

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Description
Ayrshire Communities Education and Sport (ACES)	£1,200	<p>Alcohol Awareness</p> <p>ACES intends to build on its awareness raising sessions on young people's issues which it has delivered with schools, youth groups and football teams by delivering outdoor alcohol awareness sessions. This is in response to a rise in underage drinking in the area and discussion with schools and other youth groups in the area, particularly following the death of a young person because of alcohol abuse. Due to the ongoing impact of covid-19 restricting the ability to visit schools and other youth projects, ACES plans to work outdoors using a variety visual aids and tools such as beer goggles and remote control cars to give children in primaries 6 and 7 a sense of what it is like to be under the influence of alcohol. As the organisation plans to work with several schools in the area, they expect to work with up to 700 children.</p>
Barnardo's	£10,000	<p>CHOICES - East Ayrshire Families</p> <p>CHOICES will be run by Barnardo's East Ayrshire Families who work with some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people, aged 11 to 18 years, and their families living in East Ayrshire. They provide support on a range of themes including: alcohol/substance misuse support, youth work, and domestic abuse. In 2018 Barnardo's East Ayrshire Families (EAF) received a grant of £6,743 from the Scotch Whisky Action Fund, to deliver a CHOICES Project which ended in January 2019. They are now applying for funding to re-establish the CHOICES Project which they have been unable to run since 2019 due to lack of funding. CHOICES will take a prevention/early intervention approach to reducing the risk of alcohol-related harm by delivering participatory and innovative activities equipping children with the information they need to develop a responsible attitude towards alcohol. It will build their ability to make informed and healthy decisions about the safe consumption of alcohol. EAF proposes to develop and grow their existing work in school settings and the project will deliver 30 group-based alcohol awareness sessions</p>

		<p>reaching approximately 520 Primary 6 and 7 children across 10 East Ayrshire schools. The first five schools will be in Onthank, Ochiltree, Darvel, Kilmaurs and Whattriggs. From January 2022 they would work in a further five schools in East Ayrshire and will begin identifying them at the start of the school year 2021/22. CHOICES will also enable Barnardo's staff and teachers to identify children at risk of/affected by alcohol-related harm, signposting them to specialist support at the earliest opportunity. The project will also include: an Annual Safe Choices Roadshow which includes alcohol awareness sessions for pupils during their secondary school induction days; 'What's in a Bag' one-off alcohol awareness sessions for primary 7 children; and Excel Project - intensive 1:1 support for primary school children aged 10-12, affected by their own or parental alcohol misuse.</p>
Bazooka Arts	£17,782	<p>Creating Change – Alcohol, Relationships, and Me</p> <p>The project will be based in Coatbridge and will be open to people throughout the Lanarkshire Health Board area. It will deliver a therapeutic programme on the negative impact of alcohol which will also create an adult peer education resource as an outcome. The project will be delivered in four stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1: a 10-week programme of training and planning for the core project team. Six peer support volunteers, who have experienced the impact of alcohol and have previously accessed Bazooka Arts' therapeutic arts programmes for support with their mental health, will work with 3 staff members on drama production, creative writing, film making, visual art and design. Staff and volunteers will also receive specialist alcohol awareness training. • Stage 2 will deliver an 18-week therapeutic arts programme focused on the impact of alcohol on relationships for up to 24 people who have experience of alcohol adversely impacting their relationships with family, partner or close friends. Volunteers and participants will create a film and digital resources that use fictionalised versions of real-life stories to raise awareness and act as a springboard for discussion and for people to explore their own relationship with alcohol and the impact it has had on their close relationships.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 3 will be based at Summerlee Museum's learning space, summer house and grounds as an inspiring and versatile location for all project participants to work on finalising the film and digital resources. • Stage 4 will share the film and digital resources with the wider community. Peer volunteers, participants and staff will also engage live with groups alongside the film and digital resource, using creative facilitation methods to involve people with the materials. Through this project <p>Bazooka Arts aim to help people address their own relationship to alcohol and relationships affected by alcohol, make informed changes to behaviour and in doing so improve mental health and wellbeing. Long term they hope to contribute to playing a local role in changing societal relationships to alcohol and the detrimental impact alcohol can have within close relationships on multiple generations of a family. Bazooka Arts estimate that the project will directly benefit 230 people: 6 peer support volunteers who will be former participants of therapeutic arts programmes with lived experience of alcohol addiction issues; 24 people will work over 33 sessions of the programme, accessing therapeutic community art techniques, learning skills and exploring their relationship to alcohol; and 200 people from the wider community who also share the experience of having a family link to alcohol addiction will be workshop members.</p>
Girvan Youth Trust	£19,335	<p>StreetLights</p> <p>To cover the cost of hiring two youth workers for 12 hours per week for 12 months. The youth workers would spend most of this time out on the streets of Girvan engaging with at-risk young people. Work will take place predominately during evenings after school, however they also work with local schools and deliver some sessions directly to young people in the school environment. The youth workers will provide awareness sessions to those consuming alcohol, as well as discussions and information around the legalities of their practices. They hope that this will help the young people to steer away from crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as strengthen community cohesion more generally. They expect up to 400 young people will be supported by the project – the majority of whom will be supported in schools.</p>

Islay Development Initiative	£14,000	<p>Safe Space Project</p> <p>To cover the cost of hiring two youth workers for 16 hours per week for 12 months, as well as associated counselling and activity costs, to allow them to operate their 'Safe Space' project. The Safe Space project will offer a holistic and all-encompassing suite of activities that look to tackle underlying causes of alcohol misuse, such as social isolation, poverty, and poor family relationships. This will include offering positive recreational and educational activities for young people to steer them away from mis-using alcohol – such as kayaking and beach days – as well as offering dedicated counselling support to at-risk young people, and events that engage the whole family to build more positive relationships. They hope that the project will prevent young people from falling into the spiral of alcohol misuse and the associated issues that come with it, as well as supporting those who may have parents or relatives with alcohol problems themselves. They expect 150 people will be supported by the project.</p>
Absafe	£12,500 Continuation funding	<p>Alcohol Safety</p> <p>Absafe operates in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire areas and is an award winning Charity educating children and young people on how to make positive decisions around health, safety, risk and hazards, including roads, water and railways. Absafe's Pro-Social Behaviour Room was created to incorporate the potential dangers of alcohol consumption for underage people with other common hazards such as fly-tipping, broken glass and fire. The Pro Social Behaviour Room is used to show young people how alcohol misuse can impair judgement and actions, leading to other risks and dangers if not managed safely. The Scotch Whisky Action Fund's continued support has also allowed the charity to employ a dedicated project manager for Absafe's health and safety work around alcohol, allowing the charity to reach more children and young people by facilitating school visits as well as visits to Absafe's Aberdeen headquarters</p>