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Official Opening on Centre81 Canal Access Path

On Saturday 4 September, Centre81, owned and managed by Clydebank Housing Association, was delighted to welcome members of the community and guests to the opening of the new access path from Centre81 directly onto the Forth & Clyde canal.

The canal path was officially opened on the day by Provost Hendrie and Marie McNair MSP. After the speeches and the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, Provost Hendrie and local children who participate in Centre81 Steering Group activities, buried a time capsule at the site. Thereafter, a community celebration was held with face painting, kayaking, community garden tours and bike maintenance whilst food was provided by Café81, all to a background of live music and entertainment by Awestruck Academy.

Lynette Lees, Chief Executive of Clydebank Housing Association, said of the day, *"I am delighted that the canal path is officially open and that local residents can now make use of make use of Café81 and Gym81 alongside the fitness classes and educational, training, volunteering and social opportunities which are available in Centre 81"*. Lynette continued, *"We sincerely thank all of our community partners who attended including Clydebank Can, the Centre81 Steering Group, Isaro Community Initiative, Sea Cadets Clydebank, Peter's Keepers and the West Dunbartonshire Council Your Community team"*.

The day was also attended by the funders who made the project possible - Sustrans, West Dunbartonshire Council, Cycling Scotland, Glasgow Airport Flight Path Fund and Paths for All, through Transport Scotland. Thanks also went to Scottish Canals who allowed a lease of the land to enable the project to go ahead.

Photocall: A selection of photos of the event are enclosed with this press release alongside a merged 7 x 5 photo below.

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