

Leith Conference

Families Children and Community Support Services Day 1

- Leith has a more polarized community
 - Those that are doing very well + those who are not doing well
 - There is a disconnect 4
- Poverty and Working Poor – change over the last two years/ Families Struggle More Now 2
- Need to raise awareness of Issues – where is the power? 2
- Alcohol + Drugs Issues 1
- Poverty and Low-income issues 1
- People Livening in Leith, some there for the Long Term + some are more Transient
- Business + Community in Leith – Need from more Connection, “Social Responsibility”
- No Collective approach / Interface/ no ‘knock on door’ / engage smaller businesses.
- Need for more Local Community Interface / Communication Point to connect needs + help
- Mechanism for connection, signposting
- Need more Intergenerational Working together
- Families Structures have changed over the years
- Where are the gaps? – who’s voice is not being heard + how do we capture that
- Economic Issues – need for long term solutions + sustainability hard to maintain
- Social issues
- Communication/ Connectivity + need for more awareness of what’s going on (mechanisms to connect residents and businesses)

Now

Long history of Children & Families work in Leith – too much to mention
[existing provision working hard, but city funding cuts likely in early spring]

Soon

Leith Neighborhood Networks (embryonic) – might be able to look at this?
Leith Chooses – Consulting (Voting) platform – (Social media?) - to identify issues + needs and community democracy
Leith Trust + Leith Creative – a beginning has been made
Challenge ourselves to make new partnerships
Campaign for amalgamation of Leith / Edinburgh (100 years) Next year? + stories /
Event – marching- “we love our Leith” – get conversation going + this is our place.

Future

VOLT (a beginning has been made) + community groups to revisit links with small businesses in Leith to explore ways to work together raise awareness?

Identify the issues that affect local businesses in Leith

Need a Leith Small Business Hub to help look at needs/ Issues + opportunities + support conversations and develop partnerships.

St James Centre Jobs + contribute future towns / social responsibility

Developed collective ways to work smarter – get share messages across

Develop regular monthly street meals / get together – help conversations to start

Develop a Hub Forum for 3rd sector - needs a catalyst to make it work

A Leith Place Plan should link into new Edinburgh Community Plan

Need for conversations in a Safe Place

Age friendly places are needed, informal - how welcoming are schools? -

Intergenerational.