

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Be part of something great

Make a difference to your neighbourhood
Help improve your community
Meet new people and learn new skills

**Do this and more by joining
your community council.**



Community councils represent the views of local people, care about their neighbourhood and work together to make where they live a better place.

Each community council in the city is unique, reflecting the diversity of their local area. Being a part of your local community council is really rewarding. Everyone has something to offer and gain from taking part.

What does a community council do?

- builds stronger communities
- is a channel for local people to have a say and influence decisions in their area
- brings people together
- improves the local area through community activities
- tackles important issues such as planning and licensing
- sources funding for local improvements

Getting involved

There are lots of ways you can get involved:

- become a member
- take part in a survey or consultation
- follow your community council on local notice boards, or online through their website or social media channels
- attend a public meeting

It is really rewarding being a member of your community council and a great chance to make a difference.

Everyone has something to offer, regardless of experience, interests and background. You may also develop new skills along the way. Support is available.



Community council activities

Marchmont and Sciennes - successfully lobbied for an increase in frequency of the number 24 bus.

Juniper Green - initiated the Pentlands Book Festival and supported the Baberton Mains History Group, where local volunteers researched the history of their estate and produced a book and website.



Firrhill, Currie and Colinton - Community Councils in Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership area have taken turns to deliver an annual health fair, giving the local community a chance to find out about local services first hand.



Wester Hailes - helped improve accessibility in the area, including lower kerbs and ramp access at bus stops.

Portobello - their community engagement was rated 'excellent' by the Scottish Community Development Centre, reflecting the regular consultations they have on a wide range of issues.



Drum Brae - worked with the Drum Brae Library Hub and Clermiston Primary School to hold an exhibition celebrating 60 years of the Clermiston estate.

Leith Central, Leith Links and Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Councils - since 2010 they have supported delivery of Leith Decides, a successful annual participatory budgeting programme giving local people the power to decide on how Community Grants are allocated.

