

WELCOME TO THE FIRST WHITEINCH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

This is the first newsletter and e-zine from your local community centre. We will be aiming to produce editions on a quarterly basis, bringing you information about events and goings-on in Whiteinch. If you are interested in anything in this newsletter or have any requests for new activities in the Centre, please get in touch and we'll do our best to help! Contact details are overleaf.

WORDS ABOUT WHITEINCH PLAY

You may remember the writing competition that took place at the Centre last year. Short stories, reminiscences and poems were submitted for inclusion in the *Words About Whiteinch* community anthology that was published last year.

Stories from the book have now been turned into a play, which will be performed at the Centre on the 22nd of January. Tickets are on sale now at reception at £2.00 each or £5.00 for a family ticket.

Our very own administrator and aspiring thespian Anne Russell is taking a leading role and other familiar faces from around the Centre will be taking part.



Whiteinch Centre &
Birds of Paradise Theatre Company

Touching the Sky
Inspired by "Words about Whiteinch"
Tickets: £2 / £5 (Family Ticket)

Performance:
Saturday 22nd January
at 7pm



Tickets: Whiteinch Centre, 1 Northinch Court, Glasgow, G14 0UG
Telephone: 0141 950 4434

The Whiteinch Centre Scottish Charity No. SC037530 | Birds of Paradise Theatre Company Scottish Charity No. SC023666
Illustration: Annabel Wright

WIDER ROLE VISIT

Whiteinch Centre recently hosted a visit by Scottish Government Wider Role staff to see and hear about our learning programme, Get with Whiteinch, direct from learners. Staff were very impressed with the diverse range of participants, and also with the positive progression many are making in their lives. Thanks to all who attended on 16th November. We are keeping our fingers crossed that Wider Role funding continues beyond April 2011, as they have been very supportive of Whiteinch Centre's services.

GET WITH WHITEINCH!

The new year has begun at The Whiteinch Centre. Classes this year include an IT class for beginners, an IT drop-in surgery and a new ILA-eligible creative writing course from Glasgow University, taught by Donnie O'Rourke. We will be running an ILA workshop in the New Year to ensure that Whiteinch people have access to their £200 learning funds. If you would like help or information about your Individual Learning Account, please let Ruth at the Centre know.

We are also really pleased to have a new series of Creative Writing workshops on the run-up to the Aye Write festival in March. The Centre will be venue for a Glasgow Life Meet The Writer event on February 10th - local author Karen Campbell will run a relaxed workshop for aspiring writers.

In April, The Centre will offer a six week Confidence Building course. This course is currently in the planning stages and will be advertised more fully closer to the time.

Details for most classes will be announced soon.



SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Whiteinch Centre is currently compiling information on the added value we create for every £1 invested in the building. During interviews with Centre Users, we've heard about how much people value the friendships they've made at the Centre, and how our services help people to overcome loneliness and isolation, and to improve their lives in a sustainable way. We've also heard some inspiring stories about how people have discovered hidden talents for arts, public speaking, and helping others. The full report will be ready in the Spring, when we will publicise our findings.

CENTRE DOORS

Have you noticed how warm and toasty it is in the Café and reception these days? After last year's discomfort, WCL Board made it a priority to source funds to pay for a new set of doors to the Centre - at a cost of £25,000. Funds were contributed by Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association, WCL and Area Committee budget. Many thanks to funders - the new doors should make a big difference to everyone this winter! Please note that the doors can be opened manually, or by pressing the disabled access button to the right of the door.

SURF AWARDS 2010

Whiteinch Centre was shortlisted for the Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum's 2010 awards for Community Regeneration. The award highlights good practice work in involving local people in regeneration.



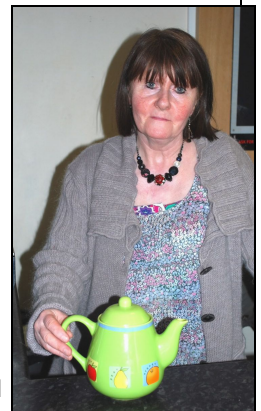
A huge thank you to Eva Appelbom Myrhe, who did a great job of keeping the Centre going over the Christmas period, while Anne recovered from her broken wrist!



Display of work produced in Whiteinch Centre classes in 2010. Work includes Local History displays and photos and graphics from Digital Photography classes.

TEAPOTS CAFE

Teapots café which is run by Theresa and Julie Arneil, is the hub of the community. Many people use the bright modern space for meetings, socialising and a great bowl of homemade soup. Regulars come from as far away as Duntocher for their bowl of chicken & rice or lentil soup. Four years ago Teapots was approached by the Southbrae Centre who work with people who have extended learning needs about volunteering opportunities. Alison and Bernadette started with Teapots four years ago and are still around every Friday. Why not come in for a cup of coffee, scone or homemade soup? Teapots also provide outside catering. For more details just approach Theresa or Julie.



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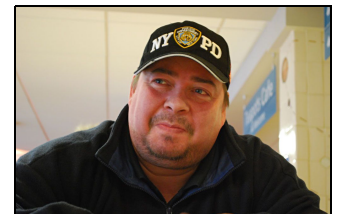
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