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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. 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

The Lurgan Partnership

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area, has a population of just over 8,939, and is based around the wards of Drumnamore, Church and Court. It is a divided town with north of the town being predominately nationalist and the south predominately loyalist, thus creating an environment for anti-social behaviour in certain areas.

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Partnership was established in 2007 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. It comprises 16 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 bi-monthly and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator based in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council.

The Partnership has signed up to and abides by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

The Lurgan Vision and Action Plan

The Partnership's vision for Lurgan is that by 2018 Lurgan 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.***
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- 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 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.
 - Lurgan 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 Lurgan 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.

Lurgan Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting **13** projects in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community Renewal

- 1. Craigavon - Technical Assistance 15/18** - provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and development and delivery of the Lurgan Action Plan. The funding will provide ACB&CBC with the means to provide technical assistance and support to the NR Partnership Boards in the Armagh, Brownlow, Lurgan and NW Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRA's). This will be the continued employment of Neighbourhood Renewal coordinators and associated administrative support and overheads. The coordinators are responsible for overseeing delivery and coordinating the implementation of Neighbourhood Renewal in the four NRA's and they will liaise with applicants, programme delivery agents and stakeholders to ensure projects are developed and delivered in accordance with the objectives of each of the NR action plans. The coordinators also report progress on the implementation

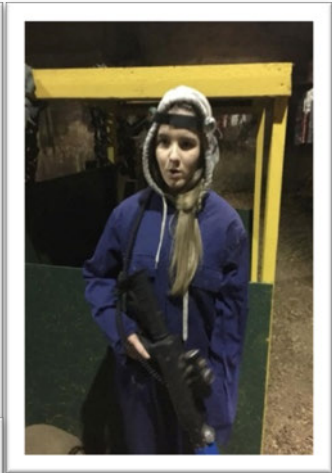


Social Renewal – Education

1. **Craigavon – Education Authority - Youth Engagement + 15/18** - 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.



Clann Eireann Youth successfully applied for Youth Engagement funding to facilitate a range of small projects. These included accredited drugs and alcohol training, a peer leader programme and community projects. The pictures are from the community projects which involved 37 young people who amassed a total of 542 voluntary hours and 61 Millennium Volunteer Challenge Award Certificates.



Taghnaven Youth Club accessed Neighbourhood Renewal Funds partly to engage young people perceived to be 'at risk' and offer them credible alternatives to hanging around the streets. This programme was successful and the young people are now availing of existing Youth Provision.

2. **Craigavon – Education Authority - Count Read Succeed 15/18** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Lurgan 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.



3. **Craigavon – Education Authority - Inclusion in Education 15/18** - 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.

4. **Craigavon – Education Authority – Transitions Programme 15/18** – 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.



Primary 7 Pupils in Lurgan Model Primary school who participated in a Moving forward programme based on attendance and transitions into post primary education.



A video project was carried out as part of the Transitions programme, where pupils in the Learning Support Centre in Carrick Primary School created an information video for parents and potential future pupils. This video is now used by other schools with pupils transitioning to a Learning Support Centre. The video is available through the Moving Forward website.

Social Renewal – Health

1. **Craigavon Health Improvement Project** - has been designed by the 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 range of health promotion initiatives, the 4 main themes being:
- Establish a network of healthy living centres in the Craigavon NRA – e Network
 - Deliver healthy lifestyle programmes across the area
 - Promotion of volunteering initiatives
 - Delivery of family support and early intervention programmes

The Verve Healthy Living Programme continued to provide healthy lifestyle opportunities and motivational support with regards positive lifestyle and behaviour change to residents of the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

One of the new Health and Wellbeing programmes facilitated during 2017/18 as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funding was the Community Gym hosted at Fitzone Foundation. The Verve Health Trainers received training in Level 2 gym instructor qualification.

Some of the comments from the service users included:

“The health trainer service has helped me make changes in my diet and mind-set in relation to exercise and has helped me to want to progress beyond the course itself”

2. **Craigavon - Sport in the Community 15/18** - 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 seven years the Council have supported several health initiatives in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas through coordination of physical activities including venue hire.



**Numerous participants at the Midnight Soccer, DV8 and Kickback projects,
all part of the Sport in the Community Programme**

3. Craigavon – Building Promoting Sustainable Communities 15/18 is divided into two elements - the Bushcraft Participation Programme, will provide residents 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. The second element, the Marine Ranger Training Programme, will target 8 residents aged 18 years and above who are currently long term unemployed. The programme will combine periods of training and assessment with valuable work based placement within Craigavon Borough Council. 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.



Children from Lurgan Model Primary School Taking in a First Aid Course as part of the Building Sustainable Communities programme

Economic Renewal

1. **Craigavon – Southern Regional College - Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS) 15/18** – this project 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.



Gavin Coogan from Lurgan got employment as a mechanic with R&G Murphy Haulage through the TOPS programme

2. **Craigavon - Southern Regional College - The Grow Project 15/18** - 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 15 Project 15/18** – the Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS) 15 Project delivered by the Southern Regional College allows local residents to acquire skills for seeking and gaining entry to employment in the offshore industry. The residents will undertake essential skills learning and personal development and depending on their abilities skills which will allow them to gain employment on offshore renewable energies teams e.g. (a) deckhand, (b) roustabout (responsible for cleaning, painting, and helping out with anything and everything at all times) and (c) roughneck (typical entry-level position where you must be a jack-of-all-trades).

4. **Southern Region - The Enterprise Firm 15/18** - 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.

Physical Renewal

1. Clan na Gael GFC – New Changing Facilities.

The provision of male and female changing rooms at Clan na Gael GFC, Francis Street, Lurgan to encourage participation in sport at both youth and senior levels and increase volunteer participation.

This project commenced in February 2017 and finished in October 2017.

The facility includes a large hall on the first floor with kitchen facilities which will be used to facilitate a range of club and community based activities.



Representatives from Clan na Gael GFC, Armagh GAA, Ulster GAA & DfC at the official opening of Clan na Gael's new changing facilities

Lurgan Partnership 17/18 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 17/18 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 17/18 total expenditure in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Craigavon – ACB&CBC - Technical Assistance 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£15,322.10	£15,296.87
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£15,322.10	£15,296.87

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
Craigavon - SELB - Youth Engagement Plus 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£34,686.62	£32,594.74
Craigavon - SELB - Count, Read, Succeed 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£45,986.96	£45,700.34
Craigavon - SELB - Inclusion in Education 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£23,514.97	£23,285.27
Craigavon - SELB – Transitions Programme 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£22,510.71	£21,457.66
Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure		£126,699.26	£123,038.01

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Craigavon Health Improvement Project 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£28,728.46	£28,728.46
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£38,449.74	£38,449.74
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£49,333.00	£49,333.00
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£116,511.20	£116,511.20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Craigavon – TOPS 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£26,406.05	£26,406.05
Armagh & Craigavon - The Grow Project 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£5,344.56	£5,344.56
Southern Regional College – Oceans Project 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£6,963.93	£6,963.93
Southern Regional College – The Enterprise Firm 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£5,207.10	£4,642.62
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£43,921.64	£43,357.16

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/18)
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
Clan na Gael GFC – New Changing Facilities	06/06/2017 – 31/03/2018	£554,245.87	£317,459.17
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure		£554,245.87	£317,459.17
GRAND TOTALS		£856,700.07	£615,662.41

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2017/18 YEAR

Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECT	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR7- Number of community/voluntary groups supported
Craigavon Borough Council - Technical Assistance 15/16	20		
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/16		2	
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities 15/16			11

Social (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(C)6 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/18	361
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities 15/18	190

Social (Education) Output Measures* post April 2014

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 programmes	SR(ED)7 – 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) 17 (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications completed.	SR(Ed) 25 (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefitting from project
Craigavon - EASR - Inclusion in Education 15/16			50		75			
Craigavon - EASR - Youth Engagement Plus 15/16						83	13	
Craigavon - EASR - Transitions Programme 15/16	17				100			23
Craigavon - EASR - Count, Read Succeed Plus 15/16			50	83				
Craigavon – SRC - TOPS 15/16		96						

Social (Health) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(H)1 Numbers benefiting from Healthy lifestyle projects initiatives	SR(H) 2 Number of people attending Health Education/ Awareness initiatives	SR(H)3 Number of people accessing intervention/ treatment service	SR(H)4 Number of health education/ awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	SR(H)7 Number of new/ improved sports facilities provided	SR(H)10 Number of people using existing sports facilities
Craigavon Health Improvement Project 15/18		4236	365	6		
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/18	861			15		275
Southern Region – The Grow Project	4					
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities 15/16	1859					
Clan na Gael GFC – New Changing Facilities					1	

Economic Output Measures

PROJECT	ER2 Number of residents going into employment	ER3 number of people accessing Careers advice	ER4 Number of people receiving job specific training	ER14 Number of people trained who received an accredited qualification
Craigavon – SRC - TOPS 15/18	2		29	46
Craigavon – SRC - The Grow Project 15/18		4	4	4
Craigavon Sport in the Community 15/18			20	
Southern Region – SRC - Oceans 15 Project 15/18		3	3	
Southern Region – SRC - The Enterprise Firm 15/18		6	1	1

Lurgan Partnership Conclusion

In the 2017/2018 financial year, Lurgan Partnership total overall spend was **£615,662.41**. This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	£15,296.87
Social Renewal	£239,549.21
Economic Renewal	£43,357.16
Physical Renewal	£317,459.17

Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure

The main achievements in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2017/2018, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- 51 people received training and achieved an accredited qualification;
- 100 people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes;
- 2724 benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle project initiatives;
- 4236 people participated in health education/awareness initiatives;
- 51 young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects;
- 365 people benefitted from accessing intervention/treatment services;
- 1 project improved sports facilities

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



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