

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas



REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF IMPACT – 2024 OVERVIEW

As the year draws to a close, we at Intel Trust are filled with gratitude and pride as we reflect on the incredible impact we've made together in 2024. **Thanks** to your unwavering support and the power of collaboration, we've been able to continue providing impactful support to those who need it the most.

In this edition, take a closer look at the vital Intel Trust funding initiatives delivered to communities across Scotland. This work is only possible because of the trust and partnership we share with you—our supporters, funders, and community allies.

As we look ahead to 2025, our commitment remains steadfast: to continue funding innovative and meaningful projects which enable people living in social housing to live happier and more fulfilled lives.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and joyful New Year.

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Welcoming Our New Chairperson: Mark Thorley



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mark Thorley as the new Chairperson of Lintel Trust. Mark brings a wealth of experience, a passion for community development, and a shared commitment to our mission of supporting those who need it most.

Mark has a wealth of experience as a court lawyer representing some of the most disadvantaged individuals making him the ideal person to guide Lintel Trust into the next chapter of our work. His vision for the future aligns perfectly with our values, and his leadership will undoubtedly strengthen our ability to deliver lasting, meaningful change. In Mark's own words:

"I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Lintel Trust as chair. Its an incredibly well known charity and I believe it has a hugely exciting future"

As we welcome Mark, we'd also like to extend our deepest thanks to our interim Chairperson, Shona Mitchell, for her incredible contributions and leadership. Mark's appointment signals an exciting time for Lintel Trust as we continue to grow and expand our impact. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome and in looking forward to the next chapter of our journey together.

Thank you & Farewell to Kate

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we announce Kate's departure from Lintel Trust. Over the course of her time with us, Kate has been an instrumental force in shaping the charity's direction, leading us through a period of significant and necessary business transformation.

Under Kate's leadership, Lintel Trust has evolved to meet the changing needs of the communities we serve. Kate's vision, dedication, and tireless effort have ensured that we remain resilient and impactful, even in the face of challenges. From championing innovative projects to strengthening partnerships, Kate's contributions have left a lasting legacy that will benefit Lintel Trust and communities for years to come.

On behalf of the entire Lintel Trust team, we extend our deepest thanks to Kate for her remarkable leadership and wish her every success in this next chapter.





23/24 SPA Community Benefit Fund

As we reflect on the past year, Lintel Trust is proud to share the incredible impact achieved through our management of the Scottish Procurement Alliance Community Benefit Fund during 2023-24.

Together with SPA and our dedicated partners, we've supported projects that bring meaningful change to communities across Scotland.

23-24 CBF HIGHLIGHTS

14

PROJECTS AWARDED

£120,000



£10,000

GIVEN TO LINTEL TRUST
SMALL GRANTS FUND



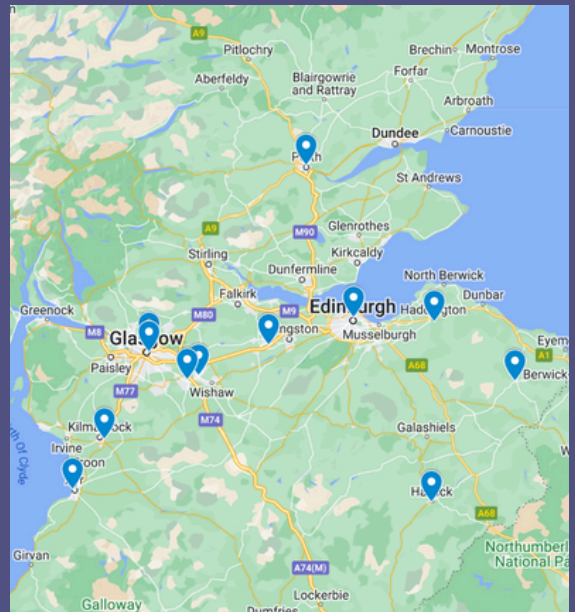
£157,000

ASSISTED MATCH FUNDING

TOTAL CASH INVESTMENT

£287,000

SPA Committee Partner Delivery Areas



Delivery of projects throughout each region

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

As we reflect on the Community Benefit Fund 2023–24, we'd like to spotlight two of the outstanding initiatives that have been supported by the fund this year. These projects are driving real change in their communities so we thought we would share their inspiring stories with you.

ROUTE INTO CONSTRUCTION

The Route into Construction (RITC) Employability Programme was designed to support young people aged 16–24 who are not in education, employment, or training (NEET) in securing a positive future. This 26-week, structured programme has been a tremendous success, with 90% of delegates from last year moving on to a positive destination, such as employment, apprenticeships, or further training.

Now in its 7th year, the programme continues to make a significant impact, recently winning a Developing the Young Workforce Award for 'most inspirational activity'. Thanks to funding from the SPA Community Benefit Fund, the programme was able to introduce a Life Skills Coach, further enhancing the support offered to participants and equipping them with crucial personal and professional skills. The sustainable initiative is not only helping young people find their path in the workforce but is also setting them on a trajectory for long-term success in construction.



Delegate, Donna is now using her gifted device to stay safe online and enhance her employability prospects

DIGITAL EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT

This Digital Employability Support initiative was designed to help individuals develop the digital skills needed to thrive in today's job market. The programme provides tailored support, including access to training, mentoring, and practical tools, to help participants build confidence and enhance their employability.

The programme not only focuses on enhancing digital skills and employability but also incorporates a strong sustainability element. As part of the initiative, the programme refurbished and recycled old devices, providing 43 fully refurbished devices to tenants in need. This approach not only helps bridge the digital divide but also supports environmental sustainability by reducing electronic waste.

24/25 SPA Community Benefit Fund

We're thrilled to provide an update on the incredible impact of the 2024-25 Community Benefit Fund! So far, **15** inspiring projects have been funded, with a total investment of **£170,00** in initiatives that make a real difference in the community.

These projects reflect our commitment to supporting key areas;



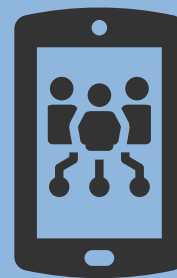
**7 SOCIAL
INCLUSION PROJECTS**



**2 EMPLOYABILITY
PROJECTS**



**5 FINANCIAL
INCLUSION PROJECTS**



**1 DIGITAL
INCLUSION PROJECT**

Committee Partner Deadline Reminder

The deadline for submitting applications to the 2024-25 fund is 31 December 2024. If you would like assistance with your application, please contact SPA's Social Value Advisor, Amanda Gauld on amanda.gauld@scottishprocurement.org.uk



Small Grant Funding

We have a long history of supporting and promoting housing sector community engagement. Our focus has always been on empowering people to lead the change that they want to see and support Scottish social enterprises.

As the charity landscape has changed, large funders have moved towards the direct delivery of small grants to projects and many Trusts have closed down or changed direction.

In recent years, we have relied heavily on business support and fundraising. Austerity and the economic decline of recent years has impacted both our business supporters and our ability to fundraise, particularly after the impact of Covid 19 and subsequent restrictions.

Thank you for support

We are enormously grateful for the generosity of our current business supporters. We would also like to extend a big thank you to those organisations that offer their support in the form of sponsorship, allowing Lintel Trust the use of their facilities for events and by attending and sponsoring our fundraising events.

If you would like to make a contribution to Scottish communities through regular giving or a one off donation, please get in touch to discuss how we can help you do that.

We are delighted to announce that our Small Grant Fund will re-open on **Tuesday, 7 January 2025**. Please keep an eye on our website for more information.

Business Supporters



Small Grant Funding 2024



B Healthy Together 'Create & Connect'

The activity of the programme focused social inclusion using crafts and craft-related excursions as a way of reducing social isolation and loneliness for the community.

The £1000 grant contributed towards resources for the group, room hire, social excursions, and volunteer expenses (transport and training).



Buddies of Hunterhill Care Home 'Hunterhill Men's Shed'

A grant of £1,000 was awarded to support the launch of a 'men's shed' in the garden of the care home. With a focus on improving the health & wellbeing of residents by providing them with engaging woodwork and general DIY projects.

The money from the grant was used to buy equipment (tools & materials), workbench, raised flowerbeds, gardening tools & plants



Elder Voice 'Senior Citizens Lunch Club'

The aim of this project was to provide a lunch club for people to come together socialise around nutritious food, and bond friendships. This activity addresses social isolation, loneliness and inclusion. The charity provides transport to help people connect.

The money from the £1000 grant was used to contribute towards transportation and food costs to remain a free event.

Reduce, ReUse & Raise Funds goes from Strength to Strength

We now have **10** Housing Associations taking part in our recycling initiative!

REDUCE, REUSE AND RAISE FUNDS

Lintel Trust has launched a recycling programme to enable your community to raise money through recycling your unwanted clothes!

Clothes donation to Lintel Trust bank

Cash for your community

Contact Lintel Trust and start raising funds now!

www.linteltrust.org.uk

Through this partnership, for every tonne of textiles collected, Clyde Recycling will donate £200 to Lintel Trust. This funding will be ring-fenced for specific communities, ensuring that every penny raised directly supports local projects. Once your community has raised £500, the funds will be made available in the form of a grant, which can be accessed through Lintel Trust. The allocation of grants will be done on a participatory budgeting basis, meaning that the community will have a say in how the funds are used to support local initiatives.

This initiative is a fantastic way to contribute to both environmental sustainability and community development, all while supporting Lintel Trust's mission to empower local communities. We encourage you to get involved, donate your textiles, and help raise funds for your community's future!

Cassiltoun Housing Association receive a **£500** grant as a reward for recycling



2024 FUNDRAISER



ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

21 teams joined Intel Trust at its **26th Annual Golf Tournament** hosted at Auchterarder Golf Club on Friday 31st May 2024.

A remarkable **£4059.93** was raised by the event this year and feedback from competitors has been very positive.

The competition was fierce, with the top four teams delivering impressive scores, but the coveted Intel Cup went to Stuart Freeland's Team—congratulations on your victory!

Beyond the fun and camaraderie, the event served an important purpose. The funds raised will help Intel Trust, continue its vital work supporting voluntary organisations and local communities across Scotland, addressing needs and creating positive change.

Our next Golf Tournament will take place on **Friday, 30 May 2025**. If you would like to enter a team or sponsor an element of the day, please contact us on enquiries@inteltrust.org.uk

Kindness and generosity have always been great foundations for building a productive corporate culture.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors and participants who made this year's Intel Cup a tremendous success.



A CALL FOR FESTIVE GENEROSITY

As the festive season fills our hearts and homes with warmth and joy, it's a time to reflect on the spirit of giving. Sadly, not everyone in your community is fortunate enough to share in this abundance. For many, the holiday season is a stark reminder of the struggles they face to provide even the basics for their families.

This Christmas, we are appealing to you to support your local food bank or pantry. By making a donation, you can help ensure that every family has access to the food they need to celebrate the season with dignity and hope. Whether it's non-perishable goods, fresh produce, or a monetary contribution, your generosity can light up someone's holiday and bring comfort to their table.

At the end of November, Lintel Trust and Scottish Procurement Alliance (SPA) came together to support the 1st Step Charity in Falkirk with a heartfelt food collection. The team gathered an incredible three trolleys full of Christmas-themed donations, including festive treats and essential items, to help brighten the holidays for those in need.

These donations will go a long way in supporting the vital work of 1st Step Charity, providing much-needed assistance to families in the community during this special time of year.



1st Step is a charity that offers many different types of recovery-orientated activities and community services across West Lothian and Falkirk. 1st step create and develop a range of positive opportunities for people affected by addiction or poor mental health and have enabled many people to reclaim their lives and the lives of their families and friends.