

## £28,265 Funding Boost for Barrow Community Groups

Cumbria Housing Partners Fund has granted a total of £28,265 to support the ongoing work of four projects in Barrow in Furness: **Women's Community Matters**, **Drop Zone Youth Projects**, **Marvellous Holiday Club** and **Love Barrow Families**. Each received grants enabling them to deliver projects which directly support more than 350 people and benefit the wider community.

- **Women's Community Matters** has been awarded £12,000 to employ a newly qualified social worker to pilot a six month project **#ibelieveyou**, aimed at improving access to and availability of domestic abuse support services.

*"The grant has made a huge difference to the support we are able to offer victims and survivors of domestic abuse. We want to send a heartfelt thank you to the funders. In the first 3 months the project has already supported 54 women and their children".* **Rebecca Rawlings**, Senior Officer - Women's Community Matters.



Women's Community Matters: New staff member Kim Woodcock and Admin Co-ordinator Elisha Pearce

- **Marvellous Holiday Club** now has funding of £7,000 to employ two qualified teachers during the school holidays for the rest of this academic year.
- **Love Barrow Families** was awarded £3,814 towards the installation of a new kitchen.
- **Drop Zone Youth Project** receives £5,451 to employ staff to deliver a healthy eating project in their four youth clubs.

**Janice Sharp**, Assistant Director of Housing, Barrow Borough Council said: *"It is a tremendous boost to have four of our community projects supported by these grants. By creating new employment we create opportunity. It is no secret Barrow in Furness is sadly ranked amongst the most disadvantaged towns in the country. As a borough council we are committed to improving the health and well-being of our communities. These projects are based in some of our most deprived*

*areas; only by actively supporting people to aspire to more can we inspire longer term positive change for individuals and those communities. Through this funding Cumbria Housing Partners really is adding value to the communities they work in and creating better futures."*

**Cumbria Housing Partners** is the local procurement group for social housing landlords in Cumbria. The Cumbria Housing Partners Fund is administered by Cumbria Community Foundation.

**John Clasper**, Chair of Cumbria Housing Partners added: *"The funding these valued and vital projects have been awarded clearly show how the savings we make for our member landlords in buying materials, and contractors, or for repair and maintenance work on their homes is being reinvested to improve the lives of people living in our communities."*

**Annalee Holliday**, Grants & Donor Services Officer for Cumbria Community Foundation, said: *"Over the past year, the Cumbria Housing Partners Fund has invested almost £100,000 across the county to individuals, and community and voluntary organisations. The money has provided training opportunities and supported projects aimed at improving people's employability or education, provided advice and guidance, supported and engaged people in their local community, and improved community facilities."*

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Drop Zone Youth Project: Healthy Eating Project