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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.

About North West Portadown NR Partnership

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

The Neighbourhood Renewal Area is based around the Corcraun Electoral ward and is based around the housing estates along the Garvaghy Road and Obins Street in North West Portadown and includes part of the Edgarstown estate. These social housing estates were mainly built during the 1960's and 1970's, however there has been some private sector development in recent years. The population on Census day (27th March 2011) was 2,704 people with the NINIS 2015 mid-year population estimate for North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area showing a population of 3,069. The area is within the 10% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland.

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

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

OUR VISION FOR NORTH WEST PORTADOWN

By the year 2020 North West Portadown will be a place where all of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:

- Living in affordable good quality housing;
- Having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;
- Having access to high standards of health care;
- Enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;
- Having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;
- Enjoying the full range of civil liberties.
- There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.

- Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
- There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
- There is accessibility for all 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 and there is strong community spirit and pride

It should be noted that North West Portadown Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

North West Portadown Partnership Projects

In the 2017/18 year, the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported 13 projects in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community Renewal

1. **Armagh Craigavon - ACBCBC - Technical Assistance 4** - provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the North West Portadown Action Plan.



As well as various sessions focusing on Health and Wellbeing the Cabin Club offered participants the opportunity to complete First Aid training. 24 young people received First Aid Certificates. These programmes were funded by the Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Engagement programme.

Economic Renewal

1. **Craigavon – TOPS** - the North West Portadown '**Training and Employment Programme**' has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Southern Regional College to provide additional support in education and training for neighbourhood renewal residents. The programme provides mentoring support to those school pupils currently involved in the Schools Partnership Programme, additional mentoring to young people who progress from school to apprenticeship and other training programmes to develop and provide accredited training for young people who have dropped out.
2. **Southern Region – Oceans 14 Project** – this project aims to improve community well-being, skills and environment through targeting residents interested in working in UK and Irish coastal waters. The project provides accredited training in essential skills which provide a gateway to employability in the offshore industry.
3. **Armagh & 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.
4. **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.



Pupils from Presentation PS, Hart Memorial PS and Millington PS who participated in the Peer Paired Reading Programme as Peer Mentors.



Social Renewal - Education

- 1. Education Authority - Inclusion in Education** - provides mentoring to young people who are disengaged and /or not attending school. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents. In the North West Portadown area, the project is run within Drumcree College.
- 2. Education Authority - Youth Engagement +** - works with young adults about to disengage from education or who have left education already i.e. young adults described as 'NEETs' – Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training. The programme offers local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives. The project includes 3 themes: youth engagement; educational attainment/pre-employment support and health and well-being with close partnership working between the Department for Social Development, Southern Education & Library Board Youth Service; Southern Education & Library Board Social Inclusion Unit and Southern Health & Social Care Trust.
- 3. Education Authority - Count, Read, Succeed Plus** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Brownlow Neighbourhood Renewal area and will complement the schools' central role by providing additional support through working with communities and parents and linking their children's work back into the classroom. This programme will focus on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational standards through (a) school and community-based out of school hours' learning, (b) in-school and out of school hours' parental engagement and (c) 'Twilight' sessions to empower and capacity-build the teaching and classroom assistant workforce.

- 4. Education Authority – Transitions programme** – This project aims to provide assistance for pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and from Junior school to Senior school when young people can be vulnerable and more likely to become dis-engaged from education. The Education Welfare Service, along with staff and pupils will develop support materials, an App and Web pages for use by a wide range of young people in the 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas in Craigavon.
- 5. Education Authority – Early Intervention Learning Mentor** – The provision of a Learning Mentor in four Primary Schools in the NW Portadown NR area to support educational and behavioural needs at a young age. The mentoring plan will target the specific needs of each individual pupil, working with the school and parents.



St. Mary's Youth Club in Portadown received funding under the Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Engagement+ Programme to deliver a Health and Well Being Project. The project involved 45 young people from Neighbourhood Renewal Areas participating in healthy cooking activities along with various physical activity sessions.

Through the Youth Engagement+ Programme, Oasis Youth Club carried out the “Activ8” programme. The programme consisted of paid workers supporting Peer Mentors (aged 16+) to design and deliver a programme of activities for young people from Neighbourhood Renewal areas, aimed at enhancing their health and Well Being. The programme included taster sessions of various sports as seen in the pictures below.





Above Left: The Transitions Officer, Education Welfare Officer, a teacher and some pupils who completed a monthly attendance programme in St. John the Baptist College. The programme was carried out across Year 8, 9 & 10.

Above Right: A video project was carried out as part of the Transitions programme, where pupils in the Learning Support Centre in St John the Baptist College 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.



2 past pupils from Presentation Primary school visited their old school to host a question and answer session with current Primary 7 pupils regarding transition to St. John the Baptist College.

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

2. **Craigavon Sport in the Community (2015-2018)** - has been developed by Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council and North West Portadown residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of the facilities within the area which include the Churchill/Woodside Multi Use Games Area and the People's Park. It provides opportunities for residents to participate in sport and physical activity, gain qualifications and leader's awards, build relationships with people from other areas and backgrounds, encourage healthier, more active lifestyles and take part in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour.

3. **Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project** - 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 8 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 is divided into three elements - Cycling Participation, Cycle Training and Maintenance and the

construction of a Pump Track. The primary aim is to introduce over residents to organised cycling events and train residents in cycle leader training, basic cycle maintenance training and first aid training. The construction of the pump track will leave a lasting legacy for biking enthusiasts from the Craigavon and surrounding areas. **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.





Craigavon – Sport in the Community Programme

Clockwise from above: Summer Midnight Soccer; DV8 Residential in Newcastle; Midnight Soccer.



North West Portadown 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 North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2017/18 Spend
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Armagh Craigavon ACB&CBC Technical Assistance	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£15,296.87	£15,296.87
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£15,296.87	£15,296.87
Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2017/18 Spend
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
EA – Inclusion in Education	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£23,285.27	£23,285.27
EA – Youth Engagement+	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£32,594.73	£32,594.73
EA – Count Read Succeed Plus	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£45,700.34	£45,700.34
EA – Early Years Learning Mentor	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£58,237.81	£58,237.81
EA – Transitions Programme	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£6,986.23	£6,986.23

Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure	£166,804.38	£166,804.38
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Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2017/18 Spend
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£28,728.46	£28,728.46
Craigavon – Sport in the Community (2015-18)	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£12,518.52	£12,518.52
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities Project 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£49,333.33	£49,333.33
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£90,580.31	£90,580.31

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2017/18 Spend
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Craigavon TOPS (Training Opportunities)	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£26,406.05	£26,406.05
Southern Region – Oceans 15/18	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£6,963.93	£6,963.93
Southern Region – The Enterprise Firm	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£4,642.62	£4,642.62
Southern Region – The Grow Project	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£5,334.56	£5,334.56
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£43,347.16	£43,347.16
GRAND TOTALS		Total Allocation	Total Spend

£316,028.72

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 17/18 YEAR

Economic Output Measures

PROJECT	ER3 – Number of people accessing career advice	ER 4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER 14 – Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education
Armagh & Craigavon – The Grow Project	4	4	
Southern Region – OCEANS 14	3	3	
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)		29	46
Southern Region – Enterprise Firm	6	1	1
Craigavon – Sport in the Community (2015-18)		12	

Social Renewal (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects.
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities 17/18	190

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Craigavon – Sport in the Community (2015-18)	361

Social Renewal (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) 4 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved.	SR(Ed) 5 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes.	SR(Ed) 7 (Literacy & Numeracy)– Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefiting from project.	SR(Ed) 10 Number of pupils directly benefiting from project.	SR(Ed) 14 (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefiting from the project.	SR(Ed) 17 (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications completed.	SR(Ed)25 (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefiting from project
Craigavon - EA – Inclusion in Education				50		75				
Craigavon - EA – Youth Engagement+								82	13	
Craigavon - EA – Count Read Succeed Plus				50	83					
Craigavon - EA – Transitions Programme	16					100				23

Portadown – EA – Early Intervention Learning Mentor	22	23	23				208			
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)		96								

Social (Health) Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(H) 1 Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	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) 5 Number of people benefitting from new or improved health facilities	SR (H) 10 Number of people using existing sports facilities.
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project		4236	365	6		
Craigavon – Sport in the Community (2015-18)	861			9		275
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities Project 17/18	1859					
Craigavon – The Grow Project	4					

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 – Sport in the Community (2015-18)		2	
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities Project 17/18			11
Craigavon CBC Technical Assistance 4	29		

North West Portadown Partnership Conclusion

In the 17/18 financial year, North West Portadown Partnership total overall spend was £316,028.72

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

Community Renewal	£ 15,296.87
Social Renewal (Health)	£ 90,580.31
Social Renewal (Education)	£ 166,804.38
Economic Renewal	£ 43,347.16
Physical Renewal	£ 0.00

Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure

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

- ▶ 49 people received job specific training
- ▶ 47 people attained a formal qualification from participation in Adult Education;

- ▶ 551 young people directly benefited from diversionary projects;
- ▶ 2724 people participated in healthy lifestyle projects.

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



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