

Context:

Possilpark is one of the most deprived areas in Glasgow: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 identifies two Possilpark data zones as being within the top 10 most deprived areas in Glasgow. Perhaps most concerning is that it currently has the lowest life expectancy of all neighbourhoods in Glasgow for both males and females.

The Trusted Executive Charitable Foundation (TTECF) has been supporting Bethany Christian Trust’s community development programme in Possilpark since January 2019 with a series of grants totalling £60,216 (@Feb2023). These grants have helped to support the creation of a community cafe as part of the programme.

July ‘23 Update:

Ongoing Success:

C, who is on placement at Clay Cafe, is continuing her organising of events for the community, even though she has already completed the highest level of Community Achievement Award! She enjoyed doing it so much, and feels she now has the skills and confidence to do something on a regular basis. She also has a passion for providing events and meeting spaces for people to come together and have a good time without alcohol. She has come together with Zoe and another member of the church to host an ‘Open Mic Night’ with food and drinks at the end of June. In the first few days of opening the registration they had 7 artists booked to perform and 20 people signed up to attend.



C is a great example of how Bethany walk alongside people from within the community on a long term journey of trust which creates sustainable transformation in their lives, but also within those of their families and wider community.

New opportunities: partnering with local businesses:

A, one of the youth apprentices from last year, is incredibly creative and wants to be a costume designer, already making elaborate costumes and fancy dress items in her spare time. She applied to two very competitive university courses for the coming year but, unfortunately she wasn’t accepted on either. However, she’s very excited about her new paid role with Rois Seaglass ([Rois | Scottish Sea Glass \(rois-sea-glass.co.uk\)](https://rois-seaglass.co.uk)) at The Grove. Her role with Rois has given her a purpose while she considers her next steps, and is putting her creative skills to good use.

Another current youth apprentice, N, took a trip to Glesga Roasters ([Glesga Roasters - Love Coffee, Love People](https://glesga-roasters.co.uk)) to learn about the roasting process. This is part of his SQA in Barista Skills.

Developing links with local businesses, who are willing to offer young people a chance to learn and grow, is a key part of Bethany’s strategy for sustainable transformation in people’s lives.

These accounts from Bethany Christian Trust’s work in Possilpark are great examples of working in partnership with other players in the local community. They also demonstrate a willingness to be creative and to give selflessly to build trusted relationships. Bethany are working to transform the community one life at a time and creating resilience through a spirit of hope and generosity.

Their care and commitment is demonstrating: the ability to be consistent, and to deliver with kindness & humility (some of the “Nine Habits of Trust” <https://trustedexecutive.com/nine-habits-of-trust>).