightswood Community Centre

The following information will hopefully assist in making your visit enjoyable

Be Fully Vaccinated

We ask that everyone visiting the Centre is fully vaccinated where applicable.

You will not be asked for a 'vaccine passport' or a test certificate, but please act responsibly.

Coronavirus tests

Please have rapid lateral flow or PCR coronavirus test before visiting and do not attend if the test proves negative.

You can arrange a test via [NHS Inform](#) or, if you can't get online, by calling 0800 028 2816.

Feeling Unwell

If you are feeling unwell, please do not visit.

Check In

Check in using the Check In Scotland QR code displayed on posters at the main entrance door.

Alternatively, you can check in by providing you contact details to a member of staff.

Face Coverings

Face Coverings must be worn by everyone over the age of 12 when entering or leaving the Centre, visiting the toilets, and when seated except when an exemption applies, or where there is a 'reasonable excuse' not to wear a face covering (for example, when eating or drinking).

For information about face covering exemptions please refer to the specific face covering [guidance](#) to see the full list of the areas it is required and exemptions that apply.

Sanitising and Cleaning

Please use the hand sanitising station located in the foyer.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing has been one of the most effective methods to protect ourselves and others from getting COVID-19 therefore even though physical distancing regulations have been lifted, everyone should continue to keep a reasonable distance, especially in crowded places.

Ventilation

To provide adequate ventilation and improve fresh air circulation, windows will be open.

This may make it cooler than usual – sorry!

The above rules are subject to change at any time depending on the advice and guidance issued by the Scottish Government