

GORBALS IDEAS FUND NEWS

LOCAL IDEAS, LASTING IMPACT
SUMMER 2025 EDITION



GROUP STAGE VOTING - OPENS AT THE GORBALS FAIR

This year's Gorbals Fair wasn't just about fun—it marked the start of something exciting. We launched the Voting – Group Stage of the Gorbals Ideas Fund, where locals got to choose which projects moved forward. The energy was incredible, and the community turned out in force to support the Group stage of brilliant local ideas.

Young Voters at TASK voting station



LOCAL VOTING STAGE COMING SOON!

The next round of community voting kicks off this August! You'll get the chance to vote for the local ideas you want to see funded. Watch this space for dates, locations, and how to take part—your voice makes the difference!



Two GIF Volunteers

"IT'S AMAZING WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LOCAL PEOPLE LEAD THE WAY." GIF VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE

"WHEN WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER'S IDEAS, GREAT THINGS GROW." – COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

"THIS ISN'T JUST FUNDING PROJECTS – IT'S BUILDING A STRONGER GORBALS." LOCAL RESIDENT

For more info, visit our website or follow us on social media – just search Gorbals Ideas Fund!

YOUR VOTES



” AWARDED £3000 ”

Blackfriars Primary Family Gardening Gang

Blackfriars Family Gardening Gang has been funded to create a Pollinator Palace, Wildlife Woodpile, Composting Kingdom, and Bird Hotel — bringing families together to learn gardening and sustainability skills while boosting mental and physical wellbeing in the community.



” AWARDED £1130 ”

Givin It Laldie - Beginners Guitar Course

Givin' It Laldie has been funded to run an 8-week beginner guitar course, giving people the chance to learn in a fun, relaxed group setting. All equipment is provided, and learners can continue on to a follow-up class — building skills, confidence, and community along the way.



” AWARDED £3000 ”

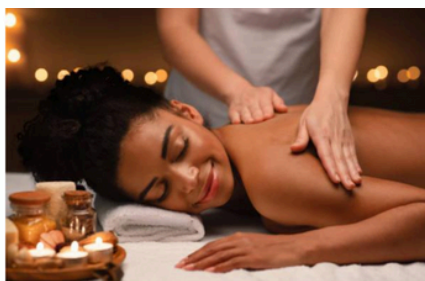
Gorbals Greats

Gorbals Greats, a tenant-led group for over-55s, has been funded to keep running their much-loved activities — from bingo and discos to armchair aerobics and community meals. They also have exciting plans ahead, including day trips and ancestry classes to bring people together.

YOUR VOTES



” AWARDED £5000 ”



” AWARDED £4870 ”



TASK : Learning As We Are Growing Together

” AWARDED £3000 ”

The Way to Go Cafe

Gorbals Youth Café has been funded to expand their Go Active programme with new outdoor play sessions — including archery, den building, hillwalking, and more. A fun and active way for young people to connect and explore!



SEAL

SEAL has received funding to run a weekly Therapy Clinic offering complementary therapies to support mental and physical health, along with an Armchair Exercise Group for older adults — promoting gentle movement, wellbeing, and social connection.



TASK

We're thrilled to share that TASK Childcare is one of six local groups awarded funding through the Gorbals Ideas Fund 2025 Group Stage! Their project will bring together parents and children for fun, creative wellbeing sessions — designed to boost confidence, build connections, and create a calm, welcoming space for families in the community

Latest Updates

Summer 2025

The **Pantry** is set to open Autumn **2025**, and a local Steering group is already working hard behind the scenes to help get the Pantry ready.



Find out more about our biggest project yet!

Want to get involved? Email info@gorbalsideas.org.uk to find out more about the steering group or more for more info.

Gorbals Art Group

Every week, a growing group of local residents comes together to unwind, connect, and create at the Gorbals Art Group. Open to anyone aged 16 and over, the group offers a welcoming space to explore creativity—whether you're a beginner or more experienced.

Recently, members attended pottery classes, adding a hands-on twist to their sessions. Many say the group has become a calm and inspiring escape from the stress of daily life. Basic materials are provided, and the sessions are free to attend for anyone living in the Gorbals.



What began as a small pilot project at Riverside has quickly blossomed into a thriving growing space. Every Monday, a group of local residents come together to plant, grow, and connect.

The group continues to grow each week, with more neighbours getting involved and new plans sprouting up all the time. It's a brilliant example of how a simple idea can take root and flourish with the help of the community.

Now, the team wants to hear from you.

If you think your area could benefit from a growing space, get in touch to share your thoughts:

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