

Programme



January

10th **Nurturing the Fire Starter in U (Ireland)**

This is an online Zoom call (you can access by computer or phone) for people who are considering possibly hosting an event within the 2019 Firestarter Festival Ireland.

Ireland

Sign up

17th **Fire Starter Breakfast Club**

Join us for the Breakfast Club - the creative way to start your day!

Glasgow

Sign up

18th **Brainwash Proofing Education**

What if, at the heart of our education system was not creativity, innovation, entrepreneurialism, or even pupil-led learning, but instead a desire to prevent brainwashing in our learners?

Edinburgh

Sign up

22nd **Dinner with Interesting People**

You're invited to the first in a series of dinners with other interesting people. This gathering will create space for life-changing conversations, powerful Connections and new friendships.

Edinburgh

Sign up

27th **Rambling House Gathering**

Social Gathering, based on the tradition of the 'Rambling House'. Featuring music, song, storytelling, conversation in an informal dwelling house setting.

Ireland

Sign up

28th **Fire Starter Festival 2019 Design Your Own Launch**

In true Fire Starter style, our 'Design Your Own' Launch will spark your curiosity and ignite your imagination. Come along to be part of something truly magical.

Dundee

Sign up

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Stirling

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Young People Co-designing

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Oban

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29th **Find your Authentic Coaching Voice. Working with Structural Dynamics – A Theory of Face to Communication**

Structural Dynamics is a powerful framework that helps leaders and coaches understand and optimise their communications. This session introduces you to Structural Dynamics, a theory of face to face communication, developed by Dr David Kantor of the Kantor Institute, Boston, MA.

Glasgow (2 Sessions)

Session 1

2

I DO Like Mondays

Transcend the January gloom and join us on an exploration of our best experiences of change. When we pay attention to what we love rather than what we find tough about work, what possibilities for change emerge?

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Community Nurses as Catalysts for Change

Our Fire Starter event will celebrate the accomplishments of the seven latest QNIS Catalyst for Change projects; from the creation of a Men's Shed to a breastfeeding awareness & education initiative for children and young people.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Scottish Approach to Service Design & Outcome-based Journey Mapping

This session will introduce the Scottish Approach to Service Design and how you can use this to improve engagement with the services you offer and how to design them with, not just for citizens.

Edinburgh

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Where does the money come from?

This learning event will give a simple introduction to how money works and where it comes from. We will watch short video clips and discuss them in small groups. The learning will be interactive with all encouraged to participate and share their experiences.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Igniting Collaborative Possibilities on Collective Leadership

As our recognition grows of the need to work differently to tackle the complex and intractable issues that we face, many of us are working in different ways around Collective Leadership. An informal opportunity to bring together our learning, reflect and collaborate.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

30th Fire Starter Breakfast Club

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Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Food for thought: How social eating connects communities

Join Eden Project Communities for a discussion about how eating together can create connections – in the workplace, in streets, in parks, in community centres, in places of worship, in schools, in prisons.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Mental Health & Wellbeing in the community

You will be encouraged to take part in discussions/activities to discuss mental wellbeing for example: How do you support your own and others wellbeing? What does mental wellness/wellbeing mean to you?

Inverurie

[Sign up](#)

CivTech Open Studio

At the open studio event you will have the chance to meet the team, learn about our process and innovation flow and chat to some of our companies. You can also work through defining a challenge for your own organisation and get involved in CivTech 4.0.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

One Team Gov Scotland Fire Starter Meet Up

This meet up will provide space to explore how we can better work together to improving the services we offer to citizens and how we work.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

31st Fire Starter Breakfast Club

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Glasgow

[Sign up](#)

Escape: The role of facilitation in relation to group dynamics

This experimental event will explore how the concepts of Escape Rooms can aid our understanding of group dynamics

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Moving from Awareness to Action

Media Education uses participatory video as means for people with lived experience to influence the policy and practice affecting their lives.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Hard to Reach or Easy to Ignore?

Services often describe people as being 'hard to reach'. How can we seize the many opportunities that people present when experiencing heightened vulnerability.

Lochgilphead

[Sign up](#)

What's In A Network

How do we use the networks that we have? How can we use these networks for positive change or actions? Join a fun conversation looking to answer these questions and learn from the practices of others and the networks they access in everyday life.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

A Screening, A Show and Some Scran

Experiences in childhood can affect your health as an adult. Join us for the documentary '*Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*' to explore these links.

Glasgow

[Sign up](#)

Resilient Communities – Founders Stories Breakfast

Come along and meet amazing entrepreneurs who have set up business, charity or social enterprises. Hear why they set up, lessons learned and top tips for anyone starting up.

Dundee

[Sign up](#)

Official Launch: Open Government Action Plan and Workshop

Join us to celebrate the launch of Scotland's Second Open Government Action Plan, followed by an informal workshop to discuss how this is delivered in partnership. How can people, civil society and government work well together? How can we make it a success?

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Getting Unstuck using Social Presencing Theatre

An online taster workshop looking at how we get stuck in our thinking and in our bodies and looking at some tools to support us to unstuck ourselves. We will explore some ways of getting out of our heads and into our bodies, tapping into our collective capacities creating change.

Ireland

[Sign up](#)

February

1st Collective Constructive Disruption: Inter-Professional+Intra-Institutional
This experiential workshop will facilitate the exploration and articulation of what it might mean to be - to really be - an inter-professional in today's world, and to consider the related contention that 'institutions are us' – to make, and remake, together.
Edinburgh

Sign up

(Social) Service Design: The good, the bad and the ugly

Over the last few years there has been an increase in the use of service design methodologies in social services. This workshop will cover: What is Service Design? How does co-production fit in with service design? How do we do service design? Using creative and interactive tools for designing services.
Glasgow

Sign up

DOTI by Snook: Designing inside the public sector

Design on the inside uncovers the reality of how organisations design the Products and services that we use every day. It sometimes feels that only the 'hero' stories of design are being told and it's time to shine a light on the difficult journey organisations and individuals face.
Glasgow

Sign up

Resilient Communities – Design Futures: How do you use design thinking make a social impact?

A morning of using design thinking to explore how your idea for a business, social enterprise or charity can make a difference. This practical session will help you become clearer, look at different ways of achieving your aims and set you on the right path for developing and enterprise that makes a positive change.
Dundee

Sign up

Hopes & Dreams for your children's future?

This 'Conversation Café' will tease out and explore your hopes and dreams for your children's future (whatever their age) and explore what support and steps can be taken to make these a reality!
Campbeltown

Sign up

2nd LISTEN, TALK AND FEEL THROUGH THE SILENCE – Collective Case Clinic Prototype Experience

Collective Case Clinic prototype is a tool that supports teams engaged with the project and help them not only to be more efficient while working together but also grow as individuals. Collective Case Clinic prototype was developed from Otto Scharmer's Case Clinic from his "Theory U".
Ireland

Sign up

Using nature as your coach for personal transformational change

If nature was your coach, and nature's landscapes were metaphors for your lives then the answers you're craving lie in the woods, fields and lochs. This session will provide you with a variety of ways of listening to nature's questions, insights and suggestions when applied to areas in your life you'd like more clarity on.
Fife

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Oban

Sign up

Amaze Me LEADER – Film Screening and Discussion Event

Over Summer 2018, 56 young people aged 18 – 30 from Scotland, Finland, Latvia and Estonia came to Dumfries and Galloway and took part in the 'Amaze Me LEADER' event. This is a screening of the documentary of their adventure and young people who participated will feedback on the issues raised.

Castle Douglas

[Sign up](#)

4th

Illuminating Mindfulness

This participatory, interactive event is for all those who are interested in how we are using mindfulness practice to support transformation and well being

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Pathways to Prosperity 3: Convivial Entrepreneurship

Challenge perceptions of the 'lone wolf' or genius entrepreneur by showing how real and lasting impact is typically generated through the coming together of likeminded people with complementary skills, talents & interests.

Glasgow

[Sign up](#)

Practising change together – towards appreciative & collaborative evaluation

This workshop develops the ideas and themes from the FSF2018 event "Reigniting Evaluation". It contributes to discussions about the need to create cultures of embedded learning and evaluation, so that evidence about 'what works' really does get used.

Edinburgh

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Inspiring Inishowen

World Café – A Gathering of Inishowen of all ages to celebrate people and place. Inspiring Inishowen World Café invites visionaries, dreamers, movers and shakers, artists, musicians, mothers, father, children, grandparents, change-makers and more

Ireland

[Sign up](#)

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Campeltown

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Campbeltown

[Sign up](#)

Demsoc Film Screening: Peterloo

Open for all film screening of Peterloo and open discussion. We would like to draw attention to one of the most defining moments of British Democracy.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

5th

SHAREArgyll Rucksacks & Rebels

A creative action art meet up using writing, music and photography and arts and dialogue to discuss raising awareness about rural youth homelessness in Argyll

Oban

[Sign up](#)

Working in the open

'Working in the open', or making your work visible, can be beneficial to you and your team in a number of ways. We'll also explore the importance of working in the open in the context of open government, building trust between people and power and creating a healthy and functioning democracy.

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Govan Community Project co-produce their first strategic plan

Join Govan Community Project as we launch and celebrate our first strategic plan!

Glasgow

[Sign up](#)

Social Impact Creative Session

What difference do our organisations make to the people in our community? We're inviting organisations to come along with a customer, employee, service user, volunteer or anyone who their work is intended to help as we investigate the good we are doing in Dundee.

Dundee

[Sign up](#)

In the Best Interests of the Children; Exploring Parental Alienation and Estrangement – a family law perspective

The aim of this event is to raise awareness and address the knowledge gap about parental alienation, to build an understanding of the experience of children and their families affected by this issue.

Cork, Ireland

[Sign up](#)

Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation – Creative Workshop

A diverse group of people coming together to learn about social isolation and loneliness as a growing phenomenon in Orkney. Everyone will contribute to creative workshop, brainstorming innovative solution to drawing people at risk into our public spaces.

Orkney

[Sign up](#)

A Conversation on Local Currencies: Economies where people matter

How can we ensure the benefits from the transformational change to Dundee Waterfront impact on the social good of the city? There are examples of local currencies being used across the globe to create economies where people matter.

Dundee

[Sign up](#)

6th

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Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

OLDER & BOLDER

Your chance to meet a team of campaigners in their 70s 80s and 90s. We're redefining the meaning of health and wellbeing in later life.

Erskine

[Sign up](#)

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Dunoon

[Sign up](#)

Sensory Explorations in Garvagh Forest

A sensory adventure and exploration event in Garvagh Forest with citizens with learning disabilities. The event is focussing on 3 levels of wellbeing – personal, relational and community, and societal.

Garvagh, Ireland

[Sign up](#)

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Dunoon

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Witness: A socially engaged mindfulness project.

An experimental online mindfulness and 'council circle' call to explore the prototype of a format which each year will bear witness to an aspect of Irish life which is currently in crisis.

Ireland

[Sign up](#)

7th

Lighting the fire of transformative innovation

International Futures Forum supports a transformative response to complex and confounding challenges and restores the capacity for effective action in powerful times. This participatory event will introduce people to the practice of transformative innovation.

Aberdour

[Sign up](#)

MCR Pathways – The Ripple Effect

Young people in care are just as talented as any other, but they need your support. MCR Pathways refuses to accept any limitations placed on our country's most disadvantaged young people and invites you to become a mentor and transform outcomes for care-experienced young people.

Glasgow

[Sign up](#)

Helping one another to make a difference

An opportunity for the public and health and social care partners to engage with one another. Professionals will have the opportunity to showcase the work they do around mental wellbeing and offer support and guidance.

Peterhead

[Sign up](#)

Creativity: It's A Way Of Life

What does creativity mean to each of us? What does it cause? What does it achieve?

Edinburgh

[Sign up](#)

Higher or lower – how well do we know our neighbourhoods?

Whether you know lots or little about Glasgow, join us for a cuppa to test your knowledge and talk through how we really understand what's happening in our communities.

Glasgow (4 Sessions)

[Session 1](#)

[2](#)

[3](#)

[4](#)

From screen to practice: Creating effective digital learning for health and social care

Explore solutions to today's learning and development challenges at this free conference. Find out how to design digital learning resources that have a direct impact on the learner's practice and encourage a culture of learning within teams and services.

Glasgow

Sign up

Big Data or Big Brother: data, democracy and active citizenship

A seminar offering a chance to critically discuss and debate the relationship between Big Data and active citizenship.

Edinburgh

Sign up

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Helensburgh

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Peterhead

Sign up

Designed by Disruption: Creative Pathways

Showcasing the work of Impact Arts in North Ayrshire through Creative Pathways and Cashback, with a screening curated by current participants, an 'in-conversation' event with programme graduates and tutors, and a presentation.

North Ayrshire

Sign up

A Learning Journey to Imagine a Future Ireland

An experimental learning event to help harness the richness of our past, honour the present and re-imagine the future. How? By igniting our passions, connecting to our hearts and tapping into the ancient wisdom of our soul and the land.

Ireland

Sign up

8th

Kindness – The Human Aspect of Procurement

As part of the ongoing work of the Kindness in Procurement and Commissioning Group, members will be hosting an interactive facilitated session on how we can achieve better social, economic and environmental impact through a kinder more human approach to procurement and commissioning.

Edinburgh

Sign up

Changing services in the NHS – supporting effective engagement; a practical discussion for those leading change

At the workshop we will share our tips and then ask participants to share theirs on how to effectively engage with patients and the public in designing services.

Glasgow

Sign up

Imagine if... approaching the curriculum creatively

Experience creative ways of listening to young people as we use the Imagine If process with the group, 50% of whom will be young people, before experimenting with the new Creativity Toolbox approached to reimagine the services we all provide.

Glasgow

Sign up

Emerging Dundee: Act Locally, Think Globally

We are living in a time of change locally, nationally, internationally. Whether that be Dundee, An Indy 2, Brexit, Trumpism, Climate Change or the digital world. At the same we are at a juncture in human civilisation when the individual has never had such access to opportunities and autonomy. Do we need to open to new ways to connect and find consensus?

Dundee

Sign up

Coffee & Conversation Sessions: Why do we think STRESS is a normal way to feel all the time?

This is a space for open conversation to look at what STRESS actually is, what its purpose is on the body, the effects it has on our daily lives and how it has become so accepted as part of a normal way to feel.

Ireland

Sign up

9th Coppice Tree Planting Day

Planting of around 200 trees which will be mainly used as a renewable fuel source for a planned eco community.

Ireland

Sign up

10th Mindfulness – It's a Walk in the Park!

Ever feel you're caught on the treadmill of life? This is an invitation to practice slowing down, savouring and celebrating nature and experience Killiney Hill Park from a 'fresh perspective'.

Ireland

Sign up

24th Play Café

A growing number of community and business play spaces seek to provide 'child-friendly' spaces. To what extent are these adult designed spaces relevant for young children and their families, and constitute environments that promote children's rights and high quality education and learning?

Edinburgh

Sign up

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