



Glasgow the Caring City *Our Updates*

At Glasgow the Caring City Charity, we're sharing a mix of news and showcasing the amazing creativity that is happening in our programs; there's lots to catch up on! Read on for all the details.

Welcome to the First Edition of The Skills Barn Newsletter!

Hi everyone,

I'm Ross Galbraith, Operations Lead at Glasgow Caring City, and I'm thrilled to keep you all updated and excited about everything happening at The Skills Barn.

Our young people returned in September for the start of the 2024/25 session, and it's been fantastic! We've welcomed back many familiar faces and have also had the pleasure of meeting lots of new students. It's also been wonderful to continue our informal connections with students who have moved on to other endeavors. Supporting our young people through these crucial transitional stages is something we're committed to for everyone involved with The Skills Barn.

This term, we've welcomed back tutors our young people already know and trust, continuing activities they truly thrive on. We've also expanded our tutor team with individuals bringing new skills, particularly in the areas of arts and enterprise, to further enrich the learning experience.

Our young people are truly incredible. Every day, we see their confidence, resilience, and remarkable qualities shining through. We hope you see these same qualities reflected at school and at home. We always welcome feedback and suggestions from all our stakeholders on how we can improve and further develop our services.

Our focus every day is to achieve remarkable things – and "remarkable" comes in all shapes and sizes! Keep striving, stay determined, and give it your all. The Skills Barn will be there to embrace your enthusiasm every step of the way.

–Ross



Skills Barn *Spotlight*

2025 has kicked off with a burst of creativity at our Skills Barn! Our young people have been exploring new skills and developing their talents through various engaging workshops. They've been learning the art of screen printing with Liam from [Squeeze Print Studio](#), mastering techniques and even discovering how to create prints from everyday materials. With Maria, they've delved into the world of business enterprise, exploring how to create, market, and sell their own crafts. Filmmaking continues to be a popular activity, with Rach and Lawrence guiding two classes in creating some truly amazing films. In the garden with Alex, everyone has been expressing their creativity by designing and creating unique signs for the space, some using Braille, Japanese, and even a personalised "dragon language"!



Donation Film: *Made in 2 Hours!*

Our Skills Academy teens blew us away with a new short film about the impact of product donations! They created this powerful piece in just two hours, highlighting the importance of the circular economy and corporate kindness. Watch it [HERE](#).



Unleashing Creativity: *From Garden to Print*

Newlands South Church's green space is undergoing a vibrant transformation, thanks to the energy and dedication of our young people. Working alongside Alex, they're building garden furniture, cultivating plants, and creating inviting pathways – a project that's not only beautifying the area but also nurturing valuable carpentry skills. Meanwhile, the creative spirit is also alive and well with [Squeeze Print Studio](#).

Liam is guiding workshops where participants experience the magic of screen printing, turning their designs into wearable art on t-shirts, posters, and more. The tangible results offer a powerful sense of accomplishment, boosting confidence and inspiring future creativity.



Impact of our Campaign

Happy 2025!

Thanks to your incredible support, our Christmas campaign was a resounding success! We were able to: Distribute over 4,000 Toy Packs, provide over 800 Family Welfare Vouchers which helped families put food on their tables during the festive season. We hosted over 2,500 Festive Event Attendees, creating joyful memories and strengthening community bonds and we partnered with 18 Supported Partners, amplifying our impact across Glasgow.

These achievements are a testament to the generosity and compassion of our community. Thank you for making a difference!



Spooky Short Film

Lights, camera, horror! Young filmmakers at the Glenburn Centre in Easterhouse recently created a spooky short film after taking workshops with Rach and Lawrence.

The workshops covered all aspects of filmmaking, including acting, equipment, directing, and foley sound effects.

Are you having a Spring Clean?

Donate your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories to Glasgow Caring City.

Drop off at Community249 or email springclean@glasgowthecaringcity.com for collection.



Community249 Update – We're Still Standing!

As many of you know, Storm Eowyn recently impacted communities across the country, and unfortunately, we were not spared. Our base at 249 Govan Road sustained significant roof damage. We are still in the process of assessing the full extent of the damage and working diligently to restore our facilities. This has been the biggest challenge we've faced in 25 years, but amidst the chaos, we've witnessed incredible resilience and community spirit. We are so grateful for the outpouring of support from our Community249 members, especially the Glasgow Boxing Academy and Matt Barnes from GPS, who have been instrumental in helping us navigate this difficult time. Thank you for your continued support. We will keep you updated on our progress at Community249.