

Kirkliston Library to get a mural



One of the first projects to win a share of community funding aimed at creating opportunities for children and young people has launched in Kirkliston.


The Kirkliston Youth Art Project will involve a series of workshops for local youngsters, who will work towards developing a mural for [Kirkliston Library](#).

The library was awarded £400 from the [Almond Neighbourhood Partnership](#)'s £2000 Community Grants Fund allocation as part of the [You\(th\) Decides Initiative](#).

The scheme, which operates in the local neighbourhood partnership, recognises projects offering opportunities for children and young people in areas such as sports, arts, media and community participation.

Successful projects, involving members aged between 12 and 18, were decided on by students from local high schools, members of the Neighbourhood Partnership Board and Western Edinburgh members of the Scottish Youth Parliament.

Councillor Maureen Child, Convener of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee, said: "This is a great example of the kind of imaginative project we want to fund as part of Youth Decides. These young people are clearly eager to express their creative talents – I look forward to seeing how the mural progresses."

 Almond Neighbourhood Partnership Convener Councillor Lindsay Paterson, who joined the launch of the project,

said: "The young people thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and it was great to be involved in such an innovative project that captured their imagination, and for me to see their creativity first hand. This is what the Youth Decides initiative is all about and I am delighted that we have been able to take it forward in the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership."