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THE LANGHOLM INITIATIVE





CHAIR'S REPORT



digital skills project

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background

- What are digital skills?
- “Digital by default”
- The poverty premium
- A changing economy needs changing skills
- Our scoping phase

our report

- In-depth policy research and knowledge sharing, identified key issues we face
- Engagement with key demographic groups
- 83% of local older people require support
- 67% of younger people interested in building their digital skills for the workplace
- Highlighted areas of support required by businesses
- Proposals moving forward



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Building our digital future

How can we best support skills development in a digital age?

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our aim

To support the growth of digital skills for our community and help it thrive in the digital age

strengthening essential digital skills

Providing volunteer-led sessions for older people to make the most of digital technology

building digital aspirations for young people

Offering experiences for practical activities, as well as careers days and work experience

supporting small businesses to thrive on digital

Working with partners to provide expertise to small businesses that wouldn't otherwise be accessible

strengthening essential digital skills



We will:

- Develop a volunteer training scheme
- Recruit volunteers
- Work to deliver essential digital skills training to older people
- Support the sustainability of the programme

building digital aspirations for young people

We will:

- Provide practical activities, like coding, programming, robotics and creative projects on an extra-curricular basis
- Digital Career Days and support the digital curriculum
- Feed into our voluntary EDS programme



supporting small businesses to thrive on digital



We will:

- Work in partnership with Business Gateway to develop a programme of learning events
- Collaborate with local artists and match their skills to local need
- Link with our Chamber of Commerce to realise potential opportunities

next steps

- Build a package of funding
- Recruit volunteers
- Plan workshops for young people in partnership with schools and youth workers
- Commence in March 2020





thanks!

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Textiles Eskdale
Weaving a Future

LANGHOLM INITIATIVE
AGM 2019

JUDITH JOHNSON



Background



- Building a Future for Eskdale 2016-2018
- Volunteering, training, employment, enterprise
- ALL SECTORS
- Re-emergence of **textiles**

Co-operation Project



- ReTweed – Eyemouth
- Sewing skills
- LEADER Funding
- Co-operation Development
- “PULLING THE THREADS TOGETHER”



What did we do?

- Meetings
- Sewing workshops
- Joint visits



Recycling



- Over 80 billion garments produced each year
- Many thrown away to landfill
- Hundreds of years to decompose
- Release methane and CO₂



Next Steps



- February 2019: applied for funding for new project for Langholm & Eskdale
- Successful with Holywood Trust & Cumberland Community Foundation
- June 2019: commenced new project
- “WEAVING A FUTURE FOR ESKDALE”

Textiles Eskdale



- Some highlights to date
- Workshops at local primary schools



Weave Up a Storm



Commercial House, Langholm High Street



Work Ready Day at Langholm Academy



The Creative Industries

- Weaving
- Millinery
- Sewing Skills
- Recycling



Lunar Tartan



ITV Border filming weaving of Lunar Tartan



Feel the Fear and Sew Anyway



Mastering the machines!



Patchwork Quilting



Fun with Scrap Fabrics workshop led by Elspeth Weatherstone



Visits



Woolfest and Sanquhar Knitting



Industry Collaboration



- Centre of Excellence for Textiles
- Drove Weaving training programme
- Carlisle College fashion programme



Weaving a Future



The aims of the project:

- “To promote community confidence through creative industry and to promote a positive and progressive culture around revitalising textiles”
- “Focus on learning and skills development opportunities for young people”
- “Target older members of the community and encourage a cross - generational approach to learning”



Thank You!



Any Questions?



WILD ESKDALE



Forest Schools

With Canonbie and Langholm primaries



John Muir Awards

With Langholm Academy S1



The Wild Eskdale Festival

With South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project and The Walled Garden at Arkleton





The Guest Experience



Join us for
breakfast or
lunch











Are we on the right track...?



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The best wedding anniversary ever!!!

Review of Wild Eskdale

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 weeks ago

DO NOT MISS THIS!!! We had the most wonderful time seeing a lek, which was most surprising. However, this was just the start of a brilliant morning with Kevin, see so many birds and other wildlife. Many thanks to Kevin and his expert knowledge.

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Date of experience: April 2019



Rayfbrighton
Brighton



Not to be missed

Review of Wild Eskdale

★★★★★ Reviewed 3 weeks ago  via mobile

A terrific way to spend a day, it was an extremely varied selection of wildlife. Kevin our guide and driver was very knowledgeable and was keen to share it.

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Pauline O



Wildlife experience

Review of Wild Eskdale

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 days ago  via mobile

We had an excellent day's birdwatching with Kevin Cumming of Wild Eskdale Project, in Langholm. We were delighted to see so many of the birds that make their home in the Southern Uplands including black grouse, hen harrier, merlin, barn owl, and partridge. Kevin has a real passion for wildlife and the entire ecosystem of this beautiful area.



Langholm Moor Community Buyout



- Preserve Common Riding Access
- Allow the community to have a say over its future
- Achieve environmental goals
- Provide jobs
- Development potential


- Feasibility Study
- Community Consultation
- Renewables Feasibility Study
- Stage 2 Scottish Land Fund Application



The image features a bright pink background with a diagonal yellow stripe running from the top-left towards the bottom-right. Scattered across the entire background are numerous small triangles in three colors: yellow, orange, and light green. The text 'WELCOME TO LANGHOLM' is written in a bold, red, hand-drawn style font. The words 'WELCOME' and 'TO' are positioned on the yellow stripe, while 'LANGHOLM' is positioned below them, also partially overlapping the stripe.

WELCOME TO
LANGHOLM

Townfoot Sports Centre Redevelopment Project



Our mission is to develop and operate a first class modern community led Sports Centre, which will be embraced by the community and will benefit the general wellbeing and welfare of the wider community in Langholm and Eskdale.

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AGM, Buccleuch Centre, 18th Dec 2019

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Project Progress

Between March and December 2019, the project achieved its key aims. It has:

- set up a robust and transparent project governance structure
- developed and completed a detailed community survey
- developed an initial concept design using the data from the survey
- prepared and issued a Pre-Feasibility Report
- obtained tender proposals from design architect consultants

Initial Design Concept

Survey data suggests the most popular facilities are:

- Larger swimming pool of size approx. 20m x 8m
- 3 tennis courts with potential for one space to be a multi court
- Gymnasium and fitness suite
- Sauna
- Retain 1 squash court
- Soft play area
- Climbing / bouldering wall
- Lift / disabled/restricted mobility access to all areas
- Social hub area with vending/café capability

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Graphic illustrates a potential design but it is likely to change in the design phase.
Graphic courtesy Ciaran Scott.

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Look Ahead

Project has now moved to the design feasibility phase and the key tasks are:

- appoint a design consultancy
- complete a building condition survey
- develop concept design layouts/costs
- identify and approach potential capital funders
- determine the initial project budget required
- prepare and issue a business plan by end March 2020
- form a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Key challenges:

**Capital funding
and
Operating costs**



Thank you

Working group members:

Colin Cox, Duncan Elliot, Phil Gunn, George Hollywood, Stewart Pool, Maureen Smith, Gordon Winter

The community of Langholm and Eskdale



TIME FOR CAKE!

PLEASE STAY FOR TEN
MINUTES AFTER THE BREAK
FOR IMPORTANT BUSINESS