



galashiels

“strengthening place by thinking small”



7 place based community projects launched at the start of COVID 19





place projects

1. GREAT

Architectural 'Gems' Tour Map – This is a map of architectural building 'gems' situated around Galashiels within a 10k radius of the town centre. **Lead: Karen Stevenson** Acting Secretary Director: Policy & Development (Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland, Edinburgh Architects Association (EAA) and Borders Architectural Group. <https://www.rias.org.uk/>

2. ACCESSIBLE

Accessible Tourism Workshop and Town Ambassadors - Euan's Guide (Disabled Access Review Body) are preparing for an 'Accessible Tourism Workshop' which will be specifically designed for all retailers and businesses within Galashiels Town centre. The workshop will not only be led by Euan's Guide but they will also provide follow-on with practical assessments, for shops etc. to enable Galashiels to be known as one of Scotland's most 'accessible towns'. Plus, Euan's Guide will also helpfully provide Ambassadors, to be present in the town, as be part of the T&T programme. **Lead: Paul Ralph** Access and Inclusion Director - Euan's Guide. <https://www.euansguide.com/>

3. LEARNING

School children's 'Woolly Wall' - Galashiels Academy are creating a 'woolly wall' which will be installed at a key gateway, on the high street, within the town centre. The textile based piece of artwork will to help lead people towards the GToS building. It will also add some colour, to Channel Street, which is currently dominated by vacant shops. **Lead: Pamela Inglis** - PT Expressive Arts, Galashiels Academy. <https://galashiels.org.uk/>

4. ARTS

Stitched boat or 'Curragh' - A small boat is being created by the traditional method of 'stitchina' it together. This project was (pre COVID) not only supporting Scotland's Year of Coast and Waterways but also selected to compliment the 'hand stitched' theme of the Great Tapestry. **Lead: Pdraig O' Duinnin** - Arts Council Ireland/Boat builder via Alistair Moffat Great Tapestry Board Member.



5. HAPPY

Knitted model of the town – 'The Wool Shop' located in the centre of Galashiels is leading on creating a hand-knitted 'model' of the high street in Galashiels. This project will bring a variety of the knitting community together. **Lead: Naomi Harrod** - Owner of The Wool Shop, Galashiels.

www.thewoolshop.net



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6. HEALTHY

Wellness Map - connecting to nature – This map will specifically identify the 'free natural things' in the town that can encourage good health i.e. places to enjoy the sun, air, rest etc. This is a 'first' for small towns in Scotland. **Lead: Dougie Johnson** (Local Walking Specialist) and Randal Boydell (Architecture and Sustainable Development Consultant).

7. HABITAT

Sustainable Way finding Thread through the Town – Work is being carried out on designing a temporary 'thread', that will run through the town and be linked to 'tapestry' themed sculptures. These will act as landmarks to, creatively, guide people around the place. **Lead: Andrew Crummy** - Scottish artist and sculpture who has designed several major works including the Great Tapestry of Scotland. <https://www.andrewcrummy.com/>



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