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LINKES Information Sheet

LINKES gets its name from 'Lincoln Avenue' and 'Kestrel Road', the streets which surround the multi-storey flats. LINKES is a community led project, established and governed by local people. Our overall aims are to provide local residents with social, developmental and learning opportunities to improve lives and to utilise our two community facilities for the benefit of the community, as well as reducing the impact of poverty. We are based within two community flats within the multi-storey on the Lincoln Avenue estate and deliver a vibrant programme of activities with the estate and surrounding areas in response to identified needs. The community in which we are based is within the most 5% deprived communities in Scotland (SIMD2 2016), with a significant number of refugees. Our project targets distinct vulnerable groups of adults, all of whom face social isolation and health inequalities, including women, particularly women from BME communities, men, older people, parents, including single parents, and carers of pre-school children, people on a low income and/or living in poverty and children and young people.

Our main strands of work are:

- 1) adult and community – we deliver a programme of group work activity (women's group, men's group, Seniors Lunch club) and learning activities (accredited and unaccredited classes, two ESOL classes, conversational English and Click and Connect computer access). We are also open for drop in enquiries and we run a support and information drop in with an Arabic interpreter.
- 2) Children and young people – we deliver a programme of term time play activities for children, evening youth club, and a holiday programme. We are also delivering a Youth Social Action Project supporting young people to come together to take action within their local community. We also deliver Boogie Babies, which is a movement and music class for pre-school children and their carers.
- 3) Food project – we deliver a weekly food hub from a shipping container, distributing Fareshare food to the local community and will soon have a permanent food hub in another community flat. We support a group of local people to come together to steer our food project and to look at how they can influence the wider policy agenda. We are also in the process of planting a forest garden, working with a group of volunteers.

In addition, we run a programme of community events to bring the community together and to promote integration.

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