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The Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Area covers from the bottom of Whiterock to Castle Street, it takes in three full electoral wards which are the Falls, Clonard and Beechmount. It also has part of the Whiterock and Falls Park electoral wards (*we have not included these parts in the figures below under the new MDM measures*)

The area takes in 7,193 households with a population size of just over 17,000 (NISRA has 16,693 but there are quirks in defining the NRA with a few additional streets missing in their calculations).

The area is characterised by interfaces starting at Millfield and continuing right across its geographical spread. There are also several physical barriers which reach across the neighbourhood partnership area. The so-called 'Peace-line' then abounds the area from Townsend Street, Finn/Fingals, Percy Street, Northumberland Street, North Howard Street, Conway Street, St Gall's Avenue to Bombay Street and Cupar Street. It continues along the Springfield through Lanark Way up to Workman Avenue and the Invest NI site. The West Circular Roundabout area would also be considered an interface. While on the other side of the partnership area the interface stretches from the vicinity of Broadway roundabout down the length of the Westlink towards Roden and Distillery Streets.

There have been **new figures and updates on areas of multiple deprivation** issued in the past week and these require further analysis as to the impact of our efforts and the measurements used to determine the new baselines.

Clearly as can be seen by the tables below (detailing all the SOA's that make up the Greater Falls area) there is room for some cautious optimism, as they initially indicate a marginal change of improvement although it could be argued from the baseline we were at it still presents significant challenges for us all and the area continues to suffer from serious deprivation issues and problems.



Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Area

As an example, under the banner of health inequalities it is clear that whilst the life expectancy of the general populace (for both males and females) has increased the gap between those in areas of those area of greatest need and those better off areas has increased, the inequality gap has widened. We know from the Department of Health inequality report from 2017 that:

- health outcomes are generally worse in the most deprived areas.
- Large differences (health inequality gaps) continue to exist for many different health measures
- deprivation related inequality was most evident in indicators relating to alcohol and drug use, suicide/self-harm and teenage births
- deprivation gaps relating to alcohol related admissions were 5 times higher in deprived than non-deprived areas than across the Trust and that alcohol related mortality was 4 times the rate in most deprived areas than that of the least deprived areas
- the teenage birth rate for the most deprived areas within the Belfast Trust was at least twice that in the overall geography.

Comparative data on deprivation in local Partnership areas.

SOA	Deprivation Rank 2017	Deprivation Rank 2010
Falls 1	41	8
Falls 2	30	3
Falls 3	29	4
Clonard 1	50	13
Clonard 2	55	2
Beechmount 1	121	105
Beechmount 2	66	56
Beechmount 3	181	109

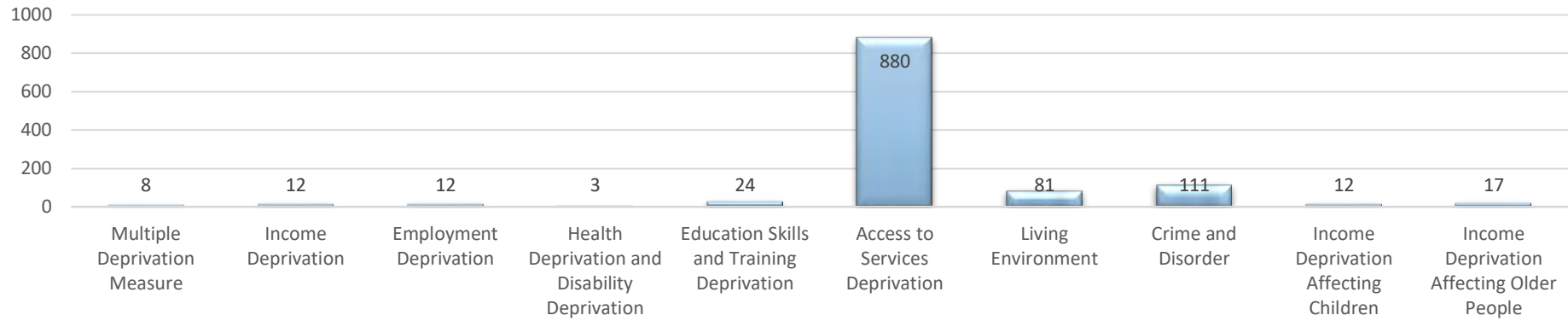
Across significant indicators (see graph below, NISRA 2011 census figures) the Greater Falls area requires significant co-ordinated input from all relevant stakeholders.

Key facts	Economically inactive %	No or low qualifications %	Long term limiting illness %
Falls	51.74	63.50	33.80
Clonard	45.94	56.05	29.09
Beechmount	42.21	53.32	26.87

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, the Greater Falls Partnership was set up to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises members which include representative's communities, elected representatives and locally based statutory organisations.

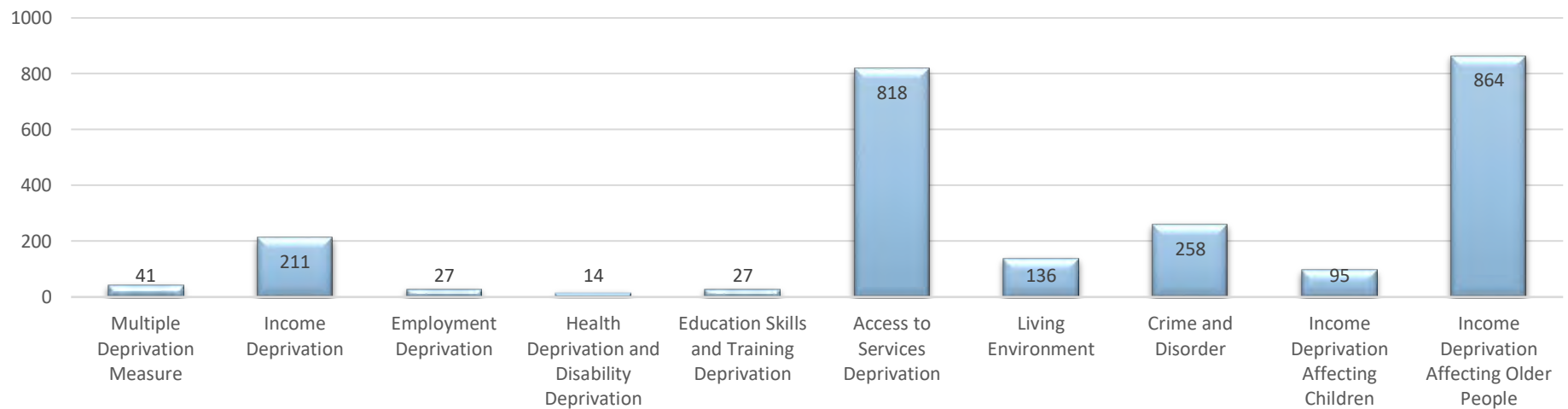
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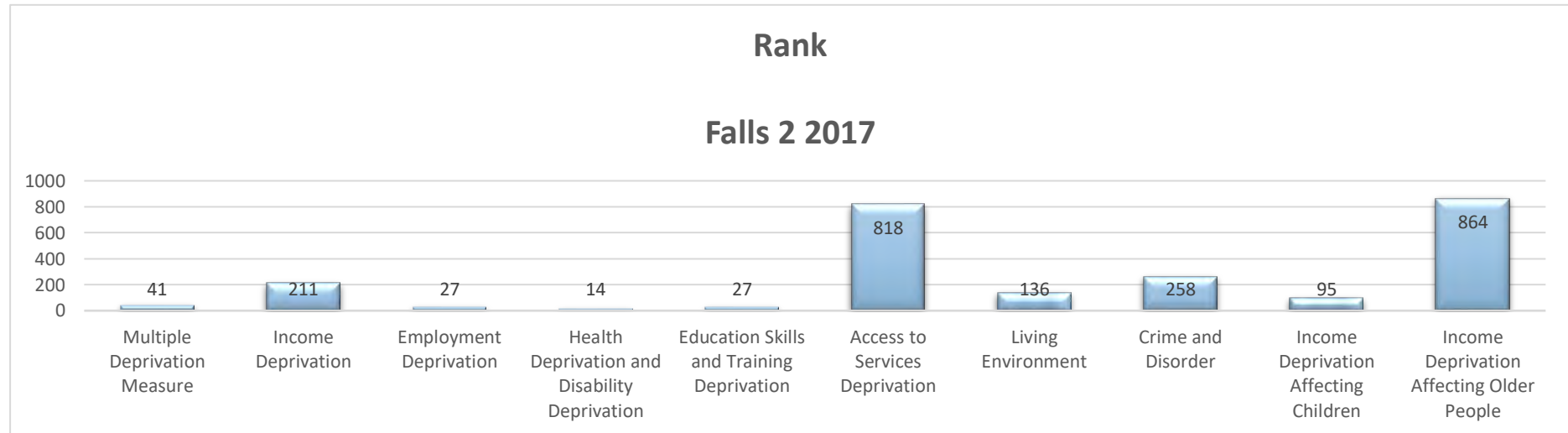
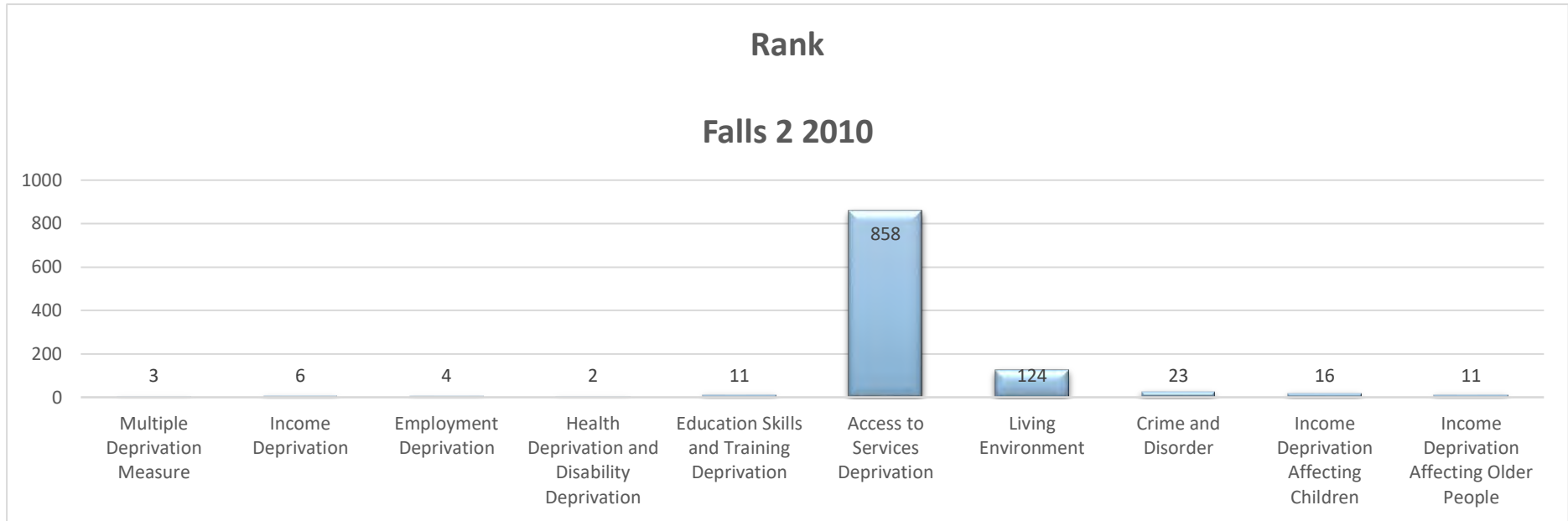
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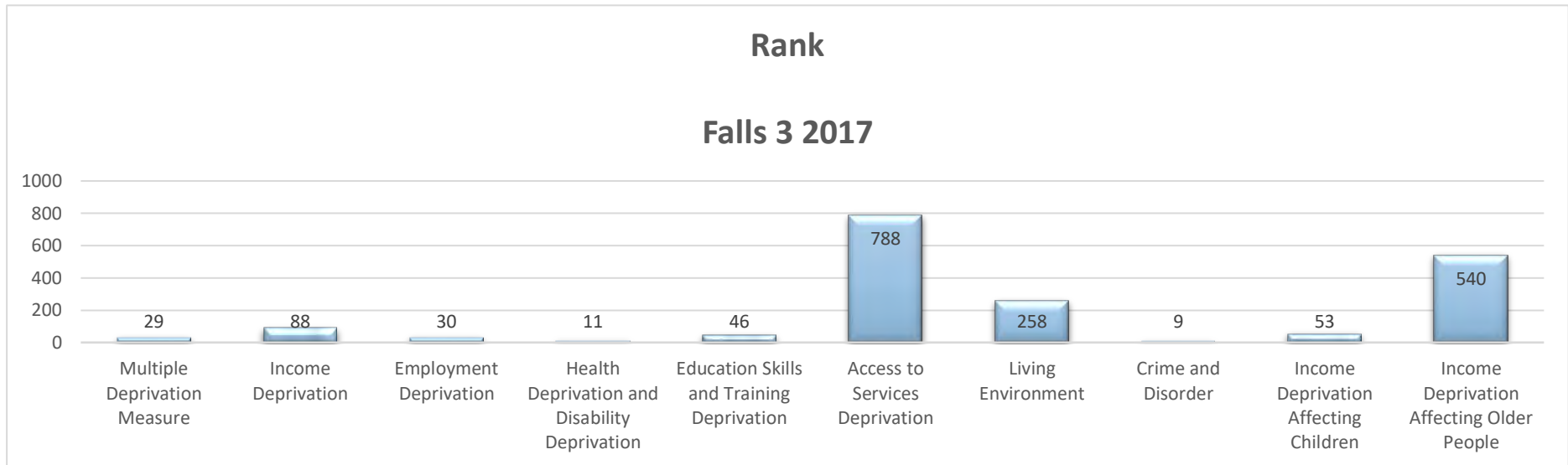
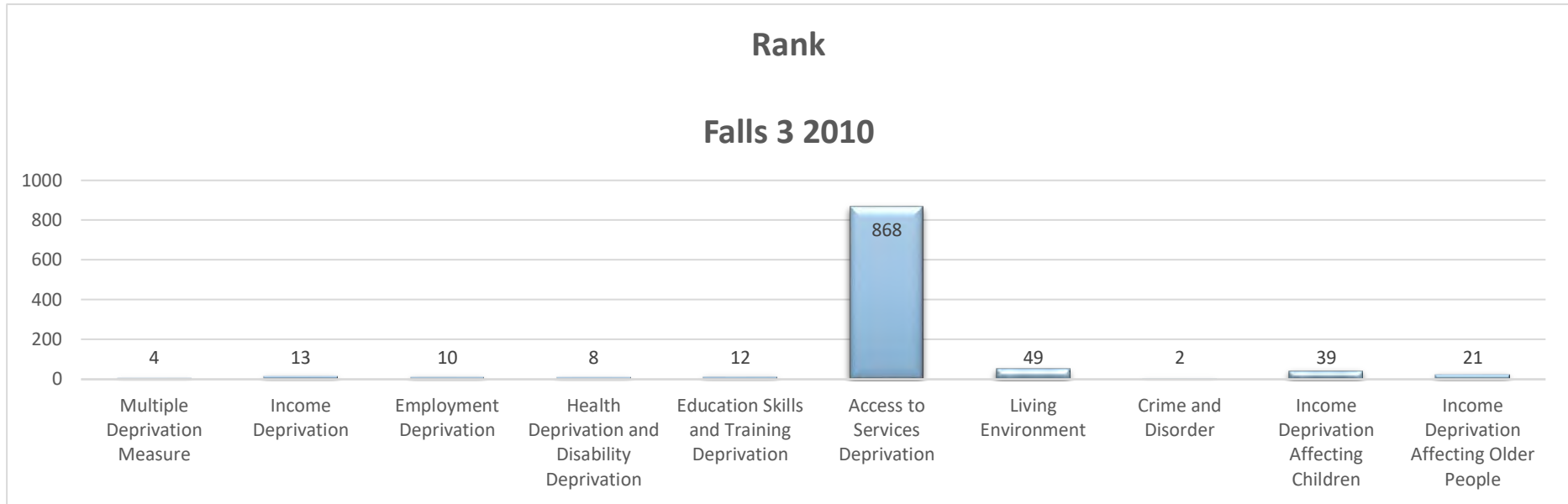


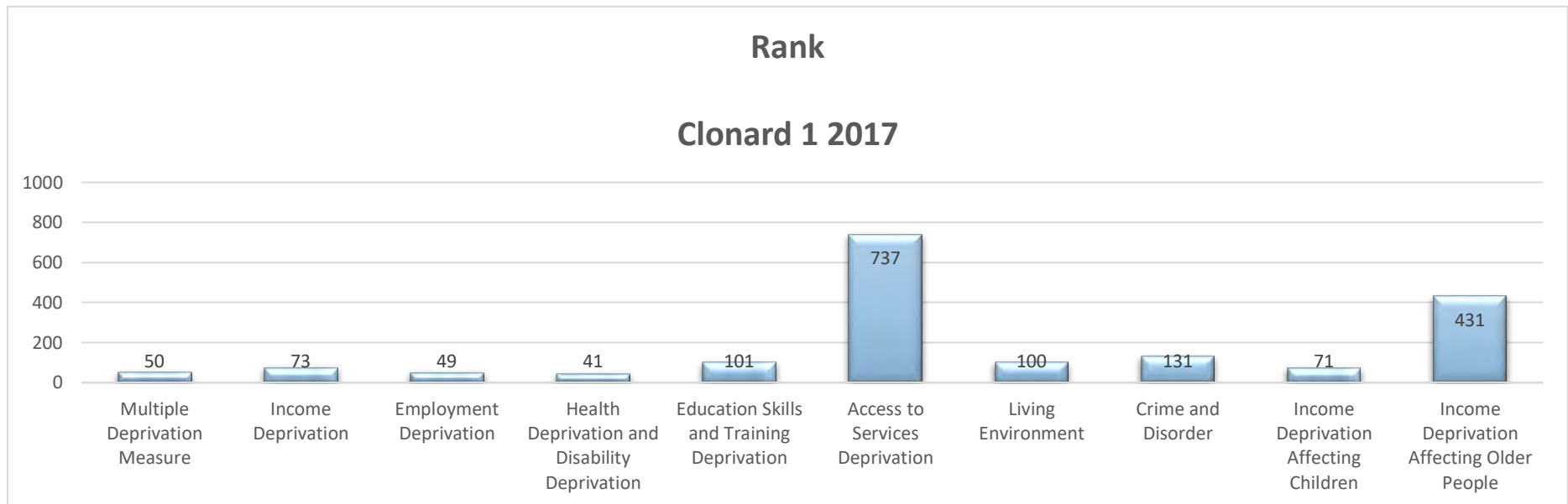
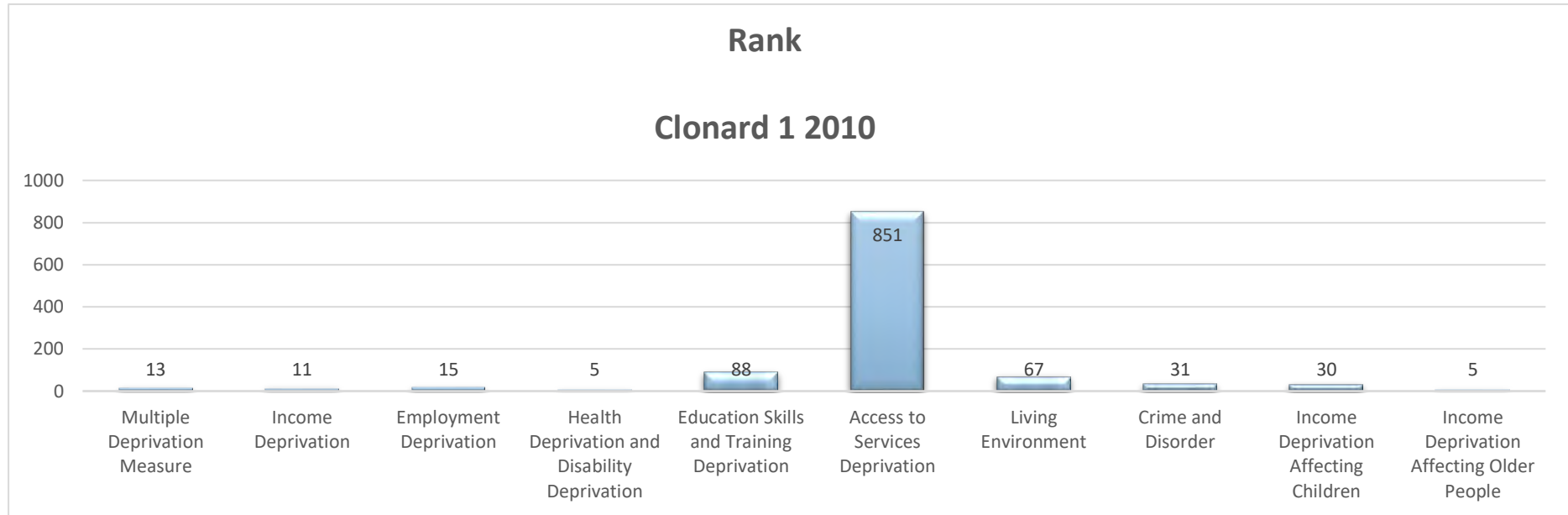
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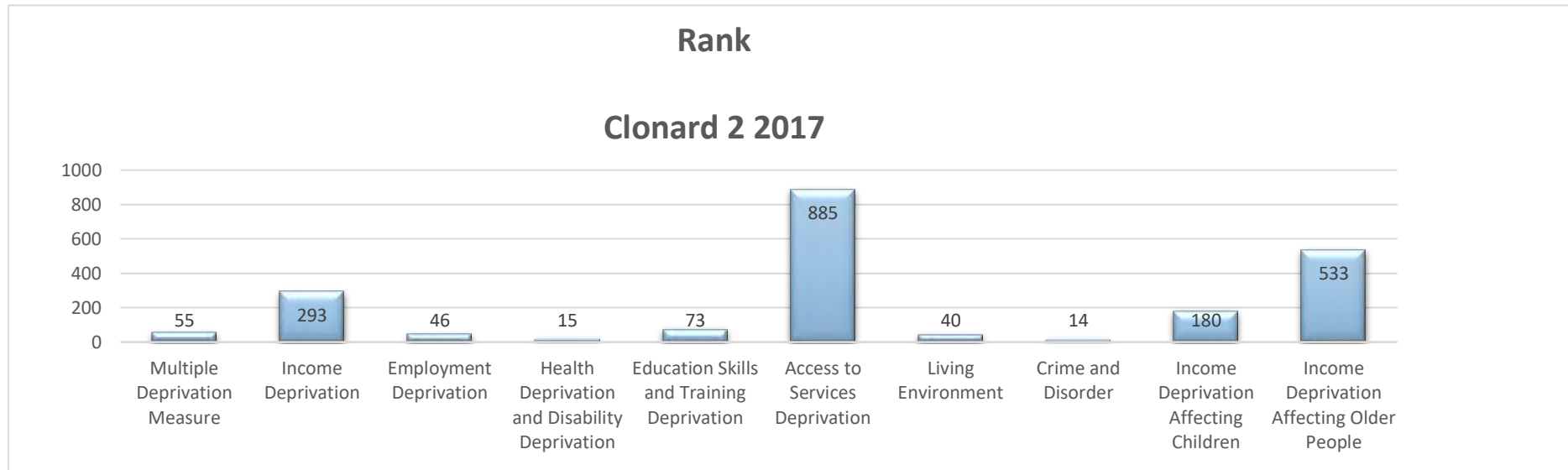
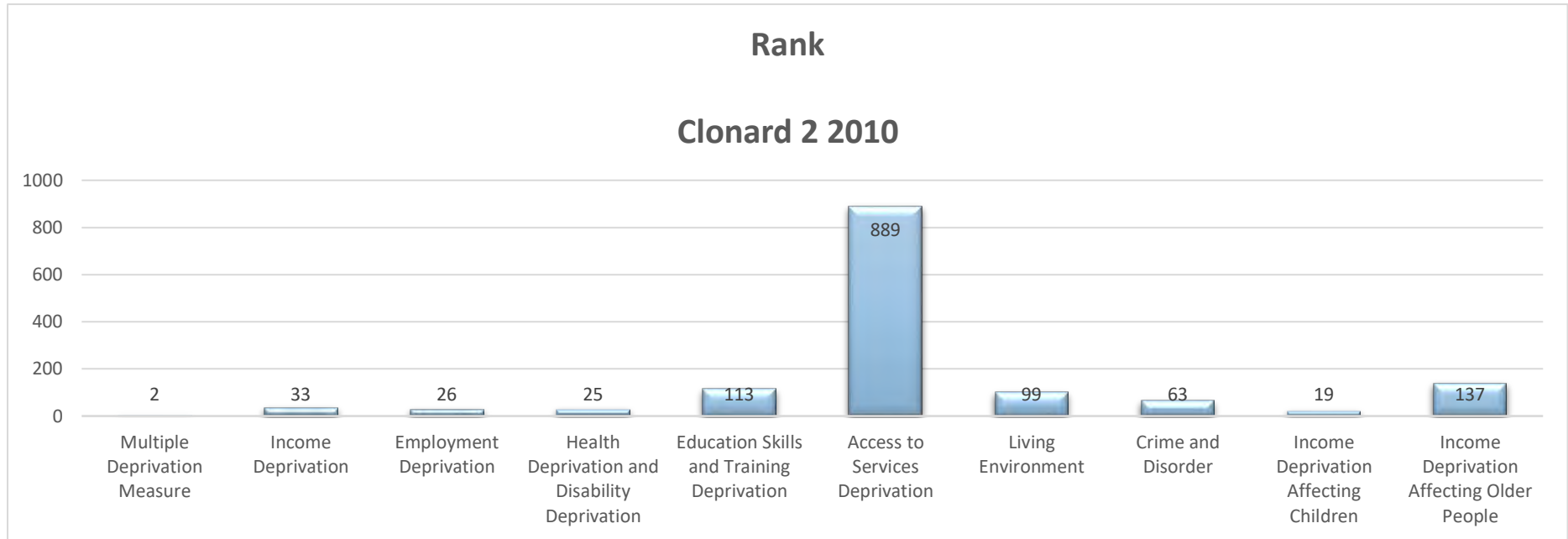
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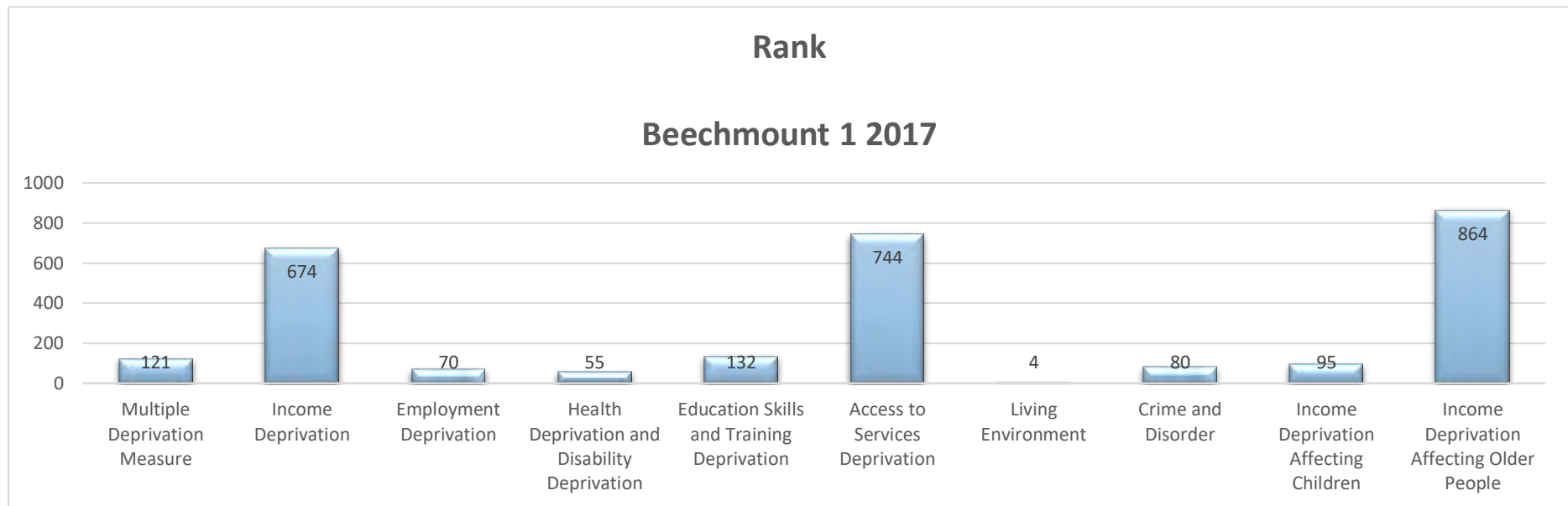
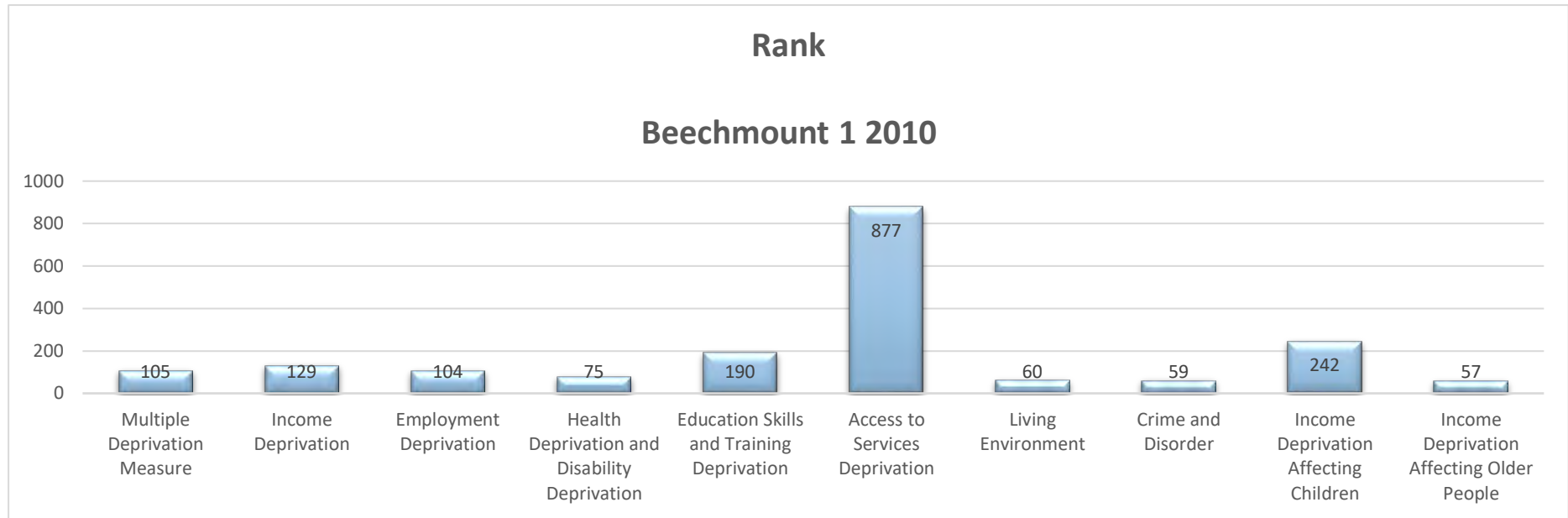


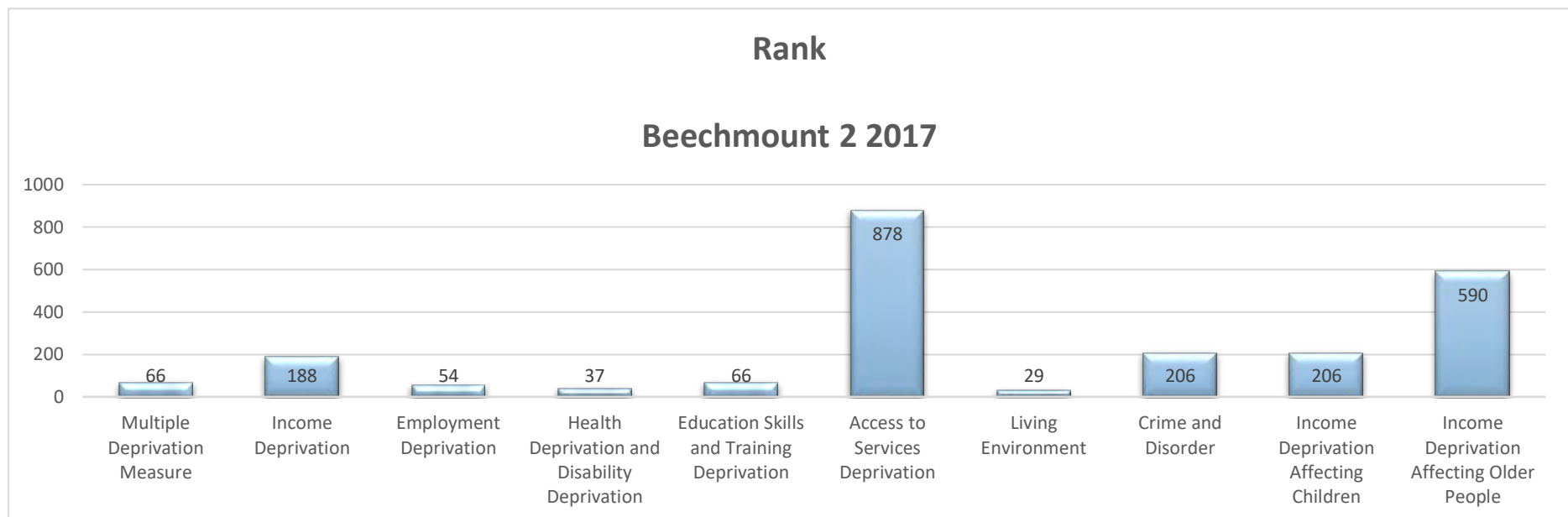
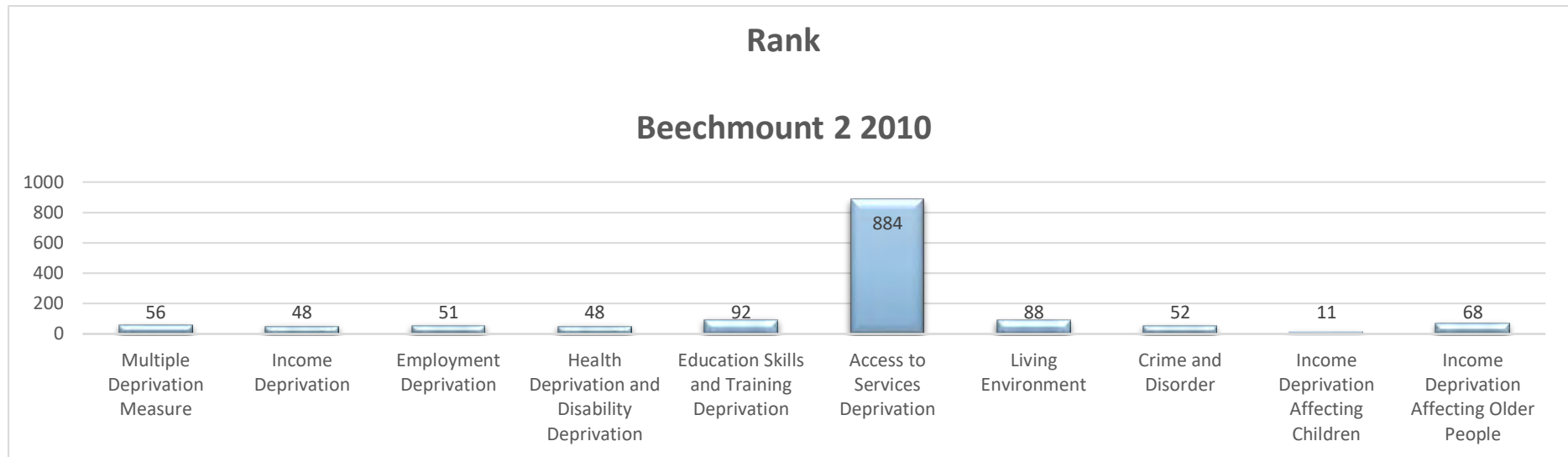


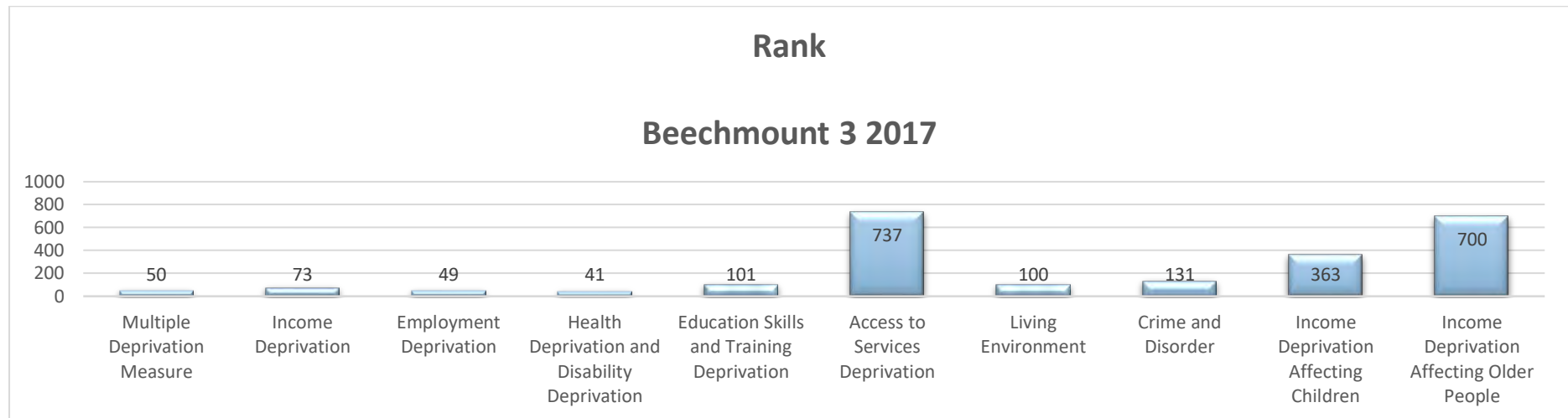
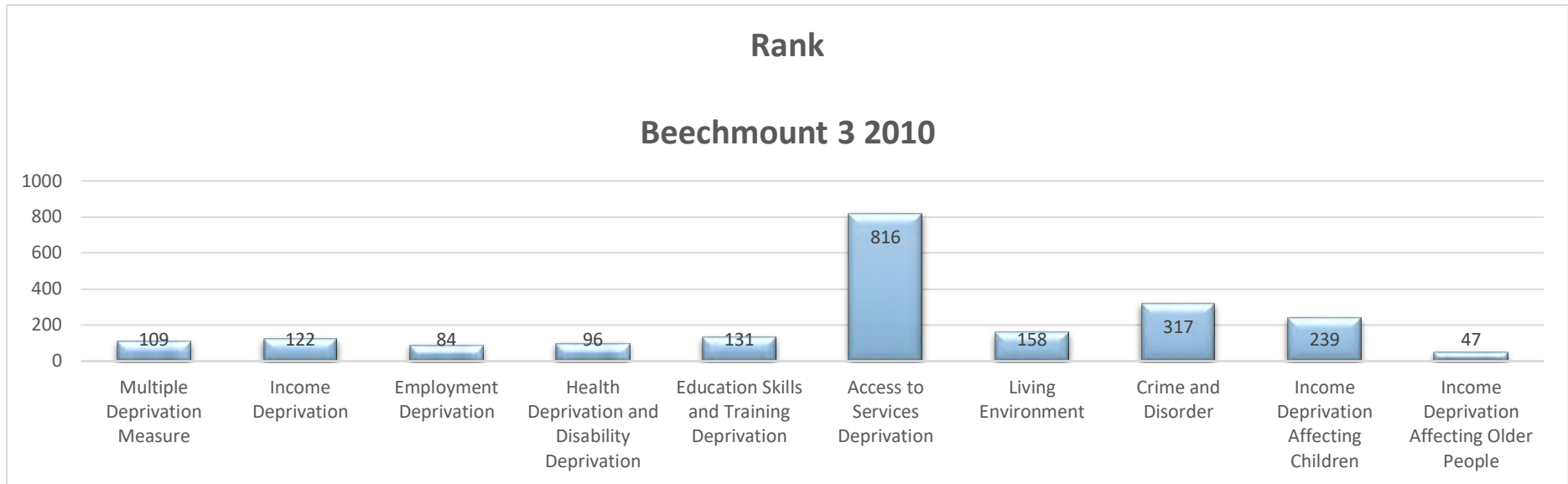












Key messages from the statistics.

Deprivation figures across the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership areas continue to make steady progress in significant parts. The collaborative working of the groups across the partnership has affected and contributed to significant health and wellbeing to local communities. However the upturn in figures must be carefully nurtured by statutory partners in securing longterm strategies for tackling deprivation.

Continued cuts to funding and uncertainty are not conducive to the change & impact that is needed to the continued development of communities that are currently suffering from deprivation. The cross boundary nature of deprivation can not solely be left to one governmental department to solve.

The impact of Neighbourhood renewal as seen in the figures has the potential to be maximised and the upward trend improved through cross departmental working and significant investment within communities.

Policy Environment

There have been many considerations made in determining our future path including a review of the following documents;

- NI Assembly constituency report for West Belfast (June 2016)
- Greater Falls 'Key Issues and Priorities' October 2015

In addition, we have looked at a range of Departmental policies and we believe that our focussed approach within our organisation and across our range of partners offers the most realistic chances of success and best practice delivery, these include:

Dept of Health

- Health and Wellbeing 2026 - Delivering Together (published October 2016)
- Making Life Better – A whole system framework for public health (2013-23)

- Systems Not Structures - Bengoa Report (published October 2016)
- Protect Life 2 – Suicide Prevention Strategy (consultation document issued September 2016)
- Autism Strategy (2013 – 2020)
- Bamford Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability

Dept. of Education

- Every School a Good School
- Education Works
- Delivering Social Change Through Childcare - A Ten Year Strategy for Affordable and Integrated Childcare 2015-2025
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016
- Children and Young People’s Strategy 2017-2027 (consultation document published in December 2016)

Department for Communities

- Evaluation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy – Final Review (2014)
- Guidance on the Review of Neighbourhood Action Plans
- Urban regeneration community development (URCD) policy framework
- ‘Active Ageing Strategy 2015 - 2021’ (indicator consultation published by OFMDFM in February 2016)

The Executive Office

- Delivering Social Change
- Delivering Social Change - The Executive’s Child Poverty Strategy (published in March 2016)

Belfast City Council

- Belfast Agenda (Belfast’s Community Plan 2035, published November 2017)

- Belfast City Local Development Plan (LDP) 2035
- Draft Employability and Skills framework 2015-2025

Draft Programme for Government

Draft Programme for Government Framework (2016- 2021) - 14 high level strategic outcomes supported by 48 indicators which are clear statements for change. Outcomes which we considered specifically relevant to the Greater Falls area.

- We have a more equal society
- We enjoy long, healthy, active lives
- We have a safe community where we respect the law, and each other
- We care for others and we help those in need
- We have high quality public services
- We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure
- We give our children and young people the best start in life

The outcomes are as stated linked to a series of indicators relevant to the work of the Neighbourhood Renewal partnership organisations, some of these include:

- Prevalence rate (% of the population who were victims of any NI Crime Survey crime)
- Healthy life expectancy at birth
- Preventable mortality
- % of population with GHQ12 scores ≥ 4 (signifying possible mental health problem)
- The proportion of babies born at a low birth weight
- Number of households in housing stress

- Number of adults receiving social care services at home or self-directed support for social care as a % of the total number of adults needing care
- % care leavers who, aged 19, were in education, training or employment
- % school leavers achieving at level 2 or above including English and Maths
- Gap between % of non-FSME school leavers and % of FSME school leavers achieving at level 2 or above including English and Maths
- % children at appropriate stage of development in their immediate pre-school year
- % population living in absolute and relative poverty (before housing costs)
- % of all journeys which are made by walking/cycling/public transport
- % engaging in arts/cultural activities
- Confidence (as measured by self-efficacy)
- Employment rate of 16-64-year olds by deprivation quintile
- Reoffending rate
- Average life satisfaction score of people with disabilities
- Gap between the number of houses we need, and the number of available

Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership (GFNP) has developed 5 cross cutting thematic areas of work involving the following partners;

- Divis Joint Development Committee (DJDC)
- Blackie River Community Group (BRCG)
- Roden Street Community Development Group (RSDCG)
- Clonard Neighbourhood Development Partnership (CNDP)
- Ionad Uíbh Eachach
- Neighbourhood Development Association (NDA)
- Springfield Charitable Association (SCA)

The 5 areas of work are bound by a common ethos of community development and all local partners are committed to this process.

The GFNP, as will be demonstrated again throughout this report in this report have been active partners who stretch across the neighbourhood renewal area and across the city in terms of influence to enhance and improve local services. All partners actively look for opportunities to collaborate to share best practise and to maximise the most efficient of resources.

As can be seen the work of the individual groups who benefit from Neighbourhood Renewal support from DfC produces results, however the broader impact of NR cannot be underestimated and many of the partners who don't receive direct financial support from DfC are part of the NR process and developments, their work is not directly reflected in any detail in this report, however it may be referenced by many of the GFNP partners listed above as part of their community development approach.

We also demonstrate the value in increased financial investment by others with DfC core financial input acting as leverage and the unpaid input of local volunteers attached to all our partners contained in this report.

A number of examples of this working partnership are;

Capacity Building Programme;

- GFNP continues to implement specific capacity building initiatives with a number of resident's groups across the Greater Falls area.
- The GFNP continues to build the capacity of local groups in terms of governance & their capacity to work with statutory agencies
- The GFNP coordinator continues to work closely with local resident's groups on a number of capacity building and development projects

Ethnic Minority Groups

- The GFNP continues to work with groups from ethnic minority backgrounds. This is in line with our social cohesion priorities and we continue to offer support & advice to groups.
- The GFNP held a 'celebrating diversity' event in the Conway mill. The event was attended by over 200 young people from local schools. The young people learnt about different cultures through workshops & drama performances.

Negotiation/ Lobbying

GFNP members as throughout this report are prominent in many aspects of development across the city and are actively contributing to the redesign and reshaping of services across Departmental lines

This year this included input to;

- The development of the Transport Hub led by Roden Street CD Group. A health planning group for West Belfast and the continuing development of the family support hub in the Greater Falls area led by Blackie River Community Association.

Social Clauses

Continue to lobby for across Departmental lines around the potential benefit of a new Social Value Act for the North of Ireland.

Civic role

Our members are fulfilling a full civic duty in the decision-making processes which determine how services are developed across the city including key inputs to Policy developments;

1. Development of the Belfast Agenda and the Local Development Plan (Belfast's Spatial Plan)

The GFNP partners and members have actively contributed to discussions and development around the plan, making several inputs to consultations across the city in health, education, employment/ employability and of course social development. Additional key discussions have been held within the local communities around the value and shape of community planning with local government reform.

2. Building Successful Communities

The GFNP continues to input to this forum and shape discussions around where investment should be made and this year it appears we may finally have movement around key local schemes.

The GFNP lead on local consultation with local groups liaise with the Building Successful Communities project team.

3. Belfast Strategic Partnership

Our partners have been heavily involved in the outworking of this city-wide Partnership and across the 5 thematic areas identified by the BSP including the launch of a city-wide framework for Lifelong Learning and the establishment of 'Belfast Learning City

Physical Improvements

Key partners have been involved in a range of negotiations/ discussions for physical improvements to community facilities throughout the area including;

- Additionally, Blackie River Community Association remains a key partner who has been working to develop Michael Davitt's GAC new pitch on the Corpus Christie school site which is at the tail end of development.
- For several years the GFNP has highlighted and supported Falls Community Council in their campaign/ programme to revitalise the former St Comgalls school site, which looks likely now to happen with support from the Social Investment Fund and Belfast City Council

Cullingtree Meadows

- The GFNP continues lead on the discussions and engagement on the new supported living apartment complex that is situated on Cullingtree Road on the old Grovetree site. The dementia friendly group has been set up by the GFNP to engage local residents on the design of the building. The group has also initiated a number of awareness workshops with local school children to develop a better understanding of the issues of dementia and age-related illness and to name the new facility.

Community Cohesion programmes

- The GFNP continues to build social cohesion working with groups throughout the Falls ward to improve and enhance people's lives. By building social cohesion we believe we are building a strong social capital base and foundation for future community regeneration.

Lobbying and advocacy role

The GFNP continues to lobby and advocate on behalf of the Partnership area to improve outcomes for people living there.

West Belfast Drug panel

The GFNP made a number of submissions to the panel and relayed the concerns of local groups on issues such as;

- Sustainable statutory coordination in relation to the increasing drugs problem within Greater Falls and the wider West Belfast area.
- Lack of trust and confidence with the criminal justice system.
- The need for support services for families.



- Developing understanding of statutory agencies to deprived neighbourhoods & the social problems that contribute to drug misuse.
- Raising awareness of mental health issues facing communities and their linkages to drug misuse.

Department for Communities cuts

- The GFNP continues to play a significant role in organising & coordinating community responses to the ongoing cuts to programme costs for groups through Neighbourhood partnership areas.
- The GFNP has met with groups throughout West Belfast to campaign against the cuts and highlight the need for Department for communities to produce a strategy document to outline future programmes to tackle deprivation and inequalities.



Inner North West Regeneration proposals

The GFNP have made a significant contribution to the ongoing proposals on the proposed Inner North West Regeneration proposals including a written response to Belfast city council on the need for any proposals to interact with local development plans.

The GFNP also attended a number of consultation events with community and statutory partners to outline our response to the regeneration programme.



Children's Hospital Consultation AECOM

GFNP members including the coordinator have met with consultants on the planned development of the new RVH Children's hospital. GFNP impressed on developers the need for the development to address local access and parking issues.

Féile an Phobail

The GFNP has played a significant role in the community engagement groups within Féile an Phobail to develop relationships with the festival and local groups.

The GFNP along with Féile have developed diversionary activities during the August bonfire, the GFNP has led in the work to significantly reduce and eventually eradicate these bonfires that have a detrimental effect on local residents.



Distillery Street Housing task group

The GFNP continue to support the proposal for houses on the Distillery street site. We have met elected representatives and housing provider and now sit on the Distillery Street Housing tasking group. The group has organised on site meetings with relevant agencies and developed proposals for the site.

Maureen Sheehan Centre Regeneration

We continue to play a vital role in the regeneration plan for the Maureen Sheehan centre which will see a drastic change to the surrounding area. We have liaised with planners and the trust as well as convening consultation sessions with local people in the surrounding areas.

Cullingtree Road Back Path Regeneration

The GFNP continues to lead on the engagement with Building successful communities on the proposed regeneration of the derelict land at the back of Cullingtree Road. The discussions and planning stage have moved on dramatically over the past number of months and GFNP have organised the consultation and feedback on the preferred options. GFNP continue to meet with developers.



Communications strategy & Social media presence

The GFNP have developed a communications strategy to promote the work of the partnership and widen its reach and potential. The strategy involves increasing the online presence to promote the work of local groups and the partnerships identity. The design and promotion of the GFNP logo has also been completed. Further work will continue to develop a GFNP brand to market online.



Belfast Bike scheme

The GFNP have been meeting with BCC and representatives of the Bike scheme to develop it locally. There have been initial problems with the location of the bikes and vandalism however GFNP members have been involved in discussions to deal with these issues. There are a future plan to involve young people through schools to the bike scheme with incentives.





Ross Street Flats

We continue to campaign for the demolition of Ross Street Flats & the regeneration of housing on the site. Members of the GFNP as well as local political reps meet with Housing executive officials on a regular basis to push for a financial package for demolition.

Weavers Cross Transport Hub

GFNP members continue to be involved in the design, consultation and implementation of community engagement arrangements to the proposed new development.

The new transport development will be the biggest investment in transport o date to date and will have economic and social benefits to the surrounding areas. The

GFNP are ensuring that local groups and residents are inputting to the plans and that the development will have a few legacy clauses to improve life chances and employability for local people



Introduction to Blackie River Community Group:

Blackie River Community Group has been established for 23 years and has evolved over this time. When the group was first established, it came together to look at housing needs within the Beechmount area and from that point it has developed to meet the physical, social, economic and environmental needs of residents.

The Board of directors for Blackie River Community Group understood from a very early stage that the main way to improve the Beechmount area is to empower residents to take ownership of the area and to build the capacity of local people to lobby for resources, which would have a positive impact on the area.

Blackie River Community Group has expanded over the last 23 years to meet the needs of the local area. The needs, identified, are:

- Family Learning
- Supporting Parents
- Supporting Children and Young People to reach their full potential
- The legacy of the conflict
- Under investment of government for generations
- Raising Educational achievement
- Tackling Health inequalities
- Tacking Mental health
- Physical regeneration of the local area
- Improving employment opportunities
- Family Support Hub
- Supporting Community Infrastructure



Our Vision Statement - A prosperous, safe and & equal society.

Mission Statement

Blackie River Community Group: Aims to empower residents of the Greater Beechmount area by facilitating Community Development activities that enable residents to celebrate their creativity and culture. We will assist residents to enhance their self-esteem and skills, by promoting their full and equal participation in society and helping to secure the social and economic regeneration of the area.

Introduction to Divis Joint Development Committee:

Over the past year we remained on the continuing development of the Falls Partnership Initiative (FPI) and the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership (GFNP) as the 2 vehicles for strategic and operational development of area wide initiatives whilst providing our own very direct input in the delivery of services.

We are:

- Involved in the development of the GFNP priorities for the coming number of years, the development of community planning via the Belfast Agenda and a new Programme for Government and its impact on the local community.
- Continue to co-ordinate the Falls Partnership Initiative's development of locality planning and integrated working.

A key focus remains around the core priorities of the GFNP and many issues have been raised, day to day support takes place across the area with a range of smaller local organisations which do not have staff or physical resources, we have been working with many of these groups to determine their needs and develop appropriate responses and plans to help them.

At all levels of our organisation there are attempts to fully involve local people in the processes by which decisions are made, however there are many discussions that need to be held with key statutory agencies as to how and when local communities should be involved in the design and potential delivery of services and despite new language of co-production appearing across Departmental this remains largely elusive.



Concerns remain that there are still no visible efforts between Department for Communities (DfC) and Belfast City Council (BCC) around responsibilities and budget transfers for the current platform occupied by Neighbourhood Renewal funded groups and organisations and whilst community planning and the publication of the Belfast Agenda (Belfast's first community plan) does offer opportunity to make long term change and establish lasting impact discussions have not yet progressed to make that an inclusive planning process. The Department for Communities have a responsibility for tackling deprivation but it is not clear in the medium to short term what the planning process for that will look like leaving many local structures in an uncertain position regarding future planning



Introduction to Roden Street Community Development Group

As always Grosvenor Community Centre wish to thank all user groups and peoples for their active contribution to the vitality, diversity and capacity of the area and to the overall dynamism of wider Belfast.

The organisation is proud to be considered a *'home'* to such a rich tapestry of cultural and community backgrounds and to be a practical example of contemporary Belfast society.

Tragically in the year the area lost the visionary **Belle Black**, the most apt description of this wonderfully genuine woman came from one of Grosvenor Community Centre younger beneficiaries,

“BELLE WAS MY CONSTANT, SHE TOOK THE FEAR AWAY.”

Belle was driven by ensuring no person ever had to face exclusion and it is her legacy that Grosvenor Community Centre is known as a place to feel welcome and a space enabling hope for such a diversity of peoples.

The Year in Focus....

Throughout 2017 Grosvenor Community Centre continued core service provision, attached to detailed need identification and associated impact measurement. The organisation implemented an annual theme across projects associated to *'Learning'* which translated as additional avenues for whole family development and raising of aspiration levels with confidence. This led to some exciting partnerships with local primary and post primary educational providers, innovative evening programming for the family and an informed sense of the barriers facing the next generation and how best to overcome such challenges long term.



The organisation ran an annual schedule of *wider events* in the period including, International Sports and Health Day, The Belle Black Memorial Cup, Local History and Photography Exhibition, 10 Family Fun Days, Environmental Day, Light up the Grosvenor, MEC Rights Event, Fabulous Female Sports Fair and Filipino Christmas Celebration.

Community Management Model in 2017



Belle Black

**Community
Management Visionary**

The organisation continued to manage Grosvenor Community Centre, 3G Playing field at Grosvenor, garden and allotment site, playpark and grounds representing a direct provider of community management. Assistance was provided to other service delivery and programme focused groups in the period related to following similar operational procedures, including citation in **Developing Trust NI guidance as ‘a model of good practice’**. Organisations worked with in the period related to sharing of good practice of community management, included, RB Community Group, Sally Gardens Community Group, Willowbank, Fire Blades, Pinoy Community Association and Spa Club. Grosvenor Community Centre assist groups with a shared ethos related to community development, with submissions and strategic visioning documents including business case compilation, grant submission, reporting and operational provision. The organisation recognises the scale of facilities at the site and are committed to ensuring the entire facility can be maximised in usage, diversity and impact terms.



Fabulous Female Sports Fair – Eastern European Fire Blades Engage Young Women in Volleyball @ Grosvenor

Social Value

The period has been challenging overall for the community sector but the small-scale nature of the staffing team at Grosvenor Community Centre and strong volunteer basis has helped to ensure that the organisation has, to the best possible extent, undertaken a degree of *future proofing* and represents a diverse spread of programming housed at one site. The organisation through 2017 has sought to sustain professionalism but not to the detriment of local access. Grosvenor Community Centre has continued to be a dual vehicle of professional community management matched with an accessible, flexible, diverse and welcoming facility. Grosvenor Community Centre will never lose

sight of the bedrock of the organisation, the community. Through 2017 the organisation has worked towards measuring social value and impact in line with operational revenue considerations.

Outcome Based Measurement in 2017

2017 encompassed a sustained commitment to in-depth needs analysis and measurement of long term impact. Obviously influencing community change and redressing years of deprivation necessitates a long-term focus and a strongly held vision of what the future could be. However, small steps, which are well measured and open to change, can combine to make long term attitudinal change. **Grosvenor Community Centre visions the Grosvenor area as a vibrant**

place to live, work and visit where future generations have the means and access to higher level aspirations. The area still faces substantial deprivation; however, measurable impact has been achieved on figures in Falls 1 specifically related to significantly lower levels of crime and improved academic results. Measuring on a street to street and family to family basis has shown positive progress particularly in the Grosvenor, Roden Street and Distillery Street areas, Falls 1 is now 41 MDM (as oppose to 2).



Tuesday Nights Learning Support



Belfast Telegraph Coverage of Grosvenor Community Centre - 2017

The Year in Highlights 2017

- ✚ **Grosvenor Learning Together** ran through the year including Monday teacher sessions for children at Grosvenor Community Centre, Tuesday evening Homework club for families, Wednesday and Thursday with student teachers and weekend learning and development support in partnership with West Belfast Partnership Board CEIP. GLT in its entirety assisted 75 families with children and young people's engagement. The programme opened links with partner primary schools, assisted new tracking figures and 93% of parents reported improved homework and attitudes to learning in the home setting.

✚ **Awards....** The organisation was delighted for children and young people to win the Allianz Arts and Business Award on 19th January 2017 for arts works and programming located at Grosvenor Community Centre, featured in the Belfast Telegraph, Ulster Tatler, Arts and Business Bulletin and BBC Newslines.

✚ **Best in the West** Grosvenor Community Centre were delighted to win Best in the West Community Worker on the 8th April 2017, following a West Belfast wide voting poll.

✚ **Area Vision...** Grosvenor Community Centre played a contributing role along with GFNP in planning for upcoming developments impacting Belfast City Centre and wider West Belfast. Including Belfast Transport Hub, Social Housing Review, Building Successful Communities, West Belfast Drugs Panel and Dunville Park. 2018 will see extensive local development work related to Distillery Street backfields and alternative options to housing including environmental and green space, innovative play space and community points.

✚ **Health at Grosvenor....** The organisation is heartened to announce growth in Health programming in the period related to Grosvenor Women's Wellness, Eastern European women's provision and Grosvenor Walkers. Programming was extensively promoted in the period via the Fabulous Female Sports Fair, International Women's Event and branding. The largest success resides in high user numbers and measurable impact on positive health determinants including improved lifestyle choices, physical and mental wellbeing and engagement in non-traditional sports by young girls.

✚ **'Growth' at Community Garden....** The Men's Shed in the period have increased programming at the site including planning for entering Belfast in Bloom, basket preparation and training, men's development programme and a new sing a long session with the Golden Girls.



Early Lobbying by Roden Street Tenants Group 1982 March for New Home Heating Systems (Grosvenor Community Centre)

🚩 Photographic Exhibition

The first of its kind at the centre, this event attracted 1300 people to the day's activities with a central celebration of the shared history of Belfast and West Belfast area.



Community members enjoy shared history



Grosvenor Estate Party for Children - 1982

Roden Street Community Development Group – Community Infrastructure Partner:

Through 2017 to 2018 RSCDG has played a key representative role related to lobbying for developments in and around Grosvenor estate, Grosvenor Road and into City Centre Belfast. Such activities included assistance in completion of a Feasibility Study for Distillery Street and surrounding sites and Roden Street with Building Successful Communities and participation as steering committee member on Belfast Transport Hub (Weavers Cross), a major new capital development to be located on Grosvenor Road and venue for Glengall street travel centre relocation. This work will be ongoing over the next five years and we hope to see the realisation of key organisational and community goals related to physical regeneration and social renewal benefits to compliment the development.



Partnership event with Translink and Grosvenor

Transport Hub



**Image of Potential Site
(Grosvenor Road located at North)**

The organisation has hosted several consultation exercises in the period related to the Belfast Transport Hub, now known as Weavers Cross. This Translink Development is a flagship element in the Belfast City Council - Belfast City Centre Regeneration Strategy. The site will be located on Grosvenor Road and Sandy Row and will see the relocation of the existing Travel centre to new premises. The project will represent a major drive to decrease congestion in the City Centre and promote public transport. Grosvenor Community Centre have worked with the Transport Hub Steering Group in terms of consultative events, attendance at employment seminars and are currently planning to act as an Employment Academy site for stage 1 job opportunities in build terms and stage 2 job opportunities on site completion. The organisation has also met with Project Hope related to wider developments in and around Hope Street, Sandy Row and Great Victoria Street.

Physical Redevelopment in Grosvenor Road Community:

The organisation participated in the completion of a feasibility study reviewing 4 potential sites at Distillery Street, Roden Street and Blackwater Way which are currently vacant. The feasibility study completed with preferred option of social housing build at main site in Distillery Street. However, the complexities of the site are not financially feasible for a Housing Association to commit to build. Phase 2 will look at the potential 3 x other sites, which are less 'service' heavy and with a view to social housing to meet local demand. The larger site will now be reviewed related to other potential community development options. The organisation is participating in the Distillery Street Steering Group with Housing Associations, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Building Successful Communities and local representatives. Grosvenor Community Centre wish to lead a local consultation exercise throughout Summer and into early Autumn 2018 with findings and a proposal submitted by November 2018.



Distillery Street – Site A



West Belfast Drugs Panel:

Grosvenor Community Centre has engaged in the West Belfast Drugs Panel, a task and finish group established in September 2017 and launched on 27th October 2017. The group have undertaken extensive desk-based research accompanied by qualitative visit-based information gathering. This piece of codesign action research has begun to delve into an issue plaguing contemporary inner-city communities, particularly where high levels of deprivation are faced. The report has reviewed issues attached to prescription and illegal drugs and will represent a starkly honest account of the contemporary challenges faced, opinions of statutory agencies and views of those who live and reside in West Belfast with some practical recommendations.

Family Capacity and Development and Extended Extra Curricular Learning:

RSCDG has continued to be a core member of the Greater Falls Family Support Hub and has worked in partnership with local partner primary schools in the period to more effectively coordinate extracurricular learning for children, young people and families. This has included representation on a board of governor's primary school. The hub enables targeted support at various settings where it is most relevant and proven to be effectual.

Community Safety

The area faced some issues in the year 2017 related to disputes generated on social media. Unfortunately, such visual displays of negative anticomunity activity can damage the major gains made via positive community development. This rise is related to anti-community activity rather than criminal activity which decreased in the period. In an effort to alter attitudes to social media safety and external perceptions the organisation will be implementing new programme elements in 2018, namely **Grosvenor Safe Together**. This innovative project will seek to engage younger parents over the Summer period with diversionary activities, team building, capacity and conflict resolution. Grosvenor Safe Together will also be focused on eradicating the bonfire at Distillery Street, enhancing social media safety and realisation of impact, networks with parents, schools and service delivery providers.



**Christmas Events
Grosvenor Sends Lights up to the Sky**

The Not So Good and What This Community Working Together Will Change by 2019



**Criminal Damage at the Centre
caused via dangerous driving in November 2017**



Bonfire at Distillery Street

Inclusion

Grosvenor Community Centre is regarded as a welcoming inclusive and ‘multi owned’ space. The centre is home for Pinoy Community Association, Fire Blades Eastern European Women’s Group, Syrian Sports Support and Rising Stars Filipino Youth Initiative. Multi-cultural inclusion at Grosvenor Community Centre is simply part of the organisation ethos and operation. The organisation supports growth of initiatives, weekly operational provision, events and publicity capacity. In the year the Fire Blades Friday programme launched new sessions, engaging local young women and girls in volleyball and the Pinoy Dad’s League supported Filipino dads working shift hours with weekday morning and Saturday sessions. However, the true value of such engagement resides in



**Workers’ Rights and Inclusion Event – March
2018 at Grosvenor Community Centre**

visibility. This is genuine and sustained multicultural activity at a local setting, this programming is now so embedded it is regarded as a cornerstone of what Grosvenor Community Centre 'is'. The programming is not viewed as something 'different' but a part of the fabric of work and people engaged at the site.

Community Development:

To state what makes a 'good' community is difficult, for RSCDG this equates to a community where people know one another, where there is a sense of support, a willingness to engage for the better of others, strong, skilled and confident participants. As such a handful of examples of how we work towards such goals are outlined for the relevant period:

Most Importantly Grosvenor Community Centre is Open and Welcoming

Community Development isn't a technical term it is about how people Treat One Another, how valued a person feels and how much they can influence THEIR LIVES

For instance: RSCDG encouraged community members to get involved in the period through the online surveys culminating in 493 in the period.

For instance:

Grosvenor Community Centre has implemented a training programme in the period including CSR Training, First Aid, Child Protection, Fire Safety, Disability Sports and Diversity in Sports.

For instance:

Grosvenor Community Centre assists other groups and organisations to develop grow. This includes facilities support, facilitation of sports days, completion of funding submissions, business case development, promotional support and capacity training.

For instance: Working with Distillery Street Steering Committee to realistically approach a development at Distillery Street in the absence of social housing, which enhances the physical without hampering daily quality of life.

Introduction to Neighbourhood Development Association

NDA has been working in our community for 28 years now since 1990 and formally with charitable status since the beginning of 1992. We primarily work in the areas of community development and advice provision.

Our Mission Statement is 'Working together for the future' and under our Neighbourhood Renewal programme our work is aimed at promoting social inclusion, building community capacity and empowering local people to play an active role in the regeneration of their neighbourhoods.

Since our inception we have been involved in the demolition of the former Divis Flats, establishing the Maureen Sheehan Centre, re-establishing the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in St. Peter's to help people in need and we also founded the Welcome Organisation based in the St. Peter's area of Falls and Divis which continues to grow and thrive at its Townsend Street location. We also helped establish through constructive meetings and proactive representation, the NIHE community framework in the then District 3 NIHE offices which has now grown regionally into the Housing Community Network and continues to be a strategic investment and development area of the NIHE.

We have helped develop services and projects in partnership with public service bodies, community organisations and communities resulting in many successful ventures. Our work is targeted and dedicated in this area of community development in the most deprived neighbourhoods and with the most marginalised citizens. We have risen to many challenges and in our advice work have assisted in establishing a new successful partnership across the 3 Citizens Advice and 5 independent advice office networks in West Belfast, including the Shankill CAB. This partnership is one we continue to Chair and is now a formal consortium known now as the West Belfast Advice Partnership which promotes shared working through formalised frameworks, sharing agreed resources such as training, money advisers and welfare reform staff in areas where it is cost effective and efficient to do so.

In all of these examples we strive to complement and not duplicate the work of others and will always seek to reduce duplication of services yet meet identified gaps in provision in these challenging times.

NDA continues to seek to empower local people, particularly those economically inactive, to play a positive role in the redevelopment and growth of their own communities.



Introduction to Ionad Uíbh Eachach

- Is áit í Ionad Uíbh Eachach atá dírithe ar pháistí, ar thuismitheoirí agus ar an phobal i gceantar d'ardghanntanais.



Pobal Ghaeilge slán sabháilte a thógáil thart ar ár bpáistí

*Building a safe and healthy Irish Language Community
around our children*

An Ghaeilge a oscailt do chách

Making the Irish Language Accessible to all

- Cuireann Ionad Uíbh Eachach seirbhís cuimsitheach d'ardchaighdeán réamhscoile, iarscoile agus chúram lae ar fáil do pháistí idir 3 mhí agus 12 bhliain d'aois trí Ghaeilge.
- Cuireann Ionad Uíbh Eachach deiseanna cultúrtha, oiliúna, traenála agus tacaíochta, chomh maith le fostaíocht fhadthréimhseach, ar fáil do thuismitheoirí agus do mhuintir na háite.
- Spreagann Ionad Uíbh Eachach rannpháirteachas na dtuismitheoirí agus an phobail áitiúla i ngach gné de na gníomhaíochtaí seo.
- Cuireann Ionad Uíbh Eachach seirbhísí Ghaeilge ar fáil don phobail uile.

Aidhmeanna - Aims

- Ionad Uíbh Eachach is an Irish Language Community & Family Centre for parents, children and the local community in an area of need.
- Ionad Uíbh Eachach provides high quality, inclusive preschool, afterschool day care and wrap around child care services through the medium of Irish.
- Ionad Uíbh Eachach provides cultural, educational, training and support opportunities, in addition to long term employment, for parents and local people.
- Ionad Uíbh Eachach encourages partnership and participation of parents and the local community in every aspect of their work.
- Ionad Uíbh Eachach actively seeks to open the Irish language to all sections of the community.

Ó ghlúin go glúin - From generation to generation

Ionad Uíbh Eachach's Annual Report showcases the vibrant and inclusive programme of events & services delivered by our hardworking staff, tutors and volunteers since the last AGM.

These include a wide range of Irish classes, cultural events & festivals for over 160 learners per week and the provision of quality childcare, preschool and afterschool services for 140 children daily. In addition, Ionad provides a year-round programme of parental engagement, health & wellbeing activities and family support.

External & Funding Challenges

It would be nice to have something new to say about the external environment and funding challenges but unfortunately, like many community groups, we face annual uncertainty about core funding and also face cutbacks in activity costs & staff wages in some of our programmes.

Language & Cultural Services

Despite these funding pressures Ionad continued to provide the largest number of Irish language classes under one roof in Belfast – from beginners and free taster sessions to accredited courses including GCSE and 'A' level Irish. This programme was delivered in partnership with QUB & Gaelchúrsaí and our dedicated team of tutors. A highlight was the partnership with the Falls Library for a series of classes & cultural events and the 'Léargas' and 'Bí Dána' Festivals in June and August 2017.

Cúram & Oideachas - Care & Education through Irish

Quality early care & education through Irish integrates Irish language acquisition in a play environment with development of children's learning, social, creative and physical skills—delivering high level outcomes for children.



Ionad Uíbh Eachach has continued to provide accessible, affordable, inclusive and flexible services including:

- **Gaelspraoi immersion playgroup**, preparing children for Gaelscoil nursery (now supported by the Pathway Fund)
- **Tús Maith, Programme for 2 Year Olds**, in partnership with Beechmount Sure Start
- **IUE Cumann Iarscoile**, term time & year-round **school aged childcare** (supported by Bright Start)
- **Gaelchúram**, combining **quality daycare** for children aged 0-4 yrs. with early learning opportunities through Irish.
- **IUE Scéim Samhraidh**, community summer scheme for over 60 children.



Divis Joint Development Committee – Lead Community Infrastructure Partner

The Frank Gillen Centre’s physical resource has acted as a catalyst for community development activity and delivery of services ranging from local discussions to planning the delivery of services.

This includes:

Early years and After Schools Programme (reviewed annually)

- Children’s emotional, social and educational development (via Play Development, 2-3-year-old programme, Play and Stay and an After Schools project)
- Play Development programme will operate daily, morning and afternoon for up to 8 children per session - Monday to Friday with 2 sessions per day, except on Friday afternoon (as part of Clan Mor Surestart Service level agreement)
- 2-3-year-old programme for 12 children each day (as part of the Clan Mor Surestart Service level agreement)
- A Play & Stay programme involving parents takes place (as part of Clan Mor Surestart Service level agreement) on one day a week.
- After-schools programme for 24 children/ young people will operate from a Monday to Friday between the hours of 2- 4.30pm



Youth Development Team (reviewed annually)



We provide both an in-house youth programme and an outreach project) covers key elements of personal development and life skills, employment support, skills development and capacity building.

○Our Youth programme will operate on a nightly basis with some weekend activity both on and off-site, other activity also included; football coaching, community relations & cultural awareness activity, study support, digital technology and arts-based programming.

- Operation of a Peer Mentoring Programme
- Young people periodically complete structured training, capacity building and lifeskills building on a variety of topics affecting their lives
- Study support is now provided on both a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings with help from students from QUB and from September 2017 included support from the West Belfast Social Investment Fund (SIF) Education programme. GCSE study support (Maths and English) is provided on a one to one basis for up to 32 young people across the year, directly through support from the DfC.



Family support Services (reviewed annually)

Our Family Support Worker delivered/ facilitated (as per a contract with the Belfast Outcomes Group):

- Home Visits – 708 hours of direct contact with local families (total of 33 families per annum)
- 9 packages of Facilitated Sessions (per annum)
 - Parents (x3) –
 - Children (x3) –
 - Parent and Child (x3)
- Out of school support programme targeting 45 children



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denise@frankgillencentre.com
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Additionally, our services will provide direct one to one support and liaise with the Greater Falls Family Support Hub led by Blackie River Community Group.

Education support service

We provide our own education and support programme. This includes;

- ICT classes on a Monday and Tuesday mornings between 10am-12noon and from Tuesday 12 noon to 2pm, each class has a maximum of 10 people and aimed at the 50+ age range.
- Study support provided on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings with help from students from QUB.

- Additionally, GCSE study support (Maths and English,) provided on a one to one basis for up to 32 young people across the year through support provided from the Department for Communities,
- We provide literacy and numeracy support to children at key stages. This service is directly linked to the West Belfast Partnership Boards Education programme and is linked to local schools as a targeted and focussed initiative with feedback and direction from the school to after school programme within our centre.
- DJDC's continues to engage in city wide discussions around the issues pertaining to Life Long Learning (LLL) and the development of 'Belfast a Learning City' through the Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP) and hold the position of chairperson on this thematic area.



ICT training and development provision;

- Our ICT suite continues to be used in a variety of other ways e.g. study support and IT training for both women and men and job centre online. It is increasingly difficult however to get anyone interested in looking at formal training and much of what we offer is a practical tool for people rather than an educational boost.

Administration and Support Role (reviewed annually)

We will provide free administrative support to DJDC's core projects listed above and to local organisations when required.

We directly support;

- Falls Residents Association
- Immaculata Junior Football Club
- Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership (as lead agency)
- We also act as an umbrella organisation for the processing of the Access NI applications across the Falls geographical area for local community and business organisations.



Partnership Development Role

We will continue to play an active role in many local networks including;



- **Clan Mor Surestart**, a programme for 0-4 year olds and family support (**provide direct support through the position of Chairperson of this group and delivery of an SLA**)
- **The Heart Project** – a local healthy living centre initiative based in a community health complex, the Maureen Sheehan Centre delivering health education and direct condition management support (**provide direct support through the position of Chairperson of this group**)
- Facilitating the meeting of **the Falls Partnership Initiative [FPI]** a local partnership operating throughout the Falls electoral ward area, bringing local groups together to discuss common issues and to develop area wide activity (**provide direct support through the position of Chairperson of this group**)
- **Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**; we will continue to work at all levels of the Partnership to implement the key issues and priorities outlined in the guiding strategic document (**provide direct support through the position of Chairperson of this group and as the lead agency of the GFNP**)
- As part of the **Belfast Strategic Partnership** (Public Health Agency, Belfast City Council, Belfast Health Trust, DfC and others key agencies) we play a full civic role both locally and citywide and are currently part of the continuing development of the citywide framework which shapes both city and local development across 5 key areas; Mental Health, Education, Early Intervention, Drugs and Alcohol and Regeneration & Place. We believe all



**Making life better,
together**
Belfast Strategic Partnership

these key areas compliment the GFNP’s and the Divis Joint Development Committee’s programmes of work, a key theme of emotional resilience has emerged as the glue to link all the thematic areas. **BSP** has carried out a review of its approach and structure particularly in the light of the implementation of **community planning** and the public health strategy ‘**Making Life Better**’ aligning with Belfast’s Community Plan.



- **Healthy Living Centre Regional Alliance**; as part of the sustainability, development and quality assurance of the local Healthy Living Centre we will continue to play an active role in this organisation. A key focus is the ongoing issue of sustaining not only the organisation’s work but as crucial the organisation itself (**provide direct support through the position of Chairperson of this group**)

DJDC’s key worker remains involved as chair of the Belfast Strategic Partnerships Life Long Learning thematic area in a range of discussions around the value of community education and the linkages and support needed to enhance those services for local people. The group have designed a strategic framework around ‘**Belfast a Learning City**’ and the many discussions have continued around the impact on partners, both internally in the context of their planning processes and externally in the scope of their partnership efforts, the plan required to establish Belfast as a member of **UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities**, this will clearly require a higher and closer degree of collaboration than is currently facilitated

- Continue to play a role in the **West Belfast Partnership Board** of behalf of the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership and a member of their strategic health sub-group



Initiatives Supported

- Examples include, encouraging local groups to participate in **Belfast's 3rd Festival of Learning**.
- Supporting and preparing local groups for an upcoming ISO 9001 'quality management award' process, a slow but useful process of improving governance and quality assurances across local organisations
- Participating in the development of a '**Dementia Friendly Communities**' initiative across West Belfast.
- Opportunities at particularly busy periods of Halloween and Xmas, with a focus on the work and efforts of young people working to support the older population breaking down isolation and providing practical support to meet their needs e.g. hampers and winter warm advice, this year for example 2 local schools participated in a carol singing and older peoples event at the centre.
- Contributing with BHSCCT to the new Cullingtree Meadows **Supported Living** development which is Dementia Friendly.
- Continue to support Maureen Sheehan Healthy Living Centre in their delivery of health programmes and sustainability for their initiatives through the continuing development of a **social economy project**
'Peremo' targeted training and facilitation at a corporate market.
Also exploring a new IT monitoring and evaluation system to record their programmes and services and their effectiveness through Elemental software.



Policy responses

We have responded to a variety of consultations including with Department for Communities, Belfast HSC Trust (re: Grovetree Supported Living project) and the Public Health Agency (localising Making Life Better via the WBPS strategic health planning),

We are actively involved to give local people views on a range of subjects and daily engage with a range of statutory organisations and issues relating to service provision across the local area.

Discussions where held covering a range of our key priorities including;

- Clan Mor Surestart (re: Business Planning)
- Healthy Living Centre Alliance (re: sustainability of Maureen Sheehan Centre).
- Transformation Implementation Group (Dept. Health) re: Healthy Living Centre and Community engagement
- Department for Communities (re: Neighbourhood Renewal)
- Business planning for Social Prescribing (business case for Big Lottery UK bid)
- Support for people with chronic conditions re: Connected Care Hubs across the city
- Numeracy and Literacy programming with the West Belfast Partnership Board
- Belfast Transport Hub
- Ross Street flats demolition/ redevelopment
- Dementia Friendly Communities
- Suicide Prevention (future search procurement)



Engaged with the following agencies/ organisations:

- Belfast HSC Trust (Connected Care Hubs, Grovetree 'Dementia Friendly - Supported Living' capital programme development)
- Age NI (older peoples services)
- NICCY (vulnerable young people)
- Belfast Local Commissioning Group (population planning and public involvement)
- Belfast City Council (community planning and community interventions including community safety initiatives and programmes)



- Belfast Strategic Partnership (health inequalities and lifelong learning)
- HSCB (re: Community Planning)
- GP Federations (connected care hubs, community planning and community engagement)
- QUB Careers development
- Institute of Public Health ('what works' conference presentation)

DJDC is the lead body for the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership and as such employs the GFNP coordinator: This has improved connectivity in several ways including involvement in:

'Building Successful Communities' programmes; Inputting to the ongoing consultation regeneration sites within the area

- Maureen Sheehan site
- Westlink backpath
- Ross Street flats
- Distillery Street

on



Inter-Agency work

- 'unwanted bonfire' group
- Building successful communities
- Radio Fáilte
- St Comgalls site



Blackie River Community Group – Community Infrastructure Partner

Over the last year, Blackie River Community Group has been working with other partners and stakeholders to continue to address the needs of residents. Here is a snapshot of our work.

Early Years and after school services



The Blackie River Community Group continues to run very successful early year's programmes for children from the ages of 0 – 12 years old. This includes full time Day-care services for children aged 6 weeks – 4 years, Crèche, Afterschool, Autism developmental programme running twice every Saturday for 42 weeks of the year. We have increased the provision for ASD children due to the demand from the Greater Falls Family Support Hub. We have worked to ensure that we have surpassed the current minimum day-care standards and have ensured that all our staff are up to date with their professional development and techniques for supporting children.

We provide individual educational plans for children working with each child having a key worker to develop children's' holistic development. Completing observations, planning for and communicating with other professionals and parents to improve children's' early years' experiences.

There has been a large demand this year for our baby room, and new parents wanting to register their children in from a young age, which means we are now running close to full capacity. We always encourage parents to register as room capacity's change monthly and we are always keen to welcome new faces.



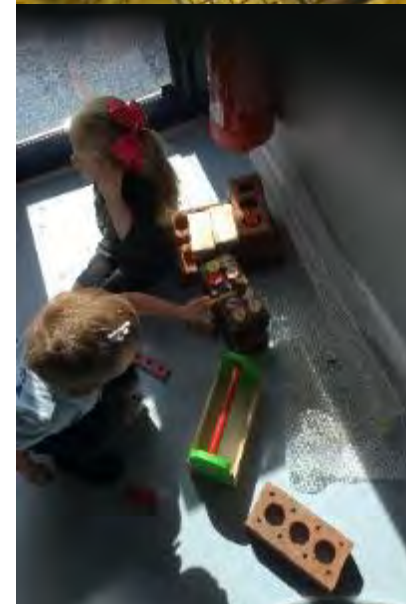
We were successful in receiving a £19,000 grant from BBC Children In Need. All of this money went towards the development of the day-care, and to create new learning programmes for all children and parents involved. Our children have also benefited from the uplift of the outdoor space, including getting a new garden, planting area and park area at the back and side of our building, this has been a great success, with children really enjoying the outdoor routine.



Along with the **day-care services** we also promote one to one support services for children who require additional support during their day in the day-care. A full time designated person plans individual learning and support programmes for these children. Referrals for this service can be made via the Family Support Hub or through our sponsored day care contract; or can be identified by staff for children who are already attending the day-care.

We aim to respond to current identified needs within the area, and because of numerous requests, we designed a homework support club for children who do not have English as a first language. This ran alongside our after-school services.

We used this service to work with the local schools to help develop the children's language and numeracy skills. We frequently used translator methods to communicate with parents, who gave great feedback about the programme and who were extremely grateful. The children involved developed their English language skills and by the end of the programme could communicate in English.



Beechmount Surestart: Blackie River continue to be the lead and accountable body for Beechmount Surestart which provides a range of early years and family support services.

Family Support Hub: BRCG is the lead accountable body for the Family Support Hub in the Greater Falls Area. The Family Support Hub is a network of organisations that can provide a variety of services for/with families who may benefit from some early intervention services; across the Greater Falls area. Using the knowledge of local service providers and the Family Support Database, the Family Support Hub can signpost/refer families to services that they feel are appropriate to their needs.



The Family Support Hub has 28 core members and 27 associate members, and since its inception in September 2015 the Hub has processed 699 referrals, (300 families in the past year)

Partnerships/ Networking. We will continue to play an active role in several local networks including;

- **PlayBoard NI Cluster Group**

Our Childcare Co-ordinator is member of the PlayBoard NI Cluster Group, this is a group that comes together to look at best practice and developments in the childcare provision 4-12 year olds.

- **Early Years Strategic Alliance**

We sit on this alliance to look at best practice to sit with government officials to improve the quality of services to children from disadvantaged areas.

- **Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership;** we work at all levels of the Partnership to implement the key issues and priorities outlined in their most recent document





- **West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Forum** – We currently sit on this forum to help coordinate programmes from across West Belfast
- **Children and Young People Strategic Partnership**
BRCG feel that it is vital that we engage in childcare networks/partnerships as they provide us with information that can lead to an improvement in practice, and in the development of policies. It is also affords us an opportunity to network and promote our own best practice methods.
- **Working with Children with Autism**
BRCG runs a daily session with children with Autism in conjunction with Sure Start and Kids Together after the Family Support Hub had identified the growing need.

Roden Street Community Development Group – Community Infrastructure Partner



The Roden Street Community Development Group, (RSCDG) is an organisation which can be categorised in both a strategic and practical sense as led by and for the community. The organisation has sustained the core aim of realistically and achievably improving quality of life socially, economically, environmentally and culturally. In tandem with this navigating the sphere of long term impact outcome focused programming and sustainability. As such RSCDG has continued to more strategically target provision in the period, the organisation operates on a for money basis, with a relatively small staffing team, identified need reflective programmes and analysis of impact as key. RSCDG has continued learning in the period 2017 related to the next decades monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment

tools for the community. RSCDG has continued to pursue a strategy of direct need reflection through the community management model, innovation and provision of wider geographically focused capacity support. In the period, the organisation also worked with other organisations/partnerships in furtherance of the application of the community management model.

The organisation is a key supporting player in a equal partnership locally related to Community Infrastructure. This is highly apparent throughout 2017 and into 2018. Grosvenor Community Centre in the period has provided opportunities for other groups, organisations and individuals to grow and flourish, the organisation has maintained core services (aligned to definite demand), decreased services where demand has altered and reframed strategies to reflect Belfast contemporary society.

*Creating a vibrant place to live,
work and visit where current and
future generations have the
confidence, skills and access to
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economically, socially, culturally and*

Grosvenor Community Centre is a key and pivotal contributor to community infrastructure. For instance:

- # Grosvenor Community Centre is considered a 'home' community centre to 5 different cultural backgrounds and is used as such operationally.
- # The organisation provides funding submission support and development plans to a range of sports and smaller groups in furtherance of capacity.
- # The space is viewed as a place to go for help around issues such as housing, anti-community activity, family and area disputes and when someone just needs that little bit of help. Therein lies the fabric of what a 'community' should feel like.
- # Grosvenor Community Centre have provided information to a number of other groups/organisations in the period related to community management.
- # The organisation has adopted a more visionary approach over the past five years and has dared to think on a larger scale, becoming involved in developments such as Weavers Cross.
- # The organisation is committed to working with City Centre development approaches to lever benefits up the Grosvenor Road.
- # In 2017 the centre was used by a range and diversity of peoples with differing focuses from sports, to health, family support to gardening. This mix helps community capacity via visibility and sharing of resources.
- # Grosvenor Community Centre has pro-actively tried to identify problems and has written extensively to agencies such DFI and Highway Maintenance around parking and litter with some apparent achievements, such as lines at Genoa Street.
- # The organisation have increased partnerships with schools in the period adopting a stance that the children and families supported are the same and the best way to target services is by sharing knowledge
- # The plans for 2018 are extended shared bids across different settings in partnership with GFNP.
- # Grosvenor Community Centre provided training in 2017 which included CSR (x 2), First Aid, Fire Warden Training, Child Protection, Nutrition Awareness, Disability Sports, Multi Sport and Parenting.
- # The organisation has one on the future and has diversified the managing structures with younger individuals.

- ✚ Grosvenor Garden will further aid the physical regeneration of the Grosvenor Road and the organisation hopes to fully join this to the development at weavers cross.

Direct management in Action:

RSCDG lease, (from Belfast City Council), and manage Grosvenor Community Centre, (formerly Grosvenor Recreation Centre), the accompanying 3G Playing field, community garden, facilities and play park. The site is a substantial venue and facility, housing a wide spectrum of projects, programmes and beneficiaries. Essentially RSCDG seeks to meet need, make positive change and foster meaningful participation which helps to improve quality of life.

In operational terms, this means that ALL voices are relevant and are used to define, schedule and plan services. We abide by the view that anything is possible and achievable with the right vision pathway driven in a shared capacity by communities. The organic historical development, developed in 1984 and launching with 'We Want Heat Not Cold Fee', of the organisation means that the climate at Grosvenor Community Centre is embedded in community management, responsiveness, flexibility, innovation and pro-active inclusion.

Grosvenor Community Centre has become one of the hubs in the area for community activity, community sports, physical activity, environmental programming, capacity building, engagement, family support, youth participation and good relations. Grosvenor Community Centre is viewed as an open, welcoming and feasible arena in which to meet, network, develop and grow, particularly in relation to good relations programme at the local level. RSCDG is both a local provider of a plethora of services and programmes, matched with occupying an active role in terms of area wide development, partnership, shared programming and lobbying.

The focus at Grosvenor Community Centre is fixed on the wider determinants of community, social, economic and cultural development as well as in redressing the wider impacts of disadvantage. What is our Vision? Belfast Deserves to Reach Fruition and Its Peoples Must Benefit from That Process, Excel and Reach Full Potential

Neighbourhood Development Association - Community Infrastructure Partner

Last year (2017/18, via our NDA office advice facility and our advice line, we dealt with just over 10,000 issues (averaging around 200 per week) from 2,849 clients and were successful in clawing back over £343,280 worth of unclaimed Social Security benefits.



Our well-established client base built up over 28 years has expanded to include BT17 areas due to the outworking of RPA and has come to rely heavily on our services particularly as we are located in the most deprived Wards Falls SOA's 1,2&3 (Source: NISRA).

NDA continues to proactively engage with & support the Neighbourhood Partnership and associated partners and cross cutting themes in the delivery of the neighbourhood action plan.

1.8 FTE permanent jobs safeguarded under Neighbourhood Renewal and a further 3 previously funded posts continue to be core funded outside of NR.

NDA F/T Community Development Officer An Example Week in the Life Of:

- Meet NIHE for updates to external cyclical maintenance schemes
- Visit Tenants/Resident Group representatives to update/flag issues/communicate to locals
- Attend an evening Tenants/Residents Group meeting
- Follow up actions from night before/assist drafting letters/push campaigns on etc.



- Visit to Healthy Living Centre to agree upcoming programmes for promotion/marketing/referrals
- Cross Community Residents meeting
- Report new graffiti and organise removal
- Organise and agree next stages of upcoming event/s
- Monitoring and Reporting data to collate and report on for Funders and Management Committee, including: Uptake and Feedback of Projects, Partnerships and numbers at planned events
- Participate in meetings around progression of issues in relation to NR programme
- Meet PSNI & CRJ around a juvenile justice issue that arose
- Contribute to advice centre rota duty and take appointments/provide telephone advice
- Visit Home Management Support attendees mid programme.

P/T Administrative Support.... An Example Week in the Life Of

- Open Office daily and confirm work plans and appointments to staff
- Telephony duties daily/Log Calls/Run weekly IT Reports required
- Meet/Greet clients/visitors; log same
- Make and diarise appointments; manage office bookings and customer flow;
- Prepare facilities for upcoming meetings/service same
- Type required correspondence; make required calls
- Contact clients engaging in services for the week to confirm arrangements and communicate issues as required to relevant staff
- Update Personal and Group Development Plans related to weekly targets and goal achievements
- Update all monitoring and evaluation including surveys completion, individual development packs

Blackie River Community Group – Lead Education Partner

Promotion of Life Long Learning

The education programmes have been both accredited and non-accredited courses. We adopt a person-centred ethos to guarantee each student gets the most out of their education experience to help ensure they move forward to reach their full potential.

We are currently teaching and assessing the following courses:

- ESOL – this is a beginner’s class, introducing Basic English to newcomer families.
- Health and Social Care Level 3 – Family Support
- CCLD Level 2 – 1 evening a week
- CCLD Level 3 – 1 evening a week
- CACHE Level 3 Certificate Understanding Autism - 20-week programme
- CCLD Diploma Leadership and Management – Two Level 5 – 1 day each per week

Each student is allocated a personal tutor and a personal assessor so that the learning experiences for them are extremely personal and meet their individual needs. Tutors and assessors are practicing professionals in their field, so we believe students are getting first class education and learning directly from in practice experience.

Youth Development

We have developed a Mentoring programme to offer support to young people on a one to one basis; Mentors have provided support with homework, personal development, mental health awareness, and physical activities programmes and have developed an engagement process with young people who are disengaged from the community. Each young person is allocated their own mentor, who strives to build a relationship with each young person and aims to help them through any struggles they may face.

We are currently working with the West Belfast Partnership Board and their SIF program to assist our school age children with their educational attainment.



Roden Street Community Development Group – Education Partner

Grosvenor Community Centre is dedicated to raising aspiration levels with meaningful pathways to achieve goals. In the period the organisation has forged more practical links with local primary and post primary providers. This has included a representative role on the board of governors of one local primary school, engagement on the board of community sports providers and undertaking the chair role on the Afterschool Providers Forum as well as a continued role on the Belfast Childcare Partnership. More so than this the organisation has worked towards real programming with tangible outcomes which can be measured across sites.



Fire Safety Programme

Roden Street Playgroup

Roden Street Playgroup accommodates up to 24 children from the disadvantaged Falls ward area. The service is exceptionally high quality, receiving excellent inspection reports. The service is ordinarily multi-cultural in nature enabling children to develop high levels of cross cultural interaction from a young age. The service also operates the Media Initiative Scheme. Roden Street Playgroup places a strong focus on engagement of parents and as such is accompanied by a Parental Sub Group.



Playgroup Class of 2017

Grosvenor Out of School Hours Services



The Afterschool's accommodates 48 children each day and encompasses both social, fun, recreational and sporting activities and a homework club. The Afterschool's Service has initiated longer term development activities centred around, Community Safety, Nutrition and Education.

Grosvenor Learning Together

2017



Grosvenor Summer Programming

6-week packed schedule of area events, morning, afternoon and evening diversionary activities, youth outreach, onsite community sports and play development and excursions. The Summer programme was bookended in 2017 by four residentials engaging children from 8 to 11 years and 11 years to 20 years. The service opened late through Summer to include 1am Friday opening, 2 x all night residentials at the facility and engagement of Youth members in staffing at the West Belfast Feile through an employment placement scheme.



Summer 1981 – Grosvenor Main Hall



Summer 2006 – Grosvenor Hall



Summer 2017 – Grosvenor Main Hall



Roden Street Future Youth

Future Youth aimed to increase access to youth services in an interface area of disadvantage through additional and innovative inclusive youth provision. Programming will target young people and by association families facing *exclusion, isolation, poverty and barriers to learning and employment*. Future Youth encompassed *youth hours, late night opening, day support and non-term time provision*. We want to sustain a key focus of the yearly programme to be on realistic and relevant skill accreditation. As well as providing avenues for participation of the wider community and intergenerational engagement of those facing negative community stereotyping. Future Youth in 2017 enabled a working youth management committee who participated in area visioning, clear training pathways to employment, Friday night late night sessions, weekend support and awareness tailored to the contemporary needs of a young person today.



Snapshot of the Year 2017

- ✚ On site teaching and tutor support for afterschool and youth age children to compliment and reflect the curriculum.
- ✚ Outside curriculum learning including excursions to sites which are studied in school.
- ✚ Needs analysis forms developed and shared across Grosvenor Community Centre and partner primary schools.
- ✚ Shared events for children and young people from the area with education and awareness as a key focus such as Wellbeing day.
- ✚ The volume of programming in 2017 attached to Early Intervention encompassed growth focused on assisting young people vulnerable to engagement in anti-community activity or negative lifestyle choices to be equipped with the confidence to make informed decisions and meaningful opportunities for aspiration. A snapshot of weekly activities in the period included Training, employment and on the job

scheme with local employers, Friday night late night Soccer and Sport Fest, the Sunday 'Sesh' for support and volunteering programme for Summer 2017 led by young people.

- ✚ The organisation could continue provision of employment opportunities for local young people following accredited training completion at Grosvenor Community Centre in partnership with the Social Investment Fund – Early Intervention Programme. As such two young people from the area not in education or training who have shown significant commitment to peer community leadership and development are now employed at Grosvenor Community Centre, with the backing of a full training and development programme for year 2 for up to 40 beneficiaries.
- ✚ WISH – Writing is Sharing Hope, creative story writing, awareness of fiction, imagination and literacy, the programme culminated in completion of anonymous stories by young people aged 11- 18 years and children aged 4 – 10 years. The programme helped in a dual capacity to focus on literacy, engage parents, enable appreciation of imagination and provided an insight into the views, thoughts and fears of writers.
- ✚ Teacher support on site – this programme helped to more fully coordinate and communicate the activities in community-based Afterschool's and youth provision with formal educational providers.
- ✚ Learning Through play, particularly in relation to Outdoor Play at the Grosvenor Community Garden and the 'World Around Us'.
- ✚ Learning outside of term time, particularly in relation to Summer off site programming with visits to compliment the curriculum.

Volunteering & Vision Pathways – The volunteering and placement programme in operation at Grosvenor Community Centre incorporates parents, young people and children. This is substantiated by a training and skill development programme.

Divis Joint Development Committee – Education Partner

DJDC has considered educational programming in its widest sense. In the period 2017/2018 the organisation has provided a range of services to support the development of children, young people and adults.

Education support service

We provide our own education and support programme. This includes;

- ICT classes on a Monday and Tuesday mornings between 10am-12noon and from Tuesday 12 noon to 2pm, each class has a maximum of 10 people and aimed at the 50+ age range.
- In partnership with Clan Mor Surestart we provide, child protection and paediatric first aid training to a range of local staff and volunteers at the FGC.



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

- Study support provided on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings with help from students from QUB.
- Additionally, GCSE study support (Maths and English,) provided on a one to one basis for up to 32 young people across the year through support provided from the Department for Communities,
- We provide literacy and numeracy support to children at key stages. This service is directly linked to the West Belfast Partnership Boards Education programme and is linked to local schools as a targeted and focussed initiative with feedback and direction from the school to after school programme within our centre.



- DJDC's continues to engage in city wide discussions around the issues pertaining to Life Long Learning (LLL) and the development of 'Belfast a Learning City' through the Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP) and hold the position of chairperson on this thematic area.

ICT training and development provision;

- Our ICT suite continues to be used in a variety of other ways e.g. study support and IT training for both women and men and job centre online. It is increasingly difficult however to get anyone interested in looking at formal training and much of what we offer is a practical tool for people rather than an educational boost.

This year our list of training and programme activity provision included;

- ICT provision for older men and women (inc. social media and skype usage),
- GCSE study support in Maths and English
- A homework club for primary and post primary aged children/ young people (including additional support for literacy and numeracy).
- OCN in Youth Leadership
- Personal Development and Lifeskills programme
- Behaviour management
- Stress and anger management
- Anti-bullying programmes
- Cultural Awareness and Diversity inc. Anti-Racism and Anti-Sectarianism
- AQA in Mental Health Awareness inc. Suicide and Self Harm
- Anti-car crime DVD



Ionad Uibh Eachach – Education Partner

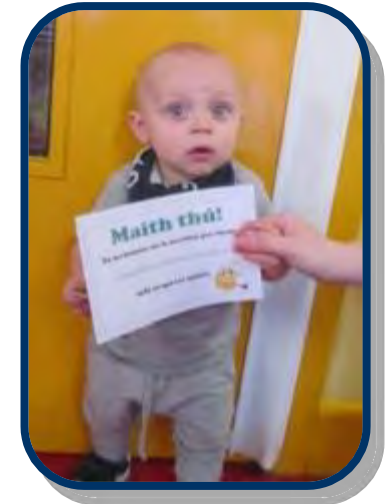
Timpeallacht Slán, Fáilteach, Foscailte - Safe, Welcoming, Open Environment

The creation of a safe, caring child-centred environment is the key to quality provision through Irish. Ionad early year's provision supports parents and children in an area of need combining care and learning with language and cultural experiences at an early age. High quality early years immersion supports a child's development and learning and prepares them for their future education. Parents are partners on this journey with their children and Ionad provides specific programmes and resources for parents which we hope to extend and develop over the next year. There are significant waiting lists for childcare places.



Early Care & Education:

- Gaelspraoi Irish immersion playgroup
- Surestart Programme for 2 Year Old's
- Summer scheme 60 + children
- Inclusion Targeted support respite places



Gaelchúram Quality Daycare through Irish - High quality, care & early learning

- Open 8.00 - 6.00
- Dedicated baby & toddler units
- Wrap around preschool childcare
- Targeted support & respite places
- Flexible bookings – affordable prices
- Child-centred service
- Family environment/home cooking
- Outdoor play areas
- Highly skilled experienced staff



Gaelchúram Uachtar Chluanaí - Quality Daycare through Irish

- New daycare unit opened in August 2017.
- Supported by Pathway Fund & Foras na Gaeilge the unit employs 4 staff and supports 15 children aged 2-3 yrs.



Cumann Iarscoile/After-School - Building children's confidence & self-esteem in partnership with parents



- Summer/school closure service
- Child-centred stimulating programme
- Respite for vulnerable children
- Children's Committee
- Community Clean ups and Park activities
- BCC Black Mountain trip & art project – workshops & displays

Extended schools activities- Enhancing education & language

Art projects and displays include:

- Multicultural cooking,
- Chinese New Year/Diwali
- Friendship, disability & anti-racist themes
- Black Mountain trip
- Recycling & planting projects



Oideachas do Dhaoine Fásta - Adult Education

The Ionad Teanga & Cultúr / Language and Culture programme has continued to grow and develop this year and is delivered in partnership with QUB and Gaelchúrsaí.

Numbers attending have maintained, courses remain affordable and flexible. Ionad provides the largest number of Irish language classes in the community, accredited and non-accredited with clear progression routes and support available.

Around 80 students took exams, including Graded Levels in Modern Languages and GCSE and AS level in 2016 /17. Comhghairdeas to all who did so well, including our newly appointed Chair!

New access courses supported a new wave of beginners in both Ionad and the Falls Library. Courses for Irish medium parents were run in Ionad and Gaelscoil an Lonnáin.

New avenues of funding were obtained to cover some events no longer supported by core funding including talks, walks, trips and the 2 festivals organised in the summer

16 classes per week with 160 students weekly, beginners to GCSE and 'A' Level'

Partnership with QUB and Gaelchúrsaí

- GCSE & post GCSE for children and younger people in partnership with Gaelchúrsaí
- Specialist courses for parents, senior citizens, Fáinne courses and grammar
- 'Irish for Parents' delivered twice a year for local parents
- All day crash courses twice a year, March/November, supporting over 100 students
- June: Féile 'Léargas' daytime and evening week long course, all levels
- August: Week long crash course in partnership with Féile an Phobail
- Yearlong Irish language programme aimed at children, 7-11, in English medium primary schools
- 'Summer Mondays' - daytime and evening provision over the summer



Exams and accreditation

- 50 students passed graded Examinations Steps 1 - Step 4
- 50 students take GCSE, AS Irish and A2 Irish (Summers 2015/ 2016)
- Fáinne course organised with 14 silver and 4 gold being awarded

Outreach Language work

- **'Spraoi'** Irish course in St. Paul's primary school, St Kevin's and St Theresa's (140 children)
- **Ceardlanna** - Cultural workshops on St Brigid's cross organised in 7 local schools (200+ children)
- **'Irish for Parents'** 2 courses organised in Gaelscoil an Lonnáin and Ionad.

Roden Street Community Development Group – Lead Health Partner

The stark fact remains that people who face disadvantage are more likely to have health challenges or a lower mortality age. In the modern-day world this situation is unacceptable. Grosvenor Community Centre is managed as a facility to meet community health needs, from 7-day week participation, community sports to long term outcome focused programming such as Grosvenor Women’s Wellness. The organisation attempts to achieve small gains each day, impacting on the individual, the group and later onto wider society.

RSCDG were able in this period to work with a wider number of sports, youth and physical activity teams, minority ethnic community groups and individuals, particularly in relation to strategic development and increased engagement of women in physical activity. The 3g Playing field enabled substantial growth in physical activity and sports engagement centred around extracurricular access to sports, competitive sports, school sports, training, youth



Grosvenor Supporting School Sports Days 2018

engagement and area wide physical activity events. Additional schools were supported in 2017 with usage during term time and related to extracurricular events.

Grosvenor Women’s Wellness Programme has continued to excel in the year ensuring participation of women and young women who previously did not engage in physical activity. The programme delivery is centred around supporting the overarching health and wellbeing needs of the individual. As such, participants are facilitated with physical activity and cardio, nutritional support, mindfulness and family support. Grosvenor Women’s Wellness is branded, and the kits are worn with pride in and around the area, helping to further showcase the benefits of the programme. The wider by products of Grosvenor Women’s Wellness are clear



Friday Session with Eastern European Fire Blades and Grosvenor Out of School Hours

in terms of other participation at the setting. Consultation exercises undertaken in 2017 had an increase in attendance, primarily by women and young women. Contributions by women and young women in the period in written terms to visioning documents and in survey terms increased by 53%. We feel that the programme has really altered a perception by some women in the area as to their value locally, area wide and to the future of Belfast. The programme has also improved internal family relationships and helped to improve area relations.

Grosvenor Community Centre has maintained and grown participation rates in the period, substantiated by the new shower, changing and sports provisions.

More so than this the organisation has worked to target those groups and beneficiaries who face barriers to participation and as a result struggle to improve their health and well being. This is achieved via innovation in programming, 7 day week opening, 1 to 1, group and large scale events, promotion, accessibility and relevance. For instance, Grosvenor Women's Wellness now operates



Family Sports and Health Day June 2017

additional programming including Monday night, Wednesday night, Saturday morning, group based Thursdays, Tuesdays 1 to 1 and group and Tuesday 5 to 6pm class based. We have worked to ensure that demand and need are met almost on the spot.

RSCDG were able in this period to work with a wider number of sports, youth and physical activity teams, minority ethnic community groups and individuals, particularly in relation to strategic development and increased engagement of women in physical activity. The organisation has undoubtedly become a hub provider of



Women's Health Programming



engagement and participation avenues in the period and has continued to diversify internally related to programming content. The ethos of including the excluded and vulnerable is reflected in community health programming at the site.

Illustrative Snapshots @ Grosvenor Community Centre 2017 – 2018

- ✚ The Rising Stars and Pinoy Community Association enjoyed another year of events including sports, health, capacity and seasonal celebrations.
- ✚ The physical building benefitted from substantial investment in the period which has aided our capacity potential in terms of sporting events, level of competitive participation and variety of content.
- ✚ The 3g Playing field and targeting of internal facilities, enabled substantial growth in physical activity and sports engagement centred around extracurricular access to sports, competitive sports, school sports, training, youth engagement and area wide physical activity events.
- ✚ Grosvenor Women's Wellness initiated a new session to the weekly programme and fully branded, with participants wearing green and black kits. The service targets effectively those women/young women who have not participated in a sustained physical activity programming historically. The unique selling point of the service is the degree to which the programme corresponds to other projects on site enabling accessibility and willingness to participate.
- ✚ The organisation worked in partnership with FPI in the period to secure a major physical investment at Grosvenor Community Centre. The new shower and changing block will significantly increase team capacity and helped to continue working towards redressing gaps in physical activity provision and sports related to gender participation rates. The benefits of this development are felt to the present day.



Rising Stars Celebrate another successful year at Grosvenor

- ✚ The 3G Playing Field and Grosvenor Community Centre are open 7 Days Per Week, including evenings.
- ✚ The organisation sustained 7-day week opening and facilitation of sports/youth teams.
- ✚ RSCDG continued in the period to facilitate physical activity provision at another site via ongoing operational support including payroll support.
- ✚ The organisation assisted 5 other groups and health related programmes to complete funding submissions for health programming in the Greater Falls area
- ✚ Multi-cultural programming has been sustained in the period particularly related to basketball provision and volleyball, with an annual international sports event held in December 2017.
- ✚ Outcome focused health promotion through learning is embedded across projects related to nutritional, positive and healthy lifestyle choices and risk-taking behaviours.
- ✚ RSCDG were able in this period to work with a wider number of sports, youth and physical activity teams, minority ethnic community groups and individuals, particularly in relation to strategic development and increased engagement of women in physical activity. As such community sports, physical activity, cultural engagement health and well-being programming have increased at Grosvenor Community Centre. The 3g Playing field enabled substantial growth in physical activity and sports engagement centred around extracurricular access to sports, competitive sports, school sports, training, youth engagement and area wide physical activity events.
- ✚ The organisation has successfully sustained and increased a massive Women's Wellness Programme including branding, promotion and networking.
- ✚ The gardening and environmental programme developed in year to facilitate additional groups.



**Saturday Opening At Grosvenor
– Junior Leagues 2018**



Golden Girls at Grosvenor – Celebrating Asda Support

Support increased internally in partnership with BHSCT in facilitation of the **Golden Girls**, a group supporting those with hearing difficulties.

Health programming across services increased in the period, including services for children and young people, such as Rowing for Life, Eating Well Nutritional Awareness and World Around Us – Understanding the environmental impact of food transportation.

Non-traditional sports and physical activity provision increased in the year including rowing, street games, creative dance.

RSCDG has engaged in a board capacity on a community sports provider organisation.

RSCDG has facilitated local primary and post primary providers in facility and programme provision.



Wellness Zone at Grosvenor Community



Health Programming



Street Soccer, Belfast Community Sports Development Network at Grosvenor Community Centre



Health Programming

Redressing Access to Healthy Lifestyle Opportunities:

Continued work towards redressing gender participation in sports in the period with support secured for 2 x partner organisations to run programmes, Fire Blades and Grosvenor Women. 2018 will see a partnership with Immaculata Football Club and Grosvenor Women's Wellness related to establishing a female team. The sports and health landscape at Grosvenor Community Centre is divers ranging from Eastern European Ladies to Filipino young people and added to in the period with Sunday Syrian Soccer Support Group.

The Number Crunching

School Sports Day
15 Facilitated in Year
Funding submissions
for other Groups to
grow = 17

Area Events for Health
and Sports
27 Held in Year

Junior League Support
49 weeks per year
Senior League Support
49 weeks per year

7 Day week Opening
including Late Nights
Support for non-term time
use for schools
Coaching provision

Sporting and Physical Activity
Types
Volleyball, Basketball, Football,
Strength Training, Tennis, Boules,
Dance, Yoga, Pilates

Health Programmes, Grosvenor Women's Wellness – 70 Women now engage in regularised physical activity
Fit and Active – 4 – 11 years programme including circuit, rowing and walking club, Beat the Treats – Healthy Eating Programme, Coaching support provided to 2 x primary schools, Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, 'Mind Yourself' Head wellbeing programme & Many More

Divis Joint Development Committee – Health Partner

Seeking wherever possible to promote the values (and active input) of the local community infrastructure to health and social care developments across the Greater Falls area.

- As part of the Belfast Strategic Partnership outworking of their 5 core thematic areas and 6 overarching areas of interest.
- We are also part of the Executive Programme Group of the Belfast Strategic Partnership, part of a key decision-making process for the city and of course the Greater Falls on many key health issues aiming to tackle life inequalities.
- Through the West Belfast Partnership Board of behalf of the Neighbourhood Partnership and a member of their health sub-group, currently developing a strategic health approach, which envisages a 10-year local reflection of the Public Health strategy ‘Making Life Better’.
- Continue to support Maureen Sheehan Healthy Living Centre in their delivery of health programmes and sustainability for their initiatives. Also exploring a new IT monitoring and evaluation system to record their programmes and services and their effectiveness, this is being resourced through contact with the Public Health Agency across all 20 HLC’s although in a phased approach through a local company called Elemental Software solutions. Additionally, a lot of time and effort in preparing a significant business case around social prescribing (i.e. non-medical alternatives for GP’s to offer and delivered by local groups).



Through our core activities e.g.

- Divis Youth Project we have provided a range of opportunities to highlight issues affecting the health of young people in this area.
- Our core Early Years and School Age programming
- Through our family support programme and through our contact and development work with a local Women’s Group



Programming this year included;

- Sports and physical activity programmes for younger people including with Immaculata Junior Football Teams (across 6 age bands)
- Healthy eating with our homework and study support groups
- Mental Health Awareness study support groups
- Increased us of the Arts e.g. dance, drama and creative arts (as a therapeutic approach to behavioural and anger management, stress and anxiety issues), for example our programme with the Kids in Control physical drama group and the production of a programme and DVD. Included a mental health awareness mural launched locally (top of Albert Street) with young men and women and using skills outlined in a previous years Public Health Agency's Take 5 campaign. Also produced an information leaflet with appropriate range of sources of practical help.



- Basketball development (with Peace Players and part of a broader Community Relations programme)
- Young people worked with a local artist on a 'Dementia Friendly' Arts based Project as part of a wider community/statutory programme to raise awareness of the issues involved, the art work was launched in St Joseph's Primary School at a ceremony in early June and revealed the new name of the supported living 'Dementia Friendly' complex of 32 apartments – The new name for the facility will be Cullingtree Meadows. A competition was run, and the name was chosen by school children from local schools/youth structures. they have now begun discussions on creating and **producing a 'dementia' information/ awareness dvd** and have been working getting ideas right for an application to Big Lottery's Awards for All grants programme

Support and discussions held with;

- Maureen Sheehan Healthy Living Centre re: health needs of area
- Healthy Living Centre Alliance re: sustainability and effectiveness of HLC's
- Clan Mor Surestart regarding health needs of children and local families
- With the Immaculata Junior Football Club highlighting the health needs of young people.

Blackie River Community Group - Health Partner



BRCG have worked with a variety of stakeholders over the past year to develop health initiatives, which are targeted at local people to identify their needs. We use this information to work with other agencies/organisations to put in place initiatives and programmes to promote health and well-being.

- We continue to work with young people throughout the last year to look at raising awareness of the issues of suicide and self-harm. This piece of work has resulted young people being more aware around coping mechanisms to deal with stress leading to poor mental health.
 - We have delivered a variety of older people's programmes which was aimed at combating social isolation. The programme is part of our 'Young at Hearts' group who use the centre regularly to discuss issues which affect them and to plan activities throughout the year.
- We work in partnership with Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (Social Services) to offer places within our childcare facility to families who need additional support.
 - Within our childcare setting we have a healthy eating policy which mean all the children receive food and snacks which are good for them and promote healthy living from an early age.

Blackie River Community Groups is the leading accountable body for **Beechmount Surestart**.

Surestart is a government initiative, which is a partnership between the local community, voluntary and statutory sectors. Surestart aims to provide support and guidance to families to ensure children can flourish at home during their early years. SureStart works with antenatal parents and families with children under the age of 4 years of age. The SureStart team plan for home and community visits, including many parenting and child centred programmes, which they deliver in the local area and in the Blackie centre on a weekly basis. These include Ante Natal classes, Baby Massage and Reflexology, Behaviour Management, Cook-It and Baby Play Programmes.





SureStart also provides respite day-care places on an 8-week rotational basis for up to 10 children at any one time.

We deliver a Sure Start Developmental Programme for 2 to 3 Years Olds that runs on a term time basis.

This programme provides high quality experiences of care and education for children between the ages of 2-3 years of age. We work in partnership with parents and relevant professionals to provide children with environments, which are safe, challenging, stimulating, and incorporate a holistic approach to learning. Our qualified, committed and enthusiastic Early Years Team apply the principals of early learning, identifying and building on children's strengths, interests and abilities. The approach invites children to be actively involved in play throughout the session. Staff have all received specific Programme for 2-Year Old training, which has specific aims and guidelines. This includes the fact that staff must attend relevant training and cluster groups throughout the year, and parents must attend one 'stay and play' session each month.

This year we have been running to full capacity, with 12 children attending throughout the year. Please see below a selected few photos of children enjoying the SureStart Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds, please note how the programme focuses on using natural and real materials to help develop children's skills and interests:

- Blackie River Community Group representative sits on the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership and Belfast Outcomes Group to give a view from the community sector about the issues that children and young people are facing.
- We have supported direct delivery services for people with disabilities to support their clients who live in the local area.
- We have run a number of health days throughout the year to give local people better access to information and the support services that they require to develop their own self-care approaches.



Neighbourhood Development Association – A Health Partner



NDA is involved in a range of activity across all 5 GFNP thematic areas and for example in health we have supported and delivered the following;

- 95 people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects
- 118 people accessing and engaged in new/improved health facilities because of direct referrals from our Project services.



Ionad Uibh Eachach – Health Partner

Health & Well Being Group

The Health & Well Being Group, funded by BBC Children in Need, meet every Tuesday and a crèche is provided. The group facilitated by Jane, undertook a range of activities including parenting skill classes, relaxation sessions, cooking on a budget arts & crafts, Ceili dancing and a range of other events. Mental health was a key theme with sessions taken by John Mallon, local photographer, at the start of the year. Family trips and activities were also organised. Thanks to all who took part and Jane for your hard work and creativity. An aim going forward is to offer 'Incredible Years' parenting support course—funding permitting!!

Play Support

Individual play support was provided to over 20 children in the last year. Thanks to Fiona Lovely for her unstoppable energy & enthusiasm!

SHINE– Parents Support Group for Children with Autism

SHINE gives support & training to local parents to address the social isolation of their children. Ionad welcomes the opportunity to support this dynamic group by providing childcare sessions in the centre and hosting peer support sessions. The group has a vibrant facebook page and a growing number of families have sought help & advice over the last year. Ionad Home Visiting packages have supported parents & children referred from the group with a waiting list for services.

Staff have accessed training and the highly skilled staff team includes teachers, a play therapist and experienced childcare workers



Blackie River Community Group - Social Environment Partner



Blackie River Community Group has been working with residents and other community groups to create a better environment for the Greater Falls area.

Community engagement

- We continue to work with Residents to help them develop and to build on their capacity.
 - We continue to work with Clonard boxing club to secure a safe parking place in a effort to relieve the parking stress in the area.
 - We continue to work with council and the Davits GAA club to complete their new facilities.
 - We continue to work with residents and St Mary's, to have the Beechmount Avenue wall project completed and new railings erected to improve the local environment.
- We continued to engage with residents about their needs and are reviewing our strategic plan to ensure we deliver for local people.
 - We have also responded to a variety of consultations with the support of local people around issues, which affect the Beechmount and Greater Falls Area. We have been working with Beechmount Residents Association and Davitt's GAA to tackle the issue of bonfires within the local community. We have engaged with local people to ascertain their views on bonfires and then we have reflected this to statutory agencies.
 - We have engaged with local young people in partnership with SIF – Youth Intervention Programme. This engagement was a way to find out the needs of the local young people and to challenge the behaviour which they are demonstrating within the area. This is an ongoing piece of work but has the potential to help young people achieve their full potential.



- We also work with Belfast City Council and NIHE around local people's needs such as bin collections, graffiti, block up houses and safety issues.

Older People's Programme

We have worked with our Young at Hearts group to put in place a yearlong programme which was designed to tackle social isolation and to build the confidence of older people to make them feel safe within their area and to allow them to play a full and active role in community life. The group meets every Tuesday, and throughout the year they have many planned activities and visits.



Divis Joint Development Committee – Social Environment Partner

DJDC through its member groups has facilitated or directly provided a range of programmes and measures to support the GFNP's social environment key issues and priorities including;

- Specific tailored programmes aimed at minimising negative behaviour in relation to the July 11th night and the run up to the August bonfire were also run over the whole GFNP area. DJDC through its very active member group the Divis Youth Project were part of a series of summer schemes organised collectively under the banner of the Falls Youth Providers, with over 120+ young people in our youth and 40 in our early year's summer schemes directly within the Frank Gillen Centre.



- A Halloween Festival was held over 8 days including our very own 'haunted house, which drew crowds from far and near.
- 12 days of Christmas programme was compiled in partnership with Divis Community Centre and the Falls Residents Association including activity from the young to the old.
- Local Youth compiled and distributed several hampers to needy families and we held a Christmas tree unveiling and carol service with 2 local primary schools. Additionally, we ran a Xmas dinner for service users and members in a stronger partnership development with Divis Community Centre and the Falls Residents Association.
- DJDC were directly involved in the planning of St Patrick's Day celebrations which were preceded by a range of workshops exploring cultural diversity involved the visual expression through artistic display of key themes.

- Ongoing programme with 2 local primary schools (St Josephs and St Peters) in an environmental awareness programme including community clean ups throughout the year and in conjunction with the Falls Residents Association and Belfast City Council.
- We have young people involved in a range of initiatives and activities including personal development programmes including anti-bullying, anti-car crime, drug/ alcohol awareness and good relations.
- Work with the Peace Players continues (a basketball based diversionary, good relations programme)
- We play a full role in the development and programme around the Falls Youth Providers and the FYP use the Frank Gillen Centre on a regular basis, DJDC continues to provide operational, strategic and administration support to the Falls Youth Providers wherever required.
- Our youth programming continues to be involved in activity which spans several communities, this includes involvement this year in a Coiste run cross community programme and an increasing contact with a youth structure in Tallaght, Co. Dublin



- A volunteer group of young people continue to design, produce and distribute '**Cool Reads**' a youth magazine throughout the Falls area through Divis Youth Project. 6 young people are involved.

Additional activity included;

- Mental Health Mural and information leaflet
- 'Kids in Control' physical arts programme around anti-car crime

We have a regular group of volunteers who work between an average of 4-10 hours per week on a variety of projects across children, young people and adult programmes.

The Roden Street Community Development Group – Social Environment Partner

Focusing on People and Equal Roles...

Grosvenor Community Centre programmes and activities would be irrelevant without the support, participation and leadership provided by the people of the community. In particular, the families of this community have continued to represent a guiding light in terms of the organisation. Grosvenor Community Centre can legitimately be described as 'vibrant' this is entirely due to the range, regularity, diversity and enthusiasm of individual beneficiaries and beneficiary groups. RSCDG is indebted to people for continuing to choose to play a role in community management and in sustaining a cohesive community infrastructure. This type of participation requires a willingness to want to come together and a vision as to where the area and its inhabitants could be in the next twenty years. Grosvenor Community Centre would like to thank the wider community and area for continuing to support, use and participate in services and activities at the facility. This area as a locality will thrive if we work together over the next 20 years with a common vision of empowerment and aspiration.

Focus for 2018 – 2028

Creating a vibrant place to live, work and visit where current and future generations have the confidence, skills and access to higher level goals, genuinely improving quality of life economically, socially, culturally and environmentally.

The How....

Illustrative Snapshots 2017 to 2018

Environmental Programming:

- ✚ Grosvenor Garden is fully embedded as part of the environmental landscape of the area and now houses a Men's Shed. Activities in the period helped to showcase the benefits of environmental programming, such as Hanging Basket planting and training, demonstrations as to planting and nature hunts for children aged 4 to 11 years.
- ✚ Gardening and environmental programme at Grosvenor Community Garden increased in the period enabling new beneficiaries and 1 x new group to engage in the centre and at the site and 14 additional beneficiaries engaged in horticultural programme Wednesday 12 noon to 2pm.

- ✚ Increase environmental awareness programmes across all core projects including recycling awareness.

Physical Regeneration:

- ✚ Grosvenor Community Centre worked in partnership with GFNP related to Building Successful Communities including in Belfast Bikes, arterial routes clean up.
- ✚ Grosvenor Community Centre lobbied for new parking measures in and around Grosvenor estate including double yellows at Distillery Street top end and down Genoa Street into Grosvenor Community Centre.
- ✚ Secured installation of new refuse provision at Grosvenor Road.



Phase 1 Art Garden (to be updated in 2018)



Grosvenor Garden



Grosvenor Garden Polytunnel – Year-Round Usage



- ✚ Secured clean up from Highway Maintenance at Westlink/Grosvenor Road which is undertaken periodically.
- ✚ Installed new signage to represent the shared history of the area (BSC).
- ✚ Worked with NIHE in weed removal and related to area repairs.
- ✚ Housing support provided with NIHE related to tenancy.
- ✚ Submitted a response to Fundamental Review of Social Housing.
- ✚ Submitted key findings as to social housing in West Belfast Drugs Report.
- ✚ Secured new art works internally at Grosvenor Community Centre.
- ✚ Developed plans for new sculpture garden in Grosvenor Community Garden
- ✚ Working with Distillery Street Steering Committee related to vacant land at site A.
- ✚ Networked with South City to ensure Roden Street (Village and Grosvenor) participated in visioning for Distillery Street.
- ✚ Periodic clean ups of Grosvenor Community Complex.



**Shared History of the Grosvenor Road
(Award Winning Installation)**

Neighbourhood Development Association – A Social Environment Partner

The NDA over the past year has had;

- 43 people/volunteers involved in advice service, physical development and/or environmental improvement projects during the year
- 122 people benefiting from projects to promote personal & social development
- 40 volunteers created/sustained

Additionally, we;

- Work with the NIHE, via the District & Area Community Housing Networks to gather information about proposed developments and redevelopments and schemes in the NRA;
- Held 3 information sessions to provide important information and advice on Welfare Reform changes and Universal Credit.
- Worked with 4 other community groups to help support their work and develop their capacity during 2017/18.



Ionad Uibh Eachach – Social Environment Partner

Buaicphointí na Bliana - Highlights of the Year

'Léargas' & 'Bí Dána'

This year with funding from Belfast City Council and Foras na Gaeilge Ionad was able to organize two festivals which included intensive language courses, talks, walks, music, trips, drama and a Céilí! Over 140 attended these festivals and events.

- **'Léargas' (Insight)** in June gave a unique insight into the vitality of the language and culture in Belfast and included a guided bus tour of the East Belfast Heritage Trail, Guided Tour of Friar's Bush Graveyard with renowned historian Eamon Phoenix as a guide, a one man play on Roibeard McAdam by Nollaig Mac Aoidh, talks and walks, Dinner & Céilí.
- **'Bí Dána' (Be Bold!)** organized as part of Féile an Phobail in August celebrated Irish literature, language and culture with an intensive Irish course, talks on English language writers and Irish, music and dance workshops and a film show. Each language class looked at a piece of Irish literature and feedback was very positive.

Thanks to our fantastic team of tutors and all who participated in the festivals!

Lá na dTéidí & Bronnadh Gaelspraoi/Tús Maith - Teddy Bear's Picnic and Gaelspraoi & Programme for 2-Year-Old Graduation

Children parents and staff enjoyed the fun day, sponsored walk and Teddy's Bears picnic in the sunshine in June 2017 accompanied as ever by Pudsey!! Children enjoyed the bouncy castle and walk before being presented with certificates for completing their pre-school programme preparing them for nursery. A fun time was had by all.

Go n-éirí an t-ádh leo! - Good luck to them all!



Parents as key partners - Ionad Parental Engagement supported by BBC Children in Need

- **Tachráin & Tuistí/Parent & Toddler:** sensory play, music & movement, arts and crafts, storytelling
- **Gaelspraoi/Stay & Play:** Parent/child sessions - cookery, storytelling, arts/crafts & gardening. World Book Day: Parents & Children reading and learning together
- **Turasanna Teaghlaigh/Family Trips:** Ulster Museum & Carnfunnock
Keeping parent's informed- curriculum handouts, regular report
- **Tús Maith Ard na bhFeá/ Beechmount Sure Start activities**
'Stay and Play' workshops & trips, Ulster Museum, Carnfunnock, nature trail - Falls Park, Speech and language, 'Talk and Play', 'Song and Rhyme Time'
- **Parenting programmes:** Nurture Programme, First Aid, Cook-It, Colour Breathing, Baby Clinic, Makaton
- **Family Support Programme** - Supported by BHSCT & Greater Falls Family Support Hub
- **Health & Well Being Group** -relaxation, parenting support, my story 'Mental Health Project'
- **Advice and support** for parents and children facing additional challenges
- **One to one play support**
- **Home Visiting & Family support**
- **Signposting** for benefits, employment & housing advice support.
- **SHINE Autism group**
- **Open Days & Family Events:** At the beginning of the year an Open Day was held for parents with a fun day for children. Parents were able to access advice and support on benefits, Childcare Vouchers and Working Family Tax Credit from Employers for Childcare.



Cultúr – Talks Series

200+ attendances on topics such as:

- The Rising Outside Dublin
- Frongoch—University of Revolution
- Place names of Ireland
- Béaloideas Oral Folklore in Ireland
- The Irish Colleges in Europe

**Seachtain
Chaidreamh
Pobail**



Leabharlann na bhFál - Falls Library Series. A new programme of classes & events was organised in partnership with the Falls Library including:

- 6 wk. beginners Irish class
- Talks: Irish in Belfast
- Place names & Gaelic East Belfast

Other events: Day trip to Tyrone, walks including Slí na Gaeltachta, day long intensive Irish courses, Gaelic East Belfast trip as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Seachtain Chaidreamh Pobail - Good Relations Week

- A Talk on Protestants and the Irish Language with Linda Irvine

Ceardlanna: Music and singing workshops organised during Féile an Ionaid and Féile an Phobail

Multicultural: Celebrations of Chinese New Year & Diwali - dancing, food and music

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Full week of events in March for all ages in the Ionad including parents' céilí and An Lá Gaelach

Páirtíocht: Ionad plays a central role in the Belfast co-ordinating group Fóram na nGael as well as national meetings with Conradh na Gaeilge and Glór na nGael

Lá Dearg an Ionaid / Ionad's Lá Dearg: Children and staff organize our own Lá Dearg around the Ceathrú Gaeltachta

Ionad Uibh Eachach – Lead Development & Regeneration Partner

Developing & Sustaining IUE as a Centre of Excellence Fit for the Future. Sustaining and improving services that are accessible and affordable for the local community depends on both grant and social economy income. While social economy income has risen steadily over the last 5 years this year saw a decrease in reserves. This reflected the impact of funding cuts at the same time as rising staff costs and Ionad investment in staff development.



Gaelchúram Uachtar Chluanaí: This year also saw the opening of a new Irish Language Childcare Service in the Upper Springfield area - employing 4 members of staff and supporting 15 local children. We pay tribute to our partners in this exciting new project - Glór na Móna, Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh and Gaelscoil na Móna.

Expansion of Family Support Services:

Ionad provides family support & parental engagement services with project grants. Despite not accessing funding for a dedicated worker the programmes have continued successfully. Our thanks to Jane and Fiona Lovely (Play Support Worker) for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Quality Development: Maintaining quality provision requires constant review, reflection and improvement & Early Years Management continue to develop quality systems for childcare & education services. Ionad is now working on quality assurance for the whole organisation through ISO, which has been facilitated by the Falls Partnership Initiative and the Ashton Centre.

Divis Joint Development Committee – Development & Regeneration Partner

Throughout the year we have represented the views of the Falls community at many events and facilitated discussion on a range of topics locally including with/ to:

- Cullingtree Meadows Supported Living capital development and the development of Dementia Friendly Communities
- Supported partners SCA Ltd capital proposal at Lawther Buildings
- Alternative to bonfires initiative
- Work with Ashton Centre preparing local groups for ISO 9001 quality management award
- Work with Healthy Living Centre around sustainability and a region wide social prescribing programme
- Work with WBPB around strategic health planning
- Inputted to BCC's discussion around community planning
- Locality Planning discussions with BCC and PHA
- Belfast Transport Hub consultation
- Belfast a Learning City (UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities membership)
- Building Successful Communities key proposals for Westlink backpath, Ross Street flats demolition/ redevelopment, Maureen Sheehan Centre via McAdam Design Consultancy
- Work with Falls Residents Association including the Housing Executives community cohesion unit

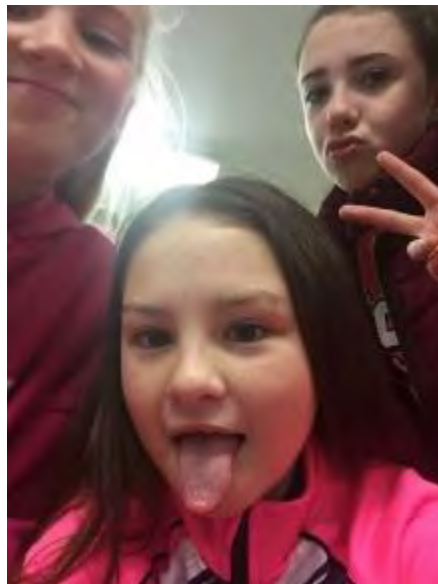


- Discussions with newly formed GP Federations about links with local community sector, development of the 'connected care hubs' and the future development of multi-disciplinary teams
- Transformation Implementation Group (Dept. Health) re: Healthy Living Centres and broader Community engagement
- Business planning for HLC's Social Prescribing business case (Big Lottery UK bid)
- Numeracy and Literacy programming for young people with the West Belfast Partnership Board
- Development of the Belfast Transport Hub
- Suicide Prevention (involvement in a future search procurement)
- Belfast HSC Trust (Connected Care Hubs, Grovetree 'Dementia Friendly - Supported Living' capital programme development)
- Age NI (older peoples services). Support for people with chronic conditions re: Connected Care Hubs across the city

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- NICCY (re: vulnerable young people)
- Belfast Local Commissioning Group (population planning and public involvement)
- Belfast City Council (community planning and community interventions including community safety initiatives and programmes)
- Belfast Strategic Partnership (health inequalities and lifelong learning)
- HSCB (re: Community Planning)
- GP Federations (connected care hubs, community planning and community engagement)
- QUB Careers development
- Institute of Public Health ('what works' conference presentation)

- West Belfast Health planning and with Public Health Agency around localising Making Life Better
- Department for Communities reshaping of Neighbourhood Renewal investments
- Clan Mor Surestart re: Business Planning
- Healthy Living Centre Alliance re: sustainability of local HLC (i.e. Maureen Sheehan Centre)
- DJDC through a variety of fora have also been involved in a range of conversations about tendering and procurement which we hope will benefit local people in expanding the range of services on offer to the community but also continue to help shape the commissioning specifications, outcomes and design of future tenders.



Much work has taken place around the core priorities of the GFNP and many of these issues have been raised there, day to day support takes place across the area with a range of smaller local organisations which do not have staff or physical resources, we have been working with many of these groups to determine their needs and develop appropriate responses and plans to help them.

DJDC continues through its base at the Frank Gillen Centre and through its active involvement in the Falls Partnership Initiative and its member groups dealing with early years, youth development and adult training initiatives provide practical support and mentoring daily across a range of issues from life skills to employment support.

DJDC provides practical and direct administrative support to the Falls Residents Association, Falls Youth Providers and Immaculata Junior Football Club'.

These meetings and levels of support all reflect key areas identified within the core strategic document of the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership.

Through DfC support we have been able to secure, as a Partnership, support for 7 community development organisations across the Greater Falls.

Roden Street Community Development Group – Development & Regeneration Partner

Social and Cultural Growth:

- ✚ Grosvenor Community Centre has continued to represent an engaging direct facility related to good relations work, particularly engaging the Filipino community and Eastern European community through facilities, programmes and capacity support provision.
- ✚ Grosvenor Community Centre significantly increased the amount of surveying undertaken in the period both online, workshop focused and during events. This will be reflected in the December 2017 report to take the organisation through to the 2021.
- ✚ The organisation is committed to good relations at the local level and in the period has continued to facilitate and foster shared cultural working at the visible local level in a sustained year-round capacity. This activity has quite simply become part of the ‘community infrastructure’ and micro community which exists in Grosvenor Community Centre.
- ✚ RSCDG assisted in the completion 1 x business cases in the period for other organisations related to physical infrastructure development culminating in hand over of premises.
- ✚ RSCDG engaged in Building Successful Communities and Dunville Park Steering Group, Distillery Street Steering Group.
- ✚ RSCDG compiles and disseminates a Monthly Community news sheet to 450 dwellings in the immediate area outlining key area issues, community news, events, services, training opportunities and schedules.
- ✚ The organisation has significantly increased the number of surveys and data gathering methods in the period.

- ✚ The organisation partnered in a submission business case for renovation and improvement at two sites, this has culminated in a substantial improvement to the physical infrastructure at Grosvenor Community Centre, enabling capacity growth of teams in the area, continued diversity in usage and 'future proof'.

Next!!!! Changing This



To This Potential Vision



ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2017/18 YEAR

Community Development

Project	Target	Total
Ionad Uibh Eachach Community Development		
	ER 15 - No of FT posts safeguarded -30	30
	ER 4 - No of people receiving job specific training - 20	20
	ER 11 - No of social enterprises supported - 1	1
	ER 13 - No of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and/or employment - 100	100
	CR 1 - No of people participating in community relations projects - 20	20
	CR 4 - No of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work - 12	13
	CR 10 - No of people using existing community facilities - 150	160
	CR 16 - No of direct referrals to other support services -15	18
	SR (H) 1 - No of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects - 50	51
Neighbourhood Development Association Community Development		
	ER 15 - No of FT posts safeguarded - 1.8	1.8
	ER 4 - No of people receiving job specific training - 36	37
	CR 1 - No of people participating in community relations projects - 107	110
	CR 4 - No of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work -42	43
	CR 7 - No of community/voluntary groups supported - 5	5
	CR 16 - No of direct referrals to other support services -114	139
	SR (H) 1 - No of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects -89	90
	PR (9) - No of projects improving community facilities - 4	2

Health

Project	Target	Total
Roden Street Community Development Group - Health		
	SR (H) 1 - No of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects - 1535	1551
	SR (H) 3 - No of people accessing intervention /treatment services - 400	402
	SR (H) 10 - No of people using existing sports facilities - 2050	2090
Blackie River Community Groups - Health		
	SR (H) 1 - No of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects - 450	450
	SR (H) 10 - No of people using existing sports facilities - 100	100

Education

Project	Target	Achieved
Blackie River Community Groups - Education		
	SR (Ed) 1 - No of childcare/nursery places created/safeguarded - 98	98
	SR (Ed) 7 - No of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved - 22	22
	SR (Ed) 19 -No of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position- 40	40
Ionad Uibh Eachach - Education		
	SR (Ed) 1 - No of childcare/nursery places created/safeguarded - 100	100
	SR (Ed) 7 - No of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved- 90	90
	SR (Ed) 19 -No of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position- 20	20
	SR (Ed) 27 - No of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes - 50	50
	SR (Ed) 28 - No of people undertaking accredited courses and qualifications completed - 100	100
Divis Joint Development Committee - Education		
	SR (Ed) 7 - No of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved - 32	32
	SR (Ed) 28 - No of people undertaking accredited courses and qualifications completed - 40	40

Community Infrastructure

Project	Target	Total
Divis Joint Development Committee - Community Infrastructure		
	ER 15 - No of FT posts safeguarded - 3.5	3.5
	SR[C] 6 - No of young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects - 27	69
	CR 4 - No of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work - 7	7
	CR 7 - No of community/voluntary groups supported - 3	3
	Use of NR Action Plan at Partnership Meetings - 4	4
	To facilitate 10 NRP meetings	10
	per year and issue minutes of same to NRP at least 5 working days in advance of next scheduled meeting in the period - 10	
	Establish (and develop existing) local partnerships within the Greater Falls Area	
	Engagement with NR Partnership and other local providers	
Blackie River Community Groups - Community Infrastructure		
	ER 15 - No of FT posts safeguarded - 5	5
	CR 4 - No of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work - 4	4
	CR 7 - No of community/voluntary groups supported - 1	1

Social Environment

Project	Target	Total
Springfield Charitable Association - Social Environment		
	CR 4 - No of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work - 20	24
	CR 12 - No of enquiries and clients by category - 1500	1532
Clonard Neighbourhood Development Partnership - Social Environment		
	CR 4 - No of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work - 42	15
	CR 12 - No of enquiries and clients by category - 400	100
	SR [C] 3 - No of people participating/attending community safety initiatives - 60	15

Greater Falls 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 Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/18)
SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT			
Social Environment Theme	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£73,547.88	£72,470.67
Total Social Environment Expenditure		£73,547.88	£72,470.67
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION			
Community Development & Regeneration Theme	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£85,896.20	£85,783.07

Total Community Development & Regeneration Expenditure		£85,896.20	£85,783.07
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE			
Community Infrastructure Theme	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£129,350.19	£129,203.00
Total Community Development & Regeneration Expenditure		£129,350.19	£129,252.75
EDUCATION			
Education Theme	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£119,490.52	£117,152.00
Total Education Expenditure		£119,490.52	£118,617.77
HEALTH			
Health Theme	01/04/17- 31/03/18	£99,031.48	£99,030.06
Total Education Expenditure		£99,031.48	£99,030.06

TOTALS		£507,316.27	£505,154.32
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Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership

In the 2017/18 financial year, Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership total overall spend was **£505,154.32***.

***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.**

This was paid out to projects operating under the following themes;

Education, Health, Community Development & Economic Regeneration, Social Renewal, Disability Services and Good Morning Services

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