

What we need! M.C.C.I needs to raise vital funds to ensure more young people are given the chance to participate in our Skills Building Programme. We rely on grants, donations, corporate giving, statutory funding and school contributions to be able to deliver our services.

We are very grateful to the Trusts and Foundations who provide us with continued support and we like to keep them involved throughout with regular feedback, updates and social media involvement.

Can you help? If you represent an Industry, Business, Grant Making Body or Trust and feel you could help we can be contacted on 01592 719422 or by emailing

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Location: The Learning Garden is situated on Sea Road in Methilhill. This is an area with one of the largest percentages of children living in poverty. We aim to re-address this through the provision of activities to help build confidence and resilience through positive “Skills Building” available to all.

Methilhill Community Children’s Initiative

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Who are we? M.C.C.I.

is a Community Group with Charitable status, dedicated to providing services, clubs, projects and activities for the children young people, and their families within Methilhill. It began operation in March 2013, by 2014 the learning garden grew on an abandoned overgrown waste ground. It was the dedicated hard work, commitment and support from the Local Community that allowed it to flourish.



The organisation has now further grown with the development of “Charlie’s Shed” a space where the young people can meet and learn, giving them the chance to develop their skills building while increasing confidence and self-esteem. The aim is to help transform the young people’s lives and that of the community around them.





In 2015, M.C.C.I, secured funding through The Coalfields Regeneration Trust to allow the beginnings of the 'Shed Project to provide the Community with a purpose-built meeting space, which can be used for workshops, skill based learning and for community events, focusing on areas such as healthy eating, growing produce, cooking using healthy sustainable ingredients, upcycling and textiles. This was helped further when the group procured £50,000 from The People's Millions to continue its development.

What do we do? The core of the work of M.C.C.I. is with young people. We recognise the increasing challenges they face and with support from those who can influence the young people we aim to give them the chance to take part in a learning programme which will teach them new skills and promote team building, a useful attribute to help them work towards their positive future destination.

Why do we do it? M.C.C.I.'s fundamental belief is that all young people, regardless of background, should be given the opportunity to maximise their potential, gaining the confidence to seize opportunities presented to them. We want them to be able to understand the importance of "giving back" to society, leading to a healthier respect for others with an increased employability.

Independent Research in 2008 by the respected charity Assessors New Philanthropy Capital found that every £1.00 spent on a young person's development could save a minimum of £2.50 in costs to society, as young people moved into employment.

What is Skills Building? Our Skills Building course is a practical based learning programme teaching Young People about skills which will be useful in terms of employability, through the creation of a fun filled insight into the development of a "Community café" within our learning garden we make this possible.

Why is Skills Building important? The skills building course allows us to work with a small group of learners, supporting them and providing a chance to develop their abilities, strengthening their confidence and self-belief.

It is a practical course that gives a basic introduction to the theory behind skills like health and hygiene, food and health, gardening, first aid and design, giving the young people the chance to implement the information gained in a purpose-built learning area. Not only do the learners benefit from an increased personal



development but will also achieve a Dynamic Youth

Award, a considerable achievement which is recognised by the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

The course allows the young people to develop a respect for the natural environment while understanding the importance of staying safe and following instructions. It also promotes good team work, a fundamental skill for any future career choice.