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Dear Inverclyde Community Members,

Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership (IADP) Members would like to invite you to come along to some exciting events we have planned throughout August and September 2024, in recognition of Recovery Month.

Each September, Recovery Month celebrates the strength of recovery communities, individuals making their own recovery journeys, the families that support them, and the dedicated services helping along the way. This year, we have planned a variety of events to mark the occasion, and we would like to invite you to attend and get involved.

We're starting things off with **Inverclyde's Hope in the Square** on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August** and then we will mark **International Overdose Awareness Day** on **30<sup>th</sup> August (day before the official International Overdose Awareness Day)**, with an information stall in Greenock Oak Mall. Participating partners will come along and share how their service can support the community as well as offer Naloxone Training. On **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, landmarks in Inverclyde will be lit up in Purple to mark International Overdose Awareness Day and the lives lost in Inverclyde.

This is followed by other events including a **Candlelit Vigil in Remembrance, a Recovery Football Tournament at Lady Octavia, Recovery Games Gala, Recovery Arts Day** and **Recovery Walk Scotland**. Please see the full list attached to this invitation.

We would love it if you could come along and show your support for Recovery in Inverclyde.

Sincerely,

Sent on behalf of Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership members:

<b>Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service (ADRS)</b>	<b>Moving On Inverclyde</b>
<b>CVS Inverclyde (Communities and the Voluntary Sector)</b>	<b>Salvation Army</b>
<b>Faith in Throughcare (I FiT)</b>	<b>Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs</b>
<b>The Haven Kilmacolm</b>	<b>Teen Challenge</b>
<b>Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)</b>	<b>Your Voice/Inverclyde Recovery Hub</b>
<b>Jericho Houses</b>	

### Full Event List

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>Inverclyde's Hope in the Square</b>  <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>11-4pm</b> <b>Clyde Square</b>	Arts & Crafts, Food & Refreshments, Live Music, Information Stalls, Creative Recovery Art Stall.
<b>International Overdose Awareness Day "Information and Awareness Stall"</b>  <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>(day prior to International Overdose Awareness Day)</b> <b>10-3pm</b> <b>Greenock Oak Mall</b>	All services taking part will be available to share information of their service on the stall.  Naloxone and training available.
<b>Inverclyde Wave of Light</b>  <b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> <b>8pm</b> <b>Social Media (Facebook &amp; X)</b>	Let's come together to honour the precious lives lost to addiction in Inverclyde. Please light a candle on Saturday, 31st August at 8pm, and share your tribute on Facebook and X with the hashtags #Inverclydewaveoflight, #Togetherwecan, and #IOAD2024. Your support can make a difference.  Candles available at the International Overdose Awareness Day Stall on Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August.
<b>Remembrance Ribbons on Clyde Square Tree</b>  <b>September - All Month</b>	We'll launch this on 30 <sup>th</sup> August at the International Overdose Awareness Day Stall.  Ribbons available at the International Overdose Awareness Day Stall and Candlelit Vigil.
<b>Candlelit Vigil</b>  <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>8pm – 9:30pm</b>  <b>Teen Challenge and Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs.</b>	Remembrance event held in Clyde Square  A remembrance vigil to remember those who have been lost to alcohol & drug use.
<b>'Recovery Football Tournament' Street Soccer and Jericho</b>  <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>10am – 3pm</b>  <b>Lady Octavia Sports Centre</b>	A football tournament, including Teams confirmed from Jericho Houses/The Haven/The Recovery Hub/SAMH/Police Scotland/Fire & Rescue/HMP Greenock/Moving On  Lunch provided for participating teams. Spectators welcome - although space limited.

<p><b>Moving On Recovery Games Gala</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>12-2pm</b></p> <p><b>Lady Octavia</b></p>	<p>Moving On Inverclyde are hosting a Recovery Games Gala Tuesday 10th September 12pm to 2pm at Lady Octavia which will involve 6 teams of 5 people playing bubble football and a variety of sports day activities. Lunch provided for all participating.</p> <p>If you would like to enter a team, please contact <a href="mailto:bev@movingoninverclyde.com">bev@movingoninverclyde.com</a> or call 01475 735 200. Confirmed so far are Your Voice, Jericho Houses, and Moving On Inverclyde with 3 remaining spaces for teams to attend.</p> <p>Prize for the most creative team name!</p>
<p><b>Recovery Arts Day</b></p> <p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>11am</b></p> <p><b>Waterfront Cinema</b></p>	<p>The Recovery Arts Group have organised a day to celebrate the amazing work they have created throughout the year.</p> <p>This will start at Waterfront Cinema where films that have been created will be showcased. Following this, at 12pm, you are invited to go next door to The Wyllieum where an exhibition of Clay Sculptures will be on display.</p>
<p><b>National Recovery Walk – Glasgow Green</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>11am-4pm</b></p>	<p>Recovery Walk Scotland is the largest recovery event in Scotland and has been held in different locations across our beautiful country since 2013. The event is comprised of three parts: Roses in the River Memorial, Recovery Walk Scotland procession through the town and a Recovery Festival and Village in Glasgow Green.</p> <p>Recovery Walk Scotland is supported by many organisations and community groups. Last year over 4,000 people took part in Recovery Walk Scotland in Greenock.</p>