

Leith Chooses meeting, 6 August 2025

Present: Abigail, Bruce (minutes), Jack, Sally

Apologies: Don, Jason, Naomi, Rachel, Susan, Tremaine

Definite actions are green-highlighted.

1 Comms and media strategy

- Jack has created BlueSky and Instagram accounts.
 - Action: Jack to supply login details, Bruce to update register of digital logins.
- Action: Susan and Jack to continue leading on social media.
- Action: Sally to announce opening of application on website.
- We finalised mail to potential applicants
 - Action: Jack to issue a press-release based on this.

Applications for LeithChooses 2025/26 are now open!

Local charities and constituted community groups are invited to apply for project funding of up to £5,000. As usual, projects should be new or adding new value (not continued funding of an existing service) that will be of benefit to the community in Leith. Projects should be designed to start after 31st March 2026 and run until March 2027 at the latest. The theme for this year is 'Well-being in Leith' and the **deadline for applications is midnight on 22nd October 2025**.

We welcome your applications using our new online form at edinburgh.gov.uk/applyleithchooses. If you would like access to the application form in a different format, please contact leithchooses@edinburgh.gov.uk or 07743 167 340.

Be sure to also download and read the [LeithChooses guidance notes](#), to check if your project is eligible, and to guide you in putting together your application. You can also read [additional guidance](#) and a [sample application form](#) from Edinburgh Council.

- **Application opening date:** 13th August 2025
- **Application deadline:** Midnight on 22nd October 2025
- **Theme:** Well-being in Leith
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If you have any questions or would like any support from the steering group with your application, please get in touch as early as possible to allow time for discussions, by emailing leithchooses@edinburgh.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing your ideas for new projects.

The LeithChooses Steering Group

2 13 August meeting (pm) topics

Sally has already sent out an email about this meeting to potential new steering group members and a few regular voting-day volunteers. This email is about attracting new members or leaving the door open for the future.

Action: Sally/Jack to send out further invitation email to further potential members.

- Launch of applications (e.g. online form)
- Recent happenings and how we've responded to feedback (no change to boost vote at this point; we cannot ban certain organisations (e.g. recent winners) from applying but can indicate recent winners on the website)
- Timetable and behind-the-scenes process, e.g. support for applicants
 - Action: Bruce to print a small number of copies project plan (A3, colour)
- Ask all new members if they want to receive minutes every week.
- Finalise social media policy
 - There was discussion of who should operate this – we don't want uncommitted useless 'operators'.