



# KLAS Care Family Centre Renfrewshire



## Project Overview

KLAS Care CIC worked with LEAP (Local Energy Action Plan) to transform a dilapidated janitor's house on the grounds of East Fulton Primary school into a modern community space that provides affordable childcare for low income families. The British Airways Carbon Fund allowed for the installation of a raft of energy efficiency measures which ensure running costs are kept to a minimum and the building has a low carbon footprint.

### Technology Type:

Energy efficiency measures including LED lighting, insulation, energy efficient boiler and a waste-water heat recovery

### Grant Value:

£11,898

### Community Benefit:

£2,500 per annum

## Project Details

KLAS Care provides much needed, affordable childcare in Renfrewshire. In 2014, they became a Social Enterprise with the aim of taking over an old dilapidated bungalow in the grounds of East Fulton Primary School and transforming it into a family and community centre. They wanted the building to have a low environmental impact and worked closely with Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) to ensure that the retrofit would be as energy efficient as possible. The British Airways Carbon Fund provided a grant which allowed the installation of measures including: LED lighting, insulation, a highly efficient boiler and a waste water heat recovery system. Work took place in the spring of 2018 and, since opening, the building has provided community space to many groups, including those that tackle social isolation and increased the number of affordable childcare available, particularly for families on low income. The project has also provided an education opportunity. The CO2 savings are on display and LEAP continue to support through environmental themed workshops at the centre and also provide advice to staff and families with their domestic energy queries.



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### Social Impact:

- Provides a modern, fit for purpose centre for affordable childcare which helps low income families maintain employment.
- An accessible community space
- Increased community cohesion as many people offered their time and services to help with the Centre restoration which has provided a focal point



*"Securing BA Carbon Fund monies enabled us to deliver out-of-school care to families living or working in Renfrewshire at an affordable level, thus breaking down the barrier of in-work poverty.*

*The funding has given us the opportunity to be as energy efficient as possible. By having an environmentally friendly community building we can pass on our savings to the community and make a difference to everyone's life chances."*

**Lesley Compton, Director, KLAS Care**

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