## Three community regeneration projects in Edinburgh awarded funding

Three separate projects across the city have been awarded funding by The Scottish Government from their Making Places Initiative. The total paid out to 19 projects across the country is £312,000 and the projects are diverse, but all are based around improving areas of Edinburgh.

The funding will support events that bring local people together with design professionals to identify how their places and communities can be improved.

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Minister for Local Government, Kevin Stewart said: "I am pleased we received so many applications from a mixture of local authorities and community groups, keen to get local people involved in plans to improve their area.

"This scheme and every project supported by it creates more opportunities for communities to choose what works for them.

"Each project has its own design challenge, whether it is a plan to regenerate an area of a city centre or looking at a smaller site in a rural community. All of these projects should lead to improvements that will create benefit for hundreds of people."

The three projects are :

Westside Plaza, Wester Hailes £20,000 Proposed by Wester Hailes Community Trust

Charrette to develop a masterplan for Westside Plaza with the aim of creating a civic square at the heart of Wester Hailes town centre.

**Portobello: Westbank Street Placemaking Project, £12,000** Proposed by Action Porty

To produce a community led, mixed use development masterplan for council owned land at Westbank Street, Portobello.

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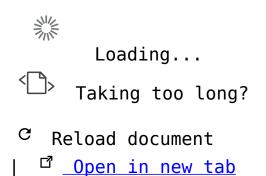
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Leith £35,000 Proposed by Citizen Curator & Leith Creative

Develop and pilot a People's Place Plan for Leith, following the successful Leith Blueprint which created a community report.



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