

Interested?

We'd love to hear from you if you have an idea in mind.

You will need to complete a simple application form with your contact details and a short description of your project, the people you hope to get involved and what you hope your project will achieve.

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JOIN THE
SMALL SPARKS
COMMUNITY!



Small Sparks is a small grants programme that helps people to do new and exciting things in their community.

People have great ideas and mostly they don't cost very much money. They just need a little spark, a little support and then – stand well back!

Small Sparks was introduced to the UK by Carl Poll - a pioneer and community builder. The Self Directed Support Team has now linked up with the national organisation 'In Control' Scotland to bring Small Sparks to Fife.



How does Small Sparks work?

To run a project you need:

- A good idea.
- A plan to involve local people.
- To keep a record of your project. This may be through photographs, a video, a scrapbook or other creative ways.
- To be willing to share the story of your project at a Small Sparks celebration event in Spring 2017 – support to prepare for this is available if required.

It's that simple. Everyone can get involved.

Meeting the criteria:

- Do you live in East Fife?
- Will your project or event make your community a better place to live, work or visit?
- Will your idea involve local people, particularly those who haven't been involved before?
- Is your project fun and interesting?
- Is your project brand new – not an extension of an existing project?

Small Sparks can make a big difference

Below are some examples of projects from other areas:

- A fortnightly 'sing-a-long' group for the whole community, aimed at people who don't have the confidence to sing in a choir.
- High School pupils developed a sensory garden in the local community.
- A sandcastle building competition and story-telling event took place on a local beach.
- Local brownies were involved in organising a treasure hunt and harvest supper for the community.
- Walking Wagon – a mother and her son (who has disabilities) made new connections within their local community by visiting neighbours on a weekly basis with a trolley of magazines to share.

