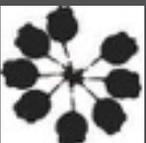


# Common Good Awareness Project

Building towards Solidarity Respect and Vision in the Common Good



## Build a Project TARDIS



The Tardis Project, will consist of building a Dr Who type Tardis. In it will be installed a variety of activities that will range from performance, music, arts, as well as (Low voltage) electronic and computer projects that will enhance computer literacy and the understanding of technology.

The building and installation of the pod and what is in it will be arrived at through workshops at Kinning Park Complex and other community places - over the summer.



### First bit will be...

We will be looking at how to design and build the Tardis, using and reusing different kinds of materials with wood work metal work and how to accommodate the electronics and gadgets that will become the control centre.



### Solar powered Tardis

The kitting out of the Tardis will involve workshops in basic electronics and looking at useful ideas in Open Source technology, including solar power, communications experimentation labs and discussion groups

**Check the website for summer program**

**WHERE TO FIND US:**

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Kinning Park Complex Every Sunday 11:00 till 3:00

# The Tardis Project

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## We are seeking volunteers to help build the Tardis

We are looking for people or groups with skills in:

- Website & social media development.
- Project coordination.
- Fundraising.
- Practical building skills carpentry etc.
- Basic electronics and coding.
- Or those wishing to learn any of the above.

The desire to participate is the important thing here any kind of practical help will be appreciated. The Tardis project is not only for folk who are into technology and working with their hands. But to involve all of those interested in any aspect of community activism that encourages agency and participation.



Let's  
get  
to work



Reshuffle Pearce Institute

## What is the CGAP

The Common Good Awareness Project, prioritises helping folk to understand what they have freely available to them. From Public owned assets and places, to Open Source computing. We make videos to explain these things, run workshops, support community groups and educate people about technology through creativity. At present we are running a laptop challenge, collecting older computers and installing them with Open Source operating systems and giving them away to anyone who needs them for free.



## What we do

We have set up servers for community based archives, as well as teaching computer coding, building electronic devices and problem solving. We also engage in many practical skills like carpentry and

basic engineering, bike projects, architecture as a social subject, walks, talks, and events. We try to work with people around their own interests and experiences in the learning process.



We need your old laptops



The purchase of our eight quid laptop. We bought our first laptop at the car boot sale for £8. Took it back and installed Open Source on it. Gave it to someone for free. We have now given away 10 free computers



Peter our tech wizard sits amid parts of projects that are cheap to produce and will be helping to organise the fitting out of the Tardis, with educational toys.



Kinning Park Complex



Electron Club



Kinning Park



Concrete Garden

## Places and people

Once the solar powered Tardis is completed we will then time travel through the community and beyond and do workshops at different spaces, in the park, the town square, the market, shopping centre, school or wherever we land. When the summer project finishes the pod could be lent out to groups schools, or community centres to use for education and fun purposes. It could also be used as a recording booth to let folk record their stories for our community archives.



FreeWheel North

## Time travel to temporal destinations

After the summer, all materials and information collected will become a community Common Good asset. Although most of the activities will be centred around Kinning Park Complex, some of the work will be carried out in Castlemilk, Possil and elsewhere. This is a strong element of our work, that we in our travels, connect to as wide geographical area and experiences as possible. As well as age groups and a wide variety of interests. This work will help us to connect to future work, people and ideas in encouraging the principals of commons.

We will engage workshop leaders from the local community when we can, as keeping the skills and experiences local is important to us. The project will be run as an education tool from the planning stages to the execution of the work. The important part of the project, for the group itself, is how well the community participants take ownership of the project through their involvement. We have connections to a wide supportive skill base. We have access to various workspaces and technical help from the maker space at the Electron Club in the Centre for Contemporary Arts.

# What is our Common Good

## WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR COMMONS?

They were stolen. Here is what Professor Cosmo Innes (1798-1874), the famous advocate and Professor of Constitutional Law and History in this Department wrote in his book, *Scotch Legal Antiquities*: -

*“Looking over our country, the land held in common was of vast extent. In truth, the arable - the cultivated land of Scotland, the land early appropriated and held by charter - is a narrow strip on the river bank or beside the sea. The inland, the upland, the moor, the mountain were really not occupied at all for agricultural purposes, or served only to keep the poor and their cattle from starving. They were not thought of when charters were made and lands feudalised. Now as cultivation increased, the tendency in the agricultural mind was to occupy these wide commons, and our lawyers lent themselves to appropriate the poor man’s grazing to the neighbouring baron. They pointed to his charter with its clause of parts and pertinents, with its general clause of mosses and moors - clauses taken from the*

*style book, not with any reference to the territory conveyed in that charter; and although the charter was hundreds of years old, and the lord had never possessed any of the common, when it came to be divided, the lord got the whole that was allocated to the estate, and the poor cottar none. The poor had no lawyers.”*

## COMMON GOOD IN THE AGE OF AUSTERITY

*Sometimes it is difficult to listen to someone going on about what we have in times of need, in devastated communities, in times of displacement of communities at home and abroad. What we are offered when facing problems that demand economic and political change, is hollow legislation, schemes, bureaucracy and targets that are unreachable by most. Our communities are awash with experts funded and sent in to solve the problems that only the community can sort themselves, given the chance. In place of economic change we are offered, schemes, initiatives and projects that die out the same as the funding needed to sustain them does.*



Citizens Theatre part of Glasgow's Common Good Fund

Scotland's Common Good Fund, has been around for over 500 years, and was founded around the same kind of needs we see today.

***“In its most basic form, common good has its origins in the early Middle Ages, when the farm town – a small settlement of interconnected families living in close proximity for mutual protection and support - took a collectivist approach to certain aspects of the farming operation.”***

**Andrew C Ferguson**

The words we should take out of this is “mutual protection and support” In the middle ages the collective support was around farming, i.e protection against starvation. We do not need to look to far to understand the relevance of this today.

