



Mission Statement:

Bridgend Farmhouse – Learning, working and growing together to develop a flourishing community and place.

Values:

- **Welcoming** – recognising and respecting that everyone has something to offer
- **People Power**- people should have the means, opportunities and power to collectively shape their lives and communities.
- **Care and Justice** – nurture an ethic of care for people, place and planet and promote social and environmental justice.
- **Enabling**– to develop yourself, be challenged, realise your potential, and try out something new.
- **Creativity** – inspiring through innovation, and a bold approach to change and diversity.
- **Belonging** –That we want to find common purpose and meaning with others, to address isolation, distress and division.

Aims and Objectives:

1. *To advance community development through the shared ownership of Bridgend Farmhouse and providing opportunities for active citizenship and volunteering.*
 - developing democratic structures that enable people to actively participate in the development of the farmhouse and its activities
 - ensuring an ongoing process of investigation, consultation and research into community interests and priorities
 - Adding value to the work of Bridgend Farmhouse by building partnerships and working collaboratively with a range of statutory and voluntary organisations, both locally and city-wide, which share the aims and objectives of the project.
 - Supporting groups to advocate for positive change
 - providing opportunities for people to volunteer and work together on site
 - hosting community celebrations and gatherings

2. *To advance education and training in the community by utilising the farmhouse site for various learning activities, particularly those that support engagement in the outdoors, local woodlands, sustainability, and environmental and place-based education by*

- developing holistic learning opportunities, that involve a measure of challenge, to encourage people to flourish.
- ensuring that learning opportunities have a 'Head, Heart and Hand' aspect and inspire action
- developing learning programmes that connect the local with the global

3. *To advance health, both physical and mental, and address health inequalities and social isolation to support people to live happy, healthy and enriched lives by*

- Providing activities that enable people to be physically active
- Providing activities that address food insecurity and enable people to eat well together
- Providing a peaceful, safe space that nurtures friendships, social networks and connectedness
- Creating opportunities for affordable and accessible alternative therapies and techniques that encourage self-help

4. *To advance the arts, heritage and culture of the local area and on site by*

- Sustaining the 'Place, Work & Folk' community history activities and creating opportunities for people to have the chance to tell their stories.
- Creating space for and enabling performance, music, exhibitions and other cultural and arts activities
- Providing opportunities for traditional skills and crafts

5. *To promote equality and diversity by providing accessible facilities and a diversity of activities by*

- Providing physically accessible facilities
- Minimising financial barriers to participation

- Proactively encouraging a diversity of cultural activities
- Providing a welcoming, friendly place and striving to include marginalised groups
- Targeting training and volunteering opportunities for people in our area of benefit.

6. *To advance environmental protection, biodiversity and the enjoyment of the Craigmillar Castle park, and promote and enable sustainable development and living practices by*

- Being an exemplar in sustainable and environmentally friendly practices
- Running courses and workshops that promote sustainable living practices and build relevant skills.
- Providing outdoor learning opportunities for all