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Inverclyde Windfarm Fund 2021

Case Study – Teen Challenge Strathclyde

Amount Awarded: £1,000.00

“We held an event in September, a candlelit vigil for people who had lost their lives in Inverclyde to drugs and alcohol. We thought a lot before when we held the event about how we wanted people to feel during the hour-long event, so we combined hope with memory. What I mean by this is that, as well as traditional memorial reflection moments in the event like lighting candles, a minute silence, tying ribbons to a tree in Clyde Square, and opening the mic at the end to anyone who wanted to say the name of a lost loved one, we also wanted to provide hopeful moments during the events.

The hopeful moments came from four or five people sharing their story in the mic of recovery, that they were once people who had used drugs and alcohol and now have had their lives changed through choices, guidance, and the hope of others. We also sang two songs, ‘Amazing Grace’ and ‘The Lord’s My Shepherd’, as these songs are well-known and group singing can promote wellbeing and hope, too.

For this reason, our event went very well, and people are already asking our service and Inverclyde Council when Teen Challenge will hold another event, so we are going to hold a Hope At Christmas event on 19th December 2021, following a similar format and theme.

Having said this, our biggest core cost to enable our work to be possible is fuel and vehicle maintenance. Throughout May-October 2021, our Street Teams in Greenock and Barrhead have been visiting the town centres once a week using a car, refreshments, and a gazebo to build long-term links with people.

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The grant went towards restarting our delivery after lockdowns so that now delivery is taking place in Greenock and Port Glasgow as well as locations outside Inverclyde. Street Teams run drop-in sessions on Wednesday afternoons in Greenock and Wednesday evenings in Port Glasgow. The grant went towards fuel costs, and we also spent money on uniforms and ID, gazebos and other costs during the grant period by other major donors including the Corra Foundation.

We celebrate that we have been able to see one man go away to residential rehab who has now been there for five months. Our volunteers worked with him for a few weeks, seeing that he was serious about getting help and supporting him with advice and advocacy to enable him to choose the right recovery centre suited to his needs. He's doing really well. We have also recommended two other people to go to residential rehab since May.

- Teen Challenge Strathclyde (October 2021)

Further Reading

Read more about all of the other work that Teen Challenge Strathclyde do [here](#).

Please also visit their Facebook page [here](#).



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Image 1 - The Memory Tree, Clyde Square