

## Small Grants Fund Case Study

### Forgan Arts Centre

#### **What activity did you run?**

We ran three informative Climate Conversations in conjunction with the Fife Climate Festival. Dr Helena Simmons, our Garden Facilitator, led these sessions within the grounds of Forgan Arts Centre in Newport On Tay.

The sessions allowed people to learn more about the global to local impact of climate change, providing a context and call to action showing how local communities can make a difference

#### **Who were your main audience?**

We targeted a range of marginalised groups including people over 75, unpaid carers, young people and people on low incomes. Each event brought new people to Forgan Arts Centre who had never visited before. Many of them have signed up with us to find out more about our activities and specifically information regarding gardening for the future programmes, outdoor workshops and climate conversations.

#### **What did you learn?**

As our local community consultation undertaken last year highlighted, the biggest thing most respondents want to find out more about is climate action - specifically to learn more and educate themselves about the subject and explore ways in which they can take practical, affordable and positive steps to tackle the climate crisis.

Through all our funded activities, we learned that people are our strongest tool in the mission to control the effect we can have on the changing climate. We raised awareness and promoted positive and practical climate actions.

#### **Has your project increased your community's capacity to tackle the climate emergency?**

Our Climate Conversations highlighted the urgency of the climate crisis. Each event ended with a 'call to action' after deep conversations about the spheres of influence people have within their own lives to make a difference and how they can also involve others by pollinating thinking and ideas.

These events were so popular that we aim to repeat them later in the year, following the initial series supported by Community Climate Grant funding.

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