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Grangemouth Vision

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The Grangemouth Vision is a new digital publication created to share updates, celebrate progress, and highlight opportunities connected to Grangemouth's Just Transition.

CVS Falkirk & District's commitment is to work alongside the communities of Grangemouth to help shape a future that is fair, inclusive and full of opportunity. We believe that meaningful progress happens when residents, third sector organisations, public bodies, industry and private partners work together with a shared purpose - ensuring that local communities are not only part of the change but benefit directly from it.

Through this publication, we aim to strengthen connections across the community, amplify local voices, and showcase the many projects and partnerships helping to drive positive change. From skills development and environmental improvement to community-led action and investment, we will share updates on what is happening and what is possible.

This bulletin is for everyone with a stake in Grangemouth's future. Together, we can help shape a stronger, greener and more connected town, and ensure that the benefits of industrial transition are felt by all.

Overview of the Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Programme



Scotland has made world-leading commitments to achieving a fairer, greener future as it works toward its 2045 net zero targets. At the heart of this transition is Grangemouth, Scotland's leading industrial and manufacturing cluster, which is evolving to meet the challenges and opportunities of a low-carbon economy.

The Industrial Just Transition Programme aims to ensure this transformation delivers not only environmental benefits but also positive outcomes for local people and communities. A central principle of the programme is that the transition to net zero should be fair, inclusive and shaped by those most affected.

Shaped by feedback collected during the consultation process, the Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan was published in June 2025, outlining a long-term vision for the future of the Grangemouth Industrial cluster. To read the plan in full, please visit: [Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan](#)

Working closely with the Grangemouth community, CVS Falkirk & District plays a key role in representing the wider third sector and strengthening links between local communities, statutory partners and the Grangemouth Future Industries Board (GFIB). Collaboration will extend across industry, trade unions, education, charities and community organisations to help ensure a broad range of voices contribute to future planning.

This programme of support focuses on creating meaningful opportunities for community participation. Through the identification and engagement of groups and individuals interested in influencing Grangemouth's transition, we have created connections between the industrial cluster and community life, coordinating engagement activity and facilitating workshops and discussions that translate community views into practical actions and priorities.

Alongside community engagement, CVS Falkirk & District's programme is improving communication and awareness of opportunities linked to net zero activity, exploring funding pathways for local priorities, and building lasting community leadership.

By placing people at the centre of change, the programme aims to create a lasting legacy that supports sustainable growth, stronger communities and a successful Just Transition for Grangemouth.

Grangemouth Future Industry Board



Future Skills Programme Supports Residents into Green Jobs

A new funded initiative, the *Future Skills: Pathways to Employment* programme, launched in March 2026 to help Grangemouth residents develop practical and technical skills linked to Scotland's growing green economy and net-zero transition.

Led by Forth Valley College in partnership with Falkirk Council's Employment and Training Unit, the programme is designed to support local people (particularly school leavers and those facing barriers to employment) to gain accredited training, build confidence, and improve access to emerging job opportunities.

Twenty-four participants completed a ten-week programme combining accredited qualifications, hands-on learning and employability support. Training included IOSH Working Safely, SQA First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, ECITB Manual Handling, and BPEC Environmental Technologies awareness, alongside digital skills, retrofit and green technologies, and career planning.

Participants also benefited from employer engagement activities, including site visits and direct interaction with industry, helping to strengthen links between local people and future career pathways. The programme placed strong emphasis on developing key meta-skills such as resilience, teamwork and self-management to support long-term employability.

Closely aligned with the Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan, the initiative aims to ensure local residents benefit from opportunities created by industrial transformation while supporting employers facing skills shortages and promoting social mobility. Progress will be tracked over twelve months through follow-up reviews at three-month increments to measure outcomes such as employment, apprenticeships and further education.

Climate Action and Energy Secretary, Gillian Martin, noted, *"This investment is a clear demonstration of our commitment to securing a just transition for Grangemouth and ensuring the region remains at the heart of Scotland's low carbon industrial future"*.

Investment Momentum Continues

The Grangemouth Future Industries Board (GFIB), alongside the Scottish and UK Governments, has played a central role in creating the conditions needed to attract investment through clear direction, political commitment and coordinated delivery.

Recent investment announcements demonstrate growing confidence in Grangemouth's future. MiAlgae began work at the site with £3 million in government support, Celtic Renewables secured £16.23 million in public and private investment for its biorefinery project, and INEOS announced a £150 million investment package, supported in part by government funding.

Long-term planning is also advancing. The Grangemouth Industrial Cluster Strategy, published by Scottish Enterprise, provides a roadmap for sustainable growth, (including continued progression for infrastructure improvements – including grid capacity and water services) alongside skills pathways to support workforce transition.

Innovation remains a key focus, including plans for a Grangemouth Sustainable Manufacturing Campus and a national hub for fossil-free chemicals.

With targets of up to 800 new direct jobs by March 2028, Grangemouth is well positioned for continued growth as GFIB seeks to maintain momentum with Scotland's new government.

One Year of Project Willow - Driving Grangemouth's Low-Carbon Future

We recently marked one year since the publication of the Project Willow report, a major milestone setting out a long-term plan to transform the Grangemouth site into a low-carbon manufacturing cluster focused on sustainable fuels and fine chemicals.

Project Willow provides an evidence-based roadmap for industrial change, identifying opportunities for innovation, investment and growth as Grangemouth transitions towards a net-zero future. It represents a significant step in shaping how the site can continue to play a vital role in Scotland's economy while supporting environmental ambitions.

Partnership working remains central to this journey as industry, government, and local stakeholders continue to collaborate to create the conditions needed for a successful delivery, and ensure that transformation is both ambitious and achievable. As Project Willow moves into its next phase, this collaborative approach is essential to ensuring that the benefits of a Just Transition are widely shared and local communities are supported to influence the future of their Grangemouth.

Focus on Grangemouth



Help Shape the Future of Bowhouse and Kersiebank

Exciting work is under way for two Grangemouth areas as the Falkirk Community Planning Partnership is currently developing a new Community Action Plan for Bowhouse and Kersiebank.

Community Action Plans are designed to turn local ideas into meaningful action. They bring together residents, community groups and local partners to identify what matters most, celebrate local strengths and focus on areas where improvements can make the biggest impact.

The plan for Bowhouse and Kersiebank will help shape priorities for the coming years, creating a shared vision for the area and supporting practical actions that benefit local people. It can also strengthen future funding opportunities and build stronger partnerships across the community.

This is an opportunity for residents to help influence the future of their neighbourhood. Whether ideas for community spaces, activities, services or improvements, every voice and perspective helps build a stronger picture of what the community needs.

Strong communities are built through local people getting involved, sharing ideas and supporting initiatives that make a positive difference. By working together, YOU can help shape places that are vibrant, connected and responsive to local priorities.

To find out more or share your views on the Bowhouse and Kersiebank Community Action Plan, contact communityplanning@falkirk.gov.uk or visit the Participate+ website for more information.



Town Centre Project Brings Colour, Heritage and Community Spirit

Led by Grangemouth (including Skinflats) Community Council, the Town Centre Project aims to transform the Grangemouth town centre through a mix of environmental improvements and community-led design.

Plans include the creation and installation of wildflower beds, handmade benches, and two murals that will reflect the local industrial and community heritage. These features will enhance shared spaces, support biodiversity, celebrate local identity, and create welcoming spaces for residents and visitors alike.

The project has already got off to a strong start. Last week, volunteers (from Friends of Inchyra Park, CVS Falkirk & District, and the Community Council) worked together to ready the site for wild seed planting, marking an important first step in bringing more colour and nature into the town centre. This collaborative effort highlights the power of community action in creating positive, lasting change.

Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved as the project continues to grow.



Grangemouth Stadium Relaunches

Community ownership is about local people shaping the future of a place that matters to them. It brings decision-making close to home, ensuring the stadium reflects real needs - from affordable access to inclusive programming that creates opportunities for all.

The Grangemouth Stadium has long been a much-loved community asset, and when its closure was proposed as part of the Strategic Property Review, local people and organisations stepped up - refusing to let an iconic space disappear. Now stewarded by the Grangemouth Community Sports Trust, the stadium is entering a new chapter driven by ambition, creativity, and community energy. The Trust aims to transform the stadium into THE place for local sport, culture, and connection. Stay tuned to see what they have coming up soon!

Find out more: www.grangemouthcommunitysportstrust.org/

Community News and Events



Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre - Looking For Your Support

Grangemouth's hidden gem for biodiversity, Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre stands as a living example of successful conservation and community restoration. Stewarded by TCV (The Conservation Volunteers), the site is not yet open to the public but remains active, welcoming volunteers and traineeships to continue the ongoing conservation work that supports local wildlife and habitat restoration.

Long recognised as a special place for nature and learning, Jupiter has always had strong community roots. Now, TCV is keen to reconnect with those who know it best by gathering memories, stories and experiences from local people who have visited, volunteered or worked at the site over the years. These reflections will help shape future plans and support the ambition of eventually reopening Jupiter to the public.



With some memories already shared, one local voice captures the lasting impact of a visit to the site, reflecting:

"I used to come here with my family to Wildlife Watch with Stephen from Scottish Wildlife Trust, and to use the nets for pond dipping. My experiences at Jupiter and the passion for wildlife shown by the rangers definitely shaped my interests in nature and what I wanted to become."

Sally's story highlights the lasting influence Jupiter has had on generations of local people and conservation professionals alike. To continue this this impact, community involvement is key. By sharing memories and connections, YOU can help ensure this important green space continues to thrive as both a wildlife sanctuary and a community asset.

To contribute your memories or reflections, please contact CVS Falkirk & District by email: info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk and this will be shared with the TCV team.



Successful Community Choices Projects Awarded in Grangemouth

Three local projects have successfully secured funding through the latest Community Choices programme in Grangemouth, supporting community wellbeing, inclusion and local pride across the area. Together, these projects demonstrate the power of community-led ideas in creating stronger, safer and more connected neighbourhoods.

Friends of Inchyra Park received funding for the *Inchyra and Charlotte Dundas Improvement Project*. This initiative will deliver two large-scale murals by artist Donna Forrester at Charlotte Dundas Shopping Centre, celebrating local heritage and transforming a key public space into a more vibrant and welcoming environment. Residents will be involved in the design process to ensure the artwork fosters local ownership and reflects community identity. The project will also enhance Inchyra Park through improved lighting, trail upgrades, bulb planting and repainting and helping to improve safety, with the aim of encouraging outdoor activity and extending year-round use.

SeaLock Infinity - SeaLock Centre received funding for a new *Community Games Room* within the local community centre. The space will provide a safe, inclusive place for people of all ages to meet, socialise and take part in activities. By reducing isolation and increasing community connection, the project aims to support improved mental wellbeing and strengthen local cohesion, with future plans in place for games nights and youth activities.

Grangemouth Sea Cadet Unit received funding for *Let the Cadets Shine*, a project which will install solar-powered lighting at the boating station. The upgrade will improve safety and enable training and drills during darker months, supporting year-round youth development and outdoor activity.

Easter Fun Draws Crowds Despite Weather Change

The Friends of Inchyra Park Easter Egg Hunt 2026 proved to be another huge community success, with families turning out in large numbers despite a last-minute venue change caused by poor weather and “Storm Dave” conditions.

Originally planned for Inchyra Park, the event moved indoors to Grangemouth Stadium, ensuring the fun could continue uninterrupted - thanks to a quick partnership from Friends of Inchyra Park and Grangemouth Community Sports Trust. The free family event saw 1,500 Easter eggs handed out alongside a packed programme of entertainment and activities, with Adam Gilles (Chairperson, Friends of Inchyra Park) reflecting: *“It’s important to create activities in the community for people, young and old. The support and attendance to our event was egg-stremely fantastic and thanks to everyone that got involved and came along”*.

INEOS: How STEM Engagement Strengthens Our Community

Inspiring the next generation to see themselves in science, engineering, and technology careers is more than an educational activity. It's community investment.

Recently, INEOS welcomed a class of students from Grangemouth High School to their Grangemouth site for an immersive look at how mathematics underpins the operation of a large manufacturing facility. The visit focused on bringing classroom theory to life through a guided site tour and presentation, showing how maths is applied across the business every day. The day ended with a classroom-based problem solving activity inspired by what the students had seen on site.

INEOS also supported the Falkirk Science Festival 2026, working alongside partners to bring hands-on STEM activities to young people across the district. INEOS STEM ambassadors and volunteers spent time at Forth Valley College and The Helix, helping pupils explore real world science and engineering – from wind turbines and drones to practical solar energy experiments. These activities sparked curiosity, encouraged experimentation, and showed how science and engineering connect directly to the world around us.

Events like these play a vital role in widening access to STEM, especially for those who may not yet see themselves in these fields. By offering engaging, practical experiences, industry can help build confidence, broaden horizons, and invest in future talent.

FEL Scotland Climate and Energy Gathering 2026

Bringing together 131 community organisations, local authorities and individuals focused on sustainable energy and community energy projects in the Forth Valley, the FEL Scotland '*Climate and Energy Gathering 2026*' was a fantastic day with a wide variety of projects, activities and perspectives included.

Themed around 'Powering Up' and 'Powering Down', speakers and workshops explored methods for scaling energy generation; reducing energy demand at home, business and community levels; and empowering communities to make necessary changes. Marnie from CVS Falkirk & District was pleased to kick off the day with an overview of the Grangemouth Just Transition Plan, sharing the impact of community consultation in shaping the Plan itself and the projects which have developed since.

Reflecting on the day, Marnie noted: *"It was great to network, engage, and learn from such a variety of organisations and services from all over the Forth Valley – and to see just how much passion, innovation, and community-driven action is already powering real change. The day left me inspired, energised, and excited about what we can achieve together."*

More Information



Vacant Premises Improvement Grant for Third Sector

Third sector organisations across Falkirk District have an opportunity to access support through the *Vacant Premises Improvement Grant for Third Sector*. Designed for new and existing formally registered organisations with fewer than 250 employees, the fund aims to bring vacant town centre spaces back into use, with priority given to ground floor premises.

The initiative supports start-up activity and organisational growth while helping to create more vibrant town centres, improve local amenities and increase footfall. Grants can cover up to 75% of eligible project costs, with awards ranging from £2,000 to £25,000. Applicants are required to secure the remaining 25% of project costs through other funding sources.

Funding is available for capital investment only, although limited architect and professional fees may also be included. Applications are open until February 2027, although the fund may close earlier if fully allocated. For eligibility details and application information, visit the Falkirk Council website.

Stay Informed

As we move through the Grangemouth Just Transition process, CVS Falkirk & District will be posting regular updates on Social Media to keep community informed and engaged throughout the developments. Present on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn, follow **@CVSFalkirk** for more.

We will also be posting updates on our Grangemouth webpage: **www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/grangemouth**

To receive this new digital newsletter in your email inbox every quarter, please complete the registration form via the QR Code (right), or contact our team directly, by emailing: **info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk**



