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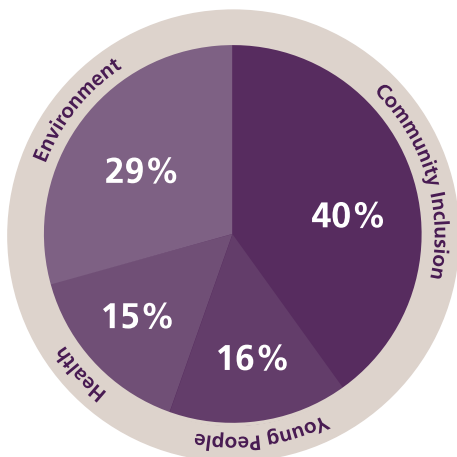
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WHAT IS FAIR SHARE TRUST?

The £50 million UK-wide **Fair Share Trust programme (FST)** was funded by the **Big Lottery Fund** and started in 2003.

Fair Share Trust aims to build community resources and skills, and improve the environment in disadvantaged areas that have not received their *fair share* of Lottery funding in the past. Managed by **Community Foundation Network (CFN)** through 29 local delivery partners, communities are being helped to change lives for the better in 80 neighbourhoods across the UK.

Fair Share Trust is a flexible programme, funding a variety of activities and projects **tailored to match local needs** – but goes beyond grant-making with an emphasis on **building sustainable capacity, skills and support networks** in local neighbourhoods. In each area, a panel made up of people who live or work there determines local priorities and advises on applications for funding. This local knowledge and involvement ensures that communities retain ownership of the programme and that the funded activities and projects are relevant to the area. **Fair Share Trust** aims to sustain the outcomes of capacity building, social capital and liveability by developing a devolved model that empowers and confers ownership on local communities.



Priorities in Scotland

Local priorities are not prescribed, but are agreed by local panels at community level, and vary across the region according to need. Across Scotland, priorities can be retrospectively fitted into four key themes as illustrated here, together with the amount of **FST** funding committed to them:

Theme	Amount awarded
• Health	£905,468
• Environment	£1,770,561
• Young People	£1,013,790
• Community Inclusion	£2,499,879



Scottish Community Foundation

The Scottish Community Foundation is the local delivery agent for **Fair Share Trust** in the whole of Scotland, which includes 13 **FST** neighbourhoods, see *page 4*.

The Foundation is one of Scotland's biggest independent funders, disbursing around £3.5M each year to charities and community groups across the country.

Over the last seven years, the Foundation has worked with local people in **FST** neighbourhoods to make over 100 awards totalling £6.19M from **Fair Share Trust**. In addition, projects have levered in an additional £4.6M from other sources to boost the impact of **Fair Share Trust** in Scotland.

The Foundation is an expert in charitable giving with an ambition to strengthen Scotland's communities through its grant-making. Its philanthropy services aim to inspire giving to generate much needed funds for Scotland's voluntary sector.

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Some of the grants made from Fair Share Trust

Well over 100 grants have been made during the life of Fair Share Trust in Scotland. The effect continues to be felt and to be developed beyond the funding and management provided by the programme.

Abronhill, North Lanarkshire

11 grants totalling £670,592

activities for the elderly, a community café, a play park and environmental improvements...

Charleston, Dundee

9 projects with grants totalling £643,767

a community centre and outdoor area, a 'Lend a Hand' good neighbour scheme, community safety awareness raising...

Dumbarton Road Corridor, Glasgow

3 grants totalling £300,687

youth employability scheme, environmental education initiatives, local stress relief service...

Larkhall, South Lanarkshire

11 grants totalling £877,866

football pitch facilities, befriending and mentoring service for young people, horticultural training programme for people with additional support needs...

Penilee, Glasgow

5 grants totalling £115,501

creation of a piece of public art celebrating the history and heritage of the area, local school grounds, garden improvement...

Thrushcraigs, Paisley

2 grants totalling £144,435

services and activities for young people, new youth groups run by, and for young people...

Brannock, North Lanarkshire

21 grants totalling £670,591

stress reduction & counselling service, training options for young people, a local gala day...

Drumchapel, Glasgow

19 grants totalling £355,624

volunteer recruitment initiatives, community transport scheme, advocacy project for parents...

Greater Pollok, Glasgow

27 grants totalling £680,348

new youth facilities, help to build the capacity of local people and organisations...

Linwood, Renfrewshire

9 grants totalling £606,628

support for local carers, a skatepark, environmental improvements, increasing volunteering...

Maybole, South Ayrshire

15 grants totalling £536,473

environmental education and improvement initiatives, community transport schemes, information, advice and capacity building...

South Lanarkshire Rural Areas

7 grants totalling £409,670

supporting website presence for local community groups, signage project designed to promote tourism in the local villages...

Toryglen, Glasgow

2 grants totalling £161,699

community gardens, improvements to local schools and nursery grounds, food growing and composting...

Growing local facilities

In Glasgow, the **Toryglen Gardening Club** were awarded two **Fair Share Trust** grants totalling £161,699 to develop their work improving the local environment.

Welcomed and enthusiastically supported by the community, the project is now a charity in its own right – the **Urban Roots Initiative**, working in community market gardens, distributing a wide range of quality organic fruit and veg into local lunch clubs, community cafés, a food co-operative and ‘Fruit Barra’. In addition, participants in their community carbon foot-printing exercise have been invited to contribute to the development of a local **Carbon Reduction Action Plan**. Not only does this project improve local environmental sustainability, but its growth and raised profile enables their work to continue to make a real difference.



In **Abronnhill**, in North Lanarkshire, **Fair Share Trust** granted £270,307 towards constructing a **Family Play Park**.

“

Excellent, 100% difference as no facilities like this whatsoever in Cumbernauld.

Park user

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Comprising a safe play area for toddlers and young children, a multi-ball games area and a wheeled sports area, the park has been visited by over 25,000 people since launching in November 2006, and has made a huge difference to local children, young people and families. The park will continue to provide a safe space for children long after the end of the FST programme.

Growing local involvement

One of the key strengths of the programme has been the involvement of local people through the local panels, as exemplified in the **South Lanarkshire Rural Areas**.

The 'rural area' neighbourhood encompassed four villages with a relatively low starting point of community organisation and no track record of working together.

With consistent community representation over the life of the programme, the local **Fair Share Trust** panel was itself an example of the value of villages working together to achieve a shared purpose, for example highlighting unmet needs in communities, including long-standing environmental issues.

Having identified its priorities, the panel maintained a focus on them throughout the programme including when reviewing funding applications from community organisations. Although this can be challenging for local people who may be considering applications from friends or neighbours, the panel's clear focus on its priorities enabled it to handle these difficult decisions.

Within rural **South Lanarkshire**, the local panel has been both a success in itself and a catalyst to the success of the funded projects. It has also been a support and an important source of accountability for the organisations delivering them.



At the end of the programme, there is an appetite amongst the majority of local **Fair Share Trust** panel members to continue meeting in recognition of the impact that they have had in addressing local priorities.



Growing individuals

A grant of £118,842 from **Fair Share Trust** was awarded to the '**Pure, Dead Brill Mentoring**' project to recruit, train and match Volunteer Mentors with young people from **Larkhall**.



The '**Pure, Dead Brill Mentoring**' project provides support, builds self-confidence, identifies training needs and aspirations, and enables young people to take the next step in their development. The 62 'hard to reach' young people matched with a mentor have been helped to access employment, college, training, job taster placements and volunteering. Referrals from partner agencies have led to stronger links and increased trust and credibility between organisations, easing further referrals and building positive relationships.

Thanks to further funding from a Scottish Community Foundation donor, the project is now due to roll out to other young people in **South Lanarkshire** and represents a great sustainable legacy for local young people looking to increase skills and confidence.

Growing local organisations



Three **Fair Share Trust** grants totalling £99,893 were awarded to **ASCEND** to develop a community transport project in Glasgow's **Greater Pollok** neighbourhood.

“
Rooted in
the community
– it's invaluable
to make
connections.

”

Panel member

The project has been so successful in reducing residents' isolation, increasing access to services, training volunteer drivers and creating affordable, sustainable transport to individuals and groups, that it has now become a self-financing organisation in its own right – **South West Community Transport (SWCT)**. **SWCT** has generated income from group hire, membership fees and training activities, has attracted contracts from the Community Health and Care Partnerships, and delivered services for Glasgow City Council and Culture & Sport Glasgow.

The initial grants awarded by **FST** enabled the group to develop their project and grow their membership base. Their success is a testimony to this 'seedcorn' funding model.

Growing health equality

With £104,460 from **Fair Share Trust**, the **Royston Stress Centre** in the **Dumbarton Road Corridor** area of **Glasgow** offers alternative health therapies to the local community.

Treatments available through the three local venues successfully tackle issues of isolation and stress, and lead to increased confidence and calm. The delivery model adopted by **Royston Stress Centre** is now being considered as an exemplar for alternative approaches to 'anti-depressant prescribing reduction' – a key objective in the local Community Health Care Partnership plan.



“
My life changed the day I walked into that stress centre and I still owe them my gratitude for their care/support in my journey. I am now working as a therapist.
”

*Service recipient
and (now) part-time therapist*

Another innovative approach to health has been led by the **Renfrewshire Environmental Trust** and **BTCV Scotland** in the development of a 'Green Gym' for **Linwood**.

This project helps people stay healthy through participating in conservation and environmental activities. The £14,910 awarded to this project by **Fair Share Trust** enabled volunteers to take part in conservation days, building confidence and social interaction. Because the **Green Gym** caters particularly well for elderly or disabled volunteers, it encourages participants who might otherwise struggle to engage in healthy exercise activities.



Growing volunteers

In **Dundee**, a small group of women looking for local and affordable fitness opportunities took the initiative to form **Charleston Healthy Action Troopers (CHAT)**.

CHAT quickly developed into a well-established organisation offering health and well-being advice and affordable fitness activities to the whole community, particularly those unlikely to access other fitness programmes. £14,501 from **Fair Share Trust** enabled **CHAT** to rent a shop unit to further develop this work and open a drop-in five days per week. Run entirely

by volunteers, the group raised a further £3,320 in early 2009 and the income from classes is hoped to sustain running costs in the future. **CHAT** has a strong model of supporting local participants to become active volunteers, furthering the group's sustainability, building social capital, developing personal skills, confidence and engagement with the local community.



Crucially for sustaining this impact, **CHAT** is involved in succession planning. Members recognise that they might not always have time to maintain **CHAT** on a voluntary basis, so actively coach and mentor newer members to take on additional responsibilities.

The Thomas Fortune Work Centre in Drumchapel received a Fair Share Trust grant of £3,070 – matched by the local regeneration agency.

This grant supported the cost of training a Lead Volunteer to take on a greater role supporting other volunteers at the centre, where adults with a learning difficulty can take up supported work experience in partner businesses. The project has improved support and training for volunteers and integration between volunteers and staff.



Growing community cohesion



“
Never doubt that
a small group
of thoughtful,
committed
citizens can
change the
world. Indeed,
it is the only
thing that
ever has.

”

*Margaret Mead
1901–1978*

In **Penilee** in Glasgow, the panel sought projects which would improve the physical image of the area.

Penilee Public Art Group (PPAG) addressed this by involving the whole community in the creation of a piece of community art. With two **Fair Share Trust** grants totalling £75,926 over three years, **PPAG** have consulted with local residents, held community workshops and worked with all the schools in the area to design a piece of public art to instigate a sense of pride in **Penilee**.

The group has also run art classes for the whole local community and coordinated the **Fair Share Legacy Project**. This project seeks to highlight and celebrate the achievements of the programme in the **Penilee** area, projects which the whole community can enjoy and take pride in.

Growing young people

Two **Fair Share Trust** grants directed into the **Thrushcraigs** area of Paisley have strategically reduced tensions between young and older people, by tackling youth boredom and anti-social behaviour.



The grants totalling £144,435 were awarded to **Go Country** – an outdoors activity project that aims to raise self-esteem, communication, teamwork and problem solving – and the **J.U.S.T. Youth Project** – identifying, consulting with and providing services for young people.

Over 1,300 young people have engaged with the two projects, taking up challenges, training and roles within local youth activities, and reporting increased awareness of the effects of negative behaviour on the wider community.

Reeltime Music were awarded a **Fair Share Trust** grant of £36,818 to develop a music tutor project in **Brannock**, in North Lanarkshire.

The project has been hugely successful, training twice as many young people as planned. These trained youth music tutors deliver community music workshops in partnership with local agencies and have produced a DVD to celebrate and showcase their work. Young people in **Brannock** have benefited through volunteering, training, social networks and increased confidence.

The flexibility of the **FST** programme has allowed local panels to engage young people in a locally appropriate way, building on existing successes and providing unforgettable experiences for participants.



Growing the local voluntary sector

The **Association for Local Voluntary Organisations (ALVO)**, in South Lanarkshire was granted £226,851 for their '**Gettin' Mair fae Fair Share**' project.



Over three years, two Development Officers were employed with **Fair Share Trust** funding, with a remit to build and support local community groups, improving links, recruiting community leaders and accessing funding for new ideas. Through this work, the project brought almost £1.5M of extra funding into the area from 41 different funders.

In addition, the innovative **Leading for Local Regeneration** programme has built the skills and confidence of community leaders and improved links between groups. This is proving to be a crucial part of ensuring longer-term sustainability across the voluntary sector in the area.

“

I'm a different person now; I could never have stood up in front of people and talked about myself before and now I'm organising the group.

”

Participant in the 'Leading for Local Regeneration' Programme run by ALVO



Growing environmental awareness

Ayrshire Rivers Trust's '**Salmon in the Classroom**' project received £15,477 from **Fair Share Trust** in **Maybole**.

The project was designed to improve children's understanding of the need to protect the environment for the benefit of wildlife and people. Five primary school classes were given aquariums containing salmon eggs which they cared for until the eggs hatched, at which point they were released into the River Girvan. On trips to the river to see the salmon, children learnt about other species and wildlife – learning that was reinforced in the classroom.

Following the success of the project, the Scottish Community Foundation was able to award a further grant to expand the work to other schools thanks to a private donor seeking to fund educational activities in primary schools.



Concerns about the safety of children accessing the river led to a further grant to the **Ayrshire Rivers Trust** of £26,771, which not only helped improve riverside safety and habitat quality, but also stimulated interest in the local environment for all, through wildlife workshops, angling activities for young people, and training for volunteers including chainsaw skills and habitat restoration.

The Trust's biologists have noted positive changes in the number of salmon fry in the river and recently spotted an Anglers Mayfly, – their first sighting of one in Ayrshire.

THE LEGACY OF FAIR SHARE TRUST



Projects

Almost three quarters of the projects funded by **Fair Share Trust** in Scotland are continuing in some way beyond the life of the programme. Some have attracted other funding to enable them to continue, others have evolved to become sustainable without the need for a grant. In many neighbourhoods, the programme has created buildings and facilities that continue to provide a benefit to those communities.

Most of the 96 organisations receiving grants were already in existence, though 8 brand new groups also received funding from the programme. Many other new groups have been set up as a result of community development work undertaken with **FST** funding. Of the established organisations that received grants, many were local groups who were supported to grow and develop their activities. As well as sustaining or extending existing work, the programme fostered the development of 60 new services, facilities or initiatives within the neighbourhoods, 30 of which have continued beyond the end of the funding.

People

The panels have now disbanded, although the **South Lanarkshire Rural Area** panel is exploring how to build on the partnership it has built between the four villages there. Meanwhile, 35% of former panel members report that they are now more involved in local groups and representative bodies as a result of their involvement with **FST**.

Scottish Community Foundation

The **Scottish Community Foundation** has built on its experience of supporting communities to manage independent funds over the long term and adapted the panel approach to a new but growing area of its work helping communities to manage community benefit funds associated with renewable energy developments such as wind farms. In 2010/11, it expects to help 12 communities allocate a total of £700,000 from these sources.

The Foundation is also keen to continue to help local people develop the skills and connections to bring about change within their communities and has secured a £380,000 grant from the **Big Lottery Fund** to provide mentoring support and resources to emerging groups that aim to influence decisions about their future. Through the **Our Community Our Future** programme, the Foundation will work with 8 communities between 2010 and 2013.



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Really positive – it works and makes change.
It's had an amazing effect in our area.

Panel member

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