

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Report from Argyll and the Islands Local Economic Forum for the August Meeting of the CPP Management Committee meeting.

The report of the meeting held on 11th May was provided to the June CPP Management Committee meeting.

Update on Argyll and Bute, Arran and Cumbraes Local Social Economy Partnership activity. (Known as the Argyll LSEP)

The Argyll LSEP is a statutory body formed to encourage and support social enterprises, to increase the range and effectiveness of organisations available to deliver identified local services in Argyll and Bute, Arran and the Cumbraes. There will be an LSEP in every local authority area, and each will establish mechanisms for reporting in to and being influenced by, the wider Community Planning Partnership.

The Argyll LSEP was formed in November 2004 and is chaired by Patrick Flynn, Communities Scotland, reporting directly to the Argyll Local Economic Forum (LEF). Member bodies are Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, Argyll and Bute Council and the Argyll and Arran Federation of CVSs. Key achievements to date include:

- Production of draft Action Plan and Services Protocol. Finalisation imminent.
- Commissioning of scoping exercise of the voluntary sector in the area, which will result in a segmentable database for the social economy. £15,000 project, funding partners, AIE and EQUAL Fund (via Communities Scotland), completion aimed for December 2005.
- Integration with earlier £24,000 project funded by AIE, SE Dunbartonshire, and CEDP, and led by Argyll CVS, to design and populate a community web portal, mini-sites, and directory. Completion imminent.
- Roll-out of SensScot community network to the area.
- Communications with Highlands and Islands Social Economy Zone project (HISEZ).
- Communications with Argyll and Bute Council's employability team, community regeneration team etc.
- Early approaches to public sector bodies re fostering business procurement opportunities for the social economy sector.
- Early work on funding of detailed research project to establish opportunities in the healthcare sector. Funding partners to be agreed.