

# More North Glasgow people realise potential on Activate Programme



Joy Henderson receives her certificate from Patricia Ferguson MSP and Glasgow University's Louise Sheridan



ng homes Board Member Bill Rossine receives his certificate



Pat McDonald shows her delight



ng homes staff proudly display their certificates



Heather Gray with Special Guest



Active in their community - the graduates.

**A FURTHER 24 local people have successfully completed the community development Activate course supported by ng homes and delivered by Glasgow University.**

The main aim of Activate is to give local people active in their communities an opportunity to reflect on what they do and why they do it in order for them to be more effective in working for the communities where they live and work.

Activate strengthens local networks and people get a chance to listen to each other and see different ways of working together. In particular, having a group where there is a mixture of ages, ethnic backgrounds and work or voluntary experiences enables participants to think more deeply about the work they are doing, challenge their own views and that of others.

The areas covered by the course include

the values and principles of community development, anti-discriminatory practice, power and participation, local and global links, group work, learning for change, monitoring and evaluation.

Over the period of time that ng homes has partnered with the delivery of Activate it has brought together volunteers and staff from a number of local community organisations. These include Phoenix Futures, Red Road Family Centre, Young Peoples Futures, Children Inclusion Partnership, North Glasgow Food Initiative, Depot Arts, Faith in Throughcare, Bridges programme and ng homes itself.

Amongst those being awarded at last week's ceremony were Bill Rossine an ng homes board member and Fraser Porter a young volunteer on the ng Sports Legacy programme.

Bill said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the Activate course and I was delighted to meet



Lynnda Wardle (Bridges Project) and Margaret Layden (ng homes) celebrate with Violet Uwera



Stephen Lauder - proud of his achievement

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Liz Davies from Possilpark was all smiles



William Forey celebrates his success on the night.



ng homes Commonwealth Apprentice Jennifer Paton is delighted with her success.



Stephanie McDougall with her award



Heather Gray is pleased as punch.

so many enthusiastic people from our community.”  
 Fraser said: “I think it’s a great course and would encourage people to do it. You learn so much not only from the excellent tutors but also from your fellow students.”  
 Patricia Ferguson MSP for Springburn and Maryhill presented certificates to the group and said: “I always knew there were a lot of people hard at work in our communities and its great to see so many of them complete the Activate course. What I really like about Activate is it gives people the opportunity to go on from here and study at University.”  
 ng homes was awarded the Bridges Award for Excellence in Employability recently from the Bridges project for their partnership working in relation to the Activate course.

Helen Martin, Senior Lecturer at Glasgow University said: “Activate also provides access to further and higher education with some students moving on to study with John Wheatley College (Working with Communities) and Glasgow University (BA Community Development). People progress into other areas of voluntary experience, further education or work. Everyone was very appreciative of the opportunity to get involved in the Activate Course.”  
 Activate is open to anyone over 16 years of age and there is no upper age limit. Those that take part will learn about community work and local/global issues through discussion and group work. Anyone interested should contact Margaret Layden, Regeneration Manager on 0141 560 6000 or email mycommunity@nghomes.net



Karen Burt can't hide her satisfaction



Danielle Cowan with her certificate



Mark Shannon with his hard earned certificate



Eleanor Akintula loved the Activate course.



Local ng sports legacy volunteer Fraser Porter celebrates his latest success.

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