

**Case Study**  
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Annexe Communities

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## Annexe Communities

### Overview

Impact Funding Partners (IFP) was contracted by Annexe Communities in Partick to provide external monitoring and evaluation support, acting as a critical friend to their Community Fund large grant award under the Improving Lives theme. The role comprises support in refining their monitoring and evaluation framework, verification and feedback on their quarterly reports and a full external evaluation report at the end of the three years. The project is called Yunity.

### Relationship

In 2012, Impact Funding Partners (IFP) was contracted to set up and manage the Glasgow Third Sector Transformation Fund, taking a partnership approach to planning, which included building the capacity of the third and public sectors partnership working, in order to transform the care of older people from a reactive to a preventative model and from institutional care to care at home or in a community setting, via innovative third sector projects.

Fast forward nine years and we are now managing the Wellbeing for Longer in Glasgow Fund (WBFLG) on behalf of Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, and since 2017 have powered system change by leveraging user-led design and engagement which delivers insight across the broad objectives of, supporting adults to:

- Address health inequalities and improve health
- Improve social inclusion, enabling residents who are isolated to be more connected

IFP supported Annexe Communities through the Glasgow Third Sector Transformation Fund until 2018. The funding supported the pilot activities which have continued to develop and grow to become the Yunity project and attract a large grant award. As a result of the strong, supportive and trusting relationship built by our team, IFP was the first choice to come alongside as a monitoring and evaluation partner.

### Approach

IFP took a user led approach to this contract, engaging with Jane as the Project Co-ordinator and ensuring that the views of the project workers were also fed into the design of the monitoring and evaluation framework and the reporting. It was important to develop this understanding and buy-in to the process.

Annexe Communities submitted a partial draft of a monitoring and evaluation framework as part of their successful Community Fund bid.

IFP provided feedback on the framework and assisted the Annexe team to complete this, considering indicators, evidence and fidelity with the targets agreed in the approved funding application. This set the scene for the project workers to collate evidence on a quarterly basis to feed into the Project Co-ordinator who aggregates this into a report.

Each quarter, IFP verifies the evidence feeding into the report and provides constructive feedback, commenting on the fit and progress against the monitoring and evaluation framework.

IFP is also supporting the Annexe team with their annual reports to the Community Fund, maintaining an impartial role as a critical friend and gathering evidence which will help to guide and inform our final evaluation.

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