

About You	
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7.	Your Role in the Project
	Project co-ordinator.
An Introduction to the Project	
8.	Which partner organisations are involved in delivering the project (local authorities, organisations, community groups, etc.)?
	The founding members, trustees, employees, and volunteers comprise Dundee Bairns. Additionally, the charity receives support from resources and funders who are essential to its work. Some of these key players include: Dundee City Council, the Northwood Charitable Trust, the Rank Foundation, and Cash for Kids Tayside.
9.	Does the project have specific aims and/or objectives? <i>If so, please add to the box below.</i>
	The Fun and Food project's primary goal is to address food insecurity during school holidays in order to lessen and mitigate child poverty in Dundee.
10.	Does the project have a title? <i>If so, please add to the box below.</i>
	Fun and Food
11.	When did it start?
	Summer of 2016.
12.	Has it finished? Is it on-going? Does it have an end date? <i>Please add dates to the box below.</i>
	The project is ongoing with no planned end date.
13.	Which groups of people, if any, are targeted by the service provided?
	Children and young people who reside in Dundee's impoverished neighbourhoods.
14.	How many people have been served by the project?

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15.	Where is it delivered?	
	Dundee.	
The Initial Idea		
16.	Who had the initial idea?	
	David Dorward, former Chief Executive of Dundee City Council	
17.	How did the idea for the project come about?	
	David learned that children who were eligible for free school meals during the school day were not eligible for them outside of school. Head Teachers expressed concern about child food poverty. He was inspired in 2016 after listening to a Winston Churchill Fellow talk about holiday hunger.	
18.	Did you draw on any published reports / papers / research evidence or practice you had seen elsewhere to inform your plans? <i>If so, please add details to the box below.</i>	
	No.	
19.	Who was involved in developing the initial idea of the project?	
	The Northwood Charitable Trust, Tay Cuisine, Cash for Kids Tayside, and the Dundee City Council all worked together with Dundee Bairns.	
20.	Were those with lived experience of poverty involved in developing the initial idea of the project?	
	No.	
21.	What funding was used, if any, to support the development of the initial idea of the project?	
	The Dundee Bairns project was primarily funded by Cash for Kids Tayside, who funded 50% of the meals provided.	
22.	What in-kind resources were needed when developing the initial idea of the project?	
	Facilities	N/A
	Equipment	Transportation to deliver food.
	Local Knowledge	On the areas where child poverty was prevalent.
	Food and Drink	Lunches for children who require them during the summer holidays.
23.	What, if any, barriers did you have to overcome when developing the initial idea of the project?	
	Hot meal provision had to stop because children were burning their hands and the food needed to be served to them.	
24.	What, if anything, was helpful when developing the initial idea of the project?	

	Dundee Bairns was able to establish connections with local businesses and determine which areas of Dundee would most benefit from their services. This was due to the community's support and the founder's prior position as chief executive of the Dundee City Council.	
25.	Did you conduct a feasibility study? (if yes, please describe what you did and what you concluded)	
	Yes. Dundee Bairns provided about 19,300 meals to children in Dundee between July and August of 2016. Local businesses and volunteers provided funding, including Tay Cuisine and Cash for Kids Tayside.	
26.	What was the timeline between the initial idea and the start of the project?	
	Due to the tremendous success of the July–August 2016 pilot programme, Dundee Bairns became an official charity in 2017.	
27.	Who made the decision to introduce the project?	
	David Dorward	
Pilot Project		
28.	Did you run a pilot project? (if no, please skip to the next section, Q. 37)	
	Yes.	
29.	What did you do? Please describe the pilot project	
	9,000 meals were delivered through community projects. During these free activities, food was provided to all participants. This curbed stigmatisation as free food was given to each attendee who came to participate in the activities and the event was not only about free food.	
30.	Who was involved in the work of the pilot project?	
	Northwood Charitable Trust, Cash for Kids Tayside and local schools.	
31.	How, if at all, were those with lived experience of poverty involved in the pilot of the project?	
	N/A	
32.	What funding was used, if any, for the pilot project?	
	Northwood Charitable Trust and Cash for Kids funded 50% of meals.	
33.	What in-kind resources were used for the pilot project?	
	Facilities	Schools.
	Equipment	-
	Local Knowledge	Local communities and schools made people aware of the pilot.
	Food and Drink	Meals were provided.
34.	Was the pilot project evaluated? If yes, please provide details	
	Yes. Due to its success Dundee Bairns became an official charity	
35.	What evidence, if any, from the pilot project was used to confirm that it was working?	
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36.	Who made the decision to continue with the project beyond the pilot project?	
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37.	How did the pilot project inform the final design of the project?	
	Due to the success of the pilot project, Dundee Bairns continued to operate in the same manner.	
The On-going Development of the Project		
38.	Has XXX changed through time? (if no, please skip to the next section, Q. 37)	
	Yes.	
39.	In what ways has it changed?	
	Scale	Number of schools provided for changes year-to-year.
	Location	The service is now also provided to leisure centres, sports camps and other community projects.
	Population	N/A
	The Offer	N/A
40.	What were the reason for these changes?	
	The project received further funding. Other areas also received increased funding.	
Accessing the Service and Engaging with Service Users		
41.	Is there a referral process? If yes, how does the referral process work (self-referral, referred by other agencies, identified from an existing database)	
	Yes, it is self-referral.	
42.	How are potential clients made aware of the project?	
	Through community projects.	
43.	How do you keep in touch with service users? Do your service users have a preferred method of contact?	
	They are contacted by email.	
Working With People with Lived Experience of Poverty		
44.	Are those with lived experience of poverty involved in <u>delivering</u> the project? If so, please describe below.	
	Yes, some of those who volunteer have lived experience of poverty.	
45.	Are people with lived experience of poverty involved in <u>managing</u> the project, <u>supervision</u> within the project, or project <u>governance</u>? If so, please describe below.	
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46.	Are people with lived experience of poverty involved in <u>any other aspect</u> of the project? If so, please describe below.	
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Leadership, Governance and Partnership Working	
47.	<p>Who has overall responsibility for XXX?</p> <p>Genna Miller, Project Manager</p>
48.	<p>Is this the only responsibility of the person managing the project? <i>If not please describe the manager's wider roles and responsibilities.</i></p> <p>-</p>
49.	<p>Is there a Project Steering or Advisory Group or Organising Committee? <i>If yes, who is involved in this and how does it work.</i></p> <p>Yes, there are multiple board members who either lived in poverty or worked on tackling poverty. The members include: David Dorward (former Chief Executive of Dundee City Council), Jackie Roberts (Director of the Care Commission Social Work) Marjory Stewart (ex-Director of Finance for Dundee City Council), John Fife (ex-Director of Education in Perth).</p>
50.	<p>If there is no Steering Group, what governance arrangements are in place to review strategy and performance?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Staffing	
51.	<p>Are there any paid staff? <i>Please describe their role and their contribution.</i></p> <p>Yes – Dundee Bairns has a number of paid staff who also work on the Fun and Food project.</p>
52.	<p>Are volunteers involved in delivering the project? <i>Please describe their role and their contribution.</i></p> <p>Yes – volunteers are heavily involved in the delivery of food other aspects of the project.</p>
Links to Wider Policies, Strategies and Statutory Requirements	
53.	<p>Is the project part of a wider anti-poverty strategy? <i>If so, please give details.</i></p> <p>The mission of Dundee Bairns (including the provision of the Fun and Food project) aligns with the Scottish Government “Best Start, Bright Futures tackling child poverty delivery plan” alongside a number of other local, national, and international policy agendas (e.g. the UN Sustainable Development Goals, indicators on Scotland’s National Performance Framework, and Dundee’s Local Child Poverty Action Plan / Report).</p>
54.	<p>Is the project part of any other strategy? <i>If so, please give details.</i></p> <p>See above.</p>
55.	<p>Is the project delivering a service that is a statutory commitment. <i>If so, please give details.</i></p> <p>-</p>
Funding	
56.	<p>Who funds the project? <i>Please give details.</i></p> <p>Dundee City Council, Northwood Charitable Trust, the Rank Foundation and Cash for Kids Tayside.</p>
57.	<p>How is the project funded?</p>

	Dundee Bairns operates on cocktail funding received from multiple sources such as public and private funders, community funds, Rotary and other clubs, and private donations. Dundee Bairns projects such as the Fun and Food project are funded through these.	
58.	What is the budget for the project / how much does it cost to deliver?	
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59.	Is future funding based on pre-agreed outcomes or outputs being delivered? <i>If so, please give details</i>	
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Resources		
60.	What in-kind resources do you need to deliver your project?	
	Facilities	N/A
	Equipment	Transport and drivers.
	Local Knowledge	Knowing which neighbourhoods in Dundee need the most support.
	Food and Drink	Food for children and families.
61.	For each of the in-kind resources listed above, who provides it?	
	Facilities	N/A
	Equipment	Donations and volunteers.
	Local Knowledge	The local community.
	Food and Drink	Tay Cuisine prepare the food to be ready for collection by volunteers who deliver the food to the distributors. The food is funded from the cocktail funding Dundee Bairns receive from multiple sources.
62.	Did you have to buy or develop new IT systems, software (databases, apps) or technology to deliver your project? <i>Please describe below.</i>	
	The Nickel Foundation donated and allowed Dundee Bairns to upgrade their IT systems. Some websites have been launched and funded by the Nickel Trust. This is relevant as Fun and Food was the first Dundee Bairns project from which they expanded.	
63.	Was additional staff training required to deliver your project? <i>If so, please describe.</i>	
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Formal Monitoring and Evaluation		
64.	What information, if any, do you collect about your project?	
	Number of users	N/A
	Profile of users	N/A
	Experience of users	Feedback from service users.
	Anything else	The amount of food being provided.
65.	How often is data collected? Who collects the data?	

	It is collected at the end of the holidays in a feedback form. There are quarterly meetings with school family development workers.
66.	Do you have baseline data on what things were like before the start of the project or before users started the project? Please describe the type of baseline data that you have.
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67.	Do you produce an annual report? Please provide details of what this includes.
	Yes. The amount of money given and spent each year is provided in the report. These numbers are determined by the number of meals distributed. The reports contain data on other projects in addition to Fun and Food as well.
68.	In what ways, if at all, do you use the data that you collect to adapt the service that you provide?
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69.	Have you employed an external organisation to formally evaluate your project? If yes, please provide details.
	Yes – Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit at Glasgow Caledonian University conducted an impact evaluation of the work of Dundee Bairns in 2021.
70.	If yes, in what ways, if at all, have you used the External Project evaluation to adapt the service that you provide.
	The impact evaluation found evidence of the positive impacts of Dundee Bairns who have continued to build on their previous successes outlined in the report.
71.	Do you intend to employ an external organisation to evaluate the service that you provide in the future? If yes, please provide details.
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Impact	
72.	What difference has the project made?
	The project has made a significant difference to children and families in Dundee. Food poverty is a major problem for children and young people in Scotland, with around 28% of children in Dundee living in poverty (in 2018). Dundee Bairns helps to ease some of this burden by targeting food provision for during school breaks when the free school lunches are not being served.
73.	How do you know this? What evidence demonstrates impact (metrics, interviews, feedback)?
	Feedback provided by families who have been helped by the project. The positive difference Fun and Food has made is also detailed in the independent impact evaluation produced by SPIRU.
74.	To what extent have the aims of the project been achieved?
	The aims of the project have been achieved as Fun and Food has successfully continued to distribute free meals and provide activities for children during school holidays with increased demand for their provision. The positive steps towards achieving their aims have also been documented by the independent evaluation done in 2021. They have provided and continue to provide thousands of meals during school holiday periods.

75.	How, if at all, has the demand for the service provided by XXX changed since it started?	
	Demand has increased since the project started.	
76.	If yes, has the project had the capacity to meet these changing conditions and demand? Please describe and explain below.	
	Yes. Dundee Bairns has been able to increase their funding and provision of food in accordance with the demand. They have also branched out by delivering other projects in addition to Fun and Food as well to meet needs of the community that were not addressed through Fun and Food.	
77.	Has the project had any unexpected or unintended outcomes? If so, whether positive or negative, please describe.	
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78.	In your opinion, is the project having an impact on tackling poverty? If so, please describe in what ways.	
	Yes. Dundee Bairns combated food insecurity in Scotland and therefore reduced child poverty by providing food to children and families during school breaks.	
Learning from Experience		
79.	What is working well?	
	The volunteers get to see first-hand the difference they are making.	
80.	What, if anything, is working less well?	
	Those who are working on the program do not get to see how their effort and work has helped people until the end of the holidays when the feedback comes through.	
81.	What are the key learning points that you'd like to share with other practitioners? For example, is there anything that you would do differently?	
	The provision of cold lunches is a more feasible approach than distributing hot meals due to safety hazards.	
82.	What plans do you have to develop or expand the project in the future?	
	There are plans for the project to be more hands-on and expand into areas of Dundee which do not have community workers. They also hope to bridge the gap between poverty and healthy eating.	
83.	How easily do you think your project could be replicated in another setting?	
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Social Media		
84.	Please enter social media contact details and weblinks to supporting documents or resources below:	
	Web Pages	https://www.dundeebairns.org/our-story/
	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/dundeebairnscharity/
	Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/dundeebairnscharity/
	Twitter	https://twitter.com/DundeeBairns

	Tik-Tok	https://www.tiktok.com/@dundeebairns
GDPR Consent (Add yes or no in the box)		
I give my permission to be named in the tackling poverty locally directory and associated public outputs.		Yes.
I give permission for our organisation to be named in the tackling poverty locally directory and associated public outputs.		Yes.
I give permission for me to be contacted by directory users.		Yes.
I am- willing to be contacted if more details are required		Yes.
Request to review (Add yes or no in the box)		
Did the interviewee request to review a draft before it I sent to referees for review		No.