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▶ PEPASS team supporting school hubs



The Physical Education Physical Activity School Sport (PEPASS) Team at Education Services have done a fantastic job supporting 35 school hubs across the city during lockdown.

The team, including partners – Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre and North Kelvin Sports - have delivered a range of physical activity sessions for the children of key workers.

Kirsten Noon, PEPASS Development Officer explained: “The sessions are being delivered by our Active Schools Coordinators who work with pupils across the city to encourage them to participate in physical activity. Throughout lockdown they’ve been working from the education hubs to support their cluster schools.”

John Kynaston, Active Schools Co-ordinator has been working with both Hillington Primary and St Monica’s Pollok Primary School hubs. **John** said: “We’ve had great fun organising a range games and activities including cycling, orienteering, ball games, various skill challenges and taking part in our PEPASS Lockdown Olympics. The children have been really enthusiastic and hopefully they’ve had fun and improved their fitness.”

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Gerry Best, Active Schools Co-ordinator has been working at the Golfhill Primary hub. **Gerry** said: "I've enjoyed having to think of a variety of games to keep the children safe. We've built dens and obstacle courses, played tennis and learned to skip and hula hoop – and lots more."

Simon Kelly, Headteacher at Alexandra Parade Primary School has nothing but praise for Gerry and her Active School Co-ordinator colleagues.

Simon said: "These activities have helped children from five different schools attending the hub, to come together, build team skills and make new friends. The children have loved the different games that Gerry brought each week, and staff have also benefitted from Gerry's support and enthusiasm."

"I'd like to thank the PEPASS Team who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to continue to support children and young people across the city."

Supporting our communities and children of key workers.

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▶ Supporting women who find themselves homeless



Project staff (left to right): Margaret Coleman, Susan Linton, Mary Milton, Liz Smith - with resident Emily (front, centre).

Mary Blair, Team Leader Homelessness, GCHSCP wants to acknowledge the hard work and determination of the staff at the **Elder Street Project**, a residential homeless service for women in the south side of the city. The service provides safe and secure accommodation with 24 hour staff support for women who find themselves homeless.

Highly trained staff support the women to deal with issues which can often be complex. Positive links are established within Social Work and other service providers, for example, Glasgow Housing Association and registered social landlords. This allows the women to move out of temporary accommodation into something more appropriate whilst developing new opportunities for them. Strength based interventions and promoting positive behaviour are key approaches used by the staff group.

Mary said: "In this particularly challenging time for all front line staff, the staff at Elder Street have shown great strength and enthusiasm in supporting our service users. I'd like to thank all of the staff for their commitment to the service."

Mary continued: "Ongoing involvement with all of our service users is central to delivering better outcomes. During lockdown this has been particularly challenging, however we wanted all the women who use our service to play an active role. We encouraged them to jot down their feelings, ideas, frustrations and thoughts at this unprecedented time.

"We were overwhelmed with the response. One of our residents, Emily, has kindly written a selection of poems about her homeless journey during lockdown including one she called 'Staff' which we were all delighted with."

An excerpt from Emily's poem:

**These women are Keyworkers – Superhero's,
Who leave the safety of their own homes and families behind,
and come to work in uncertain times,
still positive – and still genuinely caring.**

▶ **We are still recruiting**

Current vacancies

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