



# open doors

## Newsletter

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**Welcome** to our first Open Doors Newsletter. This is a really exciting time for Open Doors you will find us on Old Irvine Road. If you can't get there don't worry we will be out and about through our various hubs in Cumnock, Shortlees and Newmilns. Open Doors has a team ready to help and support you. We are planning lots of fantastic activities throughout East Ayrshire for all of our volunteers and clients. We want this to be a relaxing place you can come for a chat, advice and training.

### The Story so far...

Open doors is a community hub in the heart of Kilmarnock town Centre. which will provide a safe place where people can access a wide range of activities and supports aimed at providing health and social benefits, improving life chances and signposting to opportunities within the community.

### Meet the Team



Jean Hamilton Community Engagement Worker,  
Helen McCabe Partnership Manager Volunteering  
& David Skilling Community Development Worker

The Open Doors team will offer intensive holistic support and engagement designed to help people overcome loneliness and isolation, promote inclusion and remove barriers to engagement and community involvement

Open Doors Team: Helen McCabe, Partnership Manager Volunteering, David Skilling, Community Development Worker and Jean Hamilton, Community Engagement Worker welcome you to our first Open Doors newsletter.

Meet Helen: I'm really excited to be part of the Open Doors team. We have so many exciting activities planned. Covid 19 has made Volunteering instrumental in our communities and without our volunteers and volunteering opportunities our services would not manage and individuals and communities would suffer loss of services and isolation.

Meet David: I'm really looking forward to being part of the Open Doors team. I'm excited to be involved in the creation of activities for our volunteers and the larger community. Our aim is to help in challenging inequalities and to provide access to training and opportunities, while making new friends and building confidence. [David.skilling@cvoea.co.uk](mailto:David.skilling@cvoea.co.uk)

Meet Jean: I'm excited to be part of the Open doors team. I look forward to connecting and supporting individuals within the community and being involved in their journey. I will be contacting anyone in the community who would like to get involved in some of our planned activities.

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### Open Doors

Open Doors will not only further the priorities identified by the community but offer much needed community led activities. This joined up approach to service delivery within a one stop facility would ensure maximum use of existing resources and improved accessibility to service provision.

This is some of the services we will open doors to:

- Training and Learning
- Volunteering opportunities
- Community Café and Food Pantry
- Youth and Justice support
- Recovery support
- Homelessness services and supports and many more...

*We would like to welcome you all on board and thank you for your commitment to Open Doors and together we can make this a success!*  
*Helen, David, Jean.*

### What's Next?

With Community Centre's, places of worship and even coffee shops closed we know it can be challenging to keep in touch. With this in mind at Open Doors we are excited to be launching a community magazine that anyone of any age or background can get involved in. Our hope is that together we can create an exciting magazine which highlights the skills of our communities and celebrate the unheard stories from all those who volunteer every year within East Ayrshire and provide information. We need your help to create what can hopefully become a lasting, fun and interesting community magazine that shines a light on East Ayrshire and the many positives that make working here so rewarding. Look out for our Positive Destinations bus and jump aboard we have some fun things planned for the bus!

**Our next update will be in March 2021...**



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If you would like to volunteer or can provide volunteering opportunities please get in touch with Helen McCabe, Partnership Manager Volunteering [helen.mccabe@cvoea.co.uk](mailto:helen.mccabe@cvoea.co.uk)

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