Community Choir
The idea…

“To set up and lead a choir in the street where I live”

“Stockland Street is a very multi-cultural street with people of all ages. A choir would be a brilliant way of building bridges, bringing people together and offering a fun and enjoyable way of learning English. I have many years experience of leading community choirs and or working with people from all ages and backgrounds. I am really interested in using singing to tackle issues regarding inclusion and diversity. “

Want to know more?

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How can Cardiff University help?

“How can Cardiff University help?

“Promoting the choir, evaluating our work, recording or filming our songs and finding sustainable funds”.

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Shop Local
There are a number of long established, independent stores and businesses in Grangetown which are real ‘hidden gems’, as well as a number of shops catering for different ethnic communities. In the face of growing chain stores and regeneration in the area, there could be better promotion of what Grangetown already has to offer. A shop local campaign to promote independent businesses may work well.

How can Cardiff University help?

Marketing and branding advice; help facilitating engagement with local businesses and developing a network; working with journalism students to ‘tell the story’ of local businesses and their owners

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City Garden & Café
The idea...

“To develop a community café and city garden”

“We want to turn the now closed Bowls Pavilion into a revivified ‘social hub’ with a community café and garden. There is a need for a central space for the whole community, particularly: school pupils from local primary schools, isolated older people, mother and baby groups, local self-employed people and young people not in education. We hope this will promote improved wellbeing, a stronger local economy and social cohesion.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“Support writing a business case, help with developing a feasibility study for the building, involvement in the development of the city garden and cafe, support with community consultation and promoting social cohesion.’

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Somali Welfare
Due to the government’s changes to Welfare reform, and the criminalisation of the stimulant ‘Khat’, the Somali Integration Society see an urgent need to begin to offer focused legal and welfare services to the Somali community in Grangetown. We would like to deliver a small pilot project to identify the most in-demand areas of advice, suitable locations and times for service delivery and relevant partnerships to sustain the service.”

How can Cardiff University help?

“We would be grateful for support from interested University staff who would be welcome to participate in the project. We will be learning about the support needed for those addicted to Khat to avoid criminalisation of the community.”

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Walking Groups
The idea…

“To set up local walking groups for Grangetown residents”

“I would like to see local walking groups where the police are present and the routes have been pre-planned to meet the needs of all community members. It could also be a great way of exploring the heritage and sights in the area.“

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How can Cardiff University help?

“Facilitating the walking groups, finding people to take part, planning and risk assessing the walks, evaluating the health and social benefits, promoting the project.”

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Men in Sheds
The idea...

“To provide a place for older men to share and learn skills”

“The idea is to have somewhere for older, retired men to go to learn new skills in woodwork etc. and share their knowledge. It aims to tackle social exclusion, be somewhere for advice, support and companionship, and offer something practical and worthwhile for older men to do. Overtime I hope the shed would offer training to a wider age range. It would work on a principle of reuse, repair and recycle to promote sustainability. I would also hope the shed would provide DIY support and assistance to those less able within the community.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“We are looking to call upon Cardiff University’s students and staff’s experience, knowledge, perspective, ideas and enthusiasm to move Cardiff Men In Sheds from a good idea to an excellent reality!”

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Kids’ University
The idea…

“Trips for kids to visit the University & lecture rooms”

“I co-ordinate the Riverside Homework Club and most of our young people are from Grangetown. I would like to see more trips for young people to visit the University buildings and lecture rooms. We would also really appreciate it if the university could work in partnership with our annual awards ceremony ‘Kids University’. Perhaps a homework club is needed in Grangetown too?”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“How can Cardiff University help?

“Support arranging visits to the University and arranging our annual awards ceremony. Student support for a Grangetown Homework Club.”

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Cookery Classes
The idea...

“To run local cookery and baking workshops”

“As an unemployed chef, I would love to set up my own business running tutorials in baking, cooking and sugar craft for local people and students.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“ I could use help with finding a kitchen and with marketing the idea”

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The idea...
“A local radio station for women”

“One idea is to establish a radio station focused mainly on issues related to women such as personal development, education and engagement with local community projects.”

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How can Cardiff University Help?

“How can Cardiff University Help?

“By providing the know-how and expertise such as training in journalism, developing a business plan and marketing the project”.

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A Women’s Group
We are developing a women’s meeting group called CHAT which is a pilot for bringing women together in the community. Its aim is to reduce isolation and increase communication within the community. We would like to empower the group to run itself in the long term.

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How Can Cardiff University help?
"By providing suggestions and advice on how to make the project a success!"

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Physical Literacy
The idea...

“To develop active, cultural projects with young people”

“We want to work with an identified group of students who are in need of a specific intervention in their education at Fitzalan High School. Students will take part in a ‘cultural connections’ project – the aim being that by experiencing a series of active, cultural workshops or opportunities the students can develop wellbeing/engagement/attendance/literacy/empowerment to name but a few key points. The project will be student-led.”

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How Can Cardiff University help?

“It will depend on what the students want, but this project could benefit from volunteers assisting with the project or providing arts-based ideas for the project. It could be a great chance to help students shape their learning journey.”

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The idea...

“150th Anniversary of Penarth Dock & River Ely Harbour”

“We want to work with Cardiff University to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Ely Tidal Harbour & Penarth Dock, bringing together all sectors of the community to share in the celebration of the area’s history. We would like to facilitate the understanding and melding of the different community groups, their cultures and lifestyles.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“In addition to commemorating the 150th anniversary, the University potential is extensive. I have lots of suggestions for research activities.”

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Media Champions
There is sometimes a negative perception of young people and of Grangetown; we want to train young people who are not in employment, education or training to raise the profile of young people and Grangetown by reporting positive stories using Twitter, blogs and local media.

How can Cardiff University Help?

By developing the training and identifying students who can learn alongside the young people involved in the project.

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Business Forum
The idea…

“To develop a thriving local business forum”

“Living here for nearly 25 years, I’ve not known of a business forum existing locally. I don’t know if there is a demand for it but, in the face of the growth of more chain stores within the area, there is potential for better cross-promotion of what Grangetown has to offer. I think the forum could be worked through our website and social media and was hoping that the Shop Local might be an end product for the forum itself.

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How can Cardiff University help?

“It would certainly be useful to have some help to engage local businesses, especially with culturally diverse businesses, support marketing the forum and creating a network would really help.”
The local newsletter has been produced in Grangetown since 1977 and is delivered by volunteers to over 6000 residents 3 times per year. Community Gateway were planning on developing a newsletter to update residents on our activities in the area but would rather work with the Residents’ Association to develop their newsletter. The newsletter could be re-branded but it must be simple for the local librarian to edit, it also needs to be financially sustaina-

How can Cardiff University help?

“Help re-vamp the design of the newsletter; negotiate a way of displaying Cardiff University’s features and logo; find ways to sustainably fund colour printing”

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Role Models

Grângetown
The idea...

“Good language role models for our pupils”

“There are so many languages spoken in our school we love to have some student volunteers who can demonstrate to pupils good spoken English and correct sentence structure. If there are any students who could visit the school and work with our pupils, we would be delighted!”

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How Can Cardiff University help?

“By recruiting enthusiastic student volunteers who could help out at the school.”

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Music for Change
Playing for change would bring together music from all cultures in Grangetown. I have music connections with some of the Jamaican and Hindu communities in Grangetown from being a music producer for many years. If we could hold an event in Grangetown I know many musicians across many different genres who could take part.

How can Cardiff University Help?

“I would need help organising and resourcing the event but I feel it would be a great thing for the community.”

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I would like to link the University to work with our group, the Friends of Pentre Gardens, which looks after green spaces in our Grangetown community. We would like to begin work to improve a small triangular gated green space that was once a formal garden and the green verges around it. The park is at the centre of our community so we would like to take full advantage of making it look as good as possible.

How can Cardiff University help?

“The University could help us devise a plan to landscape the gardens. We have previously had the support of the Parks Department, but since the budget cuts, the support we can obtain from Parks is diminishing.”
Affordable Food
"I live in Grangetown and, as a single mother, I used a food co-op when my son was small in order to get fruit and vegetables at affordable prices. I feel passionately that a little education can make a huge difference in eating habits, and involving children is great for bonding and for their relationship with food from an early age. With food prices rising and incomes falling in real terms, I love to see a project that helps families to improve their diets."

How can Cardiff University help?

“I would like support to develop how the idea would work in practice, and models for projects that could make a sustainable difference.”

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Waterways Map
The idea...

“Mapping the waterways of Grangetown”

“Art Shell is currently working on the Cardiff Waterways Map, with local artists, historians, community groups, volunteers and residents. The project involves mapping the waterways of Cardiff, past, present and future and engaging people in research to populate the map with stories, documents and imagery, pinned according to history and geography. Grangetown has a hidden waterways history which it would be great to capture.”

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How Can Cardiff University help?

“I would be interested in receiving support for the project in the form of collaboration with researchers, working with students and financial support for the project.”

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Dis-used Areas
The idea...

“To explore the potential of dis-used spaces”

An architectural-arts collaboration that looks at the history, current use and potential of abandoned and disused spaces and their growth as organic forms, explored via drawings and interventions around abandoned and disused spaces in Grangetown. With an exhibition in Grangetown. The project may benefit those with an interest in the history of Grangetown and it’s future, preserving the existing architecture and creating a better place to live.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“Collaboration with researchers, working with students and financial support for the project.”

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The idea…

“Inviting the countryside into the city and everyday lives”

“I am interested in urban environments and the concept of Rewilding - inviting the countryside into the city and into our everyday lives, through sustainable design and group initiatives to create happier, healthier individuals and communities. I’m keen to work with the people of Grangetown to identify unhealthy, unused, land, as well as unused front gardens (with residents or landlords permission) to be make them green again.”

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How can Cardiff University Help?

“Green design consultation, student involvement, financial support for the project and it’s maintenance.”

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Local Directory
We would like to work with local residents and members of the University to develop a directory of the spaces available to the community, including: contact details, a brief description of what the space can be used for, restrictions (e.g., no alcohol), cost, location, and general availability. We would then like to translate the information and disseminate it to all ethnic communities in Grangetown. There could also be a loyalty card developed for local people.

How can Cardiff University help?

“Cardiff University could help by mapping, designing, or collating the directory in different languages.”

Want to know more?

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Basketball Team
The idea...
“To sponsor and support the local Basketball team”

“To develop the newly formed Grangetown Basketball team, which has been created by young people in Grangetown to promote: healthy activity, team working and peer-mentoring between older teens and younger teens in Grangetown. The team also enables young people from Grangetown to meet and compete with young people from other areas of Cardiff.”

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How Can Cardiff University help?

“How Can Cardiff University help?”

“By sponsoring the team, opening up access to the University basketball court and building links with any University teams—possibly through mentoring”.

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Philosophy Café
The idea...
“To provide a safe space to discuss values and beliefs”

“There are so many languages, religions and beliefs in Grangetown, but there are few opportunities to learn about all the different perspectives in the local area. The Philosophy Café, will provide a safe, neutral space for different communities to share information about their beliefs in relation to themes decided by local residents. We also hope to integrate arts, film and music.”

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How can Cardiff University help?
“By providing a facilitator from Cardiff University’s School of Philosophy and making links with the Philosophy Café in Roath”.

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Ideas R Us
The idea…

“A group of local residents who can represent the area”

“We would like to develop a residents’ group, which represents the many communities of Grangetown. The group could be approached by organisations, agencies or businesses who want to find out what local people want in the area or what ideas they have. For example, we could give advice on what activities should be run at the new library. The group could feedback to their communities developments, activities and events happening locally.”

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How can Cardiff University Help?

“How helping sign-post or connect with any groups which already serve this purpose and by helping to market and advertise the group.”

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Project Smile!
The idea...

“We want everyone to know we’re a friendly community”

“We want residents of Grangetown and visitors to know that we live in a friendly community. To show this, we want to develop a Grangetown smile badge. The badge will represent that the person wearing the badge is a friendly, kind and approachable neighbour to everyone in the area.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

”By helping us to develop a smile campaign and badges for everyone who wants to join.”

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Girls Sports Group
The idea...

“To develop a local sports and dance group for girls”

“There aren’t enough opportunities in Grangetown for young girls to go out and play with friends and be active. We want to hold regular dance and sports activities for girls from all communities, particularly young Muslim girls.”

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How Can Cardiff University help?

“Opening up access to local spaces or University facilities and providing instructors. Linking with researchers interested in women, culture or sport.”

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Clean Streets
The idea...

“To campaign for clean streets in Grangetown”

“We want to make Grangetown a great place to live, by keeping the streets clean and building pride in the area. We want to develop a campaign to #keepgrangetowntidy, working in partnership with local schools, community and faith groups and the Council. We want to educate local people about waste and develop more local litter-picking groups so that we can hold regular community clean-up days with all partners taking part.”

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How can Cardiff University help?
“By helping to educate and connect with local people and partners, building influence with the Council, training more litter pickers and providing volunteers to support our clean-up days.”

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Road Safety
The idea...

“To develop safe routes to school for local children”

“There are five schools in and around Grangetown, some with very dangerous routes from Grangetown to the school. We want to map and develop safe routes to local schools and to work in partnership with Cardiff Council to develop road signs which have been designed by local primary school children. We hope this will help encourage safer driving in Grangetown and raise awareness of the need for everyone to act safely on the roads.”

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How can Cardiff University Help?

“Helping map the safest routes to schools, facilitating workshops with local school pupils to develop the signs, funding the signs and building connections with the Council.”

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The idea...

“To develop a resident-led mental health group”

Mental health is a big issue in Grangetown and so we want to provide a supportive, welcoming group of local people who can help promote mental wellbeing and share stories. We would like to work with local charities to develop the group and offer access to activities which promote wellbeing, such as yoga.”

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How can Cardiff University help?

“By building links with local charities, marketing the group and connecting us with Mental Health Nurses in the University.”

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The idea...

“We would like to have a week every year to promote safety”

“Grangetown residents want to feel safe in the area where they live. We want to hold an annual safety week in which neighbours are encouraged to: get to know each other, look out for one another's houses, develop awareness raising activities with local schools, promote simple activities which local people can do to stay safe and campaign for investment in safety such as good street lighting.”

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How Can Cardiff University help?

“Cardiff University can help by supporting the campaign, building connections with neighbourhood policing teams and devising ways in which local people can stay safe.”

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Local Festival
Grangetown is a very diverse area which makes it such a great place to live. There aren’t many opportunities for the different communities to come together, build new relationships and celebrate Grangetown. The Grangetown Festival is one of the few opportunities across the year which unites people locally. We would like Cardiff University to help develop the festival and show what a friendly and vibrant area Grangetown is.”

How can Cardiff University help?
“By sponsoring the festival and making sure it is inclusive of all communities and age groups. We would also like help ensuring the festival is financially sustainable.”

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