



## St. Andrews Drive

Winter 2015

# Welcome!



Members of the Nan McKay Community Hall

Welcome to the winter edition of the GoWell newsletter for St. Andrews Drive. My name is Cat and I have joined the GoWell team as community engagement manager. You may see me out and about in your neighbourhood and the back page explains why GoWell engages with communities. Thank you very much to the local groups who have opened their doors to me and I'm looking forward to continue getting to know your neighbourhood.



2014 saw the Commonwealth Games come to Glasgow. Athletes from 71 nations competed in our city. Community groups and residents across the GoWell areas organised all kinds of summer activities and events in their neighbourhoods, showing support. This newsletter celebrates these activities and what they meant for communities in GoWell areas.

For this edition, I'm especially delighted to welcome Glasgow Life and the Nan McKay Community Hall. On page 3 you will see their excellent photos and accounts about their celebrations of the Commonwealth Games in your area and what residents got up to over the summer. You will see their contact details too - get in touch with them to find out about future activities!

Remember, your participation makes this research possible. "Thank you!" to those who have taken part in the GoWell surveys so far. I welcome your thoughts or any comments you may have - such as what you like, or what we could do better. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,

Cat Tabbner  
Community Engagement Manager

### What is GoWell?

GoWell is a ten-year research and learning programme that aims to find out from local people what they think of the efforts to improve their area and if this has an impact on their health and wellbeing. We have conducted three surveys in your area already in 2006, 2008 and 2011. A fourth survey will be conducted next year. These surveys help us understand:

- what changes have taken place
- whether things have got better or worse
- and what changes are important to residents.

GoWell's survey findings are already being used by local communities, Glasgow Housing Association, other Registered Social Landlords, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Glasgow City Council to help to improve services and regeneration efforts both now and in the future.

## Inside

**Commonwealth Games came to Glasgow! Check out page 3**



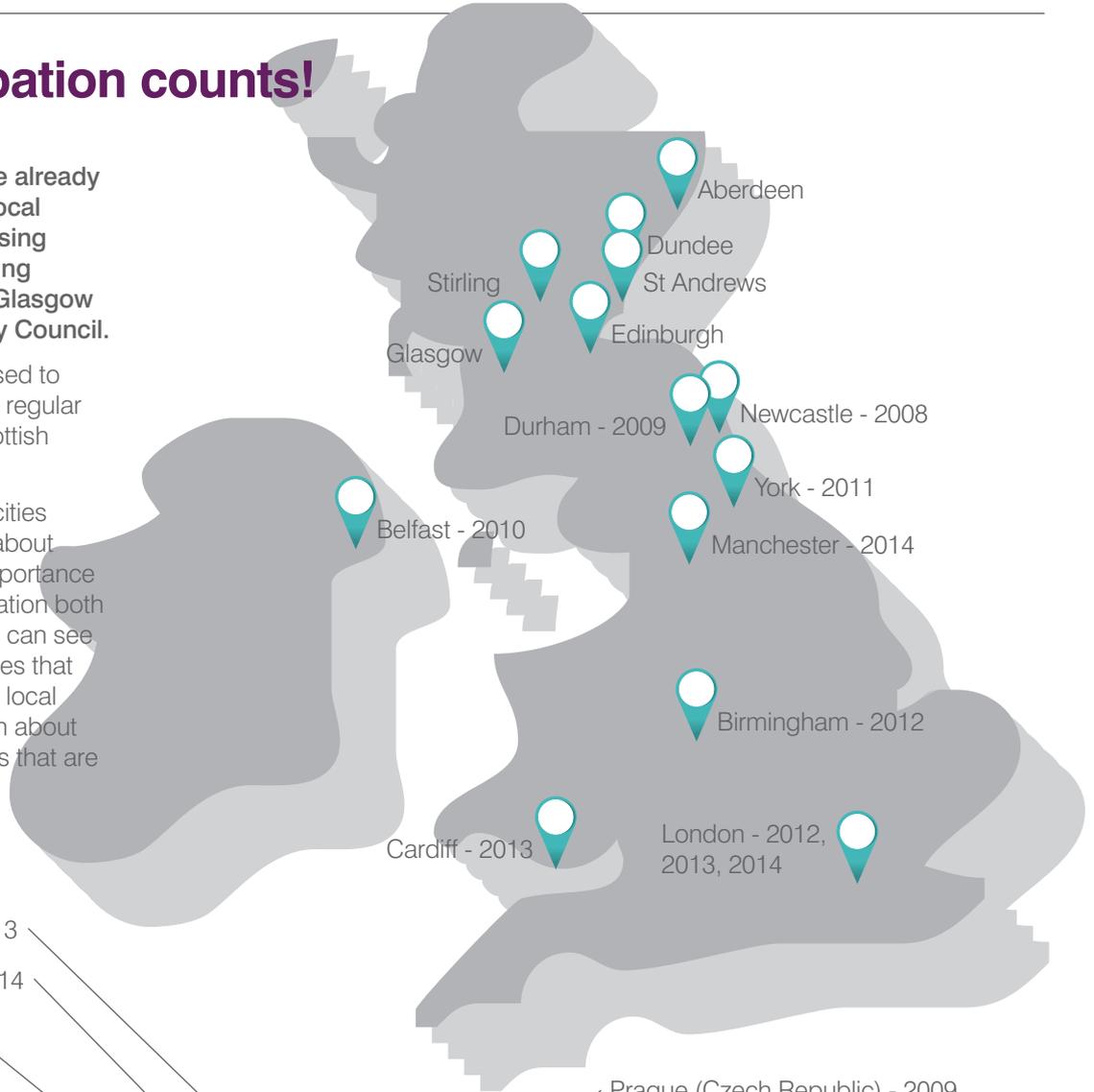
Glasgow Life

## YOUR participation counts!

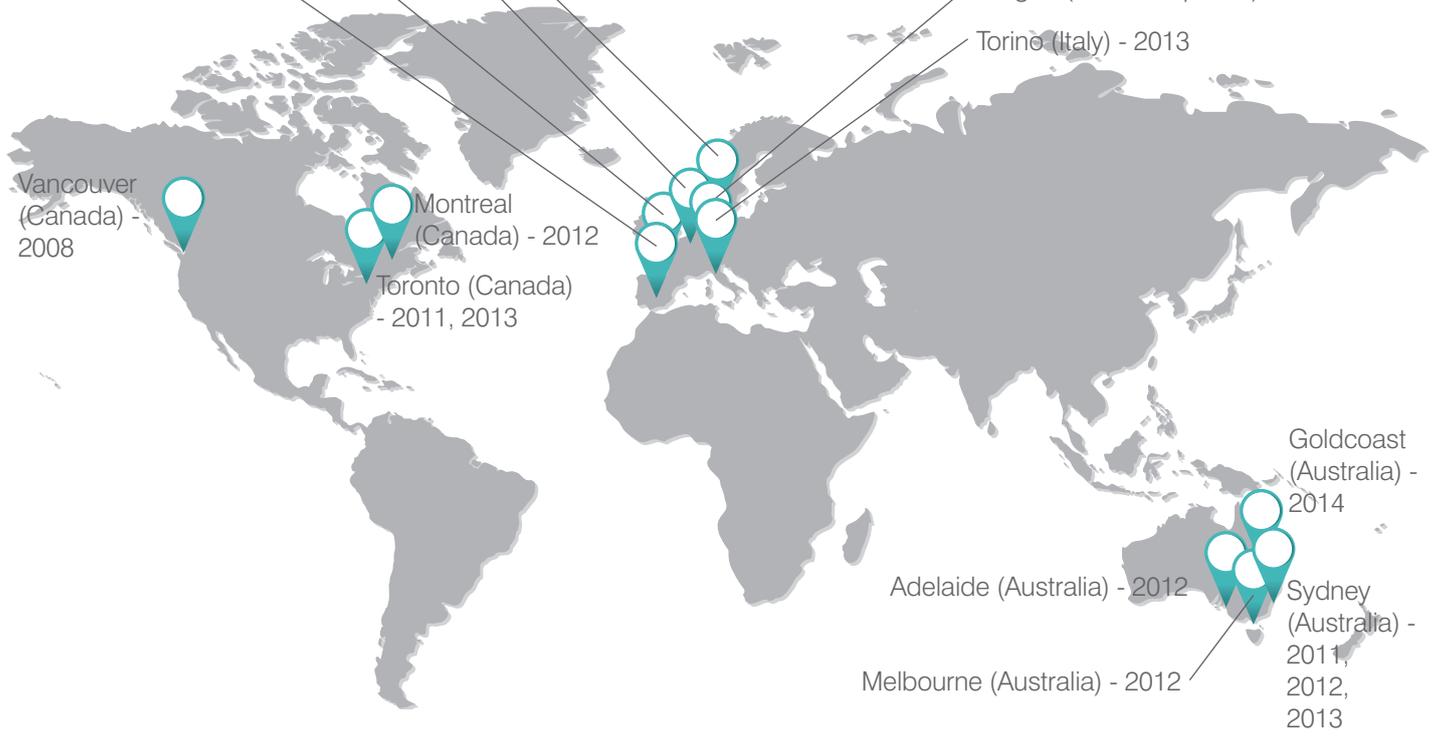
GoWell's survey findings are already being used in Glasgow by local communities, Glasgow Housing Association and other housing associations, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Glasgow City Council.

The findings are also being used to inform national policy through regular feedback and briefings to Scottish Government.

The map below shows other cities that have also been learning about GoWell. This highlights the importance of quality research to regeneration both locally and internationally. You can see that your views and experiences that you share with GoWell enable local and international cities to learn about housing regeneration changes that are important to residents.



- Copenhagen (Denmark) - 2013
- Delft (Netherlands) - 2010, 2014
- Toulouse (France) - 2011
- Madrid (Spain) - 2009



## The Nan McKay Community Hall

Set in the heart of the community of Pollokshields, the Nan McKay Hall has spent over 30 years developing a programme of activities and services for the benefit of the community. The hall is run and managed by a voluntary committee.

As a base within this isolated and predominately elderly community, the hall brings together a community 'HUB' of partners and services that makes it possible to offer a large and varied programme of activities.

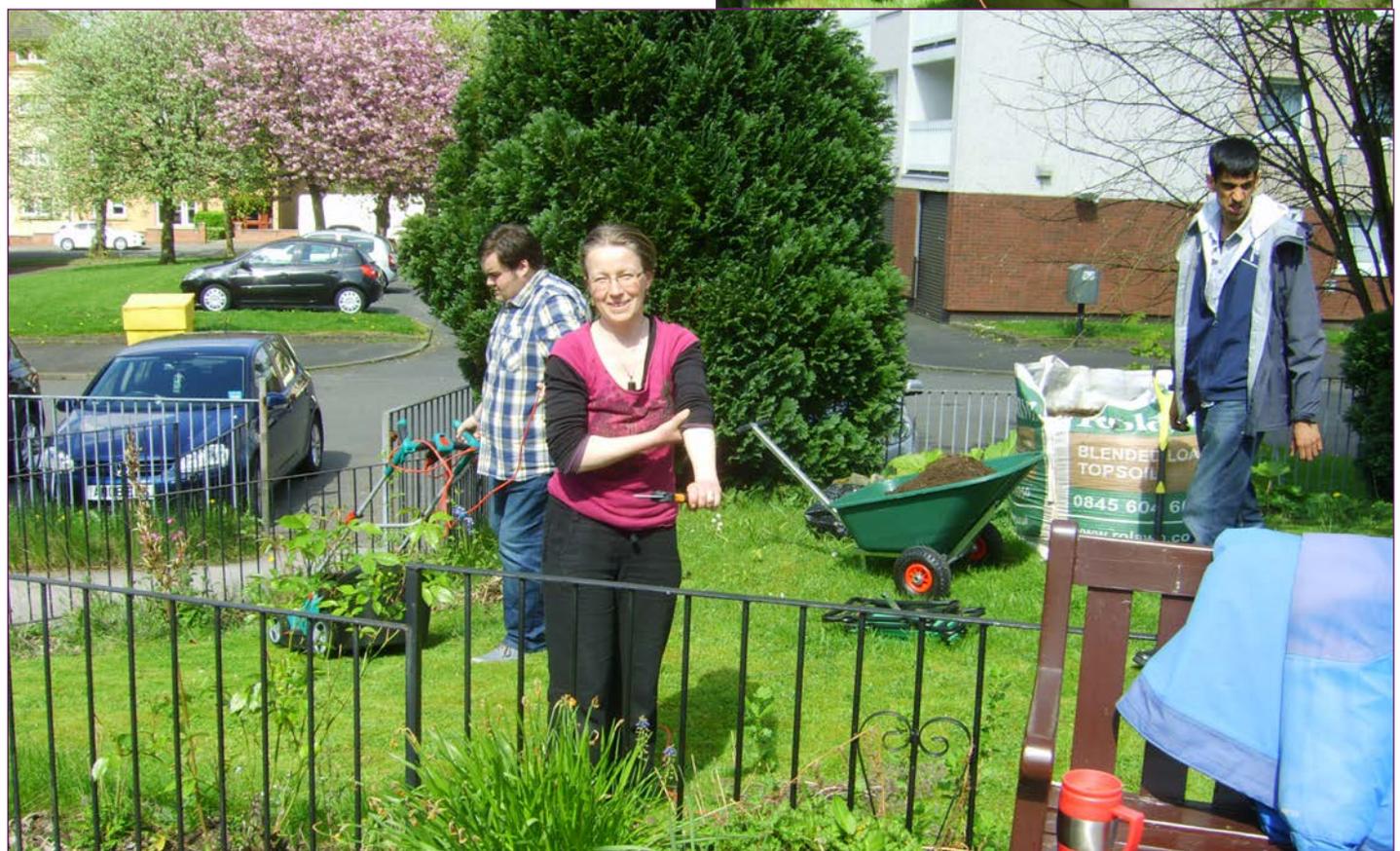
The activities range from lunch clubs and gardening groups to English classes and textile groups. With over 34 weekly groups and activities the hall has a significant portion of its members coming from many of the different cultures within the Pollokshields area. Over 20 countries and cultures were represented within the hall membership for 2014.

A major piece of work that is being undertaken with the hall is the development of a new build. This community 'Hub' is being done in partnership with Southside Housing Association. It should address the long-term aims and aspirations of not only the Nan McKay Hall and Southside Housing Association but also of the community of Pollokshields.

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The Nan McKay Hall



## GoWell needs YOU and your COMMUNITY!

GoWell's results are about you and your neighbours. Many of you have taken part in GoWell's surveys and studies. You have told us your experiences and opinions of housing regeneration and your health.

I'm here to share GoWell's survey results with you and with community groups and housing associations in your area. In turn, I will share communities' views of the results with the GoWell team. All of your survey answers are confidential and we only share the results for your neighbourhood so that communities can understand the impact that housing regeneration is having on peoples' health.

Why do we do this? GoWell's research is helpful to community groups, giving them local information that they can use to do what they do best – working with your community to shape your future. Watch this space for newsletter updates and please do contact me if you would like more information. If you don't belong to a community group, then you can still get in touch to find out more about GoWell and share your views.

Are there survey results that you especially wish to know about? If so, get in touch! For example, you and your neighbours have answered questions about:

- changes to your home – both inside and out
- changes in your neighbourhood
- your health – physical and mental
- what you think and feel about your community.

Do you have questions you would like to ask about the surveys? Do you belong to a community group that would like to feature in the newsletter? Get in touch! I'd be very happy to hear from you.

Call me on 0141 287 6953 or email me at [catherine.tabbner@drs.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.tabbner@drs.glasgow.gov.uk).



GoWell is a collaborative partnership between the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, the University of Glasgow and the MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, sponsored by Glasgow Housing Association, the Scottish Government, NHS Health Scotland and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

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