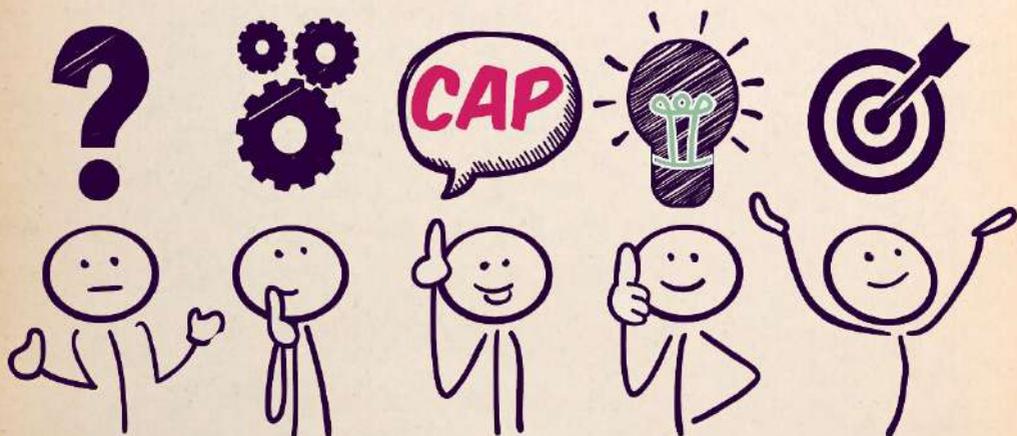


NEWSLETTER

Community Activist Panel (CAP)

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Poverty in Glasgow



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We are a diverse group of people from all over Glasgow
- coming together to tackle poverty.

We use our lived experience and knowledge to contribute
to the design of goods and public services through
participation and consultation with local government.

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Spotlight on CAP's New Member:

Jack



What drives you to be a community activist?

I take my circumstances and surrounding area for granted at times. I'm not happy with the amount of poverty and inequality I'm seeing across the city and decided I wanted to be involved in making a change. Raising awareness is an answer not a solution, that is why everyone must be involved in making poverty as thing of the past, only then will Glasgow see a difference.

What experience do you bring to CAP?

I've lived in Glasgow all my life, had many jobs, been unemployed and also on sickness benefits, throughout this time I've gained a wide variety of skills. I've been involved in a number of voluntary positions from a carer to a support worker and also been involved in helping people fight for the benefits they are entitled too. Living in Glasgow all this time means the biggest thing I bring to CAP is the ability to talk to people in my community and find out the issues affecting them, having the ability to do this and not patronising them or making them feel uncomfortable is really important to me.

What do you see as the next challenges and opportunities for CAP?

There is no easy answer to this issue of poverty, one of the biggest factors is the benefit system so if CAP can have an impact on challenging this then that would be worth it, also having people with lived experience of poverty and inequality at the heart of the PLP is the reason I give up my time to be involved.

People living in poverty should always be involved in the decisions that effect their lives, so having the ability to bring these issues directly to the decision makers at the PLP is invaluable.

Here is a photo from an event I attended . The participatory budgeting event took place in Possilpark.

The event was run by **Possibilities** and the community decided on what projects would receive funding. 10 projects were successful and having the community at the heart of deciding what is a priority for them was brilliant.



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Community Budgeting...

Glasgow city council have committed to using **1%** of the local budget in each ward by **2021**.



50 Community champions where trained from **9** thriving places across the city, this included **8 CAP members**. GHN engaged with **90** services and chatted with **1500** community members over the project.

9 schools also participated in the project, **1** from each thriving place.

The pupils ran an event to decide how to spend **£1000**.



The pictures were taken at an event attended by community champions, Glasgow city council, COSLA and some of the organisations who took part in the process.



The aim of the day was to develop “*Community Budgeting in a Box*”.

This will be a toolkit which will have all the learning through out the process from everyone involved. Each organisation who engaged in the process will be given one, they will be available from anchor organisations through out the city. An online version will be available also.



Included: mydex App

The CAP supported mydex, a Scottish Community Interest Company, with the early stages of development of a web-based app.

Mydex intend to further develop and launch this app later in 2019, as part of a platform called *Included*.

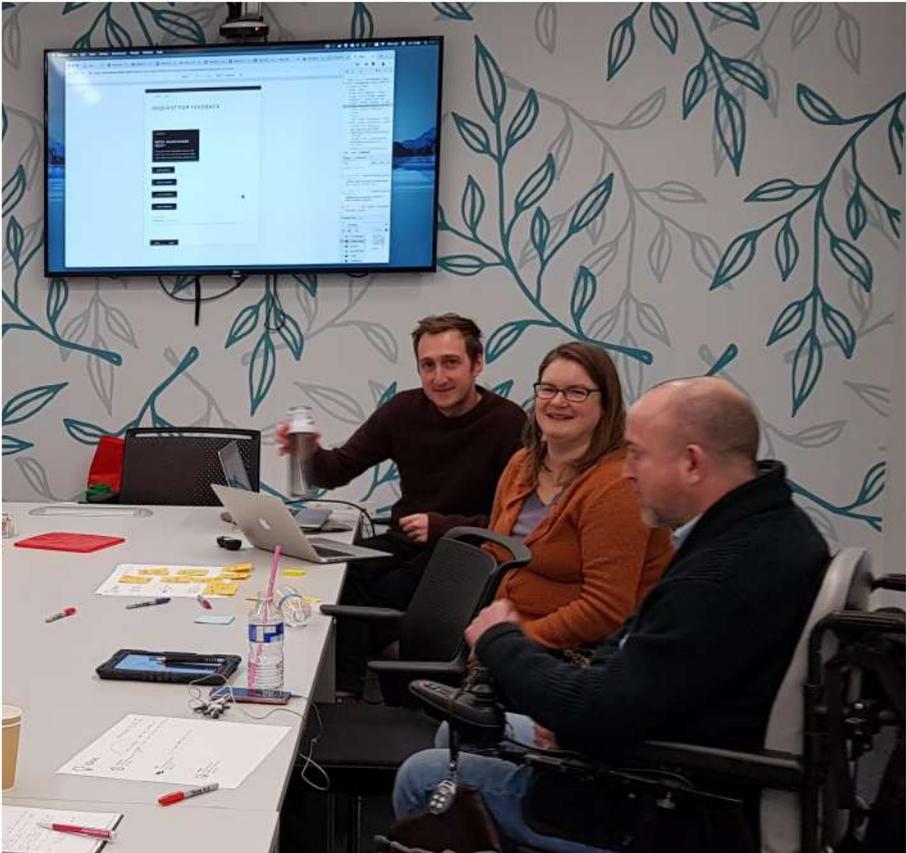


The purpose of *Included* is to make it easier for citizens to get what they are entitled to and to influence the services that are available. The *Included* web-app for citizens will be easy to use and allow people to receive personalised notifications and service offers and to give views and feedback. This is all supported by the mydex Personal Data Store service, which keeps citizens' data safe and enables them to control data sharing consents.

CAP members participated in one-to-one chats and two workshops. The CAP provided great insights, which helped mydex in their work to create demonstration of the concept with Glasgow City Council, which was presented to 500 people at CivTech Demo Day on 6th February.

The CAP were particularly helpful in identifying examples of what might help improve the lives of citizens, especially those facing poverty, and providing insights on features designed to make the web-apps as easy to use as possible, e.g. by pressing buttons rather than entering text.

The CAP really aided the success of this demonstration, which is crucial to securing an agreement to build the *Included* platform. Mydex and the CAP agreed we would like to continue working together so that *Included* can be as useful as possible for the citizens of Glasgow.



Anti-stigma Awareness Training:

CAP members have been working along side Latiff and Gerry from GCC to update the on-line training for Anti-stigma. The training course was developed over 3 years ago and now is in need of an update.

CAP members felt there has been a positive shift in the media on poverty and inequality lately and the training should reflect this. They thought the videos in the training should be changed for case studies.

The case studies could be single parents who are in work, also have a focus on families where both parents are working but still the family is in poverty, they agreed this is an issue which doesn't get much publicity.

They thought it was important that the case studies had a positive destination as this may trigger a change in attitude from people, and there should be a powerful message running through all of them that make people think it is wrong to have any negative attitudes and behavior's towards someone who is in poverty.

This on-line training should also be used as a sign posting tool to agencies across the city dealing with information on

- **Free School meals, School clothing grant**
- **Universal Credit hubs, etc.**

Language is important when trying to change attitudes , the word **poverty** was not liked by the group and it was felt using a term similar to **people on low income** would be better suited when trying to address this issue.



This work is ongoing and once complete will be made available to the PLP.



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