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## Introduction- Welcome to our Bulletin!

Welcome to the latest edition of the Argyll and Bute ADP Bulletin. In this issue, we share updates on new initiatives, upcoming events and opportunities for collaboration across our communities. Please read on and share widely within your networks.

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## Recovery Walk Scotland 2025: Connecting Communities

The Recovery Walk Scotland 2025 took place in September and created an important space for people in recovery from Argyll and Bute to connect with others across Scotland.



Supported by WithYou and ADP, a local group attended and joined hundreds of participants in celebrating recovery and resilience. The event offered opportunities for shared experiences, mutual encouragement, and building stronger networks that extend beyond local boundaries.

These connections are vital for sustaining recovery and fostering a sense of belonging. The official film capturing the day is now available on the [Scottish Recovery Consortium YouTube](#) channel. We encourage you to watch and share this resource, which highlights the strength of recovery communities working together.

## Connect Bute: A New Space for Recovery and Wellbeing

A new recovery and wellbeing space is opening in Rothesay, thanks to joint funding from Argyll & Bute ADP and With You.

Located on Union Street, Connect Bute has been refurbished to create a welcoming environment where people with lived and living experience are central to its vision. The space will provide opportunities for support, connection, and partnership working, ensuring recovery is actively supported within the community.

Importantly, there will be opportunities for the wider community to use the building- fostering inclusion and shared purpose.

WithYou will use the venue as part of their ongoing work, and the official launch is in January 2026.

Further details about services and community access will be shared soon.





## Home Secure Argyll: A Collaborative Approach

Housing stability is a critical factor for individuals accessing alcohol and drug treatment and care. The ADP is pleased to be involved in Home Secure Argyll, a new homelessness prevention pilot launching in January 2026. Led by Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, this initiative brings together local partners to identify housing risks early and provide coordinated support. The pilot will focus on training frontline staff, establishing referral pathways, and preventing homelessness through multi-agency collaboration.



By addressing housing needs proactively, we can help create the conditions for recovery and wellbeing. This work reflects a shared commitment to tackling the wider determinants of health and ensuring that people have the stability they need to engage with treatment and support.

## Winning Scotland

### Leadership Residential

In December 2025, 10 senior leaders from across Argyll & Bute attended a Winning Scotland event with a focus on prevention and how to embed long-term strategies despite short-term pressures. A key part of the discussions involved reviewing newly available Planet Youth data from all 10 secondary schools in Argyll & Bute. These insights provide a valuable evidence base for shaping future approaches to the Health and Wellbeing of our children and young people.

The event offered space for strategic thinking and collaboration, with next steps focused on translating data into practical actions that support young people and strengthen community resilience through the local coalition groups. The Strategic group will come together in February to review action plans for the local areas.



## Argyll & Bute Planet Youth Conference

In November 2025, the Argyll & Bute Planet Youth team organised a Youth Conference. 25 Youth Voices representatives attended from across Argyll & Bute to share their perspectives on wellbeing, prevention and community priorities.

This event highlighted themes that will inform future planning. The next steps include reviewing feedback and developing actions to ensure that young voices continue to influence service design and delivery. This process is essential for creating approaches that reflect the realities and aspirations of young people.

Thank you to all participants for contributing to this important conversation and helping shape the direction of future work.



## Future Events: Annual Child Protection Conference

Argyll & Bute's Annual Child Protection Conference will be held on 16 February at Lochgilphead High School. The programme features keynote speaker Graeme Armstrong, a session on online safety, and an update from Bairns' Hoose on trauma-informed practice. This event supports shared learning and stronger partnership working. Agencies are encouraged to nominate staff.

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