

Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2014 - 2015





Youth Intervention Trip to London

Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

ANNUAL REPORT – 2014/2015

About Neighbourhood Renewal

Neighbourhood Renewal aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas of Limavady. Through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme it does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work **in partnership** with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty.

Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established as representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, Public Sector Agencies, Private Sector interest and local elected representatives.

About Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP)

Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership is an inter-sectoral partnership of public, private and community/voluntary interests formally established in February 2006 to work with DSD's North West Development Office on the delivery of the Department's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy over a 7-10 year planning and implementation timeframe and to take the lead in managing the Neighbourhood Renewal process in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) areas and to implement the Limavady NR Action Plan.

A Neighbourhood Partnership is intended as a single body that brings together at a local (neighbourhood) level the different parts of the public sector as well as the private, business, community and voluntary sectors so that different initiatives and services support each other and work together. Each Partnership now has in place a Vision Statement and Action Plan whose purpose is to provide a strategic framework linking regional and local priorities for tackling disadvantage in NR areas. The Strategy Manager plays a key role and takes the lead in managing the NR process in Limavady and in implementing the Limavady Action Plan at a strategic, as

well as operational level in the Limavady Neighbourhood Area and to promote the social, economic and physical renewal of the Partnership area. The main duties of the Strategy Manager include facilitating inter-sectoral partnership working, promoting the concept of the Partnership among all sectors through meetings, focus groups, workshops and seminar, identifying and enlisting the support of key influencers and agencies that will contribute to the work of the Partnership and to ensure the fit between the Limavady Action Plan and DSD's overarching strategy for the area. The Strategy Manager will be wholly accountable to the full Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership Board which is made up of representatives from key statutory, political and community interests within Limavady.

Through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership will deliver against the following Strategic Themes within the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan:

- Community Development and Support
- Safe, Living Environment
- Health & Well-Being
- Families, Children & Young People
- Education
- Employment and Enterprise
- Anti-social behaviour and crime

It should be noted that Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership members and subgroup members

| Name | Organisation |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Catherine Taylor | Be Safe Be Well |
| Harry Lyness | LCDI |
| Tina Mc Closkey | The Glens Community Association |
| Cathy O Kane | Roe Valley Residents Association |
| Mark Mc Chrystal | HUB, Dry Arch Centre |
| Joanne Miller | Roe Valley Enterprises |
| Sheila McWilliams | Coolessan Community Association |
| Hilary Canning | NIHE |
| Josephine Hasson | Dept of Education |
| Marie Dunne | WH&SCT |
| Norah Canny | NWRC |
| Jennifer Hudson | PSNI |
| Tricia Kelly | Volunteer Centre |
| Alison Mc Daid | Education Authority Youth Service |
| Brendan Mc Cullagh | DEL |

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| Paul Beattie | LBC |
| Dermot Nicholl | SF |
| Brenda Chivers | SF |
| Ursula Coll | Strategy Manager |
| Kate Mc Gregor | DSD |
| Sharon Mc Cullagh | DSD |

Education Sub Group

| Name | Organisation |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Josephine Hasson | DE |
| Cathy O Kane | RVRA |
| Tina Mc Closkey | The Glens CA |
| Mary Mc Dermot | DE |
| Kate Mc Gregor | DSD |
| Sheila McWilliams | Coolessan Community Association |
| Norah Canny | NWRC |
| Stephen Keown | St Mary's High School |
| Marshall Kilgore | Drumacose Primary School |
| Darren Moran | Limavady High School |
| Mark Mc Chrystal | Dry Arch Centre |
| Ursula Coll | Strategy Manager |
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Health Sub Group

| Name | Organisation |
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| Tina McCloskey | The Glens Community Association |
| Cathy O Kane | Roe Valley Residents Association |
| Sheila Mc Williams | Coolessan Community Association |
| Claire Thompson | Lifestart |
| Mickey Cooke | Flexicare |
| Eilish Mc Closkey | WH&SCT |
| Sharon White | Dry Arch Centre |
| Ursula Coll | Neighbourhood Renewal |
| Kate McGregor | DSD |
| Camilla Rodgers | NR Health Development Officer |

Economic Sub Group

| Name | Organisation |
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| Tina Mc Closkey | The Glens Community Association |
| Cathy O Kane | Roe Valley Residents Association |
| Paul Beattie | LBC |
| Lorraine Hasson | LBC |
| Tricia Kelly | Volunteer Centre |
| Victor Rutherford | DEL |
| Harry Lyness | LCDI |
| Martin Devlin | Roe Valley Enterprises |
| Norah Canny | NWRC |

Physical Sub Group

| Name | Organisation |
|-----------------|--|
| Tina Mc Closkey | The Glens Community Association |
| Cathy O Kane | Roe Valley Residents Association |
| Mark Vinnicombe | Be Safe Be Well |
| Hilary Canning | NIHE |
| Kate McGregor | DSD |
| Ursula Coll | Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council |

Limavady Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund in 2014/15 has supported 7 projects in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area and 1 Citywide project which also deliver services in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA), as follows:-

Community Renewal

1. Roe Valley Residents Association – Salaries & Running Costs

Roe Valley Residents Association is based within the Hospital Lane estate in Limavady. Roe Valley Residents Association has continued to grow in strength over the last 12 months. With the continued investment from DSD Neighbourhood Renewal, the group has been able to plan, develop and deliver a wide range of projects and programmes which have been able to tackle the range of problems prevalent in the Hospital Lane. The Project Co-ordinator has been able to engage with hard to reach demographic groups, encourage new volunteers and build upon existing volunteer skillsets, as well as offer a range of diversionary projects for young people living within the local area.

The Project Co-ordinator, along with the Management Committee, has been successful in securing projects for the salaries of 2 part time Youth workers and programme costs; an older person's worker's salary and the more recent PIP Project which has invested in salary and programme costs for 2 workers, aimed at working with the hard to reach adult groups in Limavady town, addressing the issues surrounding peace building. This additional investment from external sources in 5 posts has been instrumental in the key success of Roe Valley Residents Association to date.



A range of educational initiatives were delivered in partnership with Northwest Regional College, Coastal Core Training and Springboard Opportunities. Essential Skills, Basic Food Hygiene and First Aid Training continue to be popular amongst the local residents. Reminiscence Projects, Intergenerational Projects and Women's Project were rolled out at various times in the year. These programmes only sought to continue to build upon the relationships between residents - young and old.

In addition to the weekly youth clubs, which engages up to 100 children and young people, summer intervention programmes were run along with the annual Halloween and Christmas Celebrations. Family Outings and a Family Fun day were run during July and August.

The highlight of the year for Roe Valley Residents Association was the success had by the group in organising, fundraising and delivery of the ONE CHANCE Programme. Through the input from committed volunteers, management committee, staff and of

course the young people, a one off cultural programme was rolled out to 45 teenagers and volunteers which culminated in a 5 day trip to London. This was an exceptional opportunity which sought to develop and enhance the confidence and self-esteem levels of both the children and volunteers involved.

The Management Committee of Roe Valley Residents Association would like to thank Department for Social Development Neighbourhood Renewal for their continued investment and support in the Hospital Lane estates.



2. The Glens Community Association – Core Salaries, Running & Programme Costs

The Glens Community Association continues to provide a wide range of programmes and activities for all ages in the Glens estate. They also provide an advice service with LCDI once a week at the community house where residents can come and receive confidential information, support and advice. The youth club continues to attract the young people of the area and provides a safe environment for young people to come and take part in a number of activities. Extended provision provided by WELB youth service is a vital service offered to teenagers at the weekend on Friday and Sunday evenings, young people come into a safe, warm and relaxing environment which keeps them off the streets two weekend evenings.

The Glens Community Association offer classes and activities such as Sewing/Knitting classes, Fly Tying/Fishing programme, Relax Kids classes, Halloween activities, and Family Christmas party (see photos below). These programmes encourage all ages to come into the community house and experience what is on offer.

The Glens run educational programmes such as Essential Skills literacy and numeracy which gives residents qualifications to enable them to secure employment. The Group's community garden encourages residents to help with its upkeep and grow flowers and vegetables for the community.



3. The Glens Community Association – The D.R.I.V.E. Project

The Glens also manage the D.R.I.V.E. (**Developing Relationship in Vulnerable Environments**) Project which is aimed at children and young people ages between 5-13 years and their parents. It delivers on the following themes

- Relationships
- Respect
- Health and Hygiene
- Environmental
- Community Safety

This project has a huge emphasis on “hard to reach” families in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. Partnership working between, Roe Valley Residents, The Glens Community Association, Coolessan Community Association, Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, NI Education Authority, Sure Start and the local primary schools continue to ensure that these hard to reach families are targeted and given the opportunity to participate in family programmes and then link them with other organisations such as the schools, Community Centres, NI Education Authority Youth Service and Sure Start.

Programmes run in 2014-2015:

Confidence building:

The confidence building programme consisted of 6 weeks of Relax Kids and Drama Bugs. The programme was run in both Roe Valley Residents association community centre and the Glens community centre. An average nightly attendance of 64 young people attended both Roe Valley Residents Association and the Glens Community Association.

Physical Activity:

The Physical activity aspect of the programme was swimming which was carried out at Roe Valley Leisure centre. It operated for 6 weeks on a Sunday. This strand of the programme was very successful and had 73 people attending over the 6 weeks with an average attendance rate of 56 young people each week.

This programme fully engaged the parents of the young people and the parental involvement was very high throughout.

Educational:

The Educational strand of the programme was a mixture of Paired reading and Fun for all Phonics programme. It operated on a Sunday at Roe Valley Leisure Centre and operated for 6 weeks. The paired reading element was offered in the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. This programme had a total attendance of 41 young people over the 6 weeks – (See photos below)



4. Limavady Borough Council – Technical Assistance

The Strategy Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Limavady action plan, provides secretariat for and assistance to Limavady NR partnership to prioritise actions and develop projects to meet the identified needs of the residents. This post also provides a support network for all the organisations working within the NR area and assists in coordinating activities in a strategic manner. This year the Strategy Manager has been working closely with the NR Strategy Manager in Coleraine to look towards RPA and prepare for the transfer of functions and the future delivery of the new “Tackling Deprivation” programme that the new super council will implement.



The Glens and Roe Valley presentation night.

Economic Renewal

5. Limavady Borough Council - Generalist Advice Officer

This project funds an advisory officer based in Limavady Community Development Initiative which ensures individuals do not suffer through ignorance of their rights and provides advisory services within the NR area so that residents are aware of their benefit entitlements. Assistance with appeals, completing application forms and a signposting service to other services is also provided.



Social Renewal

6. Western Health & Social Care Trust – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (Citywide)

This project provides a part time Health Development worker and programme costs. The purpose of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project is to continue to develop and deliver programmes/initiatives to enable residents in communities in each Neighbourhood Renewal area to improve their health and well-being. The NHIP programme has delivered the following programmes in the last year, Men's Health Programme, Hike for Health Programme, Lifestyle Change Programme, A community Health Evening, Healthy Families Programme, Young at Heart Health & Well Being Programme, Swimming Lessons and community training around Safe Talk and First Aid.

Below is a sample of some of the projects being delivered:

Teenage Kicks- Running one day per week currently from Roe Valley Residents Association with participants from Glens Community Association attending they are all aged around 13-18 years old. There are lots of opportunities through this programme to develop and try new skills as well as see outcomes via fitness testing, both at the start and end, and each participant will be presented with this information at the end of the programme. Requests had been made for cheerleading and pole dancing so thanks to Active communities this has been made possible and organised as a follow up from this programme. We hope due to the popularity of this programme so far and attendance numbers that funding may allow something like this to continue. All participants are so keen which is great!

Biggest Loser/ Leap Start into 2015 Programme'- This was used to engage and educate people in the NR area about the importance of physical activity and outdoor opportunities available in the surrounding area, it helped to educate the participants on

nutrition and emotional state of mind. The programme incorporated a range of activities and participants were encouraged to engage in all of them over a 6 week period.

Young at heart- This has been ongoing again once a week. As part of an incentive, each member who has had good attendance/regulars have been offered to go on a day trip to Downhill and take part in an arts and crafts session, have refreshments provided with a fitness assessment morning/health checks to encourage motivation as well as give the ladies an idea on how their fitness stands. (See photo below)



7. Western Education and Library Board- Enjoying Learning and Achieving in Limavady

Youth Worker Project

The young people from the Roe Valley Residents Association and the Glens Community Association have completed a wide range of programmes on Drugs and Alcohol, Leadership, Community Relations, Mental Health programmes, CRED, Disability Awareness, Inclusion and social development.

Up to 40 young people have attended workshops and trips and have improved their educational knowledge, enhanced confidence and self-esteem and have become more aware of others around them and their surroundings. (See photos below)



The St Mary's School group have completed their final year of their Glad programme. 15 young people have completed 3 wider key skills and will receive 2 GCSE'S at a B level and 2 young people will receive 1 GCSE at a B level. (See photos below)



21 Young people are taking part in the Playhouse programme which is arts based and have completed and OCN IN Set design and Photography. They took part in a residential with a group from Strabane to Corrymeela. This programme is run in partnership with the Stronger Together project.

The Limavady NRA Youth Forum has been going from strength to strength this past year. There are currently 13 young people in the forum both male and female. They have completed training in Personal and social development and have more planned for the coming year. They planned and carried out a Youth consultation on the needs of young people within the Limavady Borough. The young people are also working in partnership with The Limavady Youth Council on a Politics programme.

Learning Mentor Project

This project provides focused support of a learning mentor and a youth worker to the young people in St Marys school, The High School, Rossmar and Limavady Grammer School – works with pupils of all abilities, addressing barriers to learning. This work helps with study skills, revision/examination techniques, improving self-esteem, modifying behaviour and communication with teachers, pupil's families and other professionals.

Part of this project also includes the “Reinforcing Families through Communication” that the Dry Arch Centre is delivering. This programme targeted encouraging better communication between teenagers and their parents/carers, improving family functioning and providing support and education to parents in their role as primary carers for their children and teenagers. Activities were carried out on building self-esteem, communication between parents and teenagers, giving back to the community, self-awareness/motivation/personal aspirations and joint working with parents

Physical Renewal

8. Limavady Wolfhounds - Development of Pairc na Cunna

Limavady Wolfhounds GAC is a GAA club that serves the town of Limavady including the two NRA Wards Coolestan and Greystone, and has its base in Scroggy Road which is on the periphery of both Wards.

This project is part of a five year strategic plan to develop and regenerate the current facilities in 4 phases which will meet the growing demand for the wider programmes delivered through the GAA, and ensure adequate provision is in place to cater for the needs of the community in future years by providing a high quality social hub centred on Gaelic traditions in the Limavady Urban area.

This project provided assistance to develop circa 11 acres of the current playing fields at Scroggy Rd. It included tarmacing the entrance to the pitch and providing additional car parking space, securing fencing around the entire grounds, and remedial drainage to existing pitch.

It also upgraded/extended the changing room facilities / shower facilities, in order to meet the standards required for female participation in sport and also disability access / participation requirements. In addition, a training gym was included.



During Construction



After Construction

Limavady Partnership 2014/15 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2014/15 individual spend for each project, and total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 14/15 year total expenditure in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

| Programme/Project | Contract for Funding (CFF) Funding Period | CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation) | 14/15 Spend (as at 31/03/15) |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| COMMUNITY RENEWAL | | £ | £ |
| Roe Valley Residents Association – Salaries & Running Costs | 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 | £119,613 | £40,878 |
| The Glens Community Association – The DRIVE Project | 1 August 2013-31 March 2015 | £65,393 | £42,697 |
| The Glens Community Association - Core Salaries, Running Costs & Programme Costs | 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 | £112,975 | £36,196 |
| Limavady Borough Council – Technical Assistance | 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 | £90,681 | £35,411 |
| Total Community Renewal Expenditure | | | £155,182 |
| SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION | | | |
| Western Education and Library Board Enjoying Learning and achieving in Limavady | 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 | £273,045 | £91,015 |
| Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure | | | £91,015 |

| SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Western Health & Social Care Trust – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project | 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 | £203,663 | £25,254 |
| Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure | | | £25,254 |
| PHYSICAL RENEWAL | | | |
| Limavady Wolfhounds - Development of Pairc na Cunna | 21 August 2014 to 31 March 2015 | £308,980.00 | £308,980 |
| Total Physical Renewal Expenditure | | £308,980.00 | £308,980 |
| ECONOMIC RENEWAL | | | |
| Limavady Borough Council – Generalist Advice Officer | 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 | £19,036 | £19,032 |
| Total Economic Renewal Expenditure | | | £19,032 |
| TOTALS | | | £599,463 |

In the 2014/15 financial year, total overall spend in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area was £599,463

ACHIEVEMENTS OF LIMAVADY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 14/15 YEAR

Economic Output Measures* pre April 2013

| PROJECTS | A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded | A10 - Number of volunteers sustained/created |
|---|--|---|
| Limavady Borough Council – Technical Assistance | 1 | - |
| Roe Valley Residents Association - Salaries and Running Costs | 1.6 | 35 |
| The Glens Community Association - Core Salaries, Running Costs & Programme Costs | 1 | 47 |
| The Glens Community Association - The DRIVE Project | 1 | 31 |
| Western Education and Library Board - Enjoying Learning and achieving in Limavady | 2 | - |

Social (Education) Output Measures* pre April 2013

| PROJECTS | B1 -Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/ improved | B2 – Number of pupils remaining in post compulsory education | B3 – Number of residents in area who obtain a qualification on completion of formal training | B6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project | B7 – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably improved | B8 – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/ development programmes |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Roe Valley Residents Association - Salaries and Running Costs | - | - | 41 | - | - | - |
| The Glens Community Association - Core Salaries, Running Costs and Programme Costs | - | - | 36 | - | - | 94 |
| The Glens Community Association - The DRIVE Project | 22 | - | - | 135 | - | 84 |
| Western Education and Library Board - Enjoying Learning and Achieving in Limavady | 58 | 47 | 24 | 337 | 55 | - |

Social (Health) Output Measures* pre April 2013

| PROJECTS | C1 – Numbers participating in health education/awareness initiatives |
|--|---|
| Roe Valley Residents Association - Salaries and Running Costs | 318 |
| The Glens Community Association - Core Salaries, Running Costs and Programme Costs | 145 |
| The Glens Community Association - The DRIVE Project | 102 |

Social (Crime) Output Measures* pre April 2013

| PROJECTS | D2 – Number of people who participate in community safety initiatives | D5 – Number of people attending crime prevention initiatives |
|--|--|---|
| Roe Valley Residents Association - Salaries and Running Costs | 233 | - |
| The Glens Community Association - Core Salaries, Running Costs and Programme Costs | 108 | - |
| The Glens Community Association - The DRIVE Project | 154 | - |
| Western Education and Library Board - Enjoying Learning and Achieving in Limavady | 87 | 55 |

Community/Other Output Measures* pre April 2013

| PROJECTS | O3 – Number of people benefiting from projects to promote personal and social development |
|--|--|
| Roe Valley Residents Association - Salaries and Running Costs | 561 |
| The Glens Community Association - Core Salaries, Running Costs and Programme Costs | 135 |
| The Glens Community Association - The DRIVE Project | 179 |
| Western Education and Library Board - Enjoying Learning and Achieving in Limavady | 190 |

Physical Output Measures* post April 2013

| PROJECTS | PR (1) – Area of land improved for open space | PR (4) – Number of new builds | PR (5) – Number of building(s) improved |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Limavady Wolfhounds - Development of Pairc na Cunna | 6.3 | 1 | 1 |

Limavady Partnership Conclusion

In the 2014/15 financial year, the Limavady Partnership total overall spend was **£599,463**.

The spend by Strategic Objective is as follows:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Economic Renewal: | £19,032 |
| Physical Renewal: | £308,980 |
| Social Renewal: | £116,269 |
| Community Renewal: | £155,182 |

In the 2014/15 financial year, Limavady Partnership maximised the funding from Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund to ensure the projects delivered a range of benefits to the area for people of all ages. Outputs included increased participation in community events, increased social skills of the residents of the neighbourhood renewal area and in the main increased community capacity.

DSD wish to thank all the Neighbourhood Partnership members and their respective organisations for their commitment to the programme and look forward to the continued development of projects which will meet the needs of the residents in the Neighbourhood Renewal area and improve their quality of life.



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