



# ARGYLL & BUTE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP BULLETIN

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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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## Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership Meeting

The Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) met on February 24th to focus on budget maximization and community network strengthening. Key takeaways include a major residential rehab success: aided by additional Scottish Government funding, we supported 22 individuals in rehab this year. Additionally, the ADP aims to provide further support to the seven Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) forums established this year. We encourage partners to join their local groups by contacting the Council Community Development team. Finally, we bid a fond, emotional farewell to Roddy McNeil (Police Scotland) Debra Nelson (SFAD) and Yvonne McLeod (With You), thanking them for their incredible dedication, and warmly welcome Alan Heron as our new Partnerships Inspector and Rachel McLean the new service manager for With You.

## Alcohol & Drugs Strategic Plan

The Scottish Government has published its new [Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan](#), a decade-long framework running to 2035.

It sets out a national approach to preventing harm, supporting recovery, and saving lives, grounded in a human rights-based, person-centered model of care.

The strategy focuses on four key areas:

- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment and Care
- Wider Circle of Support

Argyll and Bute already has strong work underway across these areas, and we look forward to continuing to develop this with partners.





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## CORRA NATIONAL MISSION EVENT

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, the Corra Foundation hosted its National Mission event in Edinburgh, uniting recovery professionals across Scotland. Argyll & Bute ADP Coordinator, Laura attended with Sovay from With You, who delivered a fantastic presentation. During a workshop comparing rural and urban recovery services, Sovay highlighted the vital work delivered locally. Operating across Argyll & Bute’s expansive geography presents distinct hurdles, including transport barriers and remote access. However, Sovay utilised this national platform to showcase how local services successfully overcome these challenges through ongoing innovation and dedicated community outreach. It was a brilliant opportunity to champion our rural successes on a national stage, proving geography shouldn’t be a barrier to high quality support while exchanging valuable learning with urban counterparts.

## MAT 8 Leaflet

Download our updated MAT 8 leaflet, featuring welfare, money advice, advocacy and health services for people affected by substance use [here](#).



## SDF Trainee Placements 2026-27

Developing a skilled and resilient workforce remains a priority for the Argyll & Bute ADP. At our February meeting, the partnership approved funding for two Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) trainee placements for 2026–27. These placements have a strong local track record, with last year’s trainees integrating well with third-sector services and receiving excellent feedback from the With You service. Demand remains high, with several recent local applications. Continuing this investment provides a supported, practical route into the addiction sector for local trainees and strengthens our recovery workforce. We wish all applicants the best of luck and every success to those who have already completed their placements.



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## Future Events: Argyll & Bute Whole Families Approach Conference- 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026



Over the past two years, Argyll & Bute has been working to embed a “Whole Family Approach” across local support systems. Developed with Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs (SFAD), the approach aims to ensure support is consistent, accessible, and shaped by lived experience.

To mark progress in Phase 2, we’re pleased to announce our Spring Conference. The event will bring together community members, practitioners, and partners to reflect on the partnership plan, including presentations from grassroots groups who received Lived Experience panel grants of up to £5,000.

**Book your place [here](#)**