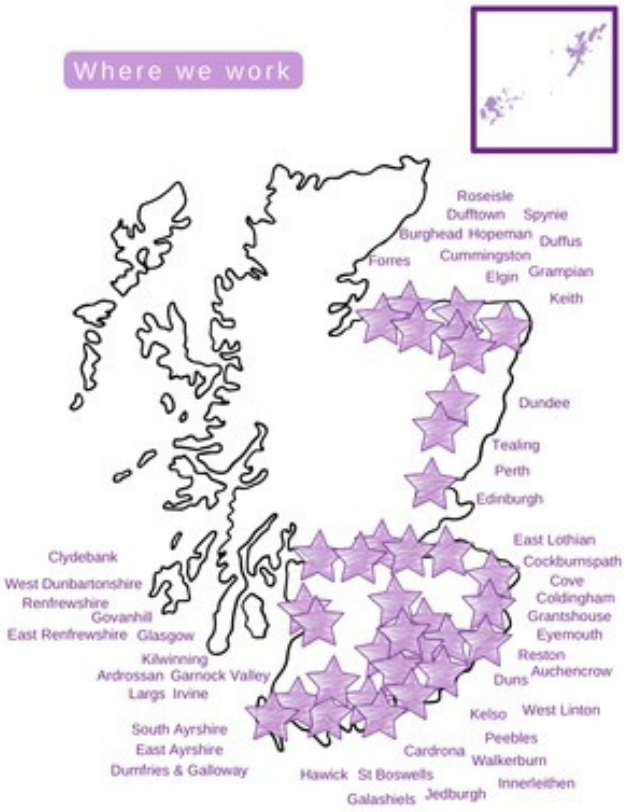

outsidethebox

We've had a busy start to the year, working across Scotland from Dumfries & Galloway to Stirlingshire. This newsletter shares our most recent news and work in 2025.

Chief Executive Retirement

With the retirement of our current Chief Executive, Louise, we are looking to recruit a new Chief Executive. We are looking for a new leader who is passionate about supporting people and communities. We would like someone with entrepreneurial skill and experience to work alongside the staff team to develop ideas into projects and commissioned work that makes a difference to people.

Find out more information and to how to apply here

SCVO Gathering

Back in February our team ran an interactive workshop at SCVO's The Gathering event which focussed on our Climate Chat work in communities across Scotland. At our workshop over 40 participants from across Scotland shared with us climate actions they and their workplaces were taking and generated ideas on what they could do next using our Climate Audit resource as a starting point.
Read more here

Corra Third Sector Fund Conference

Our team delivered two interactive workshops on Innovation and Ideas at Corra's recent CYPFEIF & ALEC Fund and CYPFAL Third Sector Fund Conference. With the funding environment becoming more challenging, we talked about our approaches to nurturing innovation and ideas at Outside the Box, discussing examples of recent projects, funding and tendering to illustrate this. We have collated everyone's feedback in a new resource which you can download here: Workshop Feedback.

Moments of Freedom

Members of the group passed their Food Hygiene course in February and were presented certificates by Marie McNair MSP at a special International Women's Day event in Clydebank High School. The women showed off their new skills by cooking lots of amazing dishes for guests to enjoy for lunch. They have produced a new recipe booklet for people to try at home. You can download it here: Moments of Freedom Recipe Book. Some of the group were filmed in March by BBC Alba as part of a documentary on the lives of Syrians living across Europe. They women shared stories about the group, their lives as New Scots living in West Dunbartonshire and their hopes for the future. You can watch the Eòrpa episode, Life after Assad, on catch up.

Bespoke services

At Outside the Box our bespoke services are inclusive, accessible and creative and include:

- Consultation as a powerful tool, valuing and connecting people.
- Evaluation as a good way to show the difference your work is making and the impact for communities and people.
- Community engagement as a way to test out new ideas, markets or justify expenditure. We can help find out what people think and provide the evidence in a suitable format. We share the feedback in different ways: a classic report, short summary, video, graphic or social media content.
- We can also offer bespoke training for staff, volunteers, boards, community groups and small businesses, with topics based around inclusion, accessibility, diversity and equality and human rights.

If you would like to discuss how Outside the Box could support your work, you can get in touch with us by emailing Christine@otbds.org or using our contact form (www.otbds.org/contact).

We hope you manage to get out in the sunshine wherever you are and have a lovely Spring.

Outside the Box
43 Cornwall Street South, G41 1BA, Glasgow. All Rights Reserved. Scottish Charity No. SC035317. Company No. 265077.