



Forgan Arts Centre (FAC) was established in 1978 to promote arts, heritage, culture and science, the advancement of education and community development in the Tay Bridgehead area of North East Fife. In 2016 FAC became an SCIO and continued to deliver wide-ranging benefits to its members of all ages and abilities via its arts and crafts programme. With increasing demand from the community but no possibility to meet it in the current premises, FAC's Volunteer Management Committee succeeded in a Community Asset Transfer bid to acquire much larger premises, Leng Home, in Newport on Tay in 2020. **The award from Scottish Land Fund in July 2021 enables FAC to complete the purchase of Leng Home and relocate in early 2022.** Here FAC will be able to develop and grow as a community resource, where local members feel comfortable spending time and socialising, as well as furthering their interests and skills in the arts, education and culture.

In Leng Home, FAC will provide social areas to **facilitate communication and wider community engagement** beyond the classes alone. We plan to expand into **health and wellbeing** activities alongside our current arts and crafts offerings. The larger premises will enable us to **increase and extend member diversity and accessibility** within the new location, improved parking capacity and disabled access. There will also be scope to offer spaces for studios, hot-desking and flexible, interim use by other third sector groups. Acquiring Leng Home gives FAC **more opportunities to partner and work with other local charities, special interest/needs groups and social enterprises.**

FAC at Leng Home will be a place where lives will be changed through art and creativity, making the community a better place to live, work and visit. FAC aims to contribute directly to local and national ambitions to have healthy, active, creative, connected and inclusive communities. In order to fulfil the ambition of FAC and meet the needs of our community and our key stakeholders, FAC Management Committee has developed high level strategic Business Plan with outcomes linked to our core activity areas. Taking Leng Home into community ownership will allow us to use arts and crafts to underpin a whole community approach to a wide range of social and economic activities that will contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the community.

Our Business Plan objectives are to:

- Relocate to Leng Home to enable us to expand and meet our community demands and needs and become more financially sustainable through generating an increased turnover and the chance to diversify services
- Increase the range and volume of the classes, workshops and events that FAC can offer beyond our core arts and crafts to include more options for activities directly linked to improving health and wellbeing
- Apply for relevant funding and investment to support our extended activities and maintain and operate a larger premises and grounds
- Build new local partnerships with businesses, artists and social enterprises
- Develop new relationships with support and referral agencies
- Operate and manage the facilities at Leng Home with attention to the environment, climate change and sustainability in our policy and practice and classes
- Enhance and increase the intangible benefits we deliver to our community in terms of addressing education, inclusivity, social isolation, health, wellbeing, community spirit and culture
- Become more diverse, inclusive and accessible to all in our community
- Take the FAC into the future as a community centre and a place of peace, vitality, creativity, learning and support