

VOICES OF MOODIESBURN - A GRAPHIC MAP

WHAT IS THIS?

This map is not a normal map of Moodiesburn.

It is a map of voices: wee ones, teens, young parents, working people and older folk. Not everyone, and not covering every area. But a sampling of things residents of Moodiesburn feel, how they see their community and what they want to say.

These images you see are reflections of conversations over tea with Moodiesburn residents, at the Pivot Centre and here and there in the village.

In this map you can see images of many of **the ISSUES people have voiced**.

You see some of the **RESOURCES here in Moodiesburn** that people value.

The **FEELINGS expressed by teenagers** and the **voices of a group of kids**, 6-12 years old.

On the far ____ are the **HOPES, VISIONS, DEMANDS** that people shared. Some of **the things that people want to see, to say, to have heard**.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

This map is not a government consultation.

It is a graphic storytelling project to capture the voices of community members, identify common threads and share it all **BACK** to the community, thus highlighting shared visions, needs and voices of the people of Moodiesburn.

It has no conclusions, no recommendations. It is a way of **STARTING A CONVERSATION**, of sharing feelings, problems, hopes, and perhaps forming plans together.

WHO WILL SEE THIS?

The Moodiesburn Community Development Trust, the Northern Corridor Community Forum, North Lanarkshire Council, Local Planning Partnership, and the people of Moodiesburn: **YOU**.

WHO'S BEHIND THIS MAP?

The Northern Corridor Community Volunteer Group (NCCV) has been working in and around Moodiesburn doing litter picks, building community food growing spaces and running health walks. After hearing people's points of view that didn't seem to be reflected in local planning, the NCCV team

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thought this community mapping project could help to give a platform to some of the unheard voices of Moodiesburn.

This map was drawn by Yaren Köse and the conversations were facilitated by Ben Reid Howells, two international trainers passionate about community-led direct action who have worked with underprivileged communities in Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America. Their time and the teas and coffees at the Pivot were funded by [Hard Edges](https://lankellychase.org.uk/about-us/vision-and-mission/), Scotland, an initiative to map the voices of people living in communities experiencing multiple disadvantages, such as lack of local employment, insufficient facilities and poor transport.

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CAN I ADD TO IT?!

YES! Take a post-it and write/draw something, stick it on the table or directly onto the map.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Do folks in Moodiesburn feel the same way about how their voices are heard?

Do people have similar ideas for positive change they want to see?

This map might help to understand what next steps, shared visions and concrete projects could be carried forward. Maybe people decide to...

- continue these conversations with a series of community-led meetings,
- carry out a public campaign,
- write a letter to the Forum or Council,
- get together and organise trainings for community-led action.

HOW CAN I JOIN EXISTING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY?

NCCV will be continuing their work to draw on the resilience, experience and community spirit which exists in the local area to bring about positive change. This map will help them know what people are passionate about, and will help them apply for funding and resources to take on more community-led projects. This could be: creating more community food-growing areas, restoring green spaces and pathways, organising more trainings to build the skills of local people, and more.

And they always need people!

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