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**Community Hubs** 









## **Community Hubs**

Community hubs are important local community centres delivering a variety of activities and services in neighbourhoods.

Hubs provide the focus for local community activity and bring residents together to improve the quality of life in their areas.



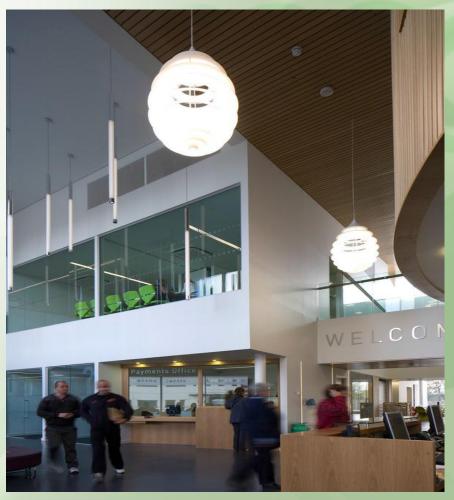






# **Bathgate Partnership Centre**

- Adult Basic Education
- Advice Shop
- Community Centre
- Council Office Accommodation
- Customer Information Service
- Housing
- Library
- Registrars Office
- Landscaped Garden & Orchard
- Meeting Spaces for Community
- Groups











## Working Together

#### **Digital Inclusion**

- Digital exclusion can lead to financial and social exclusion
- Priority for West Lothian Council is to ensure that people can access, use and participate using ICT.
- Changes to the Welfare system has meant a lot more being pushed online
  - » Job Search
  - » Applying for and managing benefits online
  - » Online training/ access to bank accounts
- Bathgate Partnership Centre Work Clubs
  - » Access to Employment
  - » Community Learning and Development
  - » Volunteer IT Buddies









### Video Link

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtFc1v7mBcY







