

Think Dunoon

[Dunoon Design Charrette](#) [Briefing Note 3: 22.03.17](#)

Background

The ThinkDunoon events begin in earnest in Dunoon next week on Tuesday 28 March, as the initiative seeks to draw on local ideas and inspiration to shape the town centre's future. The packed programme of events will discuss, debate and design the future of Dunoon Town Centre. Through the events designers, architects and other specialists will gather opinions, wants and wishes, to help distil a clear vision of what local people want for Dunoon Town Centre.

Opportunities To have Your Say

The events will be hosted and ThinkDunoon team will be based at the newly refurbished **Wooden Pier Building** on the Pier Esplanade over the three-days from Tuesday 28th of March to Thursday 30th of March, with a final exhibition in and a report back session at the same venue on 20th April. As well as a place to develop and work on ideas and options, the ThinkDunoon base will serve as a drop-in centre. So pop by during the four-days, you will be made welcome! The team wants all members of the community, as well as local businesses, public sector partners and other interested parties to get involved. **It is an opportunity to have your say.**

See the full programme of events attached.

Pre-Events Activity in Dunoon

As part of the preparation the team from arts organisation *WAVEparticle* arrived in Dunoon on Friday 10th March, and spent two days in the town, speaking to people directly and inviting their thoughts and suggestions about the town, past, present and possible. Although the weather was a little dreich, they received a very warm welcome from all the people they met.

Their first stop was Dunoon Grammar, where Head Teacher, David Mitchell, had kindly agreed to host a creative collective schools workshop, which included S1 pupils from Dunoon Grammar, along with pupils from Dunoon, Kirn, St. Mun's and Sandbank Primary Schools.

With the aid of a large vinyl map of Dunoon and its environs, gold stars and red dots, and a Postcard From The Future, the pupils were encouraged to think about the future of Dunoon. There were 30 pupils in total, with ages ranging from ten to fourteen years old, which made for a great dynamic in the workshop, with the younger children reminding everyone of how to draw on your imagination! The pupils work will be on display at the ThinkDunoon events.



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Over the two days, the *WAVEparticle* team also walked the town with the large vinyl map, meeting and interviewing townsfolk, and letting everyone they met know about, and invited them to, the ThinkDunoon events.

The places they visited amongst others included Morrisons, where they engaged shoppers and passers-by in conversation around the large floormap. Martin, the Manager of Morrisons, told them about a planned initiative to support local produce, and young David the bag packing bag piper, said he would ask the band to pipe at the ThinkDunoon! The team also visited the local independent cinema, where Ben & Grant showed them around and discussed how the cinema is a significant hub in the town. Let's not forget the visits to Gibson Electrical, which is home to one of the largest collections of Scottish music and to T J Sharp the local jewellers, with the young couple who were making a special visit to Dunoon to have their wedding rings made.

They also spent a great hour with Ann Black Campbell at Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust and heard about the exciting plans for the re-development and imminent re-opening of the Dunoon Burgh Hall and how local people are very much looking forward to it.

The observations, suggestions and ideas that were offered by local people ranged from local businessman Andy pointing out the need for a Cowal & Dunoon Business Directory, as the last one was printed in 1999, to a plan from Camilla, a local rambler, to gather walkers together and plot their favourite routes & walks in and around Dunoon on a map and create a downloadable PDF.

Peter McCaughey, Lead Artist and Director of *WAVEparticle* said, "*Dunoon is a beautiful part of the world and the response from the people that we met*

over our two days in Dunoon has been terrific. There will be a short film to reflect this early stage, which will be screened as part of the ThinkDunoon launch event on the 28th March. Everyone is very welcome to come along”.

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Come and share
your ideas!

28th-29th-30th March
20th April

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Tuesday 28 March - Setting the Agenda

- 11.00am - 12.30pm** **Traffic & Transport: Walkabout & Workshop**
Opportunity for agencies, Council officers and community representatives to take part in a walk and group discussions on the transport challenges and opportunities.
- 12.30pm - 8.30pm** **Drop-in Design Studio**
Drop-in to the Design Studio to discuss your ideas for Dunoon
- 1.30pm - 3.30pm** **School Workshop - Setting the Agenda**
With school students/young people and material from the pre-charrette activities.
- 6.00pm - 7.30pm** **Community Issues & Achievements Presentations**
Short presentations from agencies, businesses, community groups and individuals discussing their role, thoughts and activities.
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm** **Setting the Agenda Workshop**
Opportunity for everyone to view the initial exhibition, find out more about the events, help shape the agenda

Wednesday 29 March - Gathering Ideas

- 10.00am - 8.30pm** **Drop-in Design Studio**
Drop-in to the Design Studio to discuss your ideas for Dunoon
- 10.30am - 11.30am** **Tourism Workshop**
Opportunity for key stakeholders, businesses and individuals to take part in group discussions on the emerging tourism themes, challenges, ideas and the way forward.
- 2.00pm - 3.30pm** **Futurewalk**
Walk & Talk Tour of Dunoon Town Centre with local historian, the public and interested parties.
- 4.00pm - 5.30pm** **Youth Workshop**
Opportunity for everyone with an interest in youth provisions to take part in group discussions on the emerging themes, challenges, ideas and the way forward.
- 6.30pm - 8.30pm** **Business Workshop**
Opportunity for local businesses to take part in discussions on the emerging business themes, challenges, ideas and the way forward.

Thursday 30 March - Testing Ideas

- 10.00am - 1.00pm** **Drop-in Design Studio**
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- 4.30pm - 7.00pm** **Drop-in Design Studio**
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- 7.00pm - 8.30pm** **Work in Progress Presentation**
Opportunity for everyone to view how the exhibition has progressed, comment and ask questions.

Thursday 20 April - Report Back

- 2.00pm - 4.00pm** **Emerging Ideas Presentation**
- 6.30pm - 8.30pm** **Emerging Ideas Presentation**