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Summer 2023

ART NIGHT COMES TO STOBIE!

This June, internationally renowned contemporary art festival, Art Night, takes place across Dundee, for the first time outside of London! Art Night is a day jammed packed with fun, family friendly contemporary art exhibitions, screenings and more, all happening on your doorstep. The Stobswell Forum have been working with the Art Night team and artists to embed community in the programme of events.

Art Night will present ten major new commissions in civic spaces across the city, including our very own Baxter Park Pavillion and Arthurstone Community Library. But this art is not just paintings on walls...

Richy Carey is an artist and composer; using music, sound and images to create unique experiences. Richy has been working with groups in Stobswell, such as Morgan Academy Music Department and CLD youth teams to help explore how people communicate with each other and collectively create work that will form part of his commission. Expect to listen to, as well view, the work presented in Baxter Park Pavillion.

Just down the road in Arthurstone Community Library will be a gaming experience by artist Danielle Brathwaithe-Shirley, co-commissioned by NEoN Digital Arts and Serpentine. The game, *I Knew Your Voice Before You Spoke*, invites visitors into a virtual world that is shaped by the sounds and music of the audience.

Art Night is not just about artists from elsewhere, Dundee based artists are also included on the schedule of event. Saoirse Amir Anis, who's is currently exhibiting her work *Symphony for a Fraying Body* at the DCA, will present a performance inspired by the waters of the River Tay at DCA and HMS Unicorn. Additionally another Dundonian resident artist, Inefficient Solutions, will present a unique opportunity to participate in getting creative at GENERATORProjects.

Art Night will have information points dotted around the city including the Stobswell Connect Shop at 170 Albert Street. Here you will find one of their friendly guides, who can steer you in the direction of some fun across the city.

As in the name, Art Night will extend the festivities into the evening with live events, installations, sound performances and film, open from 10am till 2am on the 24th of June 2023. More information about Art Night can be found at www.artnight.org.uk



ALBERT STREET ACTION GROUP - NEXT PUBLIC EVENT - 29TH JUNE!

After a very successful public meeting about Albert Street on 4th April in Stobswell Parish Church with over 50 local people, after a great discussion, there was a clear consensus about the need to tackle non-stopping HGVs and buses, rogue parking and illegal traffic manoeuvres. It was also recognized that young people and local businesses both need more support, among other issues raised. We would very much like to encourage traders to join our efforts, along with other organisations to build a "coalition of the willing" to drive things forward, despite the historic sluggishness of the Council City Development Department.

With this in mind, there will be a follow-up "Albert Street Visioning" event at 18.30-20.00 on June 29th in the Morgan Academy to explore what is needed to address the above issues. This will be a "serious fun" hands-on session working in groups of all ages around tables to brainstorm ideas for transforming the street, focusing on five key areas: Abroath Road junction to Arthurstone Terrace, The Square opposite Greens Supermarket, Eliza Street



and Cross. We will develop stories about each of these key places in the street, and also have one group focussing on developing the process to get there. We are aiming for even more folk to join us this time – all welcome and watch out for more details!

SECRET MOSAICS IN STOBSWELL

You might have been lucky enough to stumble across some great new additions in Stobswell. We have a secret mosaics person going around the area and leaving us these fantastic wee pieces of art to enjoy... We can't tell you where they are, you'll have to find them for yourself!







STOBFEST - WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPEN NEXT?

Would you believe that the last "proper" Stobfest was four years ago, in May 2019? Back then, Stobfest ran over ten days in Baxter Park, Arthurstone Library, Boomerang, Morgan Academy, Swannie Pond and other venues across Stobswell.

We had music events, art exhibitions, poetry, science and history, and we marched down Albert Street with pipe bands, cowboys (yes, cowboys!) and vintage scooters, finishing at the Boomerang Centre for a community fair.

The Forum Trustees have got together to talk about what we have done in the past and what we might like to try in the future, but much more important is what would the community, the local residents and traders like to see happen.

Back in 2019, Stobfest had been on the go for around ten years, starting out with a one day "village" fair in Boomerang and growing from there to over forty separate events including Street Food Fest at the Hotel Indigo, Wellbeing and Doggie themed days in Baxter Park, a Ceilidh in Park Halls, Public Art Walking Tour and much more.



So the question is, do we want to see Stobfest return and what should it look like? It doesn't have to be like anything like we did before or we could try and bring some bits of it back, but what do you think?

You can email us at info@stobswell.org.uk, you can catch us on Facebook or Twitter, come in and talk to the Communities Team at the Arthurstone Library, or drop into Stobswell Connect (the Purple Shop) at 170 Albert Street.

Stobfest - What do you want to see happen next?

FLY TIPPING - HOW TO REPORT IT

Fly Tipping is horrible, it makes our local streets look terrible, it encourages vermin and it can be potentially dangerous to our bairns. The council have a really good rapid response team who want to help.

You will need the street address and number if possible and photos are always really helpful.

There are three ways you can report it;

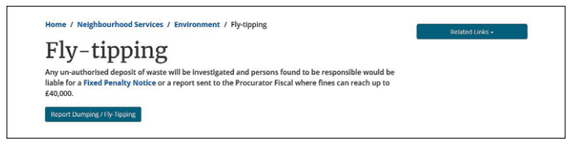
1) Go to the council website, type "Fly Tipping" into the search line and you will be taken to this page where you can report it: dundeecity.gov.uk/service-area/neighbourhood-services/environment/fly-tipping

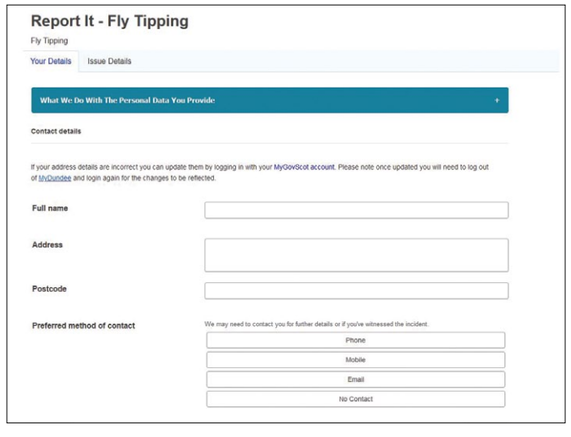
You will have to log in or create an account first.

2) Contact any of your local councillors who will be happy to help.

3) Contact the Stobswell Forum online, via email or at Stobswell Connect (170 Albert Street) and we'll help you report it.

We have included a couple of photos of the pages you'll see on the council website:





STOBSWELL DUNDONALD STREET ART PROJECT

Working in a partnership between The Stobswell Forum, Hillcrest, CLD, and local artist Simon Mathieson (SYKE); the young people started planning the artwork back in late 2022, they put all their ideas onto display boards which they consulted on at the Boomerang Centre, outside of the Clepington Primary School and around the surrounding houses.

The bairns themselves said;

"We went round to the houses that are behind where we painted the mural and asked for their opinions, as we wanted them to be happy with what we were doing. We then continued to ask the public what they thought about it and what they'd like to see. We left the board in different locations and had a box for comments. We also went to a centre where they let people in for a hot drink and a cake for free, we talked to the people there and asked for their opinions. We had lots of fun."

After lots of conversations the young people settled on a nature themed artwork.



More comments from the young people;

"We went for the most popular design and started planning the overall mural. We then arranged dates for when we were painting it. It took two weekends to complete, and Simon was helping the whole time."



And finally;

"Overall, I had lots of fun and would do it again, I got lots of compliments from people as my design was the 'main' feature on the wall - I think it is anyway. I liked how even though people who weren't designing it got to help paint it. It was a lovely experience."

THE STOBSWELL VOICE

We are looking for a bit of help… the Stobswell Voice has been around for a good few years now and we have never asked you what you think about it, so now is your chance to let us know.

- What do you like?
- What you are not so sure about?
- What you would like us to do next?

Visit the following link, use the QR code, or pick up a hard-copy version in the Communities Office at Arthusrstone Library or the Purple Shop on Albert Street.

www.bit.ly/StobVoice23

Let us know what you think!

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