

North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2015



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ANNUAL REPORT – 2014/2015

About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. 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 representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

About North West Portadown NR Partnership -

The North West Portadown partnership was formally established in November 2005 and the North West Portadown Vision Framework and Action Plan were approved by the Department for Social Development in March 2007. The Partnership was set up to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 29 members which include representatives from local community associations and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator based in Craigavon Borough Council.

The Partnership has established 2 sub groups – an education subgroup and a health subgroup -to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Area is based around the Corcrain Electoral ward and is based around the housing estates along the Garvaghy Road and Obins Street in North West Portadown and includes part of the Edgarstown estate. These social housing estates were mainly built during the 1960's and 1970's, however there has been some private sector development in recent years. The population on Census day (27th March 2011) was 2,704 people. The area is within the 10% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland.

Portadown is a town with a history of poor community relations and tensions are particularly high in the lead up to Orange Order parades. The population of the town is split 80% Protestant 20% Catholic. Most of the Catholic population are concentrated in the North West part of the town, effectively isolated from the town centre by the Northway road. These factors have contributed to the development of an enclave community with a strong sense of identity and community spirit. In recent years a large number of migrants have moved into the area, mainly from Portugal and Eastern Europe.

North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is committed to promoting a positive image of the Neighbourhood Renewal area.

OUR VISION FOR NORTH WEST PORTADOWN

By the year 2016 North West Portadown will be a place where:

- All of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:
 - Living in affordable good quality housing;
 - Having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;
 - Having access to high standards of health care;
 - Enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;
 - Having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;
 - Enjoying the full range of civil liberties.
- There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.
- Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
- There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
- There is accessibility for all to local facilities and services.
- Diversity is recognised and valued through accepting that everyone has a unique contribution to make to the life of the community.
- There is strong community spirit and pride.

It should be noted that North West Portadown 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.

North West Portadown Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 19 projects in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area in 2014/2015 as follows:-

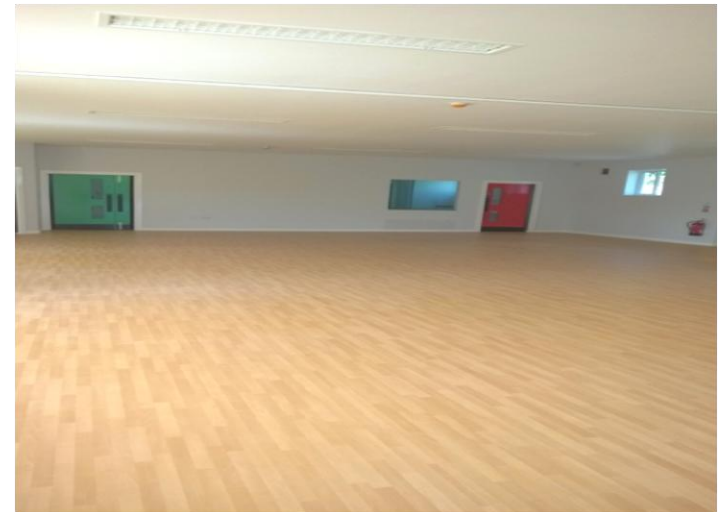
Community Renewal

1. **Craigavon - CBC - Technical Assistance 4** - provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the North West Portadown Action Plan.
2. **Dialogue for Diversity – Migrant Support Services** - This project aims to provide additional English language training in the North West Portadown NR area for the significant migrant population living in the area. The group, Dialogue for Diversity, work closely with Southern Regional College who over the past school year have delivered a basic level ESOL course at this unit and plan to deliver this again with additional courses over the coming school year within the Unit.
3. **Drumcree Community Centre – Extension and Refurbishment** - The refurbishment to create an updated and larger facility will offer practical opportunities for the delivery of a range of community initiatives and will accommodate the existing services offered in the centre and the introduction of additional projects.

Drumcree Community Centre prior to refurbishment project



Newly refurbished Community Centre and extension to Sports Hall



Economic Renewal

1. **Craigavon – TOPS** - the North West Portadown '**Training and Employment Programme**' has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Southern Regional College to provide additional support in education and training for neighbourhood renewal residents. The programme provides mentoring support to those school pupils currently involved in the Schools Partnership Programme, additional mentoring to young people who progress from school to apprenticeship and other training programmes to develop and provide accredited training for young people who have dropped out.
2. **Craigavon - The Grow Project** - provides training in horticulture skills and horticulture management. Participants in the project are skilled up to grow and care for plants in their own gardens and then later act as horticulture advisors to the local community. It is hoped that in the long term local communities will establish social enterprises with allotments and outlets where locally produced fruit and vegetables are available for sale.
3. **Southern Region – Oceans 14 Project** – this project aims to improve community well being, skills and environment through targeting residents interested in working in UK and Irish coastal waters. The project provides accredited training in essential skills which provide a gateway to employability in the offshore industry.

Craigavon – Health & Well being Programme



Edgarstown – Ladies Craft Group (programme funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Promoting Health & Well Being project, delivered by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust)



Portadown – Verve Centre Health Trainers

Craigavon – Southern Education and Library Board - Transitions Programme



Participants from some of the schools involved in the creation of the Transitions App

Social Renewal - Education

1. **SELB - Inclusion in Education** - provides mentoring to young people who are disengaged and /or not attending school. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. In the North West Portadown area, the project is run within Drumcree College.
2. **SELB - Youth Engagement +** - works with young adults about to disengage from education or who have left education already i.e. young adults described as 'NEETs' – Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training. The programme offers local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives. The project includes 3 themes: youth engagement; educational attainment/pre-employment support and health and well-being with close partnership working between the Department for Social Development, Southern Education & Library Board Youth Service; Southern Education & Library Board Social Inclusion Unit and Southern Health & Social Care Trust.
3. **SELB - Count, Read, Succeed Plus** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area and will complement the schools' central role by providing additional support through working with communities and parents and linking their children's work back into the classroom. This programme will focus on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational standards through (a) school and community-based out of school hours' learning, (b) in-school and out of school hours' parental engagement and (c) 'Twilight' sessions to empower and capacity-build the teaching and classroom assistant workforce.
4. **SELB – Transitions programme** – This project aims to provide assistance for pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and from Junior school to Senior school when young people can be vulnerable and more likely to become dis-engaged from education. The Education Welfare Service, along with staff and pupils will develop support materials, an App and Web pages for use by a wide range of young people in the 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas in Craigavon.
5. **SELB – Early Intervention Learning Mentor** – The provision of a Learning Mentor in five Primary Schools in the NW Portadown NR area to support educational and behavioural needs at a young age. The mentoring plan will target the specific needs of each individual pupil, working with the school and parents.



Girls participating in a Healthy Eating programme in St Mary's Youth Centre, Portadown, funded through the SELB Youth Engagement Programme.



A group from Ballyoran, Portadown participating in the Grow It Project delivered by the Southern Regional College, funded by DSD Neighbourhood Renewal funding.

Social Renewal - Health

- 1. Craigavon Health Improvement Project** - has been designed by Southern Health and Social Care Trust and North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership working in partnership with a wide range of bodies to maximise the services and deliver a diversity of health promotion initiatives identified as a priority.
- 2. Craigavon Sport in the Community (2014-2015)** - has been developed by Craigavon Borough Council and North West Portadown residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of the facilities within the area which include the Churchill/Woodside Multi Use Games Area and the Peoples Park. It provides opportunities for residents to participate in sport and physical activity, gain qualifications and leader's awards, build relationships with people from other areas and backgrounds, encourage healthier, more active lifestyles and take part in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour.
- 3. Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles Project** - the Bushcraft Participation Programme, will provide residents in the North West Portadown area with an opportunity to take part in a unique outdoor residential experience. Each course will consist of a teambuilding session, a 2 day residential camp and a follow up development session.
- 4. Craigavon - Pest Control** - provides a much needed pest management service in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal area. It involves Craigavon Borough Council working in partnership with other statutory agencies and the local community to deal with pest problems.
- 5. Craigavon Angling Project** - involves angling participation within the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal area. Training will be provided for local residents and on completion permits and rod licences will be provided. Local fishing clubs will be assisted with items of equipment.
- 6. Craigavon Cycling Project** - This project is the third in a trilogy of health and well being sporting and leisure initiatives developed and managed by Craigavon Borough Council. This Cycling Project is divided into three elements - Cycling Participation, Cycle Training and Maintenance and the construction of a Pump Track. The main aim of this project is to engage neighbourhood renewal residents in positive activities which will provide participants with opportunities to increase their personal and social development.

Craigavon Sport in the Community Programme



Participants on the Multi Use Games Area Olympics Event, August 2014



Carlingford Adventure Centre, DV8 Programme Residential, March 2015



DV8 participants completing the Ulster Rugby Tag Rugby Award, February 2015



Drumcree Community Trust – mini-world cup at Ballyoran – summer scheme - July 2014



Drumcree Community Trust – relaxation group – March 2015

North West Portadown Partnership 14/15 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 13/14 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 14/15 total expenditure in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	14/15 Spend
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Craigavon CBC Technical Assistance 4	01/04/2011 – 31/03/2015	£79,363.64	£20,889.04
Dialogue for Diversity Migrant Support Services	01/10/2012 – 30/06/2014	£12,120.06	£4,805.76
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£91,483.70	£25,694.80
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
SELB – Inclusion in Education	01/07/2011 – 31/03/2015	£64,397.64	£13,475.00
SELB – Youth Engagement+	26/09/2011 – 31/03/2015	£65,079.72	£19,148.00
SELB – Count Read Succeed Plus	17/12/2012 – 31/03/2015	£98,416.56	£47,822.92
SELB – Early Years Learning Mentor	02/09/2013 – 31/03/2015	£74,441.80	£30,376.35
SELB – Transitions Programme	15/04/2013 – 31/03/2015	£17,286.50	£10,769.00
Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure		£319,622.22	£121,591.27
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project	01/04/2011 – 31/03/2015	£60,043.61	£13,543.95
Craigavon – Sport in the Community (2014-15)	25/07/2011 – 31/03/2014	£12,620.71	£12,620.71
Craigavon – Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles Project	27/01/2013 – 31/03/2015	£43,202.68	£19,353.12
Craigavon – Pest Control	17/08/2010 – 31/03/2015	£2,267.86	£498.61
Craigavon – Angling Project	01/08/2012 – 31/03/2015	£49,279.39	£13,527.68

Craigavon – Cycling Project	01/10/2013 – 31/03/2015	£9,300.47	£5,580.09
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£176,714.72	£65,124.16
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
Drumcree Community Centre Refurbishment	22/07/2013 – 31/03/2015	£396,806.03	£384,413.35
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure		£396,806.03	£384,413.35
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Craigavon TOPS (Training Opportunities)	01/09/2011 – 31/03/2015	£48,801.20	£14,017.12
Southern Region – Oceans 14 Project	01/01/2014 - 31/12/2014	£13,757.63	£11,340.37
Southern Region – Care4U	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	£7,584.62	£7,584.62
Craigavon – The Grow Project	27/02/2012 – 31/03/2015	£26,507.04	£8,830.15
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£96,650.49	£41,772.26
TOTALS		Total Allocation £1,081,277.10	Total Spend £638,595.84

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 14/15 YEAR

Economic Output Measures

PROJECT	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER2 – Number of residents going into employment	ER14 – Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education
Craigavon – The Grow Project	2		2
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project			13
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)	25	1	17
Southern Region Care4U	3		

Social (Education) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(Ed)3 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed)5 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes	SR(Ed)7 (Literacy & Numeracy) – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed)8 (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	SR(Ed)14 (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project.	SR(Ed)28 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of people undertaking accredited courses and qualifications completed.
Craigavon - SELB – Inclusion in Education	58					
Craigavon - SELB – Youth Engagement+					214	120
Craigavon - SELB – Count Read Succeed Plus		73	109	23		
Craigavon - SELB – Transitions Programme				150		
Portadown – SELB – Early Intervention Learning Mentor	24			148		

Social (Health) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(H)1 – Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	SR(H)3 – Number of people accessing intervention/ treatment service
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project	473	
Craigavon – Sport in the Community (2014-15)	92	
Craigavon – Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles Project	469	
Craigavon – Pest Control		19
Craigavon – Cycling Project	62	
Craigavon – Angling Project	131	

Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECT	CR6 – Number of people using new or improved community facilities.	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects
Craigavon CBC Technical Assistance 4			29
Dialogue for Diversity Migrant Support Services			104
Craigavon SELB Youth Engagement Plus		9	
Drumcree Community Centre Refurbishment	360		

Physical Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	PR5 - Number of community facilities improved.
Drumcree Community Centre Refurbishment	1

North West Portadown Partnership Conclusion

In the 14/15 financial year, North West Portadown Partnership total overall spend was £638,595.84

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	£25,694.80
Social Renewal	£186,715.43
Economic Renewal	£41,772.26
Physical Renewal	£384,413.35

Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure

The main achievements in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2014/2015, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- 30 people received job specific training
- 152 people achieved an accredited qualification;
- 1,227 people participated in health education/awareness/sport initiatives;
- 360 people benefitted from using new or improved community facilities;
- 1 new/improved community facility was created.

Partnership members are content that the projects funded in this year are addressing key priorities identified in North West Portadown area.



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