

# The Connect, Inform, Include and Collaborate Project

## Briefing Paper

### Introduction

In March 2018, The Yes-U-Are Partnership<sup>1</sup> received a grant from the National Lottery Awards for All to undertake a programme of consultation and dialogue with communities and other stakeholders around the potential for the former St Andrew's Erskine Church in Pilmuir Street, Dunfermline.

This document gives a brief background to the project.

### Background

The Yes-U-Are Partnership is a registered charity which was formed in 2011 by a group of individuals from a cross-section of professional, church and community backgrounds who all live in the Dunfermline area. Our vision is of a transformed locality and people. Key to the realization of our vision was the purchase of the derelict former St Andrews Erskine church building which will be refurbished for community use.

We plan to raise funds to redevelop the building to include

- A community café, opening at times when there is demand from local people.
- A conference and events space.
- Offices for hire or lease to other charitable and community organisations

We also plan to deliver some services from the building, where there are identified gaps that we can usefully fill.

### Consultation Methods

The Connect, Inform, Include and Collaborate Project will help Yes-U-Are Partnership to gain valuable up to date information from local people, community councils, charities and politicians through

- Open days for local politicians and community councilors
  - A consultation event for local voluntary organisations.
  - An online survey - <http://www.yesuare.org.uk/survey/>
  - A paper based survey – for people who are not confident in accessing the internet.
  - A street survey – to get a community view.
  - Targeted interviews and meetings with community groups.
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- All of this will ensure that the local community and others with an interest can make their voices heard and influence our plans.

### Further information

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