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## Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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## **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.

In relation to NHR and Community Planning a number of NHR working Group meetings took place since September 2019 and these were lobbying the Department for the ring fencing and securing the NHR budget as well as going forward and being part of the co-designing of an Anti-Poverty Strategy in partnership with the department. A meeting of all NHR funded organisations took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September and there was concern at the lack of consultation from the Department and on how NHR may be shaped for the future. It was agreed to organise a Workshop to discuss and develop a framework for NHR which would be presented to politicians and the Department. Concerns were also raised at the meeting about the potential transfer of NHR to Belfast City Council Community Planning and the impact that would have on current Services/Projects being delivered by groups/ organisations currently funded under NHR.

Lenadoon Community Forum was represented at a Community Planning event organised by the Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

## **About Lenadoon Partnership**

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme Lenadoon Partnership was set up in 2005 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 20 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bimonthly basis.

The Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) is the lead partner which was formally established in 1992 to address the many social and economic needs that existed in the Lenadoon estate. The Forum is based in the Glen Community Complex on the Suffolk Road. Since its inception the Forum has evolved to become an umbrella Group for 24 smaller community groups targeting issues that impact upon the lives of residents, such as; health, employment, environment, youth provision, community safety and education.

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

### **Membership of the LNRP**

Is outlined below and is drawn from the voluntary, community, public, private, and statutory sectors and includes local elected representatives of Belfast City Council.

<b>Name of representative</b>	<b>Representing organisation</b>
Sean Lennon (Chair)	Community Representative – Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Statutory Representative, Belfast Trust
Yvonne Cowan	Community Representative – Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Statutory Representative, Belfast Trust
Michael Doherty	Community Representative – Lenadoon Community Forum
Renee Crawford	Community Representative – Mid Lenadoon Rep
Terry Donaghy	Community Representative - Suffolk Community Forum
Caroline Murphy	Community Representative-Suffolk Community Forum
Tommy O'Reilly	Statutory Representative, Belfast City Council
Brenda Richards	Statutory Representative, Community Empowerment Division
John Hoey	Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project

<b>Name of representative</b>	<b>Representing organisation</b>
Paddy O'Donnell	Community Representative, Stewartstown / Lower Lenadoon Representative
Jackie Bunting	Community Representative – Glencolin Representative
Colin O'Neill	Thematic Community Representative - Environmental Rep
Mairead McCrea	Thematic Community Representative - Disability / Special Needs Rep
Cathy Megahey	Community Representative – St Oliver Plunkett Parish Rep
Harry Murray	Thematic Community Representative – Sporting Representative
Ann Marie Weir	Community Representative, Upper Lenadoon Representative
Geraldine McAteer Rolling Rep	West Belfast Partnership Board Statutory Rep – PSNI
Marie-Claire Ferris	Business Representative - Work West
Sean O'Kane	Statutory Representative, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

The comments and views included in the narrative of this report are those of the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership and may not reflect or represent the views of the Department for Communities

## **Lenadoon Partnership Projects**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 6 projects in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:

1. Lenadoon Community Forum
2. Suffolk Community Forum
3. Lenadoon Women's Group
4. Glencolin Residents Association
5. Glen Parent Youth Group
6. Kids Together

Pictured below are some of those in attendance at the AGM of Lenadoon Community Forum in November 2019



## **Community Renewal**

### **1. Lenadoon Community Forum**

Co-ordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project

The Lenadoon Community Forum staff team comprises of 3 and is made up of a Strategic Development Coordinator, Community Development Worker and a part time Administrator and carried out some of the following objectives on behalf of Neighbourhood Renewal as well as other additional duties.

## **Lenadoon Community Forum Project Objectives**

The project objectives are to co-ordinate essential services to the most disadvantaged in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area (LNRA) in line with the local Action Plan priorities. These services include:

- LCF worked with residents' groups in the neighbourhood on a variety of housing, environmental improvement and community safety issues.
- LCF worked in partnership with the NIHE and other Social Housing providers such as Apex, Radius, Choice and Habinteg housing to ensure that housing improvements remained a priority and that new Housing initiatives gave due consideration to independent living standards and initiatives.
- LCF worked in partnership with the statutory bodies to address the anti-social behaviour that continued to affect the lives of some local residents at the Suffolk Road Scrapyard, Carrigart flats, Derryveagh and Suffolk Road flats.
- LCF helped to facilitate a community consultation event for Habinteg Housing in February 2020 where detailed plans and drawings of the new social housing development at the Scrapyard site were made public and representatives from Habinteg answered questions regarding the development.
- LCF worked in partnership with the statutory agencies to continue to develop the solid foundations across the NRA and to address issues around infrastructure such as footpaths and lighting, vacant properties, waste collections, fly tipping, dog fouling, graffiti, traffic calming, drug dealing and vandalism .
- LCF continued to actively participate in the Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG) which continued to meet on occasions throughout the year.
- LCF representatives and residents took part in a Cross-Community Defibrillator Training in the offices of the SRRP in January 2020.
- LCF supported the areas Older Peoples Groups to continue to meet and to engage in numerous daytime activities such as tea dances, day trips and lunches with cross community partner groups from Suffolk, Shankill and Avoniel.
- LCF in partnership with Belfast City Council organised a cross community digital archive event which was held in the offices of the SRRP in December 2019.
- LCF staff continued to provide practical support and advice to a number of groups in the area such as the Tuesday Club, Suffolk Road Residents Network, Black Mountain Men's Group, the Focus Club, Oliver Plunkett Development

Association, Cairde Loch na Leathghealaid, Men's Shed, Mid- Lenadoon Residents Association, Carrigart Irish Language Youth Group as well as residents from Carrigart and Suffolk Road flats.

- LCF staff facilitated meetings for the residents of the Suffolk Road Flats along with the NIHE and Belfast City Council to discuss proposed housing improvements which were being planned. Issues relating to the management of waste and security of the flats were identified as priority actions with the NIHE and Belfast City Council.
- LCF continued to support Directors who sat on the Cross-Community Board of the Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project along with four Directors from Suffolk Community Forum along with four Independent Directors.
- LCF continued to work in partnership with a range of statutory agencies to improve the overall safety for users of the various projects and areas such as the Half Moon Lake and those using the Woodbourne Alley gates.
- LCF through the Lenadoon Housing Environment and Community Safety meetings worked to develop Community Safety initiatives in consultation with residents, BCC and NIHE such as additional external lighting and amendments to the landscaping of the external grounds around Carrigart flats both of which has improved the feeling of safety of those residents living there.
- LCF staff continued to implement / address the Actions, Priorities and Recommendations regarding the Housing, Community Safety and Environmental theme within the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Action Plan.
- LCF continued over the past year to engage with wider strategic bodies including the West Belfast Partnership Board, the DSD's Building Successful Communities Initiative, Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Dementia NI & Dementia Friendly West Belfast and the Belfast Interface Project and others to agree priority actions and deliver against these in collaborative partnerships.
- LCF staff team facilitated a number of meetings and site visits with Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), Apex, Radius, Choice and other Social Housing Associations, Residents Associations and other statutory bodies to address both physical and social issues impacting on the quality of life for residents in this area.
- LCF on behalf of residents continued to lobby Translink to progress the application for the provision of Bus Shelters for the area which the Forum had previously made.
- LCF continued to facilitate the Bi-Monthly meetings of the Lenadoon Housing, Environment and Community Safety Group which involves statutory, voluntary and community sector representatives meeting and discussing in a collective manner Actions to improve the quality of life for local people.



## Lenadoon Community Forum Project Objectives Continued

- LCF on the 22nd of May 2019 organised a Community Safety Information Morning held in the Glen Community Centre. There were 150 people in attendance at the Event where a wide range of Service Providers were in attendance to share information on what Services were available and to accept referrals from people in attendance.
- LCF organised a Dementia Information Awareness Art Project whereby children from St Oliver Plunkett Primary School worked alongside the local Tuesday Club and clients from DementiaNI on an Art Project over eight weeks which culminated in the children participating in a Celebration of Older Peoples event on 2nd of March 2020 at Belfast City Hall organised by the Belfast Trust.
- LCF organised a Community Safety Information morning on the 26th of November 2019 which enabled a wide variety of statutory and voluntary providers to present their Services and to take referrals from those people in attendance. LCF distributed £750 worth of gas and electricity vouchers as part of the annual SRRP initiative whereby older people from Suffolk and Lenadoon share £1500 worth of vouchers towards their energy costs.
- LCF organised several organisations to engage with the Half Moon Lake Men's Shed to participate in projects throughout the year. Organisations such as the Princes Trust, Belfast Hills Partnership and the Irish Men's Shed Association all engaged with the Men's Shed at the Half Moon Lake throughout the last 12 months. Ten Primary schools were facilitated throughout the year to participate in pond dipping and environmental education initiatives.
- LCF published Lenadoon Community Magazine which was delivered to three and a half thousand homes in the greater Lenadoon area each quarter. The magazine updated local people on all initiatives across the community and kept local people updated on the work of the Forum. The magazine allowed local Groups to both advertise their Services and Events as well as the opportunity to share these Events after they have happened with a wider community audience.
- LCF along with the friends of the Half Moon Lake Group helped to organise the annual Alcohol-Free Family Fun Day in June 2019 for several hundred residents', families and visitors.
- LCF have been providing support and advice to residents of Carrigart Flats where Phoenix Gas along with NIHE delivered an extensive Gas installation and Heating project as well as significant external improvements to the flats including stairwells, lighting, and landscaping.

## Lenadoon Community Forum Project Objectives Continued

- LCF provided support to the Lenadoon Community Festival Committee to plan and run a three-day Community Festival across the neighbourhood last August.
- The CDW continued to lobby Statutory and Political representatives on behalf of the residents of Hillhead Crescent regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the landscaped areas connected to the Glider Transport Initiative.

Pictured below are Pupils and Teachers from St Oliver Plunkett Primary School presenting their Giant JAM Jar Artwork along with representatives from Dementia NI and Belfast City Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020.



## **2. Glencolin Residents Association**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting Glen Colin Residents with the funding of our Community Development Officer and running costs. We are responsible for sourcing all relevant funding to promote and deliver services in line with set targets. We have and will continue to source funding for the continuation of programmes which will enhance personal and social development. We have and will continue to be proactive in tackling poverty related issues which directly affect the residents of the area and to lobby and to represent their views and concerns through our representation on the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership, West Belfast Housing Network, WBPB Housing and Environmental Sub Group, West Belfast area renewal forum, Half Moon Lake Committee, Building Successful Communities Forum, Greater Andersonstown safer neighbourhood project, Falls Women's Centre, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership,

Glencolin residents will continue to offer services and family support to improve the health and lifestyle of its beneficiaries. Despite restricted facilities, we continued to deliver vital services including health, education, housing & environmental which are at the core of Community Renewal and cuts across all themes. We are also the base for the area Community Safety project recruiting & sustaining volunteers, raising funds to cover expenses and administration. This work covers all the LNP area and works with all organisations on a cross community basis. We will continue to work with other organisations and agencies in addressing anti-social related and environmental and housing issues, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast City Council, Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project, PSNI, Belfast Hills, Colin Glen Trust, Local Political representatives etc.

We are also represented on the Building Sustainable Communities Forum and were successful in gaining support and funding for a refurbishment of our premises and have been campaigning for bus shelters as the Glen road has one of the worst flooding records in the outer West when we receive heavy rainfall, this particularly affects older residents and parents with buggys and young children.

- Healthy Living Programme
- Physical activities
- Education & training
- Sexual health & addiction workshops
- Volunteering in the community
- Student mentoring & support
- Drop-in housing & advice support
- Seasonal activities
- Community Safety Project-Self-help group

### **3. Glen Community Parent/Youth Group**

Over the past twelve months, Glen Parent Youth Group were actively represented on the following Multi Sectoral Partnerships / Networks

- Lenadoon and Glencolin Building Successful Communities Initiative
- Outer West Family Support Hub
- Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership
- Regional Families Voices Forum
- Lenadoon Community Festival Group
- Lenadoon Youth Providers Network
- Feile An Phobal Outreach subgroup
- Education Authority West Belfast Youth Hub

Staff members hosted over twelve international, regional and city delegations / visitors to the Complex to view the new facilities and Services being delivered there. Over twenty Projects / Organisations had their meetings / seminars facilitated in rooms in the Complex.

**Several major Community Consultations took place in the Glen Complex:**

- Suffolk Road Flats Regeneration Scheme
- Lenadoon Neighbourhood Youth Providers Network
- Woodbourne Regeneration Subgroup
- Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Working Group
- Community Suicide Prevention & Drugs Response & Planning Days
- The two staff along with other staff and volunteers organised and facilitated Community Development Services, Activities and Programmes for hundreds of local people of all ages and abilities each week.

**Among some of these Services were:**

- Daycare Facilities
- After Schools Programmes and Activities
- Homework Club and Support
- Healthy Living Programmes
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programmes
- Child Protection Training
- Dementia Awareness Training
- Eight week Summer Scheme
- Christmas Parties and Concerts

- Volunteer and Mentoring Training and support
- Inclusion Project with St. Gerard's
- Adult Safeguarding Training and Workshops
- Mindfulness Training and Workshops
- Senior Youth Programme
- Education and Training Support
- Physical Activity Programmes
- First Aid Training
- Suicide Prevention Training
- GDPR Training and Workshops
- Halloween Carnival
- Lenadoon's Got Talen Show
- Numeracy and Literacy Programme
- Christmas 'Families in Need' initiative

Pictured below are some of the Young People from Glen Parent who distributed Winter Aid to the Homeless in Belfast City Centre during Christmas 2019.



Glen Community Parent Youth Group also delivered a range of educational and homework support programmes and activities that benefitted young people directly and their attainment was enhanced / improved. During the year, the two staff worked in partnership with Oliver Plunkett Primary and St Gerard's Special Needs Schools and they referred their pupils to our After Schools and Homework support Projects. We ran a Partnership project with St Gerard's Special Education Needs School every Monday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm from April 2019-March 2020. Accredited training programmes included:

- OCN Peer Mentoring Level 1
- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness Level 1
- OCN Level 1 in Youth Work
- OCN Life Skills Level 1
- Adult Safeguarding Levels 1 and 2
- OCN Level 1 in Functional Skills in IT

- Non-Accredited Training Programme included:
- Sexual Health Awareness
- Mindfulness
- “One Pill Will Kill” Drugs Awareness Training
- Reflective Arts Yoga Programme
- Anger Management
- Autism Training
- Internet Safety
- “Mind your Mate” Suicide Prevention
- Healthy Living
- Walk Active Programme
- Mindfit Kids and Teens Programme
- Learn to Cook



Pictured below are Young People from Glen Parent participating in Mind Your Mate Mental Health Training Workshops.



#### **4. Lenadoon Women's Group**

The staff and Volunteers organised a wide range of Parenting, Personal Development, Connecting with your Family and Mindfulness Courses over this past 12 months. They also provided intensive one to one Parenting support to individuals and parents referred to the Project. In total 222 individuals benefitted from this Parenting Education. An additional 24 children and young people were provided with access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being by staff at Lenadoon Women's Group.

The last twelve months witnessed a huge increase in drug misuse deaths and injuries. There was also an increase in suicides locally and our Group responded positively to both Crisis in terms of providing support to families and friends of

those affected. We also provided support, information and training to local adults, parents, young people, families and residents with concerns around Mental Health and Drug Misuse. Parents, Grandparents and Guardians were supported to participate in.

- Case Conferences
- Looked After Children Reviews
- Medical / Legal appointments
- Counselling appointments
- Housing / School appointments
- Court Cases
- Food Banks

The small staff team delivered several Programmes to promote the personal and social development of individuals referred to the Project. Scores of individuals benefitted from these Projects in the twelve months and some of the programmes that were organised included:

- Emotional Health and Well Being
- Personal Development
- Confidence Building
- Mindfulness
- Money Management
- Drug / Alcohol / Misuse
- Challenging Behaviour

Pictured below are participants in Lenadoon Women's Groups 'Connecting with Your Family Training Programme' held in the Glen Community Complex.



## **5. Suffolk Community Forum**

In partnership with Belfast City Council's P(BCC) Outreach Project Coordinator, we worked with the Half Moon Lake, Grosvenor and Springfield Men's Sheds (the Plough) demonstrating garden & wood-working skills to the Suffolk community. This led to joint conversations about our local shared heritage. In March 2019 we planted Flax in Suffolk Community Garden with a view to working up a project based on the area's linen heritage. During the year and throughout 2019 with funding from BCC Good Relations we developed a very successful project that included processing the flax, delivering a Green Woodwork training programme and Linen Heritage Walking Tours with a view to developing training in this area. We then developed a Project Action Plan to take the project forward.

Volunteers on Suffolk Community Forum (10), 4 of whom also engage through SRRP, 3 volunteers in the Residents Association, 10 volunteers have formed the Events Circle and two of the members now sit on the Forum.

We have a 20 strong Irish History Group which is constituted as the Upper Falls History & Culture Group, representatives of which sit on the Forum. As part of its programme they have had guest speakers from the neighbouring CNR community and are planning further community relations work.

Suffolk Events Circle is now constituted and has opened its own bank account. Its members variously volunteer in the community centre, the community garden, the youth club and as and when they're needed.

## **Social Renewal –Health**

### **1. Lenadoon Women’s Group – Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support**

Pictured below are participants in Lenadoon Womens Groups ‘Incredible Years Training Programme Certificate Presentation’ held in the Glen Community Complex.



## Project

The project objectives were to provide coordinated essential services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA in line with the local Action Plan Priority actions. Lenadoon Women's Group provided some of the following Services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA, in line with the local Action Plan Priority Actions.

- Family Support Services were provided on an Outreach and In-House basis to scores of individuals and families referred to the Project from a variety of Health and Social Care Professionals, Women's Aid, Family Support Hubs, Housing Associations, Counsellors, Community Sources etc. Staff participated in the Monthly Meetings of the Outer West Family Support Hub.
- Dozens of individuals with mental health or depression issues were supported by the staff / volunteers and signposted for additional Services both internally and externally including Counselling, Complimentary Therapies etc.
- The staff / volunteers worked closely with the Early Years Team and managed to access Day Care / After schools respite support for parents with infants / babies who were referred to the Project by Health Visitors and Health and Social Care Professionals and Outer-west Family Support Hub. Whilst many of these children were accessing Daycare Services, their parents were able to participate in Personal Development, Parenting and Health Courses and Workshops.
- In response to growing concerns around the increased availability and misuse of drugs in the area, Lenadoon Women's Group organised several Workshops and drug and alcohol awareness courses for local parents, community workers, adults. Staff and Volunteers also actively contributed to the Lenadoon Community Consultations and Planning Workshops on Drug Misuse and Suicides locally.
- 60 individuals benefitted from Healthy Lifestyle Programmes organised by the staff.
- 90 individuals attended Health Education / Awareness Initiatives organised by the staff.
- Staff supported 65 individuals in accessing Intervention / Treatment Services such as Counselling, Complimentary Therapies etc.

- Staff also supported many individuals in accessing advice / treatment for the misuse of non-prescribed drugs. They liaised with Community and Statutory providers among others for this support.
- 25 individuals and families who were victims of Domestic Abuse were supported by the staff.

The Project also delivered the following range of Priority Services to meet the Priority Action Objectives of the Theme.

**These Services included:**

- Christmas “Families in Need” appeal which benefitted over 100 individuals and their families.
- Worked in Partnership with local Food Banks to assist individuals and families living in poverty.
- Support at medical and hospital appointments for individuals referred to the project.
- Facilitated and attended meetings of the Outer-west Family Support Hub.
- Support at legal, Medical, Housing, and court appointments for those referred to the project.
- Respite support for vulnerable individuals and families.
- Contributed to Case Conferences / Looked after Children Reviews, Gateway meetings, and Core Strategy Meetings along with Parents.
- Provided support to Parents (whose children are on the Child Protection Register, In Care, or in danger of going into Care).
- Facilitated Parenting Courses to those referred to the Project by Social Workers, Family Support Hubs, Health Visitors, GP’s and Housing Providers etc who require this support.
- Organised and facilitated a range of Personal Development, Healthy Living, and Social Education Courses and Workshops.
- Support was given to individuals and families affected by Mental Health and Suicidology Issues.
- Provided holistic wrap around approach and services at point of need.
- Signposted and supported referrals in accessing additional support services.
- Facilitated Workshops on issues such as Alcohol / Drug / Prescription Drugs Misuse.
- Delivered several ‘Connecting with your Family’ Parenting courses

- Facilitated Family Mediation and Contact Services
- Facilitated Workshops on a wide variety of Health Issues including Emotional Health and Wellbeing and Challenging Behaviour.
- The Women's Group also had active representation and participation on several networking bodies including Outer West Sure Start, Women's Support Network, NIHE Housing Community Network and the Outer West Family Support Hub.
- Worked in partnership with Christians against Poverty to assist families in poverty and with debt management difficulties and organised a Money Management Course.
- Supported over 90 individuals with Welfare rights and Benefit Changes support.

Staff and Volunteers completed some of the following training this year

- Child Protection
- Suicide Prevention
- Adult Safeguarding
- Signs of Safety
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Recognising Neglect

### **Lenadoon Community Counselling Project**

Lenadoon Community Counselling Project facilitated two ASIST (Living Works Applied Suicide Prevention Training) training programmes funded by the PHA as part of the Protect Life Strategy. Over 50 participants successfully completed this training hailing from a range of backgrounds. Training is aimed at raising confidence, knowledge and capabilities of a wide range of people in communities to support those at risk of suicide. The Service operates a Weekend Suicide Intervention Service on a Saturday and Sunday from 12pm to 4pm.



Lenadoon Community Counselling Service provided in excess of 5,500 individual counselling and psychological therapy sessions to over 700 individuals aged 18 years+. Referrals were made by the person themselves or by a range of other people including GP's, the Mental Health Hub, staff working within Health and Social Care settings, voluntary organisations, statutory agencies, family members and friends with the persons consent.

Pictured below are participants in the ASIST Suicide Prevention Course which took place in February 2020 in the Glen Community Complex.



## 2. Lenadoon Community Forum

LCF through its participation on the Building Successful Communities Initiative have been able to lobby for the demolition of all of the Corrib Flats and to have these replaced by Social Housing. This process is on target with residents vacating

the flats in Corrib as soon as suitable accommodation has been found for them. A community consultation was held in February where local residents were able to view the proposed new developments that will replace the flats.

LCF through the Building Successful Communities Initiative have had the amended plans for the Woodbourne improvement scheme approved by the Planning Office at BCC on the 4th February 2020.

The Forum lobbied to have improvements made regarding the access to the first-floor flats on the Suffolk Road as these are being accessed by young people that are non-residents. Plans for improvements are scheduled post 'Covid restrictions' to the waste management system with the introduction of recycling for the residents and this will greatly improve the quality of life for those people living there.

Site visits to areas where anti-social activity was an issue were facilitated by the Forum with inter-agency statutory and political representatives. Actions agreed were progressed by the Forum to help bring about long-term solutions to the identified problems. E.g. Suffolk Road Scrapyard.

Lenadoon Forum made numerous referrals to NIHE and other Social Housing providers on behalf of residents.

Pictured below are representatives from the Housing Executive, Belfast City Council, Lenadoon Community Forum and residents from Suffolk Road Flats during a site visit in August 2019 to look at areas of improvement in conditions for those residents living there.



### **3. Glen Community Parent Youth Group**

In this past twelve months the staff at Glen Parent Youth Group facilitated or delivered the following Health Programmes / Activities.

- Healthy Living Programmes for over 180 individuals
- Physical activity programmes for over 255 individuals

- Suicide Prevention Training (ASIST Training)- 2 Programmes
- Sexual Health Programmes
- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training and Workshops
- Multi-Sports Programmes
- CPR and Defibrillator Training
- Reflective Therapies
- Adult Safeguarding Training
- Mindfulness Training
- Camogie Training
- Girls Gaelic Football
- Soccer Coaching
- Indoor Hurling and Gaelic Football Coaching
- Gymnastics
- “Mind your Mate” Suicide Prevention Training
- Inspire NI Coaching and games for young people with Special Needs
- Mind-fit Kids and Teens Programme
- Yoga

Pictured below are some of the many participants in the Boys Club 5-a-side Saturday Tournament held in Glen Community Complex.



#### **4. Suffolk Community Forum**

##### **Community Garden: Garden Volunteers**

We continue to use the community garden as a 'green/social prescription' for residents who report mental health problems and attempt to include them in a range of current and upcoming projects. Volunteers who work in the garden carry out maintenance; planting and tending vegetables and looking after our small orchard. We planted flax seed which is growing well and used in a new shared heritage project.

## **Events Circle**

We are continuing to support this new group and have assisted them in becoming constituted and opening their own bank account. This group is highly active in the community and assists and 6 other groups where needed.

## **Mental Health Group**

Our mental health group continues and we continue to seek funding. We are seeing increasing interest in 'green prescriptions' using the community garden.

## **Upper Falls History & Culture Society**

This group has gone from strength to strength and is currently awaiting outcome from the DFA in regard to a further application for funding.

## **Suffolk Football Club**

The club has been increasing in success and we assist them should they need help with communications or fundraising etc. They are members of the Forum and report regularly how their first and second teams do in the league.

### **Upper Falls Protestant Boys Flute Band**

The band continues but is struggling to recruit new members and it has again had to abandon its plans for the annual band competition.

### **Suffolk Youth Club**

We continue to support the club as and when required.

### **Suffolk Residents' Association**

This group keeps its finger on the pulse of the housing situation in Suffolk but in addition is an active participant in stakeholder meetings called by the Forum on matters relating to housing and security.

The Residents' Association has and continues to monitor increased problems on the Stewartstown and Black's Road interfaces.

## **Social Renewal –Crime**

### **1. Lenadoon Community Forum**

LCF Staff continued to lobby for additional safety measures such as improved street lighting and traffic calming measures for the local area.

- The Forum formally applied to Translink for several Bus Shelters and these are under consideration.
- Forum continued to support the Friends of the Half Moon Lake to ensure that the Lake continued to be enforced as an Alcohol-Free Zone and a place of safety which families and individuals can enjoy throughout the year.
- The Forum worked with Community Safety officers from Belfast City Council and the PSNI to examine the present sale and distribution of Fireworks in the area to see if present enforcement legislation was being adhered to.
- The Forum made a request in September 2019 to have alleygating installed at the Rosapenna and Carrigart walkway.
- Meetings of the Woodbourne Steering Group from the Building Successful Communities Initiative have been taking place throughout the year in preparation of the major Improvement Scheme taking place at Woodbourne. There had been several minor amendments to the original plans, and these have now received planning approval from the planning office in February 2020.
- Meetings of the Corrib Flats steering group from the Building Successful Communities Initiative took place throughout the year with Corrib Flats residents in the process of moving to alternative accommodation.
- The Carrigart Flats steering group oversaw the Phoenix Gas installation Project and the external improvement scheme including additional lighting and landscaping.
- Lenadoon Forum was represented on these Steering Groups as well as the main Building Successful Communities Committee.
- The Forum lobbied NIHE and local MLA Alex Maskey to introduce a new waste management system at the Maisonette's on Lenadoon Avenue and to transform abandoned land at the rear of the complex into separate grass play areas for ground floor residents. This project has now been given planning approval and is scheduled to commence post Covid 19.



### **Lenadoon Community Forum Safety Measures Continued**

- The Lenadoon Community Magazine provided information to members of the community as to how they can report persistent dog fouling, vandalism, and the bulky waste collection.
- LCF continued to play a role in ensuring that the Interface was managed efficiently to ensure minimum violence and threat to local people's lives.
- LCF continued to meet with residents from the Suffolk Road flats to monitor the anti-social issues and to pursue actions that will work to improve the feeling of security for everyone living there.
- LCF helped Habinteg to facilitate a community consultation where residents living beside the Scrapyard came along in February 2020 to look at the proposed development and to meet with key Habinteg staff that will work with them during the duration of the Project.
- LCF facilitated meetings between residents and the NIHE about anti-social behaviour by a small number of residents in Suffolk Road Flats, one resident was relocated to alternative accommodation.
- LCF staff team liaised with the local contractor QMAC and residents to minimise disruption and improve security of plant and equipment while the improvement schemes were carried out in the Carrigart Avenue, Horn Drive and Suffolk Road areas.
- LCF liaised with residents of Carrigart flats, NIHE and Belfast City Council throughout the construction of the new bin shelters and have now established recycling and greatly reduced fly tipping at this location. The ongoing process is discussed at the bi-monthly meetings of the LHECS where Carrigart residents, reps from LCF, BCC and NIHE monitor the progress.
- From April 2019 to March 2020 Lenadoon Community Forum provided ongoing support to the residents of Larkspur Rise and Riverside Mews regarding anti-social behaviour emanating from unauthorised access through the site of the Scrapyard adjacent to their properties. LCF provided support and advice as well as help in reporting ASB to the police and other emergency services

Pictured below are Participants at Lenadoon Forum's Community Safety Information Day in Nov 2019.



## 2. Suffolk Community Forum

We have been working with the community and PSNI continuing to monitor crime occurring particularly at the Kells Avenue Gate. The increased security we negotiated with Lidl is proving to be very effective. We continue with stakeholder meetings that include PSNI and the DOJ.

We have had the PSNI out on several occasions talking to residents about home and personal security. They have talked about secure locks; avoiding becoming victims of telephone scams and handing out personal safety alarms.

The PSNI have also held several sessions with the young people regarding personal safety; online and social media safety and the need for respect for senior citizens.

Similarly we have had the Fire and Rescue Service out to talk about fire security and steps to take should fire erupt.

Suffolk Football Club continues to evolve – this is one of our most organic shared spaces as people come from across the city and further to be a member and spectator at the football club.

Some issues like anti-social incursions are out of our control although we continue to liaise with Lenadoon Forum and the PSNI. We will be using the Glen Complex computer suite for research purposes for our planned new heritage project.

We have held Summer Scheme, Hallowe'en and Christmas events and in addition, working with the Colin Safer Neighbourhoods on a number of cross community projects in Twinbrook. Additional programmes such as Jujitsu, Circus Skills and Gymnastics have seen an increase in membership. A group of older teenagers are interested in producing a community magazine and we are working with them on sourcing funding.

### **3. Glen Community Parent/Youth Group**

Following the deaths of a number of local residents due to drug misuse and others by suicide, Glen Parent/Youth Group organised a number of Workshops and Planning sessions in the Glen Community Complex from Nov 2019-Feb 2020 to examine how to proactively address these issues and organise or facilitate Programmes, Training and activities for young people, adults and families.

#### **4. Lenadoon Womens Group**

Lenadoon Womens Group provided support to 25 individuals/families who were victims of domestic abuse/violence. Staff worked with Gateway, Womens Aid, PSNI, GP's and Health and Social Care Workers and often involved evening and weekend work.

#### **Physical Renewal**

##### **1. Lenadoon Community Forum**

#### **Half Moon Lake**

Lenadoon Forum staff team worked in partnership with Cairde Loch na Leathghealai, Belfast City Council, the Men's Shed and other Voluntary and Community stakeholders to expand the activities in the new Resource Centre which was established in 2015. The Forum lobbied Belfast City Council to provide additional community consultation to residents when major work schedules are planned to avoid inconvenience to users and guardians of the site. LCF provided opportunities for the community to participate in structured recreation such as artwork, assisted fishing lessons, craftwork and to make the venue available for resident's groups to meet with other bodies. There were several groups that provided volunteering opportunities for local people at the venue throughout this past year such as Belfast Hills, Princes Trust, the Focus Group and both the Half Moon Lake and Suffolk Men's Shed Irish Linen Project.

Cairde Loch na Leathghealai successfully facilitated its tenth annual Family Fun Day in June 2019, as usual this was a fun filled family event enjoyed by hundreds of young children and their families. Hundreds of School Children have engaged in structured environmental education at the Lake supervised by Belfast City Council. Many People participated in a Family

Fishing Day with instruction and training provided by Belfast City Council as well as a Teddy Bears Picnic during the Lenadoon Feile event in August 2019.

Lenadoon Forum along with local residents from Hillhead Crescent have been lobbying for over 2 years for a Major Environmental Improvement scheme to be finished by the department for infrastructure. This Project had originally been part of the Glider project and had not been finished to the specifications that had been agreed with the residents.

Building Successful Communities Initiative resubmitted proposals to the Planning office regarding the Woodbourne Improvement Scheme. The plans were amended after further consideration was given to requests from the shop keepers for additional car parking spaces, resubmitted and passed by the planning office on 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.

### **Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project**

Lenadoon Forum continued to work in partnership with Suffolk Community Forum and the Independent Directors to oversee the Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project which is a Social Economy Project designed to develop the economic regeneration of the interface and its two communities by providing much needed Services on the site of what once was a derelict interface. The Company continued to trade throughout the last 12 months and in addition to facilitating Retail and Community Services also enabled employment opportunities.

Pictured below are participants on the Cross-Community CPR and Defibrillator training event at the offices of SRRP which was facilitated by Lenadoon Community Forum in January 2020.



## 2. Suffolk Community Forum- Physical Renewal

Maintenance programmes, community safety events and community garden maintenance and regeneration remain on our ongoing agenda particularly in light of Malinmore, Co-op, Lidl, and the old School Site on the Blacks Road. The community garden has been refurbished and we continue with Kids Together to discuss using a section to teach their young adults gardening skills.

## Lenadoon Partnership 2019/20 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 19/20 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 19/20 total expenditure in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

### Community Renewal Expenditure

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period 01/4/20-31/03/20	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Lenadoon Community Forum- Coordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project	01/04/19 - 31/03/20	£85,913.40	£85,193.59
Suffolk Community Forum – Community Development Project	01/04/19 – 31/03/20	£29,001.60	£26,515.70
Glencolin Residents Association- Community Development Project	01/04/19 – 31/03/20	£27,600.61	£27,600.60
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£142,515.61</b>	<b>£139,309.89</b>

### Social Renewal Education Expenditure

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period 01/4/20-31/03/20	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Glen Parent Youth Group-Children, Young People and Families Project	1/4/19 - 31/03/20	£65,852.46	£65,836.48
<b>Total Social Renewal education Expenditure</b>		<b>£65,852.46</b>	<b>£65,836.48</b>

## Social Renewal Health Expenditure

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period 01/4/20-31/03/20	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	19/20Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Lenadoon Women's Group- Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support	01/4/19 - 31/03/20	£48,296.40	£45,346.56
<b>Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£48,296.40</b>	<b>£45,346.56</b>
<b>Total Social Renewal</b>			<b>£111,183.04</b>
<b>Overall Total Revenue Spend</b>		<b>£256,666.47</b>	<b>£250,492.93</b>

\*This does not include services delivered on a West Belfast wide basis and across the Greater Belfast area. These services received £1,095,179 in 2019/20 in from Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Funding.



## Achievements Of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding In 2019/2020 Year

### Community Output Measures - from April 2019- 31 March 2020

Project	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 Number of people using existing community facilities	CR13 – Number of people accessing advise services	CR16 Number of direct referrals to other support services
Suffolk Community Forum			36	8	3	34			
Glen Parent Youth Group	80		30	7			300		
Lenadoon Community Forum	70	50		16					25
Glencolin Residents Association	143		23		8				

### Social Renewal Education Output Measures from April 2019- 31 March 2020

Project	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity
Lenadoon Women's Group	222		24	
Glen Parent Youth Group		160		255

### Social Renewal - Health Output Measures April 2019- 31 March 2020

Project	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)2	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services
Glen Parent Youth Group	180	38	
Lenadoon Women's Group		90	65
Glencolin Residents Association	72		

### Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020

Project	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR(C)7 Number of victims of Crime supported	SR(C)8 Number of homes with increased security	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
Lenadoon Community Forum		320				
Glencolin Residents Association	26					
Suffolk Community Forum			140		160	40
Lenadoon Women's Group				25		

### Physical Renewal Output Measures from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Project	PR10 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects	PR11 Number of People /volunteers involved in Physical development /environmental Improvement Projects
Lenadoon Community Forum		50
Suffolk Community Forum	5	

## Economic Renewal Output Measures from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020

Project	ER15 – Number of full time jobs supported
Suffolk Community Forum	1
Glencolin Residents Association	1
Glen Parent Youth Group	2
Lenadoon Women's Group	1.5
Lenadoon Community Forum	2.5

## **Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion**

In the 2019/20 financial year, Ballysillan/Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership total overall spend was:

Community Renewal:       £139,309.89

Social Renewal:           £111,183.04

    Total:                   £250,492.93



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