It has been a year since our last newsletter and much has happened! In April last year our project worker started, focusing on gardening and creative activities. A year later, we have an excellent online map of community gardens in the area and the Old Town Music Circle meets once a month, bringing people together to make music. Residents have commented that coming to the Music Circle has given them a real boost and that it has been rewarding to feel a part of something local.

We then welcomed 3 new members of staff and by November 2019 we were ready for the opening of our new community hub - The Crannie! We invited local residents in to find out more about what they wanted to use the fantastic new community space for. So far we have had open days, a making memories café, a weekly drop in, crafts, games, cooking sessions, and that is just for starters.

Unfortunately, The Crannie is temporarily closed due to Scottish Government guidelines. However, the staff team have moved activities online, set up new projects and are working with some amazing local organisations to make sure residents can stay safe, supported and keep connected. Find out more on the next pages!
Covid 19 - Help for residents with essentials
Malin Wollberg recently joined the EOTDT team to start up our new Community Capacity project. The current focus of the project is to ensure that local residents are supported with food and any other essentials they might need. Malin can also help people get set up with digital devices and internet access, so they can stay in touch with family and friends, join online activities or find important information online.

Need help?
If you have difficulties accessing essentials, do not have a digital device or internet, or know someone who could use our support, get in touch with Malin at malin@eotdt.org or phone our Community Outreach Worker Melina at 07864654731.

What’s next?
We want to ensure that local residents continue to be supported beyond the current crisis. We would love to hear from you if there is anything else that you would like to see happening in your community and as part of this project.

What is Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust (EOTDT)?
EOTDT grew from a need to ensure Edinburgh’s Old Town could remain a good place for people to live in. Run by local residents, EOTDT is committed to a vibrant, sustainable community in the Old Town. EOTDT stimulates growth in community involvement; preserving the area's built & cultural heritage and promoting creativity & enterprise through activities, events and training.

NEW Friends of the Crannie Facebook Group
'Friends of the Crannie' is a group for Old Town residents to find out about local activities and stay connected. www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofTheCrannie

Useful numbers
0800 111 4000 - Scottish Government helpline for everyone who is at risk and needs help with getting essentials
0131 555 6363 (24 hours) - Lothian Buses Information
If you are feeling anxious or worried: 116 123 (24 hours) - Samaritans
0800 83 85 87 (6pm to 2am) - Breathing Space Scotland
Stay connected - Join us online!

**Weekly Wednesday**
If you fancy a chat, with some neighbours and new friends, why not come along to our weekly Wednesday online? We meet every week for a cuppa and a catch up at 3pm!

**Crannie Creative Club**
If you would like to get a bit creative and have a blether, take part in our new online Creative Club. Join us every second Sunday at 3pm!

**Old Town Music Circle**
We are exploring new ways of making music together online. Come and jam with us every second Thursday at 3.30pm. No music experience necessary!

Get in touch with our Community Outreach Worker Melina if you want to join any of our online activities!

phone/text: 07864654731
e-mail: melina@eotdt.org

Stay active at home with Out and About!

Join our friends Ruth and Kim for home workouts online. They upload easy fitness videos online and share recipes and indoor growing ideas.

Follow their Facebook page @OutandAboutEd or if you want to join their regular Zoom sessions, get in touch with them at ruth@elgt.org.uk/ kim@elgt.org.uk or phone 07824641133
What else is happening in the Old Town?

Grassmarket Residents Association
If anyone in the Grassmarket area needs help with shopping, is feeling lonely or needs practical advice, they can ring GRASS (Grassmarket Residents' Association) Committee member Jenny on 0131 228 5215 or email GRASS on grassmarket.residents.assoc@gmail.com

Edinburgh Old Town Community Council continues to meet online!
*When?* Every second Tuesday of the month from 6.30 to 8.30pm
For more info, e-mail ChairPerson@EdinburghOldTownCC.org.uk

Keep in touch!

Join the mailing list for EOTDT’s regular E-Newsletter!
Would you like to get regular updates about our activities and other items of interest?
Send an email to admin@eotdt.org including your name to be added to the list. If you are also interested in becoming a member of EOTDT (it’s free) make a note in your email so we can forward you the relevant form to fill in – or you can download a copy from www.eotdt.org. The e-newsletter is sent out twice a month and your details will not be passed onto any third party. You’ll be able to unsubscribe at any point.

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