

Case Study

Scots Toddle Tots

Scots Toddle Tots is a new emerging social enterprise that provides activities with a unique focus on outdoor play and learning for pre nursery toddlers and families in the Linwood area.

Social enterprise Scots Toddle Tots provide pre nursery care activities for toddlers in the Linwood area



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**Iain Cunningham,
Third sector
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Engage Renfrewshire is a third sector interface (TSI); this means that we support local charities and other not-for-profit groups, so that they can do even more of what they're good at. We empower organisations to be safe, resourceful and effective, and to grow and develop their services – meaning our communities are inclusive and aspirational.

Toddle Tots came about when two mums from a playgroup, Marion and Gemma, realised that they had never known each other better than when they went for long pram walks together as part of a playgroup. As the children grew, they didn't want to stay strapped in their prams anymore but wanted out to walk; being outside playing together was lots of fun. Marion and Gemma wondered - what if they stopped walking with their prams and started toddling instead? So they decided to start up a group of their own and launched Toddle Tots.

The aim of Toddle Tots is to provide activities that will benefit members of the Linwood community with younger children. Their aims are to engage children in outdoor play, help them understand the importance of caring for the environment, provide peer support for the whole family, and focus on the associated health and wellbeing benefits of spending time outdoors with children and friends.

Engage Renfrewshire is currently supporting and working with Toddle Tots on a variety of service delivery elements, including partnerships with public, private and voluntary sector organisations. These include:

- Social Enterprise development workshops
- Private sector community benefits via public sector procurement and contracts
- Voluntary sector funding streams

Iain Cunningham, Third Sector Development Officer at Engage said: "Toddle Tots are a new emerging social enterprise and have only been members of Engage for a short time, but their commitment and energy are an example of what can be achieved after attending the support workshops."

Marion, a co-founder of Toddle Tots, said: "Well its official!! Thanks to Iain at Engage for giving us the tools and confidence to get CIC registered. We are so excited to get started! We can't thank Engage enough for their continued support including opportunities to promote Toddle Tots via their e-alerts to Renfrewshire's voluntary network, Social Enterprise Network Directory and Community Planning Partners.



Toddle Tots are open every Tuesday at Langholm Community Hub Flat 0A Belmar Court Linwood from 9.30am (breakfast) and depart at 10am for Toddle adventures.

Engage Renfrewshire can help you make your vision a reality; to find out more about how to develop your own social enterprise idea contact info@engagerenfrewshire.com or 0141 887 7707

If you are an existing Social Enterprise who would like the same support you can join the Social Enterprise Network Directory <https://www.engagerenfrewshire.com/files/3314/9189/9940/SEN-Form.pdf>