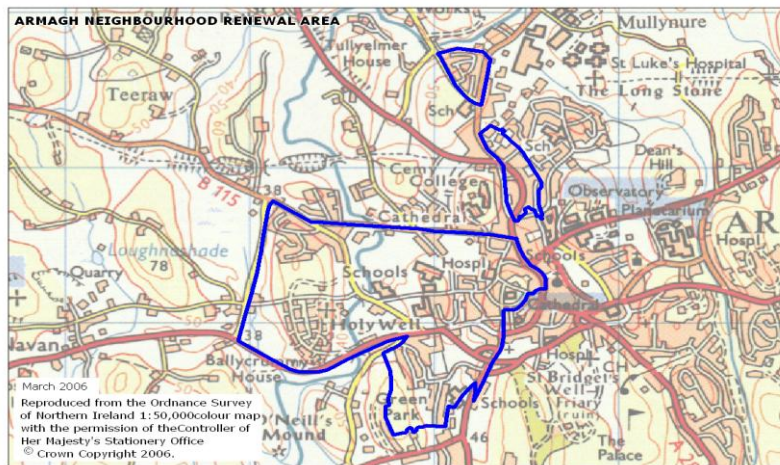


# Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2015



## Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

### ANNUAL REPORT - 2015

#### About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place' was published in June 2003 to close the gap between the quality of life for people in the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society. 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. The Strategy has four interlinking strategic objectives:

- *Community Renewal* – to develop confident communities able and committed to improving the quality of life in their areas.
- *Economic Renewal* – to develop economic activity in the most deprived neighbourhoods and connect them to the wider urban economy.
- *Social Renewal* – to improve social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments.
- *Physical Renewal* – to help create attractive, safe and sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods.

## **About Armagh Partnership**

The Neighbourhood Armagh Renewal area sits mainly on the western side of the city and comprises three separate catchment areas. The largest area covering the housing estates of Callanbridge, Mullacreevie and Drumarg, stretching into the city centre. The two smaller areas are Drumbreda housing estate and Railway Street. It has a population of 4,871.

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Armagh Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 16 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator and administrator with Armagh Council.

It is defined as a non-constituted entity acting in an advisory role to the Department for Neighbourhood Renewal issues in the designated Neighbourhood Renewal area. It has established 3 sub groups to assist it in the identification, development and, where appropriate, delivery of projects.

The 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

## The Partnership's Vision for Armagh

By the year 2016 Armagh 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 Armagh 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.**

## **Armagh Partnership Projects**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 8 projects in the Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

### **Community Renewal**

**1. Armagh Growing Communities Programme** - has been designed by AC&DC in consultation with community associations to provide a direct capacity building and support resource to work within the community. It also includes a range of sports and physical activity interventions which will help improve the health of residents and create a safer environment for residents. The Growing Communities Programme will comprise of four strands – (1) Neighbourhood Renewal Support & Growth, running costs for the Community Associations within the Neighbourhood Renewal area and Capacity Building and Support Services for these Associations. (2) Coaching Sports & Opportunities for Youth. (3) Health and Wellbeing. (4) Irish Language. It will be managed by specialised facilitators who will monitor, manage, govern and develop this programme. The programme will contribute to the NR objective to develop confident communities that are committed to improving the quality of life in their areas. The programme will also complement the Council's Community Support Plan in allowing the NR community associations to concentrate and focus on the delivery of programmes and training opportunities that will lead to better equipped, fit for purpose and self sustaining community associations.

### West Armagh Community Festival Fun Day

The fun day saw a large crowd turn out and witness groups of Bulgarian, Lithuanian and Chinese Dancers all in traditional dress performing various dances from their own respective countries.



## Féile Ard Mhacha

The West Armagh Consortium completed a successful week long summer scheme for young children from the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas of Armagh City.





## Living Well Volunteer and Health Fair



## Defibrillator Training



**2. Armagh Technical Assistance Programme** - provides a much needed secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective neighbourhood renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the Armagh Action Plan.

### **Economic Renewal**

**1. Armagh – STEPs ‘Supporting 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 programmes; STEPs also includes additional enhanced Vocational training and a Driving programme. This will improve and enhance the employability and educational chances by providing practical life skills.

## Sewing Group Exam Samples



## Forklift Driving Counter Balance Training

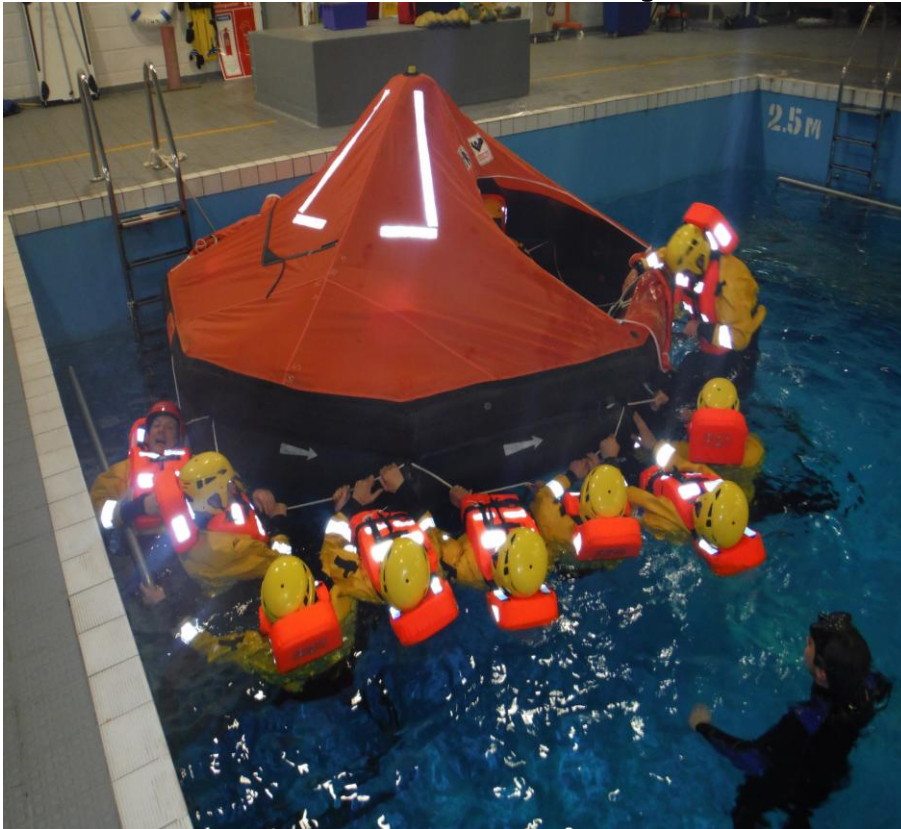


**Men's Shed Construction Course**



2. **Southern Region – Oceans 14 Project –** this has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and the Southern Regional College the 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 and provides a gateway to employability in the offshore industry.

**Ocean Recruits indoor Training**



**Ocean Training**



**3. Southern Region – Care4U Project –** the aim of Care 4 U is to better equip 40 individuals within the 5 Neighbourhood Areas to seek and secure employment, or improved employment through participation in accredited training in domiciliary care or catering in the Health Service. Applicants will follow a training programme in their chosen area (a) Domiciliary care where they will obtain a C&G Level 2 Certificate in Induction into Adult Social Care, FAQ Emergency First Aid, L2 Lifting and Handling Awareness and /or (b) Catering Assistant where they can receive an ABC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry and a CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering.

**Care4U First Aid Training**

**Hospice Visit**





## Social Renewal

- 1. Armagh SELB Social Renewal Education Programme** - this programme is modelled on the previous Social Renewal Education programme 1. It includes additional enhanced out of school hours learning opportunities (after school clubs including activities to support parental engagement and summer activities) and school focused youth engagement for increased access to education, employment, youth services and pre-employment training.
  
- 2. SELB - Count, Read, Succeed Plus** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Armagh 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.

## Count Read Succeed



## Social Renewal – Crime

1. **Armagh Friary Road Fencing Project 2** - The underpass at Friary Road was used on a regular basis by youths to congregate, drink and engage in solvent abuse and anti-social behaviour. The tunnel area has had 3 sets of gates erected to stop youths congregating therefore reducing anti-social behaviour.

Before



After



### Armagh Partnership 14/15 year Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

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

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	14/15 Spend (as at 31/03/15)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Armagh Growing Communities	06/02/12 -31/03/15	£342,560.00	£124,631.78
Armagh Technical Assistance	01/04/11 - 31/03/15	£172,145.30	£45,164.65
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£514,705.30</b>	<b>£169,796.43</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
STEPS 'Supporting Training and Employment Programme'	01/09/13 - 31/04/15	£142,833.66	£99,233.54
Southern Region – Care4U	01/04/14 - 31/03/15	£7,584.62	£7,584.62
Southern Region – OCEANS 14 Programme	01/01/14 – 31/03/15	£13,757.63	£11,340.37
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£164,175.91</b>	<b>£118,158.53</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION</b>			
SELB Social Renewal Education Programme 2	01/09/13 – 31/03/15	£164,599.50	£100,945.10

SELB Count Read Succeed Plus	09/09/13 - 31/03/15	£61,941.98	£61,941.98
<b>Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure</b>		<b>£226,541.48</b>	<b>£162,887.08</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – CRIME</b>			
Armagh Friary Road 2 Fencing Project	26/02/14 – 31/03/14	£3,425.00	£3,425.00
<b>Total Social Renewal – Crime Expenditure</b>		<b>£3,425.00</b>	<b>£3,425.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£908,847.69</b>	<b>£454,267.04</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 14/15 YEAR

### Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECT	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR5- Number of people receiving training in community development skills/Capacity building	CR 7 – Number of community /voluntary groups supported	CR6 – Number of people using new or improved community facilities
Growing Communities Programme		50	72	7	412
Technical Assistance Programme	16				
SELB Social Renewal Education Youth Element					150

### Economic Output Measures

PROJECT	ER2 – no of residents going into employment	ER4 – no of people receiving job specific training	ER3 – Number of people accessing careers advice	ER6 – Number of people receiving non job specific training	ER14 – Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult Education
STEPs 'Supporting Training and Employment Programme'	7	162		37	111
Southern Region – Care4U		10			
Southern Region – OCEANS 14 Programme	2	6			

### 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)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.
SELB Social Renewal Education Programme 2	140	20		152
SELB Count Read Succeed Plus		106	110	

### Social (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(C)8 – Number of homes with increased security
Armagh Friary Road Fencing 2 Project	150



## **Armagh Partnership Conclusion**

In the 2013/2014 financial year, Armagh Partnership total overall spend was **£454,267.04**.

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

Community Renewal	<b>£169,796.43</b>
Social Renewal	<b>£166,312.08</b>
Economic Renewal	<b>£118,158.53</b>

## **Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure**

The main achievements in the Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2014/2015, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects, are:

- 178 people received job specific training;
- 562 people benefitted from using new and improved community facilities;
- 528 pupils benefited from Education Programmes;
- 220 training places were sustained / created.

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



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