



Clydesider Timeline

- 2014** – Start work on business plan for a community magazine for West Dunbartonshire; recruit a small group of local volunteers to help develop the idea.
- 2015** – apply for funding, eventually secure £5,000 from the West Dunbartonshire Social Enterprise Challenge Fund & £2,700 from Firstport.
- Feb 2016** – Clydesider Creative formally constituted as limited company and social enterprise.
- May onwards** – host community meet-ups to recruit more volunteers.
- July 2016** – produce dummy version of Issue 1 to show potential advertisers.
- August 2016** – rent community venue two days a week to work from and deliver basic community media training to new volunteers.
- Oct 2016** – Issue 1 is published. Local charity, the Independent Resource Centre, kindly provides storage space for 10,000 copies.
- Oct 2016** – Clydesider official launch party for volunteers and supporters.
- May 2017** – secure Build It award from Firstport to employ editor and p/t advertising rep. Up to this point everyone involved were volunteers.
- July 2017** – Clydesider wedding between founder Amanda Eleftheriades and volunteer Charlie Sherry who met as a result of the magazine.
- Nov 2017** – rent a small office needing a lot of TLC and DIY – local volunteers help with the work.
- Jan 2018** – move into our new office lovingly dubbed the ‘Hobbit House’ because of its petite size.
- July 2018** – successful with application to School of Social Entrepreneurs Trade Up Programme.
- Sept 2018** – secure three-year funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to run Creative Community Café events.
- Nov 2018** – run citizen media training for new volunteers and wider community.
- Dec 2018** – secure funding from the Scottish Government’s Place Standard conversation fund to run ‘Vale in Focus’ project.
- Dec 2018** – one of eight news orgs from across Europe chosen to join the Engaged Journalism Accelerator securing one-year funding, training and mentoring support.
- Jan 2019** – new Creative Development worker and Community Engagement worker start in post.
- Jan 2019** – ‘Vale in Focus’ participatory photography workshops start.
- Mar 2019** – approx 80 people attend first Clydesider Creative Café.
- Mar 2019** – similar numbers attend the ‘Vale in Focus’ community exhibition and conversation event.
- Apr 2019** – run photo journalism workshops for volunteers.
- May 2019** – host three Walkin Talkin events to gather ideas on harnessing the potential of our local heritage.
- May 2019** – publish ‘Vale in Focus’ community report.
- June 2019** – start weekly Clydesider Community Newsroom drop-in for volunteers.
- June 2019** – second Creative Café in Clydebank attended by approx. 100 people.
- June 2019** – deliver workshop on using creativity as a catalyst for community conversations at Engaged Explained Live conference in Berlin.
- June 2019** – Gil Paterson MSP puts motion to Scottish Parliament congratulating Clydesider on achievements to date.
- July 2019** – Issue 10 with printers; started 6 week film-making workshops and planning for our first community conference ‘Focus on Change WD – Learning from the Grassroots’ to be held in October as part of Challenge Poverty week.