



Colin Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report 2017/18



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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Website: <http://www.newcolin.com>
£2.1 MILLION TRANSFORMATION OF COLIN GETS UNDERWAY**

In September 2017 People from the Colin area gathered at the site of the new Colin Town Centre Transport Hub and Civic Square to cut the first sod.

The new Transport Hub will form a vital part of the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) system in West Belfast and will significantly improve connectivity, as West Belfast, East Belfast and Titanic Quarter will be linked via the city centre and will offer faster and more frequent services.

The Department for Infrastructure is delivering this project in partnership with The Executive Office through the Urban Villages Initiative.

A spokesperson for the Department for Infrastructure said: “This facility is due to be completed in summer 2018, just in time for the start of Belfast Rapid Transit services in September 2018.

“It will further support the growing number of passengers who choose to use public transport in the West of the city. The Transport Hub building will include a waiting area for passengers, a coffee dock, travel information and public toilets.”

A spokesperson for the Urban Villages Initiative at the Executive Office said: “This new facility will be a major asset to everyone in the Colin area. It will massively improve accessibility and connectivity with other parts of Belfast, helping people in a very practical way as they go about their daily lives. The addition of community facilities and a new civic square will provide shared space that will bring the place to life with public events and community activities.

“This also signals the first phase of investment in Colin which is being supported through the Urban Villages Initiative. This is the beginning of significant capital investments that will build capacity for the local community and foster positive community identities.”

Better connections will not only provide people with improved access to jobs, hospitals, shops, schools, colleges, and entertainment but also will open up the opportunity for investment and enterprise in the Colin area.

Annie Armstrong, Manager at Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, said: “This project marks the beginning of an exciting change for everyone living in, and visiting the Colin area. In addition to the great new transport system, the integrated community space will allow public events to be hosted, such as markets, carnivals and Christmas celebrations.”

The BRT route in West Belfast will run between McKinsty Road Roundabout and the city centre, via the Colin Town Centre Transport Hub, Stewartstown Road, Andersonstown Road, Falls Road and Divis Street. It will replace the Metro 10 service in West Belfast.

Marking the beginning of an exciting change for everyone living in and visiting the Colin area.

The first sod was cut on the town centre hub and civic square in the Colin area in September 2017.



Attending the cutting of the sod are Ciaran de Burca DfI, Mark Browne, TEO, Mary McCartan, DfC, Annie Armstrong, CNP, Rose Mary Stalker, former Chair of CNP and local residents representing young people, older residents and those with disabilities as well as members of the Urban Villages management and development team.



Young people from various Primary Schools and one of our long term residents were invited to participate.

About Neighbourhood Renewal -

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce 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.

Colin Neighbourhood is located on the outskirts of greater West Belfast and because of the Review of Public Administration transferred to Belfast City Council local government boundaries at 1st April 2015. The remit of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP) is *to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme* by delivering a comprehensive renewal strategy for the Colin Area that comprises Poleglass, Twinbrook and portions of Lagmore and Kilwee a population of approximately 18,600 and a wider surrounding population that increases the population to approximately 30,000.

The CNP was established in 2004 and has active participation from community representatives, public sector organisations, political representatives and voluntary organisations and private sector that have interest in the area's development. The organisation promotes a holistic approach to addressing economic and social inequality closing the gap between neighbourhood renewal areas and those that are not included in neighbourhood renewal. CNP Meets on a monthly basis and holds an AGM yearly it produces audited accounts annually. The administration services are provided through a Partnership Manager, Finance and Office Manager, and a Development Network consisting of; Good Morning Colin Manager, Early Intervention Manager, 10 Development Officers with specific remits i.e. Arts & Culture, Community Safety, Men, Youth, Volunteering and Early Intervention Services, and a Marketing Officer.

The Partnership comprises 23 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. The Partnership has established six sub groups engaging approx. 200 individuals in task specific remits as well as other funding programmes and several major environmental schemes. The six subgroups assist in the identification, development and where appropriate; the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's four strategic objectives of: Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. Each sub group has developed its own action plan working in partnership with all the relevant organisations: SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, PSNI, BCC, NIHE, Ex. Office, DfC, CYPSPB, PHA, Urban Villages as well as all the local community and voluntary organisations. CNP is the lead organisation encompassing four key local organisations; Footprints Women's Centre, Poleglass Residents Association @ Sally Gardens Community Centre, Youth Initiatives and Ionad na Fuiseoige

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plan in 2016 four priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

Early Intervention

Health

Community Development / Safety

Physical Improvement/Environment

It should be noted that Colin Neighbourhood 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.

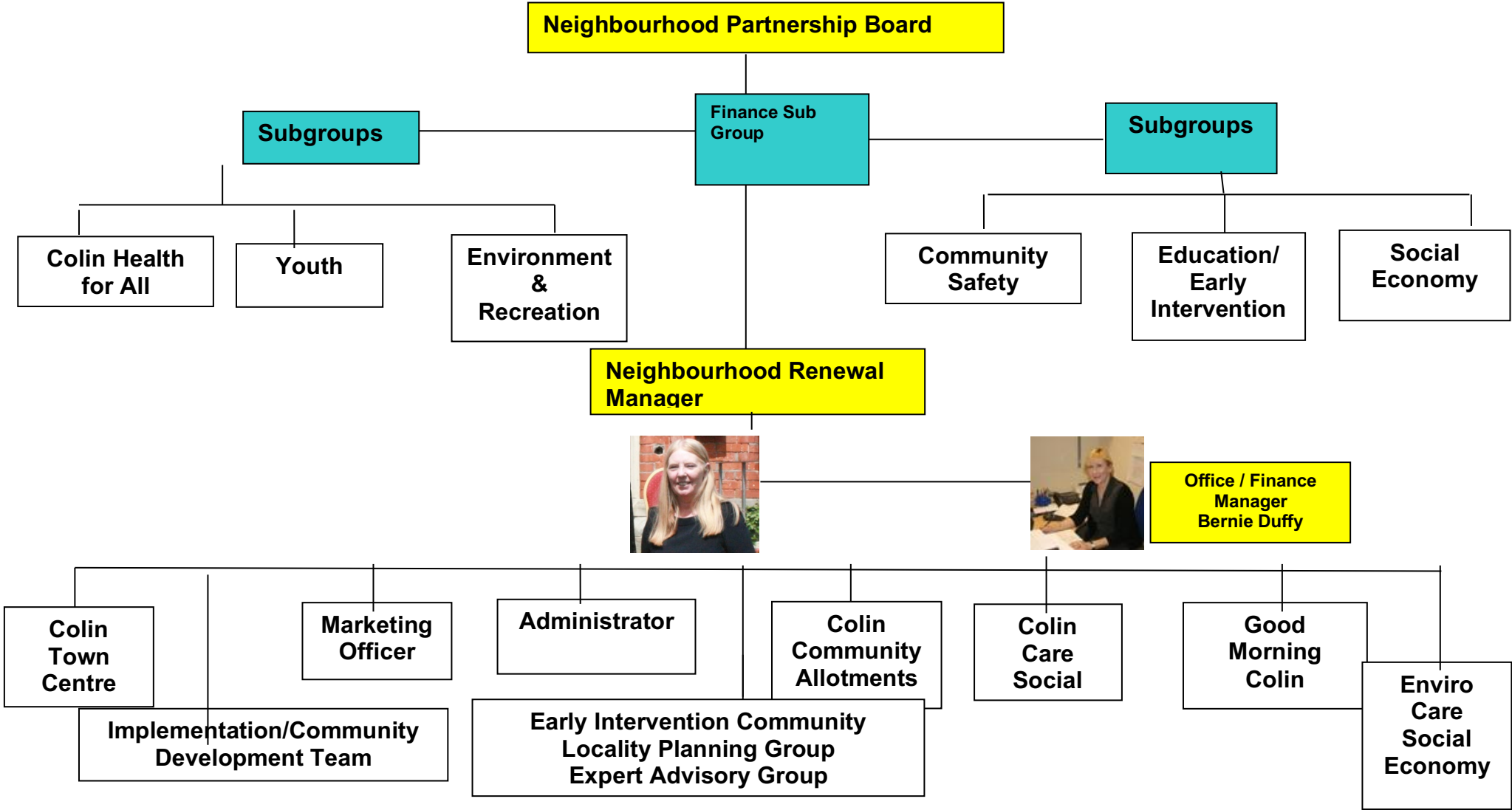
DfC support has been and remains key to the success of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. DfC funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and environmental programmes in the Colin Area. Other funders of CNP include:

Funding Body	Purpose of Funding
Belfast City Council	Community events/programmes And capacity building
Education Authority Atlantic Philanthropies Public Health Agency	Youth Inclusion programmes Colin Early Intervention Progs. Colin Early Intervention Progs. Healthy Eating/Physical Act. Programmes (Allotments)
Health & Social Care Board Department of Justice S.E.H.S.C.T.	Colin Early Intervention Progs. Colin Early Intervention Prog Colin Early Intervention Progs. Good Morning Colin & General Health Programmes
CLEAR Project Social Investment Fund Social Investment Fund Urban Village	Colin area Men's Shed progs. Colin Early Intervention progs. Capital works to Cloona House Capital and Revenue progs.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Board 2017/18

					
<p>CNP - Chairperson</p> <p>Bernard Moane Bernard Represents the Kilwee Community. He works for an Executive Agency within the DoE</p>	<p>CNP Secretary</p> <p>Theresa Brady Treasurer of CNP Theresa is Manager of Ionad Na Fuisseoige.</p>	<p>CNP Treasurer Jim Bradley</p> <p>Jim represents the Environmental Subgroup Jim is the Manager of the Belfast Hills</p>	<p>Lynda Vladeanu Colin Health subgroup Rep. Lynda is currently Acting Assistant Director for promoting Health and Wellbeing within the SEH & SCT</p>	<p>Geoff Beattie DfC Representative. Geoff is Deputy Director for the DfC Community Empowerment Division and is a nonvoting member</p>	<p>Orlaithi Flynn MLA representing Paul Maskey M.P. on CNP board. Orlaithi replaced Jennifer McCann as MLA for West Belfast.</p>
					
<p>Jason White Assistant Director Health Development South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SHE&SCT)</p>	<p>Brenda Richards DfC Community Empowerment Division Representative</p>	<p>Fr. Pat Sheehan Parishes Representative on the CNP board</p>	<p>Arlene Kee Education Authority representative</p>	<p>Sean O'Kane N.I.H.E. Representative</p>	<p>Stephen Magennis S.F. Representative.</p>
					
<p>Jackie Bunting Twinbrook Community Representative</p>	<p>Patricia Ramsey Twinbrook Community Representative</p>	<p>Máire Scott & Mary Smith Lagmore Community Representatives on the CNP Board</p>	<p>Isabel Loughran Women's Sector representative</p>	<p>Jim Gibney Kilwee Community Representative on the CNP Board</p>	<p>CCMS CURRENTLY VACANT</p>

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Organisational Chart



Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Projects

For the period 01/04/17 through 31/03/18 the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund are currently supporting the following 5 projects in Colin Neighbourhood Partnership.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Core Salaries and Overheads

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership - Health Priority

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – Early Intervention Priority

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – Early Intervention Collaborative

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – Community Development / Community Safety

CNP is the lead organisation encompassing four key local organisations; Footprints Women's Centre, Poleglass Residents Association @ Sally Gardens Community Centre, Youth Initiatives and Ionad na Fuiseoige.

Neighbourhood Renewal funding for these projects will end on 31/03/18

Any projects for the period 01/04/17 through 31/03/18 will appear in the annual report for that period.

Community Renewal

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Core Salaries and Overheads – this project is an 'enabler' it allows CNP to operate and deliver across all priorities. The aim of this project is: to provide the leadership and administration necessary to deliver the Neighbourhood Renewal strategy in the Colin area that further establishes the role of the Partnership as the umbrella for community development and underpins community led infrastructure that attracts support from all stakeholders. This project allows all other programmes and services for the Colin NRA to be developed and delivered.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Community Development / Safety – CNP is the lead in this collaborative project with Footprints Women's Centre – this project is focused on the implementation of the Colin Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan

Colin will be an area with a vibrant centre, where people are happy to live, work, play and study and proud to say they are from. It will be a community empowered to participate and make a difference, where local achievements are celebrated and visitors are welcomed."

The project supports the following posts; Community Safety Officer, Arts & Culture Officer, Volunteering Development Officer, a portion of the Marketing Officer's salary and a Caretaker's post with Footprints Women's Centre

Community Renewal

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership continue to provide an annual calendar of events for all in the community, provide training in capacity building, provide opportunities for volunteering, improve community relations, provide support for local community and voluntary groups, provide projects and activities that promote shared spaces. All of this enables us to sustain the real sense of community spirit and pride in this area.

For us here at Colin Neighbourhood Partnership community renewal is action that helps people to develop their own ability and help build resilience to address problems and their needs. We try to achieve this in many ways by offering programmes, activities and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents.

This is an opportunity to establish strong communities and gives a voice to communities to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental and other themes to ensure a better positive outcomes.

All of the activities and events highlighted below are extremely beneficial and very much appreciated by the local community. Improvements to this area can be achieved by its residents voluntarily working together. There are many examples of such contributions via all the volunteering activity that goes on day and daily in this community. This is showcased below by showing the many local people who are interested in the welfare and well-being of their local community. We believe it is extremely important that they are recognised at the annual volunteer celebration event that takes place every June during volunteering week.

Planning and conducting festivals and other community events involves many members of the community, which yields a number of social benefits.

Many residents tell us that being involved with festivals and events is the opportunity to get involved in helping to build and foster a sense of pride within their own area, feel part of something that is very positive and feel better about where they live.

Community festivals and events attract visitors at city and on occasion's regional level. Events help to capture attention and promote a positive view of the local people. They also make it possible to maximise the use of spaces seen previously as a burden and places to avoid. Our events have positive impacts that go well beyond what can be measured in economic terms, they contribute to the quality of life by strengthening this community providing unique activities and events and build awareness of diverse cultures and identities and act as a source of community pride and spirit.

There exists in this community a willingness and desire to make this area a better place to live, rear children and welcome visitors, this is evidenced by the decrease in numbers of residents leaving the area, the increase in numbers of families engaging with schools and the year on year increase in numbers of residents participating in community events and activities that promotes this community in a very positive light

CNP Highlights 2017/18

Colin Volunteers celebrated

Ciaran Sheehan, First Chairperson of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership presented trophies to all those nominated and winners of the various categories.



Exemplary Contribution to the Colin
Roseleen Cullen



Some members of the audience listening to details of volunteer involvement and image of trophies
Handed to those who were nominated.



Belfast Hills Partnership Volunteers Colin Guides Volunteers Springfield Charitable Assoc. Volunteers Mount Eagles Comm. Volunteers Footprints Kitchen Gardening Volunteers Colin Area Men's Shed Volunteers



Colin Youth Detached Volunteers Y.I. NUTS Project Volunteers Colin Safer Neighbourhoods Volunteers Good Morning Colin Volunteers Butterfly Support Group Volunteers Lagmore Youth Forum Volunteers

CNP held the Colin Volunteer Awards during national Volunteer Week to recognise volunteers who give up their time for the good of their community. Local people were asked to nominate individuals and groups who, through volunteering, make a positive difference in the areas of Poleglass, Twinbrook, Lagmore and Kilwee. The awards were presented at CNP's 10th Annual Volunteer BBQ and Celebration event, by.

List of award categories were:

Young Volunteer of the Year Award (*between ages of 16-25*)

Adult Volunteer of the Year Award (*over 25 years of age*)

Volunteer Team of the Year (*Large group >10 volunteers*)

Volunteer Team of the Year (*Small group <10 volunteers*)

Newcomer Award (*Large or Small Group*)

Exemplary Contribution to the Colin Community (*open to individuals or groups who have made a significant impact, past or present*)

Youth Inclusion Project

Cinematic Youth Film Project

The project engaged with 30 youth groups and schools from all U.V. areas including the Colin area...

Cinemagic spent a week with each group of young filmmakers to listen to their voices about a range of topics identified in the U.V. Strategic Frameworks as issues that affected their areas. The groups then created an original story from idea generation and script development right through to casting, production co-ordination, directing and cinematography. All groups produced their own film under the guidance of Cinemagic filmmakers and writers with the films being premiered in Odyssey Cinemas, Belfast at a special showcase event that included a Q&A with young representatives from all of the U.V. groups, focusing on their experience and the benefits of using film as a vehicle to get their voices heard. The Colin group (pictured across) focussed on the issue of bullying, this group of young people present with various syndromes including Autism.



Youth Inclusion Summer Scheme

Summer Schemes for young people with disabilities including day trips, with importance placed on outdoor activities helps enrich their experience of different environments.

The entire focus of the Colin Youth Inclusion Project is around the young people's needs and a family perspective. While throughout the year the Inclusion programmes try to meet the educational, social, developmental and emotional needs of the young people with disabilities, the summer scheme highlights a number of beneficial outcomes of the Youth Inclusion Project scheme; the most prevalent is how the young people and parents rely on this programme. These types of activities are designed to increase independence and provide a safe, secure and encouraging environment while schools are closed for summer holidays.

Many disabled children and young people say that leisure and play – after school, in the holidays and at weekends – is the most important missing element in their lives. Parents strive to identify opportunities and often find many unnecessary barriers, including a basic lack of information about what's available.

The Youth Inclusion Project Worker along with the volunteer's note each year that the social skills of the young people vastly improve over the course of the summer. These social skills include; greater communication, appropriate interaction, building and maintaining new friendships. The images below of Dondonald Ice Bowl, W5 and Ulster Museum are some of the activities during the summer scheme, others, Todds Leap; Colin Allotments etc are some of the 6 – 8 weekly programmes that took place throughout the year.



Dondonald Ice Bowl

W5



Visit to Ulster Museum Experiencing Victorian Times



Armagh Planetarium



Colin Allotments Harvesting Planting for Mother's Day Gifts



Todds Leap Team Building



Bead/Jewellery Workshop

Good Morning Colin

Modern family life today makes it less likely that families can devote a lot of time look after older family members. It is clear therefore that preventative strategies are needed to ensure that older people have good quality lives with less reliance on statutory care and remain at home for as long as possible, this is one of the main reasons Good Morning Colin was set up way back in 2001.

Good Morning Colin provides a core telephone call service to clients to ensure that they are in good health, identify any potential problems, alert carers, the statutory sector or neighbours if there any potential problems and to facilitate inclusion and access to other provision. Additional features of Good Morning Colin include, safety advice and equipment, crime prevention support, befriending, social activities, and when possible maintenance/gardening and a range of other services.

Current clients include those who Health Trusts may see as a priority; however other clients are those who feel lonely, vulnerable or socially isolated individuals who benefit from this support.

Good Morning Colin Aims

- enable older people and people in need of support to maintain independence, remain in their homes and to function in their own communities;
- prevent older people at risk from becoming more dependent and falling into poor mental health such as depression, loneliness and isolation;
- reduce fear of crime, overcome social isolation, and enhance health and well being by the provision of support in times of need to the most vulnerable, enabling people to build social networks, to function as individuals and as community members;
- promote and provide opportunities for active citizenship and enhanced health and well being by enabling older people to re-engage with their communities and communities to focus on social inclusion and integration of older people.

Volunteering with the GMC project needs special recognition, volunteers are not just seen as a source of support for the clients but the ethos of the service is to give equal importance to the needs of the volunteers. GM Colin includes among its volunteers a number of people who suffer from depression or other difficulties or have other personal needs which are addressed through the Volunteering work. Considerable effort is made to support the volunteers and to develop their skills. Along with the support provided by the Coordinator, the volunteers act as a mutual support group and benefit greatly from the experience, becoming much more productive active members of the local community resulting in growing in self-esteem and confidence.

GMC differs from other similar projects by providing a more holistic, hands on contact with a large number of clients. The wide range of social activities, information days, Christmas hampers and many other forms of direct contact with their clients is very much appreciated by not just those who use the service but statutory and other agencies that make referrals to the service, i.e., Health Trusts, PSNI, NIHE, other housing providers, GP's families and many others.

(See images below of just some of the events that take place throughout the year).



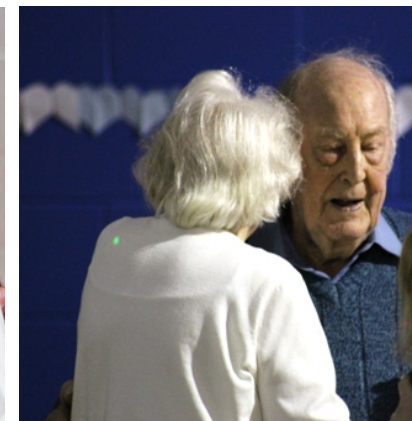
St. Patrick's Cross Community Céilí



May Day Ball



Sally & Brendan Black at the Valentines Ball



Barbara Finne (Vol.) with client Kieran Mooney



Bernie McGreevy & Guest



Couple from St. Agnes Social Group

Training



Colin Champions completed their OCN Level 2 Principals in Health



GroBrain Training



Men Shed Members at their wood work classes



See attached annual training calendar for period 2017/18 – Over 308 people were involved in various training programmes highlighted in the attached training programme booklet. Other training included, **Holistic Mums**, **GroBrain**, Colin Men's Shed members involved in **Circus Skills**, **Wood Work** etc. 28 Young People completed **OCN Level 1 in Centenary studies**.

The training calendar is supported by many organisations, i.e., South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust, Dept. for Communities, Learning Works, Job Assist, Workwest, Women's Resource & Development Centre, Lifestart, Mencap, WRDA, Dementia Together NI, and Belfast City Council who provide the funding for much of this training.

What is a Colin Community Champion?

A Colin Champion is a skilled, trained volunteer who will 'champion' the messages of Early Intervention to the Colin Community.

A Champion will advocate, educate, signpost and support children and families in Colin. They will play a key role in influencing policy and design of early intervention in the Colin community.

The Colin Early Intervention Community Champions will design and deliver an effective campaign targeting their key themes of the CEIC campaign.

Key Themes or Campaigns that the volunteers undertake will relate to a thematic development area of Early Intervention and may include areas such as: Colin Mums/ Fathers Champion - Colin Disability Champion - Parents Early Childhood Champion Speech and Language Champions.

Through GroBrain: Parents/caregivers participants will become empowered to foster physical, social, emotional and cognitive development by having an awareness of and understanding of the neural development of a baby brain. Participants become empowered with the knowledge, skills and tools to support and create more positive engagements with their infant. Infant Mental health will be improved as babies will have increased positive engagements and interactions by their primary caregiver in the first years of infancy.

Summer Festival 2017

It was time again to round up the family for the Colin Summer Festival, one of the biggest community events in the Colin area. Truly fantastic family events catered for all ages which meant there was plenty to keep everyone busy and entertained. The Colin Summer Festival provided 11 events over 11 days in various venues across the Colin area. The festival, organised by Colin Neighbourhood Partnership was funded by the Urban Villages Initiative and Dept. for Communities. Highlights included the annual Colin Summer Festival Parade and Family Fun day on Thursday 10th August. This annual carnival parade made its way from St Luke's Church in Twinbrook, along the Stewartstown Road, to Laurel Glen Car park where there was a free Family Fun Day including carnival rides, face painters, live music, arts and crafts, talent competitions, bouncy castles and much more. Another highlight of the local community festival was a Food and Craft Market at the Colin Allotments. Here there was lots of different vendors who specialise in fresh produce including breads, meats, confectionary, and artisan food products and drinks, there was also arts and crafts produced by local artists. The event also featured face painting for the kids, live music and a cookery demonstration at the Eco Healthy Living Centre. The Festival programme also included a Family Treasure Hunt in Colin Glen Forest Park, a BBQ masterclasses at Colin Allotments a family camp-out on Tuesday 8th August and a Give it a Go day at Saints Boxing Club on Wednesday 9th August.

Allotment Events (Summer Festival)



Participants at BBQ masterclass with Chef Brian Donnelly



Stalls in and outside the Polytunnel



McGarry Family at sugar workshop

Summer Parade



Just some of the amazing costumes produced by participants.



ArtsEkta Participants



NISHA TANDON OBE in the centre of this image.

ArtsEkta is a multi-award winning cultural organisation that works to develop intercultural relationships at the heart of the community and is home to the Belfast Mela - the largest celebration of cultural diversity on the island of Ireland.

The brainchild of Indian-native Nisha Tandon, ArtsEkta was founded in 2006 on the principles of inclusivity, creativity and openness in all aspects of society – Ekta means ‘uniting’ in the Indian language.

The involvement of ArtsEkta participants and displays is one of the favourites of both children and adults at the parade, the costumes, rhythms, sights and materials that show off the multi-cultural elements in N.I. add real colour and vibrancy to the overall parade.

Family Fun Day



All having a great time on a lovely sunny day.

The summer festival provides us with an opportunity to enable kids to get out into the fresh air, sunshine and time away from their Ipads and TV's. There is potential for exercise, opportunities to try new activities, meet new people and discover something about their own environment. Opportunities to meet people from other countries (ArtsEkta participants) learn and experience their culture, i.e., dance, costumes and language. There are events for kids to experience awe and wonder with the use of the petting farm where kids get the opportunity to hold and pet the animals and learn some facts from the experts.

Any place where children have so many new experiences at once can provide huge potential for confidence-building. The atmosphere among those attending created an amazing vibrant environment. It was great to hear people sing, see them dance and get immersed in the activities, there was a real feel good ambiance from those attending, not only about the event but about themselves and their community.

Halloween & Parents Week

Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain which took place on 31st October, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

The ancient festival considered the earliest known root of Halloween marked a pivotal time of year when seasons changed, but more importantly observers also believed the boundary between this world and the next became especially thin at this time, enabling them to connect with the dead. This belief is shared by some other cultures; a similar idea is mentioned around the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, which also typically occurs in October and involves saying prayers for the dead.

The mystical rituals of earlier times evolved into more lighthearted fun and games. For example, the somewhat heavy concept of connecting to the dead was replaced with the more lighthearted idea of telling the future. Apple bobbing, for example, became popular as a fortune-telling game on All Hallows' Eve: Apples would be selected to represent all of a woman's suitors, and the guy—er, apple—she ended up biting into would supposedly represent her future husband. Another popular All Hallows' Eve ritual was mirror-gazing, as people hoped to catch a vision of their future by looking into the mirror.

As for costumes and trick-or-treating, many people were said to dress up as saints and recite songs or verses from door to door. Children would also go from door to door asking for "soul cakes," a treat similar to biscuits.

Costumes, evolved, they began as tributes to saints, that tradition fell out of favour at some point until young Scottish and Irish pranksters decided to dress up in scary costumes as a way to spook unsuspecting neighbors. Thanks to the pranksters Halloween costumes became scary, spooky, funny, and creative all at the same time.

To celebrate this popular time of year Colin Neighbourhood Partnership team up each year with many of other organizations in the area to provide a family fun and scary event. We bring out the ghouls, ghosts, zombies and monsters because people like to be frightened in a fearful controlled space and enjoy the thrills that go with it.

Because this is a major family event that takes place every year during the school mid term break, we also hold a full week of events for parents and kids which provides many opportunities and events for parents and kids to spend lots of fun filled quality time together.

Halloween Parade 2017



Grounds of Cloona House transformed into a spooky world for the Family Fright Night event. The grounds were decorated for an unforgettable walkabout trail featuring fire breathers, storytellers, scary walk about characters and dinosaurs, with carnival rides and arts and crafts workshops for the kids, an unforgettable night of family fun was enjoyed by all.



Spooky Story Telling



Fire Breather



Light Juggler



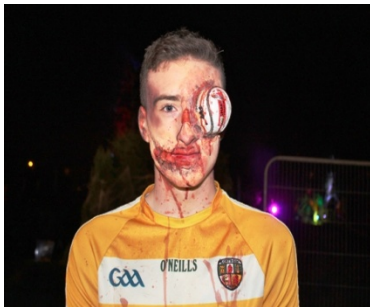
The Dinosaurs

Spider man to the rescue

Halloween Continued



Inside the Crypt



Some of the weird and wonderful costumes

Parents Week Events

Thanks to support from the Urban Villages Initiative, *Belfast City Council's Community Festival Fund* and Dept. for Communities we were able to deliver a wide variety of events this year. One highlight of the programme was Autumn Activity Fair in the Dairy Farm Shopping Centre it was a great event with lots of creative Halloween activities for the kids including pumpkin carving, arts and crafts and a free family photo booth. Other events included family fun days especially for children aged 0-4 yrs, spooky storytelling and discovery evening at the allotments and Autism friendly events



Autumn Activity Fair at Dairy Farm



Little boy enjoying soft play area.



Competitive Pumpkin Carving

Discovery Evening at Allotments



Some of the participants



Making bird boxes



Making Dream Catchers



Gareth Brown with Barn Owl



Terry Turkington with Falcon

Christmas 2017

Christmas is a big festival of joy and happiness and a time for family, friends and the local community to come together, and there's no better way to get in the merry spirit than hosting a public event where everyone has the opportunity to experience the very positive environment of feeling food, happiness and a real sense of community spirit. This is why Colin Neighbourhood Partnership provides the "Santa Comes to Colin" event each year.

In other areas throughout Belfast and beyond, shopping centres, town and city centres provide such events but in the Colin area the business community i.e., local shopping centre, does not provide an event of this kind therefore there would not be a local Christmas community event if CNP didn't deliver this.

The festive spirit was well and truly in the air, local families enjoyed a special festive treat when Santa visited the Dairy Farm Centre in West Belfast as part of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership's Santa Comes to Colin event.

Local children, and even some parents, got their photo taken with Santa and received a small gift. Revellers also enjoyed live music and Christmas carols by local school children from Scoil Na Faiseoige and St Colm's High Schools in Twinbrook, the local pupils put on an amazing show. The event also featured festive arts and crafts where youngsters were able to make colourful Christmas decorations. A mini Christmas market also took place where the public was able to purchase yule logs, crafts, wreaths and Christmas gifts. There was also a free photo booth allowing families to capture some special festive memories. And not forgetting the real spirit of Christmas we also provided a living Nativity, members of the Colin Men's Shed dressed as shepherds, the 3 Kings and Joseph, a local woman posed as Mary.

Christmas is also a time to give, **CNP** secured donations from Cash for Kids, Giving Circle and Food Banks to support a number of families involving over 100 Children who needed additional support over the Christmas period, families were identified and referred by the following organisations Colin Sure Start, Clover Hill Hostel, Schools, Colin Early Parenting Project, Schools and Social Services. Families received toys, gifts, food hampers and meat vouchers.



Images of the Santa Comes to Colin Event



Choirs entertaining the crowds



Young people enjoying the community spirit



Men's Shed Members helping young people make their own Yule Tide Logs



Men's Shed Nativity

Connecting the Colin Community with Creativity

For the fifth successive year, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership participated in Dept. for Communities Creativity Month in partnership with Libraries NI and supported by Urban Villages.

The festival aims, were to engage citizens of Colin in learning and to inspire interest and enjoyment through a month-long programme of interactive learning events and workshops.

The programme offered a wide range of creative activities providing opportunities for adults and children to engage with a range of new experiences. The activities included pottery workshops, cookery classes circus workshops, photography, storytelling, music, spring watch, bath bomb production and an Irish language crash course held at Ionad na Fuisseoige.

As always large crowds turned out for the hugely popular event the free Creativity Day held at the Dairy Farm Shopping Centre, this included international arts and crafts stations, storytelling in the Library and a colourful spectacle of Chinese Lion and fan dancers, Mexican and Indian dancers and a variety of foods from these countries and the newly established Colin "Crescendo" choir entertained the crowds with their first public appearance.



Members of the Mens Shed teaching children Circus Skills.



Children mesmerised by the Komodo dragon

Jungle Show N.I. provides a safe presentation to entertain and educate kids and adults on the welfare of animals as well as letting participants hold and care for the animals.





Steve Lally Teaching young young people new instruments



Soft Play Area for the wee ones overseen by Colin Sure Start



Food tasting from various countries



Chinese Dragon



Some members of Crescendo Choir



Cookery Classes Allotments



Photography Workshops



Bath Bomb Workshops



Participants at Irish Language Course



Pottery Workshops





World Book Day - Story Telling at the Library



Young Oliver delighted with his story book

Youth Celebration Event

The Colin Youth Awards supported through Urban Villages and organised by the Youth Strategy Group took place in the Balmoral Hotel Belfast. Nominations were sought under the categories listed below,

Award categories:

- Sport
- Volunteering
- Creative Art (music, drama, art, dance)
- Group Award (youth provider, sporting organisation, school, community support)
- Caring for Others
- Pupil of the Year (schools only)

- Outstanding Achievement
- Achievement Despite Adversity

This was in recognition of inspirational young people who take part in a variety of fields including sport, volunteering and care-giving. The Colin Youth Awards showcased the amazing work young people do in this community and confirm why the Colin area is a great place to live.

The Colin Youth Awards are a way of celebrating and recognising the achievements, talent and drive of young people from the Colin area. The Colin community were asked to nominate local young people who they felt deserved a Colin Youth Award; we were inundated with stories of children, teens and young adults who were nominated for their dedication, ambition and selflessness, and often in the face of difficulty. We are delighted to be able to honour them at this award ceremony and let them know that they contribute to the positive side of this community and are what helps make the Colin area a great place to live.

Individual winners presented with the Awards by Linsey Farrell from Urban Villages.





Other Award winners received their awards from James Tennyson local Boxer, local MLA, Orlaithi Flynn, and Philip Magee U.V.



Two little girls from one of the local dance groups entertained the crowds showing off their dance and gymnastics moves.

Economic Renewal

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – Highlights

Colin Care, our first social economy business established in August 2005 will have been in existence for 13 years come August 2018.

We now employ 63 staff caring for 119 services users who require personal care, help with medication, overnight sits and other services. We are contracted to BHSCT and SEHSCT for the provision of Domiciliary Care Services; we also have an increasing number of private clients. Last year we reported that Belfast Health & Social Care Trust tendered for this service, but they discontinued with this approach as they stated that the process was not fit for purpose.

This can be a volatile industry, in relation to employing and holding onto staff because this is a 24 hour service, and because of the significant reductions in rates paid by Trusts the staff receive minimum of living wage and many of the employees are restricted to the number of hours they can work due to the issues around family working tax credits etc.

Colin Care is regulated by the Regulation Quality Improvement Authority, this means that all Care Assistants, Team Leaders and managers have to carry out mandatory training each year in the following areas Mandatory Induction, Moving & Handling, First Aid, Vulnerable Adults, Child Protection, Food Hygiene, Medication and all must now be registered with NISCC.

Again during this year the NIHE granted us funding to provide QCF Level 5 and Level 3 Health and Social Care Management to support a number of staff members to achieve these qualifications. .

The annual inspections carried out by both Belfast Health & Social Care and South Eastern Health and Social Care Trusts as well as the annual inspection by RQIA proved to be very positive and only requiring that we update some of the statutory policies.

Colin Care employee wins Best of the West Award



For the second year in a row an employee of Colin Care won a Best of the West Award for Best Carer.

Ruairi Curley won the prestigious award at a glittering award ceremony in the Devenish. The annual Best of the West awards are organised by Belfast Media Group's Andersonstown News and showcase local popular services, products and people across 35 categories with the winners being decided by the paper's readers.

Colin Care, management and staff are delighted and very proud that Ruairi won the award. Ruairi is very popular among the other staff members and clearly appreciated by the Service Users of Colin Care.

Enviro-Care

Enviro-Care had a busy year with the Housing Executive's main contractor sub-contracting some of their smaller pieces of work to Enviro-Care, we also maintained the work with Radius Housing, NIHE, Osborne King and our regular customers. This meant that we were able to secure employment for our 4 full-time staff over the winter period. We are confident that we will secure additional work from the Housing Executive's main Contractor "Out There" over the next few months and will consider employing another 2 staff to deliver these services over the spring and summer months of 2018.

We are currently considering expanding our social economy businesses to include a cleaning and domestic services business. It is planned that this new social economy business will provide local cleaning services to homes and businesses as well as offering domestic visits to elderly and/or vulnerable people.

We will carry out a survey in the local area to hear what potential customers think about these services.

Social Renewal – Education CNP

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – People engaged in parenting skills development Colin Early Intervention Community

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – Children having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being. The following programmes delivered in schools

Time4Me - A therapeutic counselling service for children & their parents/carers. The service operates during term time and school hours and on school grounds. Referrals are made to the service by school staff, parents/carers etc and delivered by Barnardo's.

Speech & Language - service offered in schools pupils receiving speech & language therapy delivered by South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Speech Therapists.

Incredible Years Programmes.

Basic Parenting Programme - Programmes for parents, teachers, and *children reduce challenging behaviors in children and increase their social emotional learning and self-control skills.*

School Readiness Programme – Another parenting programme designed to promote preschool children’s school readiness. This two-programme series is supplemental to the Basic Parent Programme. The objectives are to improve children’s school readiness by enhancing their language, reading, and social skills.

Baby Programme – Encourages parents to develop a journal to keep track of their babies growth and development, this is organised around the developmental stages at 0-3 months, 4-6 months and 6-12 months. It includes checklists where parents can record the baby’s view point with “Things I can do,” including when baby learns to first sit, know her name, say baba, roll over, crawl, pull to stand, feed herself and so forth. It also includes pages to record outings and visits with friends and family members

Toddler Programme – Enables parents to help their toddlers feel loved and secure. Encourages their toddler’s language, social and emotional development. Establish clear and predictable routines. Handle separations and reunions. Use positive discipline to manage misbehaviour

Pre School Dina – Dina Dinosaur Social Emotional Skills and problem solving for ages4-8

Part 1 = Wally teaches clues to detecting feelings. Part 2 Wally teaches clues to understanding feelings.

Learning words for different feelings. Learning how to tell how someone is feeling from verbal to nonverbal expressions. Increasing awareness of nonverbal facial communications used to portray feelings. Learning different ways to relax. Understanding why different feelings occur. Understanding feelings from different perspectives. Practicing talking about feelings.

Adolescent Counselling Service – CNP commission Colin Community Counselling to provide this service for young adolescents in this neighbourhood. We decided to support this service because of the long waiting list for the service in Post Primary Schools; ensuring that young adolescents have immediate access to counselling

Incredible Years & Partnership with Parents Celebration.



End of Programme Celebration Event at the Balmoral Hotel



Some of the Incredible babies and their parents





Two Mothers talking about their journey through the Incredible Years programmes and explaining the benefits for them and their children.



Certificates for participation in the various Incredible Years Programmes, presented by Ralston Perera, SEHSCT

Partnership with Parents - an evidenced-based programme which has proven to deliver better outcomes for children and improved parent/child relationships.

Children have to face many challenges growing up such as coping with change, bullying, peer pressure and social media, sometimes it can be difficult for parents to know how best to support and direct their young people.

PWP a home based programme supports parents with children aged 0 - 18 yrs to explore some of the stressors their family are experiencing.

Outcomes for PWP are:

- Improve parent / child communication
- Increase parental understanding of, and ability to manage their child's behaviour
- Improve the child's social development
- Introduce consistent outcomes
- Increase parental involvement in the child's education
- Increase parental ability to manage crises effectively

Social Renewal – Education CNP

Mentoring for Achievement - Mentoring for Achievement Programme (MAP) is an evidence-based programme that uses mentoring procedures to increase school engagement among targeted students who have personal characteristics (for example inattention, disorganization, disinterest or behaviour problems) that interfere with learning. It is a 2-year, school-based programme based on social learning theory.

The MAP programme builds upon existing school attendance, behaviour and academic records. MAP is specifically designed to decrease the impact of the personal characteristics named above on the way pupils engage in school. It helps pupils develop more efficient ways of engaging and promotes a greater awareness in the pupils of the benefits of the school and classroom environments.

Candidates for the Mentoring for Achievement programme are selected by the schools. The selected children are assigned a mentor specifically trained in behavioural change techniques. The mentoring of MAP is focussed, working specifically with attendance, punctuality, school engagement + motivation, task adherence and home-school collaboration.

Map can be used with children between the ages of 10 and 16. We operate as a Transition programme Yr. 7 + 8 (First Year Primary 7 Pupils – 2nd Year 1st Year in Post Primary School).



Partnership with Parents participants along with the delivery team.



CNP Transition Team, delivered Incredible Years, PWP, & Mentoring for Achievement programmes.



Those that attended the Celebration event along with CNP's Transition Team



Mentoring for Achievement Participants, Teachers & Parents Celebration Event.

Social Renewal – Education CNP

“Crescendo” - A music programme for the Colin and Shankill areas of West Belfast

Working with colleagues in the Greater Shankill Partnership, the Ulster Orchestra, QUB and schools, we have continued to build on the Crescendo programme being delivered to pupils in four primary schools (two of these in Colin). Taking its inspiration from the El Sistema programme pioneered in Venezuela, Crescendo aims to connect children to stronger learning outcomes through instilling a culture of music and the associated social and emotional skills which this approach builds.

Crescendo brings together key partners including:

- Two community organisations, CNP and Greater Shankill Partnership,
- Four primary schools, Holy Evangelists' and Good Shepherd in Colin, Malvern and Wheatfield in Shankill

An additional partner in this ambitious programme is the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queens University Belfast. Right through the programme there will be academic evaluation of the resulting benefits to the children, their families and the wider communities.

Since September 2016 both Colin primary schools, Good Shepherd PS and Holy Evangelists' PS, have reengaged with the Ulster Orchestra and Primary 1 classes have been receiving weekly tutoring. This equates to 188 children.

In September 2017 the 'new' Primary 1 classes also received tutoring, involving an additional 168 children bringing the number of children involved in the music programme for 2017/18 academic year to 356. As a consequence there is an urgent need for tuition support.

As each school year commences a 'new' group of Primary 1 children will experience the music programme in these four schools with eventually all of the school children, - primary 1 to primary 7 - participating.

The EI Sistema model is grounded in the principle that social transformation can be achieved through music education. As such, 'Crescendo' represents a social intervention which aims to provide children from these communities with a range of social benefits, by equipping them with valuable life skills. The intervention is currently focused on educational outcomes but we are working alongside QUB to add an emphasis on potential public health benefits of the programme specifically in relation to the three outcomes below,

1. Improved mental health and wellbeing of children.
2. Social development and behaviour—e.g. pro social behaviours.
3. Wider societal impact —e.g., improved home/ family relationships, greater community cohesion.

These outcomes strongly align with NI policy, particularly, the health and social wellbeing improvement directorate of the Public Health Agency NI and the NI Executive's Children and Young People's Strategy (2017-2027).

In other countries the philosophy has a knock on effect for the families of children involved, and the wider community.

As an extension to the programme and our intention to include the wider community we established the "Crescendo" Choir in February 2018. Anyone can join regardless of experience, there are no auditions, and so whether you are a seasoned singer or you just like to sing your favourite songs, you will receive a warm welcome from our choir master Keith Acheson, Director of the Crescent Arts Centre and the current participants.



The Choir in Practice
Some members of Choir at their first Public appearance in March



The above images show the end of year event, playing along with the Ulster Orchestra at the Ulster Hall. All four Primary Schools, Holy Evangelists, Twinbrook. Good Shepherd, Poleglass, Malvern & Wheatfield Primary Schools, Shankill came together for the first time to showcase their achievements. 6 buses were made available to facilitate parents attending this event.

It is extremely important to note that the vast majority of all the Social Renewal – Education programmes highlighted above are delivered in all 6 Primary Schools throughout the area. The exception being Partnership with Parents, delivered in homes.

Social Renewal Health –CNP Highlights



Based in new Colin Neighbourhood Partnership premises at the Dairy Farm Centre, the Changing Lives Initiative is a major and exciting programme to tackle ADHD-focused behaviours in children under 8 years of age. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common neurological disorders in childhood – characterised by inattention, hyperactivity and impulsiveness and affects more than 1 in 20 children. If left untreated it can severely impact on a child's life and education, as well as putting significant strains on family life.

The Changing Lives Initiative is a 3-year partnership project involving Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP) and a number of other partners in the South of Ireland and Scotland and is funded by the European Union's INTERREG VA Programme. It is being delivered in Colin/West Belfast, across County Louth and in the Argyll & Bute district of Scotland.

The project aims to support the parents of any child aged between 3 and 7 who is displaying challenging behaviours associated with ADHD. In most (though not all) cases the child will not yet have received a formal diagnosis of the condition, but the parent or teachers may be concerned about a short attention span, or impulsive and hyperactive behaviours.

The Changing Lives team hold awareness workshops for any parent falling into this category. These workshops are an opportunity for parents to find out information on current treatments and interventions, tips and parenting strategies. Parents attending these workshops are invited to complete some standardised questionnaires about their child's behaviours, which will indicate whether the programme is suitable for them. Parents are then offered a place on a specific ADHD-focused Incredible Years programme which CNP team members deliver in a school or community setting. All parents – whether or not they are offered a place on the programme or not – will be signposted to other information or services relevant to their child's situation.

In addition, the project is delivering a series of workshops to teachers and other early years professionals to improve their awareness and skills around ADHD, and to enable them to better support children displaying these kinds of behaviours.

Strengthening Families.

The Strengthening Families Program is an evidence-based prevention program for parents and children ages 12-16 in higher risk families. SFP consists of parenting skills, children's life skills, and family skills training courses taught together in 7 3-hours group sessions preceded by a meal that includes informal family practice time and group leader coaching.

Outcomes include increased family strengths and resilience and reduced risk factors for problem behaviors in high risk children, including behavioral problems, emotional, academic and social problems. SFP is now widely used also as a universal primary prevention intervention in schools, churches, and communities hoping thereby to attract more high risk families. SFP builds on protective factors by improving family relationships, parenting skills, and improving the youth's social and life skills.

The entire family is invited to attend and activities are offered for younger members of the family as well as crèche facilities if appropriate.

Programme Contents SFP sessions include all the critical core components of effective evidence-based parenting programs (CDC, 2008) including: parent and child practice time in the family sessions learning positive interactions, communication, and effective discipline.

The parenting sessions review appropriate developmental expectations, teach parents to interact positively with children (such as showing enthusiasm and attention for good behavior and letting the child take the lead in play activities, increasing attention and praise for positive children's behaviors, positive family communication including active listening and reducing criticism and sarcasm, family meetings to improve order and organization, and effective and consistent and effective discipline including reasonable and logical consequences and time-outs.

The children's skills training content includes communication skills to improve parents, peers, and teacher relationships, hopes and dreams, resilience skills, problems solving, peer resistance, feeling identification, dealing with criticism, anger management and coping skills.

The family sessions allow the parents and children to practice what they learned in their individual sessions in experiential exercises. This is also a time for the group leaders to coach and encourage family members for improvements in parent/child interactions. The major skills to learn are: Child's Game or, for Teens, Our Time, similar to therapeutic child play where the parent allows the child to determine the play activity, complementing the good, effective communication, Family Meetings, making family rules, and Positive Discipline. SFP also includes group practice in problem solving and anger management. Home practice assignments of these skills improve generalization of new behaviours at home.



Family Meal



Young people on the programme



Younger family members play time.

Social Renewal Health –CNP Highlights Continued

Allotment Healthy Eating, Nutrition and Physical Activity Programmes.

New gardening programme for local groups

In June 2017 The Healthy Living Centre at the Colin Allotments teamed up with the Public Health Agency (PHA) to deliver a unique two year gardening programme for organisations operating in the Colin and Lisburn areas. Local community groups took part in the Community Nursery Hub programme offered participants hands-on gardening lessons at the Colin Allotments.

The Healthy Living Centre at the Colin Allotment site is a great place to deliver this project as we have a number of communal raised beds, a large polytunnel, and access to seeds, tools and equipment, all of was free of charge thanks to funding by the PHA. Participants on these courses have the opportunity to work towards an OCN Level 1 Certificate in Horticulture if they wish. Some of the images below show some of the groups that took part and are now growing their own fruit, vegetables and flowers.



Members receiving their certificates after completing the programme and showing off and sharing the produce they managed to nurture and grow

The group above is service users of the Derryagh Day Care Centre. The centre and its services are available for service users who live within the South Eastern HSC Trust locality and offers opportunities to engage in social activities/educational courses as part of the recovery journey.

Members are supported and empowered to access new roles, relationships and social support to increase their social experiences and enhance interpersonal skills. A variety of social activities and educational training courses are delivered by trained professionals and volunteers. The Trust use our allotment site throughout the year as an appropriate venue to support the recovery pathway for their users.



The Derryagh Group also grew flowers to provide a flower display at Antrim Castle Gardens as part of their May Day programme.



L'Arche (French for 'The Ark') is an international federation of 140 communities worldwide founded on faith and inspired by the gifts of people who have learning disabilities. By 'community' we mean a group of people of different ages, creeds, capacities and social and ethnic backgrounds connected to one another through a belief that everyone, irrespective of their circumstances, can have a positive impact on the lives of others. In our communities people with and without learning disabilities choose to live together in a spirit of friendship. We recognise the unique value of every person, the gifts we have to offer and our need for one another. L'Arche promotes strong community-based care and support services, and creates opportunities for people who have learning disabilities to take up their place in their local communities, to realise their potential, and to be enabled to make an active contribution to society.

L'Arche group getting their hands dirty. This group uses our allotment site throughout the year for various programmes with the support of CNP staff.

Schoolchildren complete Growing Spaces Programme at Colin Allotments

A number of local schoolchildren have completed a successful nutritional and horticultural programme at the Colin Allotments in Poleglass. The Growing Spaces Program saw children from 6 local schools learn about how food is grown and the nutritional benefits of a healthy diet.

For the past few months, schools including Christ the Redeemer, St Kieran's, Holy Evangelists, Scoil Na Fuisseoige, Our Lady Queen of Peace, and Good Shepherd, enjoyed regular educational visits to the Colin Allotments' Healthy Living Centre.

The children learnt about planting a variety of vegetables and were able to sow seeds and care for plants on site. They also learnt about the health implications of too much sugar in the diet and the benefits of having plenty of fibre.

Colin Allotments Healthy Living Centre Manager, Matthew McKinley, said of the programme: "To celebrate the successful completion of the programme, we held a celebratory event for the schoolchildren and each school was given a certificate. Feedback from teachers has been positive with many saying that they were delighted to be part of a programme that can help guide children on a path to long term health in adulthood. Many thanks to the Urban Villages Initiative who funded this Growing Spaces Programme."



Local schoolchildren celebrate the end of the Growing Spaces programme at the Colin Allotments



Schoolchildren plant bulbs as part of the Growing Spaces Programme



Pupils from Scoil Na Fuisseoige receive their school's certificate

Social Renewal Health –CNP Highlights

Colin Area Men's Shed

Men Sheds were set up to deal with many issues facing men who feel isolated, unsupported and many neglect their health and wellbeing. They don't talk about their feelings and emotions, unlike women most men are reluctant to talk about their emotions and that very often results in them not asking for help. Because of this many men are less healthy; they consume alcohol more, take risks and suffer from loneliness and depression.

The Colin Men's shed through the many events and activities organised on a weekly basis and throughout the year, help and support the participants to feel productive and valuable in their own community. They connect to new and existing friends; maintain an active mind and body and have lots of fun and craic with their group. The participants very much appreciate that there is no pressure to participate, they can just come and have a chat, a cuppa or lunch if that's what they need. Our group are very supportive when large community events are organised, or when something needs to be done in the community and there are no resources to support these. The images below show some of the work they are involved in at the allotments site. They built a willow arch entrance to the story telling hobbit site as well as a small dam to encourage the growth of tadpoles and other small species to develop a nature area for the children who attend the programmes at the Allotments Eco Healthy Living Centre.

Some of the members of the shed are also taking part in the bee keeping course, again to enhance the learning environment for local children. As mentioned earlier in this report they built the manger seen in the image below and dressed up as Wise Men and Shepherds to create a Living Nativity Scene at our Santa Come to Colin event. They also continue to get involved in Life Long Learning programmes that will develop their personal skills, hence the guitar lessons and the circus skills among others, they just love the opportunity to show off what they have achieved.



Willow arch entrance



Hobbit Story telling site



Guitar Lessons



Sharing their Circus Skills



Living Nativity

Suicide Prevention

St Colm's welcomes mental health campaigners

St Colm's High School hosted cyclists taking part in an event designed to raise awareness of positive mental health.

The 'Cycle Against Suicide' initiative sees hundreds of cyclists travel throughout the island of Ireland in order to raise awareness of suicide prevention and promote positive messages of mental health.

'Cycle Against Suicide' is a voluntary organisation that was set up in 2012 to promote mental health. The main objective of the campaign is to raise awareness of the help and support that is available to anyone battling depression, self-harm, at risk of suicide, or those bereaved by suicide

Each year, 'Cycle Against Suicide' stops at a number of schools along the route to co-host a mental health event and provide refreshments and facilities for the hundreds of cyclists who take part. This year St Colm's High School in Twinbrook was lucky enough to host a stop for the team.

Principal of St Colm's High School, Cathy McMurry, said, "St. Colm's High School volunteered to be an anchor school for the 250 cyclists and their entourage. The school facilitated the cycle by providing lunch, changing facilities, physiotherapy and counselling. Mental health agencies, local sporting celebrities and community groups were present to support the event. The peloton was greeted by a sea of orange as students, staff and visitors lined the route in Twinbrook wearing customised t-shirts and caps."

Mrs McMurry added, "In preparation for the event St. Colm's pupils and staff were involved in a range of activities exploring mental health in an effort to create an emotionally healthy school. The event was instrumental in educating about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and how conducive it is to maintaining positive mental health. Well done to all for a wonderful and successful event. St Colm's High School would like to thank all the generous support from our local businesses and community organizations.



The Welcoming Party



Cycling through Twinbrook



Cyclists have a break and nutrients at St. Colm's School



Back on the road

Social Renewal Health –CNP Highlights Continued

Programmes and activities supporting families with young babies.

Supporting speech & language in Colin



The Colin schools' SALT team: Amanda Howard (l) and Claire Casey (r), with Brian McAlea, principal of St. Kieran's Primary School where the team are based

Since 2013, Colin Early Intervention Community has supported a vital Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) service in six local primary schools in a unique partnership between Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT), and the schools themselves. During that time, despite funding pressures and cutbacks, more than 400 children in P1 and P2 have received an assessment of their difficulties, followed by one-to-one or group therapy support from trained speech and language therapists working from space kindly donated by St. Kieran's Primary School.

Children benefiting from the service are supported to progress to the normal range of speech and language development for their age. In more severe cases they are referred on for more specialist support elsewhere within the Trust. One of the strengths of the school-based service is that the SALT team can work directly with teachers and classroom assistants to ensure that appropriate supports are in place in the classroom.

In recent months, Colin Early Intervention Community has also been working with colleagues in Lisburn Early Intervention and the SEHSCT to develop a shared Speech & Language strategy modelled on proven initiatives elsewhere such as **'Stoke Speaks Out!'** In the coming year we plan to facilitate local nursery and primary schools to introduce the 'Early Talk Boost' and 'Talk Boost' programmes to support children with mild speech and language delays. We will cover progress on this in our future issues of 'Colin News'.

The strategy will support the absolutely essential role that parents play in their child's speech and language development, especially during the all-important first three years of life. Put simply, parents just talking, reading and singing to their babies and toddlers makes a world of difference.

Local residents become Colin Champions



Aisling Thompson and Rosemary Diver are Colin Grandparent Champions

A team of community volunteers participated in CNP's Community Capacity Building Project and gone on to become Colin Community Champions. This exciting role allows them to support families in the Colin community in areas of maternal mental health, grandparent support and baby brain development.

The project, funded by Atlantic Philanthropies and Belfast City Council, provided opportunities for local people to receive training in order to become a Colin Community Champion. A Champion is a trained volunteer who inspires, educates and supports families and children. The Colin Community Champions play a key role in influencing policy and the design of services and programmes in the Colin neighbourhood.

The volunteers successfully completed a Level 2 OCN in Principles in Health Improvement in June 2017. This training covered 6 core modules which supported them in creating a Community Champion's Project in their local community. Following a numbers of months conducting research and project planning, the group came up with innovative programmes that are successfully reaching out to support local families in the Colin area.

Rosemary Diver is the Colin Grandparents Champion. Rosemary established the Colin Grandparents Group in January 2018 and they meet weekly in St. Lukes Family Centre in Twinbrook.

Rosemary explains the reason for starting a grandparents project, saying: **"I felt that the role of a grandparent was truly under recognised and under-valued and I wanted to set up a group that would provide grandparents with an opportunity to explore their experiences and discuss their views on family life, such as traditions, beliefs and family needs. I also wanted to ensure that grandparents were supported in their role by ensuring they had information on services and resources available to them."**



Patrick Nolan, Laura Black and Brenda Maguire, are the Colin area's Baby Brain Champions. These volunteers conducted research into the areas of baby brain development and infant mental health. Their aim was to provide a programme which would equip parents/caregivers with the knowledge and understanding of baby brain development. The Baby Brain Champions sourced a programme, GroBrain, and have trained 10 Community Facilitators to deliver the programme in Colin. These GroBrain facilitators will deliver the programme to local parents, youth groups and grandparents. This exciting initiative is a partnership between CNP, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, and Colin Sure Start.



**A group from the Holistic Mums project catch up before an
Aromatherapy Workshop**

Orla McCabe and Michelle Carew have taken on the roles of Holistic Mums Champions. They carried out research and put together a programme that would offer support to mums-to-be or new mothers. The Holistic Mums Project aims to provide theoretical and practical training on the benefits of alternative therapies as self-help tools for anxiety management and to prevent and support post-natal depression.

The Holistic Mums Project started in February 2018 and the volunteers have been working with a group of 12 women on a weekly basis. The group has participated in workshops on aromatherapy, positive self-talk, yoga and mindfulness, and received information and practical sessions of reiki, reflexology and massage.



Breast Feeding Support Group

The group, established by Colin Sure Start and Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, has been running every Monday in the Colin Community Hub for the past 3 years and has seen lots of mums and babies come and go over that time.

The group currently caters for up to 8 mums and babies in 1 session, which is mum and baby led. Mums come together each Monday morning from 11:00am to 12:30pm to breastfeed, pick up tips from each other, have a cuppa and chat and get to meet other local mums. Complimentary therapies for mums are also offered a number of times throughout the year and a Health Visitor attends each month to weigh the babies and support mums with various issues.

All the programmes highlighted here are extremely important in supporting families to ensure their babies get the very best possible start in life helping to ensure happy healthier babies, which in turn helps to create happier contented families.

Social Renewal Health –CNP Highlights

Changing Lives: New EU Funded Children & Families with ADHD Launched in August 2017

According to reports, behavioural and mental health disorders *'have become a public crisis and by 2020 are likely to surpass physical illnesses as major causes of disability'*.

The dramatic rise in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) reflects this trend. ADHD is the chronic, debilitating childhood disorder which has a substantial effect on many aspects of a child's life, from family and school life to their social environments. It is characterised by considerably high levels of impulsivity, hyperactivity and inattention.

Medication is currently the standard form of treatment. This treatment is not effective in all cases. In recent times international guidelines have called for the adoption of high quality parenting programmes to be deployed as the first step in the treatment of children diagnosed with ADHD. We at Colin Neighbourhood Partnership were more than happy to get involved with Archways in Dublin when they informed us of a new and innovative project that they hoped would be supported by EU Funding, thankfully the funding proposal was successful and work began to commence delivery of this programme in West Belfast and Louth in September 2017. Delivery of the programme will commence in Argyll & Bute in September 2018.

The Changing Lives Initiative has developed a new early intervention service for families with a child (aged anywhere between three and seven) with a pattern of behaviour consistent with Hyperkinetic disorder/ ADHD. Particular focus will be on those from disadvantaged areas in Louth, West Belfast and Argyll and Bute.

Fantastic crossborder relationships have been developed through previous work. We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Dundalk Institute of Technology, the Louth Leader Partnership, NHS Highland: Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and of course Archways.

The project is a two pronged approach: upskilling parents and upskilling early year's providers and teachers. Information and awareness programmes were rolled out to families, and consist of modules covering the symptoms of ADHD, current treatment approaches and the adoption of parenting strategies.

A screening programme involving families test if children have hyperkinetic disorder, with an information and support service provided to those who have tested below the threshold required for an assessment of ADHD. Where appropriate, referrals will be made to appropriate community services for those who fall beneath this threshold.

Families will progress from the screening test to participate in a 20 week 'Incredible Years ADHD Parent Programme'. This has been specifically designed to clinically treat children with ADHD symptoms and will include sessions dealing with problem solving, anger management and parental stress.

50 professional teachers and early year providers will participate in an extensive training programme to increase their awareness of ADHD. The project will include a comprehensive evaluation including pre and post testing and a process and cost effectiveness evaluation . In the second year a major conference to disseminate the findings will be held.



Cross Border Steering Group along with Mairead McGuinness MEP and Gina McIntyre, Chief Executive Officer with the SEUPB.



Colin Changing Lives Team along with Mairead McGuinness MEP

Colin Annual Drug & Alcohol Seminar

There are major concerns in the West Belfast community in relation to drug and alcohol issues in their neighbourhoods. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is committed to continue working closely with the community, statutory and other agencies to continue to find solutions to this major issue for many families. The Drug and Alcohol Forum consisting of PSNI, SEHSCT, PHA, community and voluntary organisations, ie., ASCERT, Falls Community Council, Youth Providers and others.

The Forum provides a vital network for professionals as well as other members of the community who are dealing with the impact of drink and drugs in their area. They have a crucial role in helping communities become more aware of the issues and more confident to deal with them. The Forum does not have any specific funding to deal with issues, but rather all partners work together and share resources to carry out a variety of activities, such awareness-raising events, developing local services directories and sign posting local people to appropriate services.

Our latest Seminar in April 2017 “Celebrating the Power of Family Support” profiled some of the successful services that helped families.

The image in the middle below are a group of Mothers who completed the Strengthening Families Programme because of difficulties with their adolescents. The women talked about the benefits of the programme for them in dealing with many issues, explained how the programme provided them with the knowhow and confidence to talk to their young people about these dangerous tough issues.

Another lady who was a victim of domestic abuse most of her adult life and the perpetrator misusing alcohol talked about how one of the programmes offered by SEHSCT helped improve her life and the lives of her family. The programme provided her with the confidence to deal with the issue in an appropriate manner.



Members of the audience at the Seminar



Local Women explaining the benefits of the Strengthening Programme

Housing & Welfare Support Information Day

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership hosted a community information event about housing rights, welfare reform, and family support. The aim was to give people a better sense of the assistance available from community and statutory agencies in light of benefits changes coming to Belfast in June 2018.

Many major Housing Associations attended the event, offering advice and support on the changes that Welfare Reform and Universal Credit may have on tenants and their families.

Universal Credit had already been introduced in Limavady, Ballymoney and Strabane will the rollout in West Belfast In June 2018. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership organised this information day so that the local community can receive relevant and up to date information on a very important issue that may affect individuals and local families.

The event took place over the school midterm break in February, we therefore provided 100 free passes for kids to Roar and Explore at the Dairy Farm centre new indoor play area. This approach allowed parents to get time to visit the stalls and secure the appropriate information.

Community Safety/Crime Prevention

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Highlights

Our annual large community safety day that normally takes place each December, had to be cancelled in December 2017 because of the adverse weather conditions.

Making Colin safer requires many organisations to share knowledge and resources throughout the year, the Community Safety sub group continues to meet at intervals of 6 weeks to ensure we keep up to date with current trends and plan for any identified potential difficult upcoming events or dates, ie. Holiday periods etc.

During this year there was for a period of time when the community experienced an upsurge in domestic burglaries in the Twinbrook, Lagmore and Dunmurry Lane areas. Because we work closely with the PSNI, we were able support local residents in relation to securing their homes with equipment supplied to us by the PSNI Neighbourhood Team. The equipment included Window/Door locks, personal alarms, and ultra violet pens to mark their belongings, information and guidance on lots of issues from scam awareness and home safety, to tips on remaining safe online. and contact details of PSNI, Victims Support, and others, approx 100 free home safety packs were handed out.



One of the recipients who received the pack

BonFires

The bonfire period is historically a time of increased activity for the Fire and Rescue Service, it is also a period that we know has the potential to experience an increase in anti-social activity. As in previous years we worked in partnership with PSNI, PCSP, Housing Providers, NIHE, Belfast City Council, Safer Neighbourhoods Project, West Belfast Community Safety sub group as well as local residents.

The community safety sub group plan a number of activities to do their very best to ensure that bonfires are not a feature in the Colin area on 8th August, the anniversary of the introduction of internment.

Specific planning for the bonfire period began around the month of May when much of the prevention work is managed through a task group of the community safety sub group.

The success of this initiative relies heavily on the strong links that we have developed over a number of years with all our partners listed above. Housing Providers, NIHE and Belfast City Council appoint their own contractors to keep a close eye on the areas of land in their ownership which could develop into bonfire sites. Prevention officers employed by these organisations are aware of the likely areas where waste materials can be left. When it is evident that waste materials are being collected the materials are removed on a regular basis. This approach has worked in relation to the message that bonfires are no longer acceptable in this area which has proved to be effective.

While the above describes an overview of the work in the lead up to the 8th August, youth service providers, provided additional resources that included longer opening hours, additional youth workers involved in detached work, additional programmes and activities that helped to keep young people off the streets. The PSNI also provided additional resources in relation to the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Safer Neighbourhoods Project deployed additional volunteers throughout the area.

It is always very difficult to engage the young people who are very likely to get involved in building bonfires, Feile an Phobail provided us with 800 free tickets for the "Dance Night" event which luckily took place on the 8th August. The overall consensus in the community was that we experienced the quietest summer in many years with one minor bonfire, and no reports of arrests or serious ASB.



Some of the Materials collected by Contractors

Domestic Violence Seminar

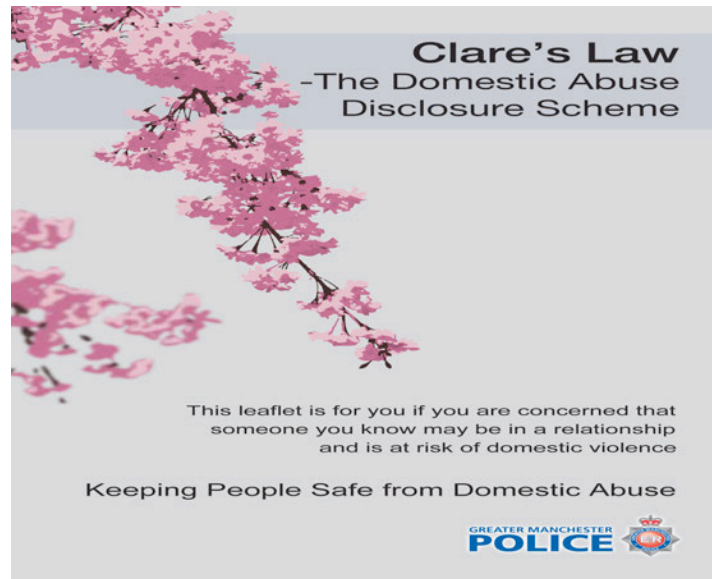
The Conference hosted by Footprints Women's Centre and funded by Police & Community Safety Partnership included presentations by PSNI, Women's Aid, Here N.I. and Colin Neighbourhood Partnership.

The main focus of the seminar was to highlight the current situation and statistics, support available and the introduction of Clare's Law – The Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme here in N. Ireland.

The aim of Clare's Law is to give members of the public a formal mechanism to make enquires about an individual who they are in a relationship with or who is in a relationship with someone they know, and there is a concern that the individual may be abusive towards their partner.

If police checks show that the individual has a record of abusive offences, or there is other information to indicate the person known is at risk, the police will consider sharing this information with the person(s) best placed to protect the potential victim.

The local police force will discuss concerns with the person making the enquiry and decide whether it is appropriate for them to be given more information to help protect the person who is in the relationship with the individual there are concerns about. The scheme aims to enable potential victims to make an informed choice on whether to continue the relationship, and provides help and support to assist the potential victim when making that informed choice.



This Booklet was distributed to those attending the seminar



Representatives from Women's Aid, PSNI, PCSP, Footprints Womens Centre, LGBT and CNP Community Safety Officer.

Community Safety Art Competition



St Kieran's pupil Casey McKeaveney receiving her winners certificate from Deputy Lord Mayor .

Several school children from the Colin area were guests of honour at City Hall for the annual Community Safety Art competition. Pupils from St Kieran's Primary School, Good Shepherd Primary School, Scoil Na Fuisseige and Oakwood Integrated Primary were invited to receive their presentation certificates from Deputy Lord Mayor Sonia Copeland. The annual initiative has had a significant long term effect in reducing attacks on buses and other essential services over the last number of years, along with building awareness among young people of wider safety issues. St Kieran's pupil Casey McKeaveney's winning poster was displayed on all local Translink bus services.

Physical Renewal

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Physical Renewal - Belfast Rapid Transit - Glider

As stated earlier in this report, the £2.1 million public transport programme got underway in September 2017.

Belfast Rapid Transit - Glider (BRT - Glider) is an innovative and ambitious project that will create a new and dynamic public transport system for Belfast.

A new transport hub on the Stewartstown Road will form a vital part of the Belfast Rapid Transit system and will improve connectivity throughout the Colin area. The Hub facilities will enable easy and convenient interchange between feeder services and Glider services and will also provide secure cycle parking. There will also be a waiting area for passengers with a coffee dock and public toilets.

The run ways or lanes which the Glider vehicles will use will consist of both dedicated bus lanes and mixed traffic lanes. Where Glider services operate on bus lanes these will also be available for use by other bus services, cyclists, motorcyclists, permitted taxis and emergency vehicles.

The development of this project has seen amazing improvements on the main road thoroughfares of West Belfast, the new roads and bus halts and in some cases new footpaths have dramatically improved the image of the West Belfast main arterial route.

As well as improvements to public transport, additional community facilities and a new civic square is also part of the development in the Colin area. The new civic square will allow us to hold community and public events, and create a space where we can support the local economy (market stalls). Provide cultural opportunities, encourage volunteerism, improve pedestrian safety: improve public health, *improve* the environment as well as providing us with space to install a proper Christmas Tree.

We foresee this area becoming a busy street scene, with a feel-good buzz about it, a place where people can display their culture and identities and learn awareness of diversity and difference, opportunities for children and young people to meet, play or just hang out, enabling us to begin creating the heart of the area.



The Glider



Site for Transport Hub & Civic Square



Ongoing road works to facilitate the Glider

Lagmore Forum New Build

Lagmore Forum's long awaited community facility opened in September 2017, the building funded by Urban Villages and delivered by Belfast City Council provides a much needed space for a number of local groups and services.

Máire Scott, Chairperson of Lagmore Community Forum, said:

"Lagmore Community Forum are delighted with the new, long awaited and much needed community facility in Lagmore. As well as providing a base for Lagmore Community Forum, we now have a safe place for local groups to meet. A big thank you to Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for providing the funding to furnish the new building, everything from tables,

chairs and computers to the play equipment.”

“We are already experiencing extremely high demand for the facility. Among those using the building at present are Youth Services, Colin Sure Start’s Parent and Toddler group, and Christ the Redeemer Parent Support Group. We are also delighted to be hosting an After Schools Programme in conjunction with Queens University as well as a weekly GCSE foundation level Maths class. We also have a WISPA Boot Camp exercise group for young mothers and a weekly Slimming World group.



Image above – completed building.

Interior images and groups providing services.



Work begins on a new £2million Irish language centre in Twinbrook

Ionad na Fuiseoige, a family centre and creche in Twinbrook secured funding from the Social Investment Fund, Dept. for Communities, An Ciste Infheistiochta Gaeilge and Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to secure the development of their new build. The first phase of the build has been completed, the second phase is due to be completed around September 2018.

The new centre will encompass a creche, pre-school and nursery, after school and community rooms along with offices and a theatre as well as an outdoor play area.

Manager of the centre Teresa Brady said “the funding will not only transform the facilities for the children who all transfer to the nearby Scoil na Fuiseoige, but the long term plan is to have a mini Cultúrlann offering a wide range of services including language, music, dance and drama”.

There is an increasing demand in the area for crèche and nursery provision through the medium of Irish, parents are already requesting that their children be registered for the September 2018 intake, families are also very keen to be part of all the activities that is and will be offered when the project is complete.



Work Underway



Artists Impression of the completed project.

This has been an exceptional year in relation to physical improvements. It is great to see projects that have been talked about for many years now underway. All of these new developments creates a feel good factor in the area even though most of them are not fully completed.

Other capital projects related to the Colin Town Centre development are still high on the agenda for various statutory agencies and government departments.

Urban Villages are in the process of completing a Business Case for the Urban Park Development, the planning application for this project has now been submitted to Belfast City Council. There was a major community consultation in relation to the park which has raised expectations among residents and a sense that at last big changes are taking place in the area.



Artists images used during the public consultation

Other planned/considered capital investment projects through Urban Villages

Twinbrook Link



This is a major environmental improvement project linked to the development of the Transport Hub and Civic Square area on the Stewartstown Road. Focussing on pedestrian and cycle routes, lighting and re-location of the Leap of Faith Sculpture.

We've been advised that delays have occurred with the project due to statutory agency delays. A drainage survey was requested from planning which has now been submitted and approved. The project commencement date is now likely to be August 2018.

Community Hub

A number of meetings with statutory agencies to discuss community needs. Consultation with community will commence around Autumn 2018. Project is currently progressing to Business Case stage.

Colin Allotments – Healthy Living Centre

This project will further improve the capabilities of the building by adding 2 new toilets, creating a covered boot room area adjacent to the front door, an outdoor handwashing area, additional storage and sliding doors allowing easier access to the paved patio area.

Footprints Women's Centre / Poleglass Community Association

The proposal is to renovate and refurbish the current drop in area and the downstairs training rooms to accommodate a new Community Food Exchange facility.

Sally Gardens

Sport in the community is aimed at residents living in the Colin area (particularly Poleglass), this is to extend the existing centre and incorporate a 25 station gym and associated changing rooms.

Colin Valley Football Club.

To replace portable cabins which are no longer fit for use with a changing facility and community building to include, multiple changing facilities, toilets, community hall, kitchen space, meeting room, storage and a viewing gallery.

Colin Glen Trust

Redevelopment of the Colin Glen Forest Park.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2017/18YEAR

Community Output Measures

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	CR5 -Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR16 Number of direct referrals to other support programmes
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	13,502			305	23	18	255
Sally Gardens Community Centre	134	16					
Footprints Women's Centre	35		50	75	10		
Youth Initiatives	163	85					
Ionad na Fuiseoige		32					

Education Output Measures

Project	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support
CNP	157	861

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	SR(H)4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR(H)6 - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	2528	562	27	486
Footprints Womens Centre	895			201

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	1470
Sally Gardens	285
Youth Initiatives	228

Economic Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER11 - Number of social economy enterprises created/supported	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training or employment	ER14 Number of people attaining a formal qualification	ER15 Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Colin Neighbourhood		309	2			11

Partnership						
Sally Gardens	23				81	1
Youth Initiatives						1
Footprints Women's Centre						6
Scoil na Fuiseoige				80		1

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership 2017/2018 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the **2017/18** individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2017/2018 total expenditure in the Colin Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	insert relevant year 17/18 Spend (as at 31/03/18)
Community Renewal (2 projects)			
Core Salaries and Overheads	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£104,539	£104,693
Community Development Priority Partner organisation under the Community Development Project: Colin Neighbourhood Partnership(CNP) Footprint's Women's Centre (FWC)	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£137,374	£130,831
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£241,913	£235,524
Social Renewal – Education (2 projects)			
Early Intervention – Community	01/04/17 – 31/03/18	£47,426	£47,426
Early Intervention – Collaborative Partner organisation under the Early Intervention Project: Sally Gardens Community Centre (SGCC) Youth Initiatives (YI) Ionad na Faiseoige (InF)	01/04/17 to 31/03/18	£104,478	£104,269

Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure Note: Early Intervention programmes have impact on both Education and Health priorities.		£151,724	£151,695
Social Renewal – Health (1 projects)			
Health & Wellbeing Priority Partner organisation under the Health and Wellbeing project: Colin Neighbourhood Partnership(CNP) Footprint's Women's Centre (FWC)	01/04/17 to 31/03/18	£138,029	£138,164
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£138,029	£138,164
		Total Allocation	Total Spend
TOTALS		£531,666	£ 525,383

In the 2017/18 financial year, the Colin area total overall spend was £525,383

This does not include services delivered on a West Belfast wide basis and across the Greater Belfast area. These services received £1,037,453.63 in 2017/18 from Neighbourhood Renewal funding.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

Back in 2013 the Colin was designated as an Urban Village, an OFMDFM initiative as part of TBUC which reflects the NI Executive's commitment to improving good relations and to build a united, shared and reconciled society. Urban Villages, we were promised was to embrace the desire to identify and deliver solutions that not only define models of sustainable and identifiable urban form, but also underpin the real sense of a vibrant community. The designation of Colin as an UV was to provide a platform to ensure that multiple Government departments, councils and community organisations can collectively invest to transform the Colin community and move forward, promoting a shared and co-ordinated interdepartmental approach. The Colin Town Centre Master plan developed many years ago reflects the main aims of the Colin UV Initiative to: Improve the Physical Environment; Foster positive Community Identities; and Build Community Capacity. In addition, the Strategic Framework for Colin UV is the reference point for shaping investment decisions and/or identifying collaborative opportunities.

During this period a Strategic Framework for the Colin area in consultation with statutory agencies and community was carried out under Urban Villages.

This piece of work didn't inform us of anything that we didn't already know, there has been many consultations carried out in this area over many years and it is evident that the social, economic and health statistics for the Colin area reveal a community still suffering from long-term inequalities, disadvantage and multiple sources of deprivation.

Pockets of deep social need, particularly health and well-being issues continue to persist in the area. Collin Glen is the second most deprived Super Output Area in Northern Ireland while a number of other SOAs indicate high levels of need

The level of claimants remains relatively high as compared to the Northern Ireland average, particularly amongst the long term unemployed, unemployment and under-employment persists across the SOAs in Colin.

Multiple Deprivation Measure –

Six of the eleven SOAs fall within the top 10% of most deprived wards in Northern Ireland. Furthermore, Colin Glen 2 and 3, Twinbrook 1 and 2 and Poleglass 1 fall within the top 5% of the MDM SOAs.

Income Ranking

Twinbrook 2 SOA falls within the top 10% most deprived SOAs in Northern Ireland with a further five SOAs (Twinbrook 1, Colin Glen 3, Colin Glen 2, Poleglass 1) falling with the top 20% of the most deprived SOAs.

Employment Domain Rank

The Employment Domain ranking reveals the extent of employment deprivation of Colin residents. Seven SOAs fall within the top 10% of SOAs in Northern Ireland and Colin Glen 2, Twinbrook 3, Poleglass 1 and Colin Glen 3 falling within the top 5% of all SOAs.

Health Domain Rank

Colin Glen is ranked second of all 890 SOAs in Northern Ireland with five other SOA falling within the top 5% ranking for Northern Ireland, namely Colin Glen 3 (16), Poleglass 1 (17), Twinbrook 2 (28), Twinbrook 1 (30), Colin Glen 1 (38) and Kilwee (40).

Education, Skills and Training Domain

Colin Glen 3 (11), Colin Glen 2 (30), Poleglass 1 (40) fall within the top 5% of most deprived SOAs while (Colin Glen 1 (50) and Twinbrook 1 (70) fall within the top 10% of most deprived SOAs in Northern Ireland.

Crime and Disorder Domain

Three of the SOAs fall within the top 10% of most deprived areas in terms of Crime and Disorder domains. These are Poleglass 2 (45), Poleglass 2 (67) and Kilwee 1 (82). Twinbrook 1, Derryagh 2 and Colin Glen 3 all fall within the top 20% of most deprived SOAs in terms of this domain.

As evident from the information highlighted in this report we at CNP and all our partners need to continue to address many of the issues that affect this community in the best way we can in terms of resources that are available.

We work with many community voluntary and statutory agencies some of which are mentioned below.

Early Intervention, CYPSPB, HSCB, PHA, SEHSCT, SEUPB, Colin Sure Start, NCB, local Schools and many others to continue to deliver on our Early Intervention Strategy, this work continues to produce very positive outcomes for thousands of children and their families.

Community Renewal, Sally Gardens, Ionad na Fuisioige, Footprints Women's Centre, Youth Initiatives, Education Authority (Colin Youth Development Centre), Colin Glen Trust, Good Morning Colin, Ulster Orchestra, Saints Youth Centre, Libraries N.I., Age N.I., Job Assist, Positive Futures, Belfast City Council, Belfast Hills Partnership and of course our many volunteers.

Health

SEHSCT, all depts., (Community Health, Emotional Well Being, Community Mental Health Team, Family Intervention Team, Social Services, Well Being Hub, Family Support Hub), CLEAR (HSCB), PHA, Life Line, Colin Community Counselling, Colin Community Allotments and many others.

Community Safety, PSNI, NIFRS, PCSP, BCC, Transport N.I., NIHE, all Housing Providers, Safer Neighbourhoods Project, Community Restorative Justice Ireland and many more.

CNP and its partner organisations will continue to work collaboratively to deliver quality services across the Colin area and will continue to work together to further develop areas of partnership to increase and improve services for all the residents of Colin.

Clearly none of this work would take place without the support from Dept. for Communities who provides us with resources to employ are core community development team, management in terms of the overall strategy and the early intervention team.

Below is information regarding Colin Neighbourhood Partnership marketing/communication and public relations activities, this work is vital in enabling us to communicate with local residents which results in increased feedback, participation, identification of needs and ensuring community focused activities. CNP aim is to reduce communication barriers by producing easily understood messages in relation to consultations and plans that result in ownership of the discussions and reduces negativity, this approach also helps to ensure residents are provided with opportunities to have their say.

It is clear that the marketing activity has been the vehicle that encourages local residents to participate in all events and activities as each time an event is organised growing numbers are attending.

Visit us at <http://www.newcolin.com> for further details on the activities and programmes at CNP supported through Neighbourhood Renewal and others:



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