



fountainbridge

CANALSIDE INITIATIVE

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More than 60 local people have signed into this new community initiative. A steering was formed on the 11th of April supported By Kathryn Vendenberg of SAGE

Robin Blacklock of Grosvenor Developments initiated the process, suggesting using the site north of Fountainbridge between "the Foundry" housing development and iQ student flats.

The group will negotiate access, funding and design for a pilot system of temporary allotments and gardens on the site. With more than 2,500 folk on the council's waiting list this exciting and innovative project could be just the thing for greening urban sites as they awaited development. Contact Kathryn at SAGE to get involved. <http://sowandgroweverywhere.org/>

FCI MEET THE CANALSIDE MASTERPLANNERS

On 18th April a group from FCI, Pat, Stan, Gerry, Emma, met with Stuart Seaton, Craig Torrance, CEC Economic Development, Lindsay Glasgow CEC Children and families. The master plan architects Jeremy Scott of Michael Laird and Helena Huws of 7N were also contributing and it was a very productive meeting. Lindsay assured us that if a new Boroughmuir school was built on the west site, "Spillage" onto the new public park being created on the canalside would be of pupils, not buildings, and it seems that the Park will go ahead. There is a big debate whether to refurbish the old school or build a new one. The newly elected council will decide which on the 28th of June but building won't start till 2013. FCI folk outlined the key ideas contained in our vision document and there were a lot of positive noises and some creative suggestions to problems. The architects listened hard and made much of the notion of "Placemaking" which is of course FCI's major concern. The City Council have committed themselves to working with local people through FCI and will come back to us with a consultation programme.

EDINBURGH CANAL FESTIVAL Edinburgh Quay Saturday 30th June 2012: Raft

Race - Free Boat Trips - Canoe Taster Sessions Canoe Display - Stalls - Canoe Polo - Music Wee Boat Flotilla - Community Mural - Stalls Face Painting - Canal Dipping - Bouncy Castle - and lots more! If you would like to Enter a raft contact rafttraceadmin@googlemail.com Have a stall contact info@re-union.org.uk Volunteer to help organise the event or on the day Contact - Pat 0131 453 4617

ELECTION RESULTS Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart: Gavin Corbett (Green Party) Andrew Burns

(Scottish Labour) David Key (SNP) Congratulations to them all. Gavin has been on the FCI steering group and Andrew and David have been to our public meetings so we look forward to working with them. Go and talk to them at their weekly surgeries. See our website below for results and pre election promises to FCI from the candidates.

TOLLGROSS WEE BOAT GROUP

With spring trying to get going, its time to get out on the water. The WBG has an Irish Currach, and 3 Canadian canoes by the canal Want to get involved? Contact Stan.reeves1@btinternet.com

NEXT STEPS: FCI to restructure this group, setting up sub groups on The Environment, Social and Housing, Recreation and Culture, Local economy. We need to decide what to focus on and GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED!

Strategy meeting 19TH June. 6.30

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