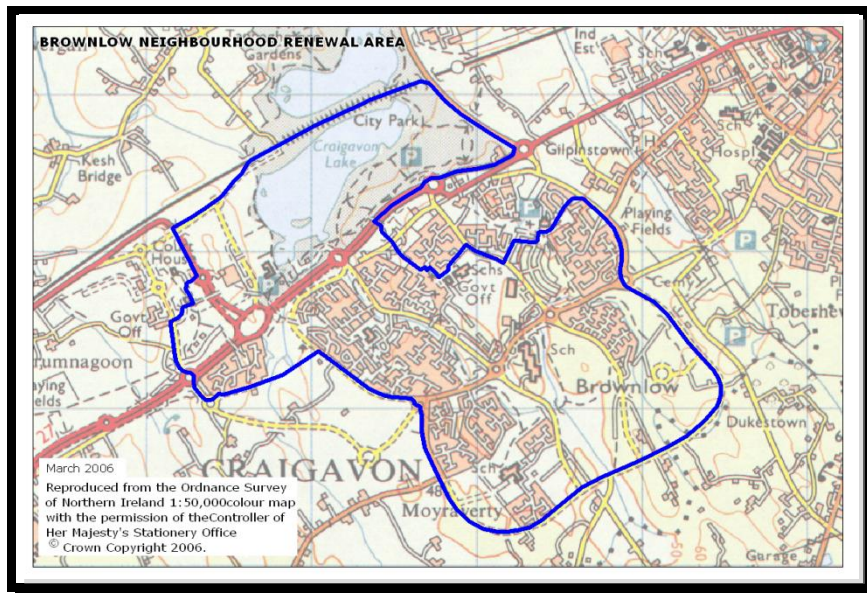




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## Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2016



# **Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

## **ANNUAL REPORT - 2016**

### **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 Brownlow Partnership**

The Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area has a population of just over 8,600, and is based around the wards of Drumgor and Drumgask. It comprises the housing estates mainly built during the 1960s as part of a regional plan to halt the development of the Belfast Urban area. While the economy at this stage was buoyant, an economic downturn led to out migration of residents, thus creating an environment for anti social behaviour in certain areas.

The Brownlow Neighbourhood Partnership was established in 2007 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. It comprises 33 members from the community/voluntary, private and statutory sectors. 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 meets on a monthly basis (moving to bi-monthly from September 2013) and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator based in Craigavon Borough Council.

It has established 3 sub groups to assist it in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programme's 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal.

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 Brownlow Vision and Action Plan**

The Partnership's vision for Brownlow is that by 2016 Brownlow will be a place where:

- ⊕ All of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:
  - (a) *living in affordable good quality housing;*
  - (b) *having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;*
  - (c) *having access to high standards of health care;*
  - (d) *enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;*
  - (e) *having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;*
  - (f) *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.
- ⊕ Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is also committed to the need to have due regard to the promotion of equality of opportunity.
  - (a) *between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;*
  - (b) *between men and women generally;*
  - (c) *between persons with a disability and persons without; and*
  - (d) *between persons with dependants and persons without.*
- ⊕ Also, to have due regard for the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group.

**It should be noted that Brownlow 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.**

## **Brownlow Partnership Projects**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 14 projects in the **Brownlow** Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

### **Community Renewal**

1. **Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACBCB) - Technical Assistance** - provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective neighbourhood renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the Brownlow Action Plan.

### **Social Renewal – Education**

1. **SELB - Inclusion in Education** - provides mentoring to young people who are disaffected and /or not attending school. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. The project is run within Brownlow Integrated College and Lismore Comprehensive 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.

- 3. SELB - Count, Read, Succeed** - 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** – has been developed by young people working with the SELB Education Welfare Service. An App will be developed and input on tablets which will be made available for all Primary Schools in the NR area for P7 pupils in transition to post primary. It will also be available for all post primary schools in the area for pupils in transition to different sectors and changing schools for various reasons, including as a result of school closure. The programme will help young people make the transition, by attempting to allay any fears and concerns they have through the sharing of experiences and learning of others. It will also aim to assist in the improvement of attendance levels, levels of educational attainment and general engagement in school.



**Pupils from Drumgor PS, Brownlow with Deputy Mayor Brendan Curran at a Neighbourhood Renewal Education Showcase Event, Craigavon centre, June 2016.**





**The youth who manage Extreme FM radio station from Brownlow with Deputy Mayor Brendan Curran at a Neighbourhood Renewal Education Showcase Event, Craigavon centre, June 2016.**



## **Social Renewal - Health**

- 1. Craigavon - Sport in the Community 15/16** - has been developed by Craigavon Borough Council and Lurgan residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of Multi Use Games Areas. 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. The programme has six main elements: -

### **MUGA Sports Programme**

The MUGA Sports programme is aimed at providing an organised and structured community led programme of coaching and competitive sporting opportunities for young people on each of the DfC funded Multi-Use Games Areas, through close consultation with local communities and sports clubs.

### **Midnight and Junior Street Soccer**

The Midnight and Junior Street Soccer project aims to provide a number of community youth diversionary soccer leagues held at various synthetic pitch venues throughout the three Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The format for the leagues will change from 6 week leagues at various stages throughout the year into a monthly league format.

### **DV8 Youth Sports Project**

This Community Youth Diversion Project brings together a mixed group of youths aged 16-19 to engage in sport and physical activity. The project will increase awareness of the benefits of health and fitness, in terms of physical, social and emotional well being and increase self-esteem and confidence in young people and increase employment and educational opportunities.

**Kickback Project**

This programme aims to use sport as a tool to help young people who are unemployed to develop their skills and confidence, thereby improving their employability. The programme, run over 28 weeks, aims to set up a Kickback team (20 people) within the Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

**Sports Festival Events**

This project aims to provide assistance and support to sports clubs, youth clubs or community groups in setting up or developing small community based sports events particularly throughout the summer months in the form of community fun days.

**Health Initiatives**

For the previous five years the Council have supported several health initiatives in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas through coordination of physical activities including venue hire.



Community Youth  
Diversion Project,  
DV8 – Ice Hockey in  
Dundonald Ice  
Bowl

**Kickback Project.  
Games played at Craigavon Leisure Centre**



**2. Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities** - is divided into three programmes - the **Bushcraft Participation Programme** provides residents with an opportunity to take part in a unique outdoor residential experience. Each course consists of a team building session, a 2 day residential camp and a follow up development session. The second element, the Marine Ranger Training Programme, targets residents aged 18 years and above who are currently long term unemployed. The programme combines periods of training and assessment with valuable work based placement within ACBCB. The aim will be to encourage the trainees to respect their local environment, highlight the opportunities on their door step and to create a positive outlook on local life styles. The **Craigavon Cycling Programme**. This health and well being sporting and leisure initiative - Cycling Participation, Cycle Training and Maintenance. The primary aim is to introduce residents to organised cycling events and train residents in cycle leader training, basic cycle maintenance training and first aid training. **Craigavon Angling Programme** - involves three elements - angling participation and lake and fishery management. Training is provided for local residents and on completion permits and rod licences are provided. Local fishing clubs are assisted with items of equipment. Lake management involves weed cutting and removal and enhancements to existing fishing stands. The Fishery management element includes survey of fish stock and stocking of the Craigavon lakes.





**Children from Craigavon taking part in activities as part of the Building Sustainable Communities Programme held during the 2015 summer months.**





**Bush Craft event and exhibition held at Lismore School Craigavon.**

**3. Craigavon Health Improvement Project** - has been designed by Southern Health and Social Care Trust and Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership working in partnership with a wide range of bodies to maximise the services and deliver a range of health promotion initiatives, the 4 main themes being:

1. Establish a network of healthy living centres in the Craigavon NRA
2. Deliver healthy lifestyle programmes across the area
3. Promotion of volunteering initiatives
4. Delivery of family support and early intervention programmes

It was developed to help tackle the significant inequalities in health that people living in the three Craigavon areas experience. The benefits that will be achieved will go some way towards improving life for residents and will provide sustainable health improvement programmes and build the capacity of the Verve Network and the bank of Health Trainers that has been built from inception from previous DSD NR funding. The project identifies and engages effectively with members of the community from all backgrounds, abilities and ages, including parents, older people, young people and families and to listen and interpret their health needs and to provide health education to improve health and encourage healthy lifestyles and promote behavioural change. This programme addresses the hard to reach residents in the Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal areas who are at risk of ill-health and premature death due to unhealthy behaviours such as unhealthy eating habits, physical inactivity, smoking, alcohol use, unsafe sex, driving habits and violence.

A key combined priority of the three NR Action Plans for the Craigavon wide area is in relation to **Health** by way of promoting health and well being with a desired outcome of helping local residents live healthy lifestyles and have access to the best possible range of health services.

**Craigavon Health Improvement Programme**



**Aortic aneurysm screening at with Health Trainer pop up clinic**

**Craigavon Health Improvement Programme**



**Health trainers training session**

## Economic Renewal

- 1. Craigavon – TOPS** - the Brownlow ‘**Training and Employment Opportunities 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; TOPS also includes additional enhanced Vocational training and driving programmes. This will improve and enhance the employability and educational chances by providing life skills.
- 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 - The Enterprise Firm** - aims to ensure that people gain skills which are designed to inspire entrepreneurial spirit. Working in an Enterprise Firm will provide different types of learners with the necessary skills and knowledge to either become an entrepreneur or find employment after they finish their work in an Enterprise Firm. Enterprise Firms do not only foster entrepreneurial attitudes and skills among young people e.g. secondary school pupils and College students but also among adults e.g. employees, unemployed people, women returning to work, adults with disabilities, etc.
- 4. Southern Region – OCEANS 15-16** - the Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS) 15-16 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, on oil rigs and renewable energy platforms. The OCEANS Project includes MIST (Minimum Industry Safety Training), an essential qualification required to gain employment in the offshore industry. The module includes risk assessment, COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health), manual handling and working at height.

**5. Southern Region – Care4U** – the aim of Care 4 U is to better equip 35 individuals within the 5 Neighbourhood Areas in the Southern Region to seek and secure employment, or improved employment through participation in accredited training in domiciliary care in the Health Service. Applicants will follow a 20 week (60 hour) training programme in:

- ▶ Level 2 Introduction to Counselling Skills delivered over 3 hrs per week for 15 weeks
- ▶ Level 2 Introduction to Safeguarding & Protecting Children and Young People delivered over 3 hours per week for 5 weeks

In addition participants will engaged in a study visit to an organisation within the health and social care sector and received a mock interview and employability guidance on securing employment in this field. These skills will enable participants to actively seek work in the health and social care fields of counselling services and working with children and young people.



**Training Opportunities Programmes (TOPs) and Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS). Participations comments.**



**'In visiting the local jobcentre I was told about the Tops project and could not believe that such an opportunity was available. Soon as I got the information set up an interview with SRC and was able to get on to forklift training and use the taxi provided. Once I achieved the licence applied for jobs and almost immediately got work. The TOPs project really helped me.'**  
**The picture is of Janis outside his place of employment.**



**"The OCEANS project provided the training I needed to work on the oil rigs but it also built my confidence as the training was intense and went over three days. I was able to form relationship with people and enhance my personal/social skills. I think this assisted me in securing work."**



## Physical Renewal

1. **Craigavon – Bluestone Business Park Phase 3** - Brownlow Limited is building eight new work / business / office units to add to its existing stock of 25 units at Bluestone Business Park, Craigavon. The work has involved demolishing 7 semi derelict buildings (converted housing) and constructing new light industrial units. The units will be used for tenants moving from the old buildings as well as creating new businesses and augmenting existing job opportunities and services within the Brownlow sector. This development will mark the completion of this Business Park with all condemned buildings removed and replaced with modern serviceable units.

### Bluestone New Phase – from initial work to completion



### Brownlow Partnership 15/16 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 15/16 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 15/16 total expenditure in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/16)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
ACBCBC- Technical Assistance 4	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£18,076.56	£18,076.56
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£18,076.56</b>	<b>£18,076.56</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION</b>			
SELB - Inclusion in Education	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£40,174.43	£40,174.43
SELB - Youth Engagement	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£42,383.64	£42,383.64
SELB - Count, Read, Succeed	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£58,961.95	£58,961.95
SELB – Transitions Programme	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£23,740.30	£23,740.30
<b>Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure</b>		<b>£165,260.32</b>	<b>£165,260.32</b>

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/16)
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH</b>			
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/16	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£42,284.78	£42,284.78
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£82,790.33	£82,790.33
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£37,684.16	£37,684.16
<b>Total Social Renewal Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£162,759.27</b>	<b>£162,759.27</b>
<b>Total Social Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£328,019.59</b>	<b>£328,019.59</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
Craigavon – TOPS	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£47,472.06	£47,472.06
Craigavon - The Grow Project	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£11,964.62	£11,964.62
Southern Region - The Enterprise Firm	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£7,813.30	£7,813.30
Southern Region – OCEANS 15-16	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£8,591.93	£8,591.93
Southern Region – CARE4U	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£1,784.00	£1,784.00
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£77,625.91</b>	<b>£77,625.91</b>

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)</b>	<b>Spend (as at 31/03/16)</b>
<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL</b>			
Brownlow Ltd - Bluestone Business Park Phase 3	11/03/14 – 31/08/15	£167,640.00	£167,640.00
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£167,640.00</b>	<b>£167,640.00</b>
<b>GRAND OVERALL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>£591,362.06</b>	<b>£591,362.06</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 15/16 YEAR

### Community/Other Output Measures

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects</b>	<b>CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities</b>	<b>CR7- Number of community/ voluntary groups supported</b>
ACBCBC - Technical Assistance 4	<b>33</b>		
Craigavon-SELB-Youth Engagement+		<b>2</b>	
Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2016)		<b>2</b>	
Craigavon-CBC-Building Sustainable Communities 15/16			<b>11</b>

## Social (Education) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(Ed)2 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	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	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)15 (Youth Services) – Number of young people experiencing improvements against baseline position of	SR(Ed)16 (Youth Services) – Number of young people having access to specialist support	SR(Ed)17 (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications accumulated	SR(Ed)25 (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefitting from project .
Craigavon - EA – Inclusion in Education			<b>81</b>		<b>141</b>					
Craigavon - EA – Youth Engagement+						<b>158</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	
Craigavon - EA – Count Read Succeed Plus			<b>46</b>	<b>94</b>						
Craigavon - EA – Transitions Programme	<b>21</b>				<b>150</b>					<b>16</b>
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)		<b>106</b>								



## Social (Health) Output Measures

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(H)1</b> – Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	<b>SR (H)3</b> – Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	<b>SR (H)4</b> – Number of Health Education/Awareness Initiatives provided/delivered	<b>SR (H)10</b> – Number of people using existing sports facilities
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	<b>581</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>726</b>	
Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2016)	<b>751</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>190</b>
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/16	<b>3008</b>			
Craigavon - The Grow Project	<b>12</b>			

## Social (Crime) Output Measures

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(C)6</b> – number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/16	<b>246</b>
Craigavon Sport in the Community	<b>668</b>

## Economic Output Measures

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ER2</b> – number of residents going into employment	<b>ER3</b> – number of Careers advice	<b>ER4</b> - Number of people receiving job specific training	<b>ER14</b> – Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	<b>ER15</b> – Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Southern Region OCEANS 14	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		
Craigavon - The Grow Project			<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	
Craigavon - TOPS	<b>6</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>24</b>	
Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2016)			<b>16</b>		
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/16					<b>2</b>
Southern Region - The Enterprise Firm	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	
Southern Region CARE4U		<b>5</b>		<b>4</b>	

## Physical Output Measures

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>PR3</b> – Area of land (ha) improved or landscaped for amenity use
Bluestone Business Park Phase 3	<b>1</b>

## **Brownlow Partnership Conclusion**

In the 15/16 financial year, Brownlow Partnership total overall spend was **£591,362.06**

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

<b>Community Renewal</b>	<b>£ 18,076.56</b>
<b>Social Renewal</b>	<b>£328,019.59</b>
<b>Physical Renewal</b>	<b>£167,640.00</b>
<b>Economic Renewal</b>	<b>£ 77,625.91</b>

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

Some of the main achievements in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2015/2016, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- ▶ **76 people received job specific training;**
- ▶ **106 pupils whose attainment was measurably enhanced/improved;**
- ▶ **4,352 people participated in health education/awareness/sport initiatives;**
- ▶ **914 people benefitted from accessing intervention/treatment services;**
- ▶ **1 area of land was improved or landscaped for amenity use.**

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



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