

## Leith Conference

### Getting Together Connecting Our Community - Day 1

- A Leith Network/ Guidebook/ Website/ What's on Guide to organisations/ help/ institutions – work, health, community activity - could be delivered digitally online or printed version 4
- Creating Safe Places (Emotionally) for People to Connect with Others 3
- Identify Barriers to Connection to Reach Others for Young People + Elderly 3
- Strengthening online communities – I Love Leith and NE Youth Reporters
- More Working Together Due to Pressure from Budget Cuts 2
- Bring People Together Around Shared Emotional Connections (e.g. Supporting Hibs) 2
- More Education about Different Communities to Create More Understanding 2
- (How do we) Share Things Across Social Groups Like Leith Tool Library, can be a way to create Connection
- Connect People through Local Institutions and Landmarks Such as Custom House 1
- Accompany People to Events in Other Parts of City – Make Sure They Know These Places Are for Them. 1
- More Inclusive Spaces for Conversations/ Connections – Accessible for young / old/ parents etc. (not just round table discussions)
- Leith Youth Parliament / Assembly

*If we did one thing ... Experiment and Learn. Let's do something radical using models from elsewhere* 7

*If we did one thing ... Any Developments in Leith Should improve lives and wellbeing for less well-off families* 3

*If we did one thing ... Create a Resource Pack that could be used in Different Contexts to enable a continuation of the discussion we had today* 1

## More

- Look outside of Leith – the ‘area’ isn’t just geographic. It is area of community development.
- Take this conversation OUT! Resource Packs to include unheard voices.
- Jemma’s vision of small self-defined Neighbourhood groups
- A Government that thinks about communities
- [www.sharingcities.eu](http://www.sharingcities.eu)
- Making the most of Community Assets that we already have
- Assets – Buildings, services, things
- Access for Everyone, both those served by charities but also by the general public
- Mechanisms to listen to groups that aren’t here.
- Property developers working alongside communities
- Where + who participates in the conversation who isn’t here
- How to Sustain the Conversation
- Thinking about the Future + not imposing it on them (Young People) - Mechanisms to stop the imposition

## Leith 2050

Circular Economic Thinking

Loyalty to Leith – Keeping things in Leith (Brains, communities)

Leith is my Family, Leith is my Life

Donut Economics

Leith Environmentally positive + responsible.

No single use plastics, Styrofoam

Affordable; to care about the environment

Polluter Pays - Litter Generator

No Water Bottle vending machines

Water Fountains

Ownership + accountability of the issue

It starts with us

we are the Cavalry

Scottish Youth Parliament

## Initial thoughts

**Sheila** – online community, integrated networks

**Susan** – Poverty major issue. How do we keep things going during the tram works? Keep things Flourishing. We need to work together due to budget cuts

Barriers Poverty, strengthening institutions to identify gaps. Identify conduits and guides that can connect people. How can we mobilise against isolation?

Some people don't get their voices heard – social media - lack of confidence

A Leith guidebook.

**Eve** – How do we get the voices of the young people heard

**Colin** – bring people together through football, strong emotional connections to Hibs.

**Darren** – Part of Leith Young reporters, NE Youth Reporters.

**Gurmit** - Sikh Community 3000 strong. Explore new activities to bring people together.

More education needed around who different communities in Leith are.

**Chris** – Works with a range of people. Overlap of people at Tool Library. How do we share things rather than own them. How can disadvantaged groups serve the wider community?

**Dave** – Community within a community due to stigmatisation. On the surface prosperous but lost of barriers for people. How do we reach out to them? Gordon – Connection through Local Institutions Like Customs House and Hibs

**Douglas** – Contribution from older people. How do we work together to improve connection?

**Willy** – 1 in 3 children living in poverty. Are they here today? Poverty + mental health + food insecurity. This makes me sad. Create a Safe Place for people to come to.

### **Linking Connecting Communicating**

- Create a Named Person Directory
- Rolling programme of open agenda conversation cafes (Dave at Citadel Youth Centre)
- Hibs Stadium Offers as First Venue (Lewis)
- Put it on I Love Leith
- Look to rotate venues