

A circular graphic divided into eight segments, each containing a portrait of a person. The segments are colored: yellow, green, red, purple, blue, orange, yellow, and blue. In the center is a large, stylized white star with a grey outline. Overlaid on the star is the text "SPIRIT of the GORBALS" in a teal, stylized font. The word "SPIRIT" is in a larger, more decorative script, while "of the" is in a smaller, simpler font, and "GORBALS" is in a bold, sans-serif font.

SPIRIT of the GORBALS

Final Report 2015-2018

A Legacy Alive In The Community



The Gorbals



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Introduction

This is the final report from the community panel of the project known as the Spirit of the Gorbals.

It is a summary of the activities and development of the project over its three year life span and is intended to record in part the legacy of this project, which was in itself borne of a legacy.

As you will read from this report although this project was fairly short lived, it is hoped that it will have had a long lasting impact on many individuals who live within the wider community of the Gorbals. Its success can be measured by the stories of those individuals who benefitted through projects which succeeded in gaining funds.

The funding awarded enabled so many to make the transition of an idea to a reality, or to support the growth and development of work which may not have achieved support through other funding channels. Much was achieved in terms of community building through establishing relationships between groups and individuals as well as many instances of individual personal development, the consequences of which are immeasurable in how they impact on future developments within the area.

The dispersal of a large fund into a community managed by the community brought with it challenges for many who participated in the process. There were many lessons learned from the experience for all who were engaged with the process be they applicants, panel members, funding organisations or partner organisations in both the voluntary and statutory sectors.



The range and diversity of the activities supported by the Spirit of the Gorbals, and presented here, give a sense of the vibrant and dynamic community that exists within the Gorbals. From singing to football, from childcare to tartan etc

It is hoped that this report will give a valuable insight into how the project worked but also serve as a reflection on the challenges of the process of engaging a community in making direct decisions about funding for local projects.



What was the Spirit of the Gorbals?

Spirit of the Gorbals was part of Spirit of 2012's Trust's Glasgow Commonwealth Games legacy programme *Fourteen*, which sought to celebrate and provide a legacy of the XX Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow in 2014.

14 communities across the UK were identified as *Fourteen* communities and received a resource budget of up to £250,000 over three years to invest in activity that local people themselves believed would make a difference to well-being and happiness within their community. *Fourteen* operated from January 2015 through to December 2017.

Locally, in the Gorbals, *Fourteen* was known as the Spirit of the Gorbals and completed as a project in March 2018.

The programme was run by the national grant making charity Foundation Scotland on behalf of the Spirit of 2012 Trust.

The aim was to establish a panel of local people to oversee the distribution of the Spirit of the Gorbals resource budget which would be informed by the ideas and aspirations of community groups and local people.

The money would be distributed in a variety of ways such as open grant programmes, the commissioning of activity and at special Spirit of the Gorbals events. It was also hoped that the community panel would develop a funding strategy which would be engaging, inclusive and accessible for the local community.



LEGACY 2014
XX COMMONWEALTH GAMES
GLASGOW

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GLASGOW 2014
XX COMMONWEALTH GAMES

How the story began

Foundation Scotland was appointed to administer the Fourteen programme in Scotland and recruited a development worker to work with four of the six communities in Scotland including the Gorbals.

The workers role would be to coordinate the establishment of the community panel of local people and to facilitate the activities necessary to engage the community in participating in the distribution of the fund.

The first 6 months of **2015** were very busy. Some of the key moments are highlighted below:

- ☆ **Friday 20th February:** Briefing to partners and community at open event. Attended by a mixture of organisations and community members. 46 people in attendance
- ☆ Expression of interest cards designed, printed and circulated round the Gorbals with 6 ballot boxes situated in different venues to collect cards. Cards designed to capture contacts for people interested in becoming involved in 'Spirit' in any capacity
- ☆ Facebook page set up – 'Spirit of the Gorbals'



- ☆ **9th – 14th March:** '14 hours' spent in the Gorbals during legacy week. 13 groups/ projects/ individuals in the area
- ☆ **21st March:** '14 hours' culminated in an open community day event on Saturday. Lots of support from local organisations was very much appreciated! Approximately 40 – 50 people attended with 18 'expression of interest' contact cards collected on the day. Information collected and collated around ideas for spend to be themed
- ☆ The Community Panel was set up using the message of 'You're welcome'. The aim was to work with all local residents who wanted to be involved





☆ **24th April:** Outreach day in Oatlands

☆ **28th April:** Evening event held at TASK, 6 -8pm. Over 50 people turned up with interested individuals given the option to complete an 'expression of interest' form and video interview

In these initial events, people reflected and celebrated what was good about the Gorbals:

The desire people have to come together in groups around shared interests

Strong community

Friendliness

sense of identity

Those present talked about how Spirit of the Gorbals might impact on the community:

Gorbals people have a say and are encouraged to get involved and be heard

The Gorbals grows in strength

spark innovation and self-belief

Greater community cohesiveness and development. Help reduce inequality

'Spirit' took part in the Gorbals Fair and undertook a session with the 2 local primary schools, St Francis and Blackfriars, in June 2015 to gather their thoughts on the Gorbals and to engage them in discussions about what they wanted to see in their community. This formed the basis of the 'Ideas Market' which emerged as a means to demonstrate an effective response to such requests.



From these early meetings and discussions the following Vision Statement was developed:

Vision Statement

Spirit of the Gorbals is a community organisation working with people in the Gorbals and surrounding areas that will do everything possible to improve the quality of life for people living in the Gorbals and the surrounding areas. It will do this by providing opportunities for people to share and celebrate their skills, experience and knowledge and demonstrate their energy and commitment to lead change and development in their communities. It will do this by providing opportunities for people to:

Principles

It was felt that this encompassed the fundamental principles that Spirit of 2012 Trust had set out for the Fourteen programme and which any local activity was required to embrace.

Spirit of the Gorbals wants to make a positive difference to peoples' lives by:

- ☆ Improving individual well-being
- ☆ Improving perceptions towards disability and impairment
- ☆ Overcoming isolation
- ☆ Connecting people within communities

Spirit of the Gorbals hopes to achieve this kind of impact through focusing on four priority areas:

- ☆ Social action and volunteering
- ☆ Grass roots sport and physical activity
- ☆ Cultural activity and arts
- ☆ Youth development

Spirit of the Gorbals will support and promote local people to share and celebrate their skills, experience and knowledge and demonstrate their energy and commitment to lead change and development in their communities. It will do this by providing opportunities for people to:

- ☆ share ideas
- ☆ be heard
- ☆ take action to make a difference to their community

About The Spirit of the Gorbals Panel

The Spirit of the Gorbals Community Panel was a representative group of local residents drawn together to advise and work alongside Foundation Scotland, and other local partners, in developing and delivering the Spirit of the Gorbals programme. This included oversight of the Spirit of the Gorbals resource budget for the community which was a sum of up to £250,000 to be utilised over the life of the programme (approximately three years).

The Panel was open to anyone from the local community to become a member. It was entirely voluntary. Panel members attended monthly meetings, but they met even more frequently when the process required it.

The key responsibilities of a Panel member:

- ☆ To help develop a Spirit of the Gorbals Framework or Plan that reflects local aspiration and ambition for increasing participation in line with the objectives of *Fourteen*.
- ☆ Making decisions about all payments from the resource budget;
- ☆ To guide Spirit of the Gorbals communications, learning and evaluation activity;
- ☆ Work with Foundation Scotland and community partners to support, encourage and find additional funds to help develop the Spirit of the Gorbals plan
- ☆ Helping to ensure that there is good written information in the community about the Spirit of the Gorbals programme. This might include helping create posters or web



material, contributing to newsletters or other communication channels including social media.

- ☆ Helping organise Spirit of the Gorbals events to promote and celebrate the programme.
- ☆ Visiting groups that receive grant funding through Spirit of the Gorbals and writing up what they saw and learnt.
- ☆ Being a local ambassador of Spirit the Gorbals. Attending other forums/visiting other groups to ensure they know about the Programme.



The work would be exciting and rewarding but at times challenging and maybe even frustrating. But it was seen as a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference in the local community if you felt passionate about making it an even better place for those that lived there. Those with the energy and commitment in working with others to help realise the aspirations of the community had a great deal to contribute to the panel.

The panel celebrated the projects first year with a successful promotional event where funded projects showcased what they had to offer to a busy and enthusiastic crowd in the St Francis Centre.



Panel Members

- ☆ Scott Chase
- ☆ Ann Cox
- ☆ Rosie Holleran
- ☆ Tricia Ingram
- ☆ Jatinder Kang
- ☆ Paul Kellas
- ☆ Michael McCafferty
- ☆ Marie McFadden
- ☆ Debra Nixon
- ☆ Anthony ÓDoibhailein
- ☆ Andy Shearer
- ☆ Jeff Stewart
- ☆ Jackie Stockdale
- ☆ Joyce Templeton
- ☆ Susan Trueman

Organisational support

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| ☆ Kim Soliman | Foundation Scotland |
| ☆ Kirsty Neale | Foundation Scotland |
| ☆ Christine Rathnie | New Gorbals Housing Association |
| ☆ Michael Fullerton | New Gorbals Housing Association |
| ☆ John Harkins | NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde |

Youth Panel

Youth development was one of the key priority areas of Spirit of the Gorbals. The intention was to explore how young people could be directly involved in decision making with some of the resource budget. Who best to decide on matters concerning young people than young people themselves?

At the Spirit of the Gorbals open evening on the 28th April 2015 the option to develop a separate youth panel, that would work alongside the 'adult' panel, was put forward. There were 12 expressions of interest from young people who wanted to be involved! After, a first introductory meeting with those who had put their name forward took place in June 2015.

From this meeting, the aims became clear – to establish a core group of young people who wanted to commit to being members on the Youth Panel. The name adopted was the **Young Deciders**.



The role of the youth panel was to distribute grants to other young people in the area to start a community project/activity that benefited the wider community. Young people would lead on designing the processes and application and also develop their own communications plan to include events planned and run by the group. This was to be supported by the Gorbals Youth Café.

To kickstart this process an open event was held in September 2015 for any young person to come along and get involved. 7 young people participated in this day taking part in team building activities and working in groups to put forward their ideas and learn more about their role.

The group decided to meet monthly on a Saturday from 10 – 2pm at the Barn and additional events/communication subgroup meetings would take place in between this. Staff from the Barn and the Gorbals Youth Café supported the group's development.





Members of the youth panel were:

- ☆ Brooke Watson
- ☆ Rosie Scott
- ☆ Nadia Connell
- ☆ Lucy Robertson
- ☆ Adam Duncan
- ☆ Ethan Fisher
- ☆ Kimberly Logan
- ☆ Meaghan Scott
- ☆ Dara Dineen

As well as managing the grant process the youth panel also had the opportunity to participate in regular team building and training exercises to help develop their skills and enable them to achieve the fullest of their potential.

"Being involved in the youth panel has been a fab experience, working with new people and seeing the progress we have made has been brilliant" Kim Logan



"The youth panel has been a great experience and I cannot wait to see what the future will bring for the Spirit panel"
Dara Dineen

How the resource budget was managed

After consultation with other agencies and partners and consideration by the community panel, the resource budget would be disbursed to the community via a range of funding strands. The aim was to create an easy to use, accessible application process in order to encourage as great an uptake of the available funds as possible.

The main strands are outlined below including the development of the Participatory Budgeting approach.

Applications for grants were accepted and assessed by Foundation Scotland prior to then being put before the Spirit panel to make a decision on.



kickstart



This funding opportunity emerged from the 'Ideas Market' event in August 2015 and opened up the fund to local organisations and people to get together and plan projects from the ideas put forward by local children and young people.

This initiated the grant distribution and helped raise the profile of the fund among many voluntary groups. It was a stop gap measure prior to the introduction of the core funding strands and was discontinued once the others methods came on stream.



sparks

Sparks was a specific grant making programme from Spirit of the Gorbals intended to release small amounts of funding into the community by supporting individuals or groups of local people and neighbours who wanted to run local projects for the benefit of other community members.

The Projects had to come under one of the four priority areas of arts & culture, sports & physical activity, volunteering & social action and youth development.

Individuals could apply for a Spark Grant of up to £250.

Informal groups could apply for a Spark Grant of up to £500. An informal group meant at least three local residents committed to making the project happen.

Grants were provided through a CashPlus card that was the responsibility of the Main Contact. If an award was granted, the funds were pre-loaded onto that card.

Any equipment purchased with a Spark Grant was to be made available for community use after the project had finished. This was to be agreed through Foundation Scotland at the end of the project.

Spark grants were a rolling programme and applications could be made at anytime.





on your marks

'On Your Marks' was for constituted groups or organisations to apply for £250 - £2000 to run a project or activity that was in keeping with the Spirit of the Gorbals programme. Projects were asked to demonstrate how they aimed to increase participation in the local area.

'On Your Marks' was open on a rolling basis and as such applications could be submitted at anytime. The process of decision making took up to 8 weeks due to the schedule of panel meetings.



'On Your Marks' supported a local allotments project...



...and childrens play events.



get set

The Get Set awards were launched at the end of 2015 and were for constituted groups who want to run a project for the benefit of people in the Gorbals, with grants awarded in the range of £2,000 to £10,000. This stream of funding was geared at building on existing projects or initiating new ones to increase participation.

Part of the criteria for Get Set was that projects provided match funding of at least 25%.

The first Get Set grants were awarded in March 2016. This was the largest portion of money allocated at the time and made a significant contribution to supporting projects and activities in the area.



The Gorbals Fair benefited from 'Get Set' support



Participatory Budgeting

A significant part of the panels remit was to extend the franchise for the voting on which projects would receive funding using Participatory Budgeting (PB) as a means to allow the local community to vote directly for their preferred projects. There were two main events organised in the area where the local community was invited to come along and support what projects they wished to see obtain the funding they were seeking.

The organisation of these events entailed all the aspects necessary to deliver a successful event. From booking venue's, organising catering and entertainment where necessary, designing and delivering publicity materials and developing itineraries. Communicating with the local community, organisations and partners etc was a key activity, as well as the practicalities of setting up and taking down at the venues.

As well as these events there were a range of other activities in and around the area to promote the events and the process. There was a real attempt by the volunteers on the panel with the assistance of the various other partner organisations working in the area, to reach out to the wider local community with "surgeries" in venues around the area at various times to try to meet those people who ordinarily do not engage with much of the range of community activity which there is on offer. These surgeries were held in various venues at various times such as the local Cooperative shop, the Gorbals Library, the St Francis Centre. They were held as part of the pre event promotion for the PB events.

The panel themselves needed to become familiar with the various options for the voting system which is at the heart of the decision



making process. Various methods were assessed for suitability in terms of appropriateness for the specific events as well as the practicalities of implementation. Much was learned from consulting with other Spirit panel events and other initiatives in the city and further afield which were also developing the PB model for community fund distribution.

The panel considered that though the focus of the events was primarily on the equitable distribution of the funds, such events were also opportunities for community building, where people could come together to experience much of the positive action and activities that there were in the area. As well as chance for individuals and projects to connect with one another.

The two main PB events organised by the panel were **The Great Gorbals Giveaway** and **New Year New Idea**. More details on these events is contained in a subsequent pages in this report. A third event **Let It Grow** had to be cancelled at short notice due to logistical considerations. Discretionary awards were made by the panel to those due to participate.

Who got what

The fund was distributed to:

- Voluntary groups based in or working in the area
- Individuals living in the Gorbals.
- Via the Young Deciders specifically aimed at young people.

This is a list of all who benefitted with an outline of what the funds were used for.



GROUPS

VOLUNTARY GROUPS & ORGANISATION

Bookbug

Sessional staff & volunteering training;
Interactive theatrical production;
Christmas events costs;
Christmas under 5's event

Bridging the Gap

Costs for young families project work;
thegorbals.co.uk website development;
Running costs;
Costs for creche at community events

Childrens 1st

Arts & crafts, games & activities;
Salary costs part time coordinator

Citizens Theatre

'The Gorbals Vampire' stage production

Crossroads Youth & Community Association

Summer activities programme;
Staff costs Young Deciders support

Family Addiction Services

Alcohol & drug support event;
Family fun day 30th anniversary;
Sessional staff costs

Givin It Laldie Community Choir

Staff costs for choir and guitar groups;
Costs for staff, training etc;
Equipment costs guitar club

Good Shepherd Group

Counselling training community members

Gorbals fair Committee

Gorbals Fair



Gorbals Youth Run Drop In Cafe

Junior Sports Academy;
21st Anniversary events;
IT training hub;
Young Deciders staff costs & expenses;
Youth panel development costs

Halo Arts Ltd

Gorbals playback drama project

Laurieston 50+ Group

Activities funding

New Gorbals Housing Association

Training & Development for Phase 2

Oatlands Gate Allotment Association

Gardening aid for hearing impaired

Rose Garden Orchard Group

Onsite Storage shed

Saint Francis Pipe Band

New uniform & tartan

SEAL Community Health Project

Volunteer Training & new Fruit Barra;
New womens health programme

Southern Necropolis Action Group

Thriller Dance community event

Southside Star Football Club

Pitch hire, training & equipment

SPARCS

Costs for childrens clubs;
Childrens club trip

TASK Childcare Services

Multi sensory & outdoor space

The Gorbalties

Christmas event costs & Ayr Trip;
Book development costs



INDIVIDUALS

46 individuals received funds towards specific projects.

Though the applications came from individuals, all of the projects were for wider community benefit aimed at widening or improving the scope of particular activities or increasing engagement with particular groups within the community.

Some of the applicants were supported through the process by local voluntary groups and organisations they were engaged with which in some cases made the difference in achieving a successful outcome.



**INDIVIDUALS
PROJECTS**

- Science Fair
- Reminiscence project booklet
- The Peoples Gym
- Topple The King Giant Chess set
- Christmas Party P6/7's
- Visit to Garden Centre Santa Grotto
- Communication Skills training
- Calvert Trust Visit
- Chess club
- Tower Cafe Christmas meal
- Nursery Christmas event
- Under 12's football team
- Parent led stay and play sessions
- Friday parents group
- Sewing group
- Arts & crafts parents group
- Inter generational school/seniors event
- Pool table & darts board
- Metafit equipment & class
- Nursery graduation event
- Sensory room for school
- Gymnastics tumble track
- Gym equipment for community
- Womens fitness & baking club
- Running fund raising group
- Tree Improving Errol Gardens
- Science magazine
- Entertainment & bus trip
- Christmas community event
- Art tutor for art club
- Anti-sectarianism drama sessions
- Parent led Christmas Party
- Dancers fitness instructor
- Lunch club Christmas Party & equipment
- T-shirts for fund raising running club
- Multi cultural community event
- Writing club development
- Recording music etc
- Community led fitness club
- Catering equipment for club
- Football coaching for young people
- Bingo for sheltered housing
- Community bingo funding
- Creative writing group supplies
- Social club sheltered accommodation
- Gorbals Youth football club

YOUNG DECIDERS

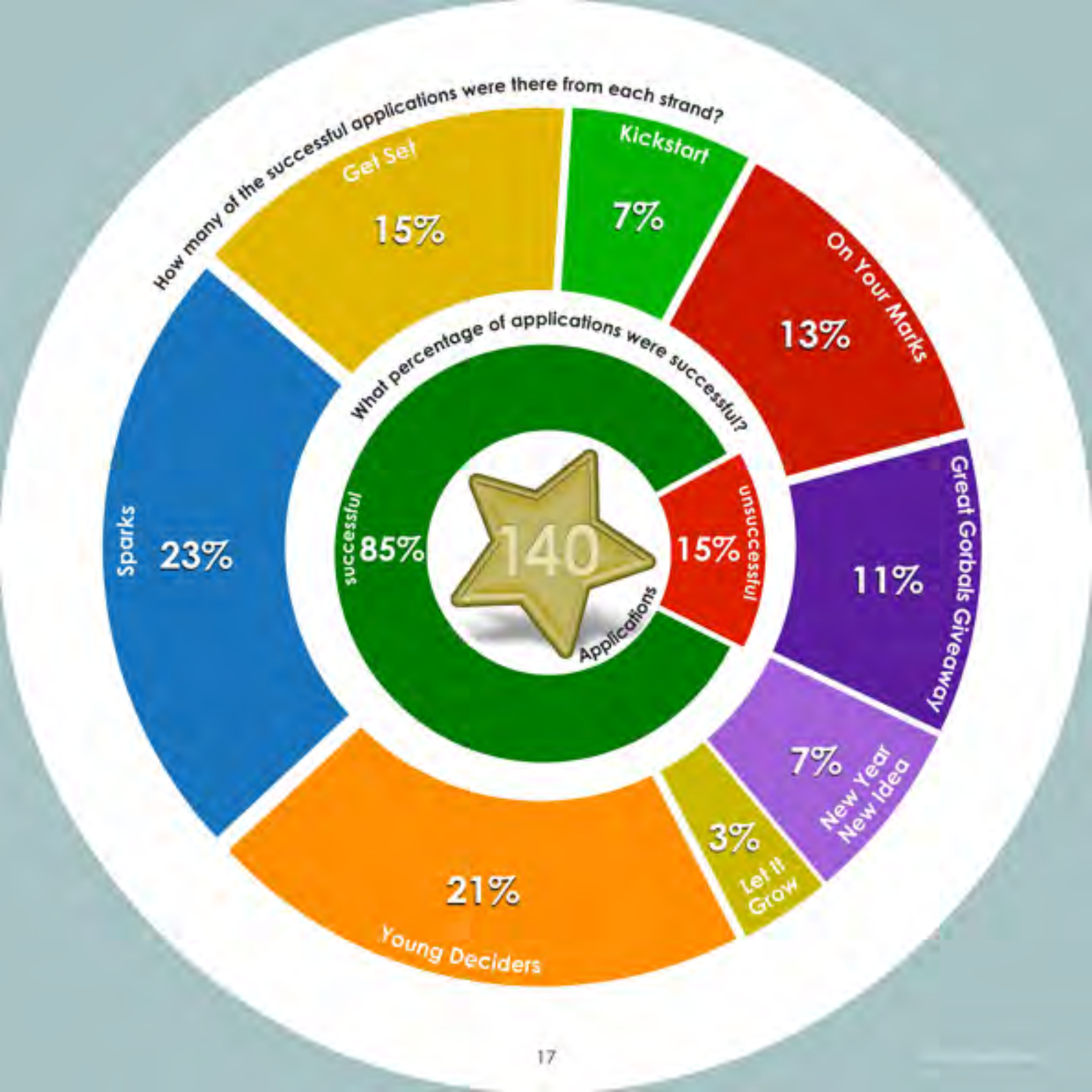
The Young Deciders managed this fund independently from the main panel. All their decisions were made by the young people themselves with support from the sessional staff at the Barn and the Gorbals Way To Go Youth Cafe who were funded in part by the Spirit fund of this purpose.



PROJECTS

- ☆ Rail tickets for football trip
- ☆ Tracksuits for football team
- ☆ School outdoor space equipment
- ☆ Hallowe'en party
- ☆ Music tuition books
- ☆ Christmas pantomime costs
- ☆ Playtime equipment for school
- ☆ Football group setup
- ☆ Face painting training
- ☆ Make up training course
- ☆ Cookery training & equipment
- ☆ Pantomime trip
- ☆ Thorpe park trip
- ☆ Youth space design
- ☆ Trip costs Northern Ireland
- ☆ Dance equipment
- ☆ Pamper night
- ☆ Tents & camping equipment
- ☆ Outing to drag show
- ☆ Football training equipment for school
- ☆ Paintballing & carting excursions
- ☆ Sports equipment
- ☆ Drama teacher for anti sectarianism workshops
- ☆ Goalposts
- ☆ School pupil art club





Spirit Successes

This is a selection of some of the projects which were supported with funds from the resource budget. Some applicants were successful via more than one of the funding strands and these summaries encapsulate the scope of the overall projects work. There is also an outline of some of the successful events organised by the panel where some of the awards listed here were won through Participatory Budgeting.

This listing is not all inclusive as there is not the space to accommodate them all. It does however illustrate the diversity, imagination and energy which exists within the Gorbals community. It really was for everyone!

Making Chess Big in the Gorbals

The purchase of a giant chess set to play 'Topple the King' with different groups, mainly children, in the Gorbals. The project's aim was to encourage participation in the game of chess. Whilst the giant chess set gave a focal point, it also helped engage many in playing chess on standard sized boards.



Applicant: Mike McCafferty



Putting On A Face, Scary or Otherwise

Both make up and face painting courses were very popular and helped create many striking effects! Some new skills were learned whilst others were perfected, beautifully! Opportunities to use these skills emerged through several other projects.





Applicant: Givin It Laldie Community Choir

on your marks

Keeping on Making Music

A well established musical group that offers guitar, drum and singing classes and choirs received funding for staff costs involved in running Gorbals Community Choir and Strum for Life over 2015-16. There was also another successful application for additional costs to sustain the project as it continued to develop its childrens choir working with the primary schools in the area.



Applicant: Citizens Theatre

Supporting this large scale community drama based on 'The Gorbals Vampire' story allowed additional staff to be engaged to improve engagement and accessibility for some marginalised groups in the community.

Raising the Curtains Together



get set

Woman Getting Active for Health



Applicant: SEAL

Establishing two new health programmes for local women to create a better understanding of health issues which they may be affected by, through 'Winning for Women' workshops and various physical activities over a 10 week, 2 hours per week sessions. Some sessions took place in the new Oatlands Community Hub and the St Francis Centre.



Jingling All The Way

To take 60 local children to see Santa in his grotto at Dobbies Garden Centre. This activity was volunteer led by parents and grandparents and would not have happened without the support of the Spirit fund.



Applicant: Agnes Brogan



sparks

Taking It Outdoors

With an emphasis on the great outdoors, then equipment such as tents and cookers was essential for the groups who ventured forth. There will be opportunities aplenty to use the gear over the years ahead. Boots on and away!



Brushing With Success

With the help of some expert tuition and new equipment this long established arts group continued their supportive and welcoming space for those from the local community seeking to paint or draw. Painting and drawing together in such an encouraging environment can lead to, not only a skill developed, but also an opportunity for socialising.



Applicant: Hutchie Art Club



THE GREAT GORBALS GIVEAWAY!

The Gorbals Games



its the
Gorbals Games!
25th October St Francis Centre 6.30-8.30pm

Its FREE family fun all the way at the Gorbals Games.

Come along and join in with classic games like Marbles, Chudling, skipping ropes, pitch and toss, birds, dodgy ball and many more classic childrens games. Enjoy music, snacks, refreshments and maybe even a wee lucky dip!

Find out more about what's been supported by the Spirit of the Gorbals fund and how you can get support for your ideas!

For more information or RSVP: Kim Solomon kim@spiritofthegorbals.co.uk 0131 341 9998

This was essentially an event to raise awareness of the up and coming Great Gorbals Giveaway PB event as well as the Spirit of the Gorbals fund itself. This event helped inform people as to what the nature of the coming event was and to highlight the opportunity that there was for groups and individuals to apply for funds for their ideas.

During the evening a series of well known traditional games was on offer such as egg and spoon races, tug of wars, sack races, skipping ropes, Jorries (marbles) and can stilt walking! Young and old joined with equal amounts of enthusiasm though varying degrees of success.

Great support was given by staff from a number of local organisations to keep the whole thing moving.

It was also an opportunity for some of the already successful applicants to showcase how they had used the funds for their ideas as well as encourage new participants along.

The event was a great success with a real energy and sense of fun evident from all who came along. In terms of community engagement this was very much hands on with much information also disseminated regards the up and coming event and the process therein.



A Triumph in Tartan

In its 90th anniversary year of offering free tuition, then it was a good time to revitalise and represent the band to attract more participants with a new tartan, designed locally, and new tweed jackets.

This helps ensure the bands continued contribution to local, city wide and national events representing the Gorbals area.



Applicant: Saint Francis Pipe Band



get set

Applicant: Ellen Dickson



Keeping on Running..for good!

Supporting the development and promotion of a running club who collectively run to raise funds for local causes. The group has raised over £20,000 for a range of causes and continued to develop with a successful 'Let It Grow' application for t-shirts to promote the group and its activities.



sparks



Thrilling community entertainment!

This project imaginatively builds on the history of the local graveyard. Working with pupils from Blackfriars, St Francis Primary Schools and Gorbals Youth Club to learn dance techniques to perform a 'Thriller' dance routine at a Hallowe'en Ball in the St Francis Centre and in 2 other locations in the Gorbals as a flash mob.



kickstart



Applicant: Southern Necropolis Action Group

LET IT GROW!



One Community Many Cultures

The event at The Barn Youth & Community Centre was a multicultural gathering to benefit the whole community and unite people.

The group organising it had a range of skills and knowledge of the community. There was a great crowd in attendance. The grant helped pay for food, entertainment, bouncy castle, multicultural art and henna. A real celebration of the diverse community in the area. Practical support came from Link up and The Barn.



Applicant: Najma Roble



A Scarily Successful Plan



This Hallowe'en party was organised by young people for local young people and offered the opportunity for the use of many of the skills developed in staging an event as well as costume and make up design. It was horrible, as it should be!

Generational Sharing & Graduations

St Francis Primary Parent Teacher group were supported for projects including some inter-generational projects, with elderly Gorbals residents coming for tea and biscuits and some sharing of their stories of their lives with the pupils. There was also support for a graduation event as the Nursery class were making that big transition of leaving the nursery for their first year at primary school. Top class work by all concerned!



Kicking On To New Heights

A new team with a training structure, strips and associated equipment for the children of all ages helped fill a gap in the area.

With teams at various age groups then the team was quickly established and achieved some success on the pitch, but also with all the positive messages on health, fitness and commitment it takes to make a successful team and be a team member.

The project went on to subsequently gain further funding for strips, equipment and accommodation through other Spirit sources to meet its growing needs.



Applicant: Tommy Steele

get set



Applicant: sparcs

Getting Out And About

This very popular free play club was supported to help a large group of local children go on trips to the cinema, and dining out where much fun and excitement was visible.

The clubs also benefited from some additional funds towards running costs helping secure their future.



Securing The Blooming Future!



A group of volunteers manage the local orchard situated in the Rose Garden/Old Gorbals Burial ground area.

With no central point to store the accumulated tools then a new tool store was purchased. This helps with accessibility and keeps the tools closer to where they are needed.



on your marks

Applicant: Orchard Group

Great Gorbals Giveaway



THE GREAT GORBALS GIVEAWAY!

Funding for your ideas

Small grants of £500 for local ideas

29th November

St Francis Hall 6.30-8.30pm

YOUR IDEA! YOUR VOTE!

- Apply for £500 before 21st Nov
- Encourage people to back your idea at the event
- Connect with others
- Come along and place your vote!
- Invest in local people's ideas
- You decide who gets funded!
- All Gorbals citizens welcome

Have fun! There will be free food and entertainment on offer!

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The first PB event organised and hosted by the Spirit of the Gorbals Panel was another great success.

St Francis Hall was well attended by the many interested locals who had come along to support the 15 groups who were seeking funds for their ideas. It was a drop in type of event with people coming and going over the course of the evening.

People were encouraged to visit all the tables hosted by the groups to find out what they were seeking funds for. The groups themselves had been encouraged also to try to bring along as many supporters or participants to not only offer their support but to demonstrate what their project entailed.

There was a diverse range of activities seeking funding such as arts tuition, fitness equipment, Christmas family events, music based activities, tree improvements to name but a few.

Entertainment was provided by a group of circus performers which added to the relaxed, fun atmosphere. The voting system used, reflected that fun theme, using chocolate coins, which were allocated 3 to each person when they signed into the event. The use of the chocolate coins was seen as a simple, fun way to engage with voters of all ages. The coins were deposited in numbered containers for each of their preferred projects. The project with the most coins at the count would get all of the money they were looking for with the subsequent groups getting a proportion of what they were seeking.

Almost all the projects were successful in gaining support and funds for their activities. The overall winners on the night, after the coin count, was the McQuade School of Irish Dancing who had brought along a great contingent of dancers and supporters.

Giving The Past A Future!

A reminiscence project to develop, print and promote a publication about the Gorbals past based on the memories and stories of local pensioners.

A creative writer was employed to work with the group to help collate and arrange the many different stories which in turn stimulated many other memories. The end result is a collection of anecdotes and insights which can now be shared more widely around the community.



Applicant: The Gorbalsites



Applicant: McQuade School Irish Dance

Making Steps for the Worlds

As part of the preparations for the World Irish Dancing championships in Glasgow then the class employed a fitness instructor to encourage the dancers to achieve their best for the event.

This additional attention to fitness emphasised the importance of positive lifestyle choices



Belfast Bound!

Working on the theme of anti sectarianism led a group of young people to travel to Belfast to liaise with other projects and get a sense of life for young people there. Much insight was gained through workshops and visits to sights around the city including the opportunity to visit the Titanic Museum. Unlike that fateful ship, a successful voyage was enjoyed by all!



Caring to Get Involved

Funding for a creche associated with the groups monthly BIG Chats, International Womens Day and Christmas party allowed the opportunity for greater participation for those with children.



Applicant: Bridging the Gap



on your marks

A Real Piece of Healthy Fun



Applicant: Bookbug



kickstart

An interactive theatrical production was delivered for the younger children in both St Francis and Blackfriars Primary schools which delivered a message on health and wellbeing in a fun and imaginative way. This helped build on the successes of the Bookbug project which encourages children and parents with reading together.

Summertime Action!

A school holiday programme of activities involving 5 residential trips and several day trips offering many local youngsters the chance to experience a range of exciting activities not ordinarily within their reach. Creating moments and memories which will live long in the minds of those fortunate enough to attend any of these trips.



get set



Applicant: Crossroads Youth & Community Association

Causing A Splash

A group of young people from the Gorbals Youth Café fundraised to go to Thorpe Park theme park. The challenge to raise the money for the trip entailed much organising, such as sponsored walks, football cards and bag packs at the local Co-op as well as a Young Deciders grant.



Scientific Facts & Fun



Enthusiasm for science was at the heart of activities which made the subject both accessible and fun. Successful community science events were supported, engaging with the local schools in particular, from which emerged a magazine capturing entries for a science based competition held as part of Science week. This was also supported by a Sparks grant.



Crafting More Opportunities

Based in the Gorbals Library the craft group took the opportunity to get new equipment to allow increased participation in their regular workshops. Sewing machines and associated materials allowed the group to also develop further skills and produce more craft goods for local fairs and events. Creating crafts as well as friendships in the process.



New Year New Idea

**NEW YEAR
NEW IDEA**
HELP YOUR IDEAS HAPPEN
Grants for local people & groups
1ST FEBRUARY
6-8PM ST FRANCIS HALL

£500

For Individuals &
small groups

£1,500

For constituted
groups

£15,000

For constituted
groups

APPLY BEFORE THE 19TH JANUARY!

YOUR IDEA! YOUR VOTE!

Encourage people to back your idea
Get your supporters to the event
Connect with your community

Come along and place your vote!
Invest in local people & projects
You decide who gets funded

ALL GORBALS RESIDENTS WELCOME!

Have fun! There will be free food and entertainment on offer!

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The next PB event took place in the St Francis Centre and offered the highest total available in such events to date. The levels of funding available were intended to encourage those community based organisations to develop possibly more ambitious projects.

As well as the £500 for individuals and small groups there were pots of £1500 and £15000 for constituted groups.

The voting system used this time entailed people being registered upon entry to the event and issued with three ballot papers with each separately listing the various projects who were seeking funds from the specific pots of money available.

As before, key to the success of this vote was a good turn out of supporters and the wider local population in order to achieve a good representative cross section of the community.

Approximately 250-300 people attended the event. Projects had stalls set up to promote themselves to the assembled audience with food and some activities on offer.

With such a large sum at stake then there was a real sense of excitement when the results were announced. The overall winner of the largest amount on the night was Southside Star Football Club.



The Panel's Perspective

The final Panel meeting was held in March 2018 and marked the end of the administrative process of the Spirit of the Gorbals project.

All in all much success was achieved over the course of the project. Many projects and individuals advanced ideas into activities, many new positive relationships were established whilst other existing ones flourished. Each project in its own way, be they large or small in scale, contributed to the enriching of the community which was at the heart of it all.

There is possible scope for further analysis of the impact of the project on the local area and how effectively it was delivered by all concerned, but that is beyond the scope of this report. However there were areas within the process which are worth reflecting on and which may give some greater value to this report in that they were not recorded anywhere else, but which can serve to outline some of the challenges and matters faced by the panel.

The task to distribute £250,000 into a community from a fund managed by members of that local community seemed like a straightforward exercise at the beginning of the process. The realisation that it could have a significant impact on the activities and events in the area, and consequently, the well being of the local population was apparent from the start. It was a substantial enough sum to have at its disposal and the panel believed that there would be no shortage of groups and individuals willing to engage and get the benefit of this fund for their ideas.

The challenges for the panel were many. Most notably getting the message out there to as

many in the community as possible to encourage participation and uptake of the available funds. In many instances the panel members and support organisations engaged directly with people in order to encourage them to apply and in many cases guiding them through the process of the application. To communicate to them that the fund was for them and their ideas and that it was an accessible simple application process.

The rate of applications was not as great as may have been anticipated. Whether it was the need for greater publicity and more outreach or that there was just not the demand or interest. It was taking a great deal of effort to generate the uptake and encourage people and groups to apply.

This was particularly noticeable when organising the PB events where there was a need to have a number of applicants in order to make the event viable and also where there was a deadline for applications for the event. Though the process was certainly more straightforward than many other equivalent fund application processes the number of applications was not always as great as it could have been.



'Soup & A Blether' community consultation event

The following is a summary of some of the aspects of the process which were raised by panel members as areas for reflection and possible improvement.

- How a panel of volunteers has its own pace of working which often wasn't the pace which the support organisations worked at.
- The effect that the pressure to ensure the money was spent or risk it being returned to source, had on the decision making process.
- The uneven burden of responsibility among individual panel members.
- The pre panel scrutiny of applications by Foundation Scotland.
- The same groups achieving multiple successful applications.
- Spirit resource budget being used to cover running costs rather than new projects.
- The proportion of new projects instigated by the fund being decidedly low.
- Lack of linking up between the Young Deciders and the main panel.
- The need for better information sharing between Foundation Scotland and the panel regards post grant award fund activity.
- Achieving enough applicants to make each PB event viable.
- The effect of adapting of rules and deadlines to accommodate applicants to allow them to engage in the PB process.
- The challenge to have an event registration system at PB events which was both credible and secure but not too onerous in its management or usage.

Many of the panel members served from the first days of the process and had participated in its development and the efforts to engage with as wide a range of people within the local area. Whilst such efforts were great, by these enthusiastic volunteers, it was at times a challenge to sustain the energy and commitment required to fully participate. Efforts to recruit new panel members was ongoing for the duration of the project but with limited success. Consequently from the initial high number of panel members there was a drop off in the number who could attend meetings. Whilst this did not impair the capacity of the panel to carry forward its work it did result in an increased burden for those who remained involved.

However, thanks to the support of the staff from the partner organisations, the panel succeeded in delivering much of what it had been set up to do. The Spirit of the Gorbals project achieved a degree of prominence among the local population and had become an integral part of the support for many in the community and the voluntary sector.

From a standing start the panel, supported by the partner organisations, created a process which was visible and accessible and which enabled hundreds of local people to engage in events and activities which may not have seen the light of day otherwise. Creating opportunities for participation, enabling people to take first steps with ideas and more generally building on the sense of community that exists within the area.

It is from that very sense of community that the panel's commitment to the process emerged. Much gratitude should be extended to all of those who gave of their time voluntarily as part of the project. Thanks to their efforts the spirit of the Gorbals has been much enlivened.

The Ongoing Legacy

Though the legacy will exist with those individuals who have been a part of the many projects who gained support from the fund, as reflected in the successes on the previous pages, there was a

desire for the project to have some more material and practical expression of its own legacy. As a result the following two projects have developed from the efforts of the Spirit of the Gorbals Panel.

THE GORBALS IDEAS FUND

With the success of the project over the previous three years and the fund expended, a new project was established by New Gorbals Housing Association. The aim was to continue to develop the central core of having a locally based source of funds for groups and individuals to access using the model of the Spirit of the Gorbals as its basis.

Funding through a Scottish Government initiative, Aspiring Communities Fund, allowed for the creation of a workers post to manage and develop the project.

Building on the experience and practise of the Spirit panel, to date this new project, known as



The Gorbals Ideas Fund, has successfully established a number of PB funding events and is seeking to establish a longer term strategy to maintain the legacy of the Spirit of the Gorbals project.

THE SPIRIT OF THE GORBALS BENCH

The panel felt that it was a worthwhile project to commission a piece of public art in recognition of the contribution that the whole Spirit project had had on the area.

After much reflection and discussion then a bench was the preferred option.

Designed by a panel member the bench is currently in the process of being constructed and will then be installed at an agreed location where it may offer support to the local community much in the same manner as the panel itself! This is an artists impression of the proposed bench in position



All About The Money

This is the Spirit of the Gorbals Totaliser which outlines the overall spend from the resource budget.

£250,000 was available to be distributed. However £50,000 had to be raised as match funding to cover the administrative costs of Foundation Scotland for managing the project over the three years.

The vast bulk of this matched funding came from or was sourced by NGHAs as the lead organisation in the original submission for the project.

Resource Budget Total £250,000

Young Deciders
Great Gorbals Giveaway
Let It Grow
New Year New Idea

Sparks

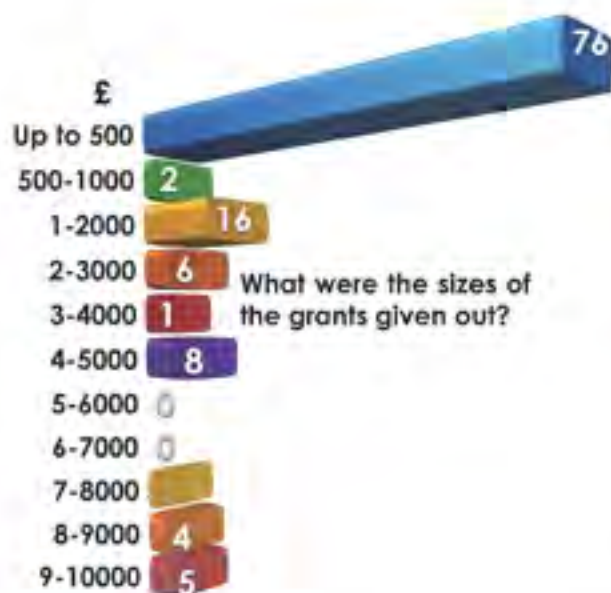
Get Set

Kickstart

On Your Marks

Fund Expenses

Administration Fees



How much of the total grant fund was distributed via the various strands?
Get Set

Kickstart

On Your Marks

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Let
It Grow

Young
Deciders

Sparks

53%

8%

12%

2%

14%

1%

5%

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17

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116

Grants

How many grants were allocated from the various strands?

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Gorbals Library.

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