



Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2017/18



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Introduction

In June 2003, Government launched Neighbourhood Renewal - People and Place. This Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas of Northern Ireland. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhoods in the most deprived 10% of wards across Northern Ireland were identified using the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure. Following extensive consultation, this resulted in a total of 36 Areas, and a population of approximately 280,000 people, one person in 6 in Northern Ireland, being targeted for some form of intervention.

The Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area was declared in 2007. Each Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for this area takes its authority from the Greater Shankill Community Convention and is then adopted by the area's Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and endorsed by the Greater Shankill Partnership Board, which is ultimately responsible for its implementation.

In 2010/11 two Community Conventions met to establish an 'Agreed Agenda' for Greater Shankill and each NRAP since then has been formatted around that Agenda, prioritising Children & Young People, Employability & Employment, Physical Regeneration & Quality of Life issues. The present Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan was agreed at a Community Convention and is presently being reviewed by the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.

Children and young people

This Neighbourhood Renewal Annual Report is published in an increasingly positive environment in Greater Shankill with the area's young population showing consistent growth, the designation of Greater Shankill as a Children & Young People Zone, the developing Art and Culture Forum, Quality of life, Housing & Physical Regeneration strategies for the area.

The Greater Shankill Partnership has had a successful 2017, a year in which funding for all our programmes has been secure and in which we have seen the Spectrum Centre and Early Years Day Care move significantly towards greater sustainability. With 75 employees, GSP and its sister Companies, remain one of the largest employers in the Greater Shankill. This has allowed us to continue to play a lead role at the heart of regeneration in the area. Throughout 2017 the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership also continued to play a key role in community development and local regeneration activities and has, through a range of initiatives been instrumental in developing the foundations for community development and regeneration in the area. Central to

these developments has been the designation of Greater Shankill as 'A Children & Young People Zone'. The zone has a vision of transforming the lives of a generation of children who, through their active participation in the zone and its activities, will more fully realise their potential. Increasing population numbers are not enough in themselves, if we just keep doing what we've always done, we'll get what we've always got. The Zone itself has been twenty years in the making and it will take twenty more years to fully realise its vision, but its critical importance in transforming the lives of this generation of children and young people cannot be overstated. We are seeking to support every child and young person in our community on their journey to realising their potential. That mission, set by the Shankill Community Convention and its "Agreed Agenda", will only be accomplished if we all work together and stay as one. That includes Government Departments and their Agencies, our politicians and community groups, our schools, sports clubs, young clubs and churches and everyone who makes up our community but especially our whole extended families. This is why the Greater Shankill Children & Young People Zone is of critical significance to the future of our community.

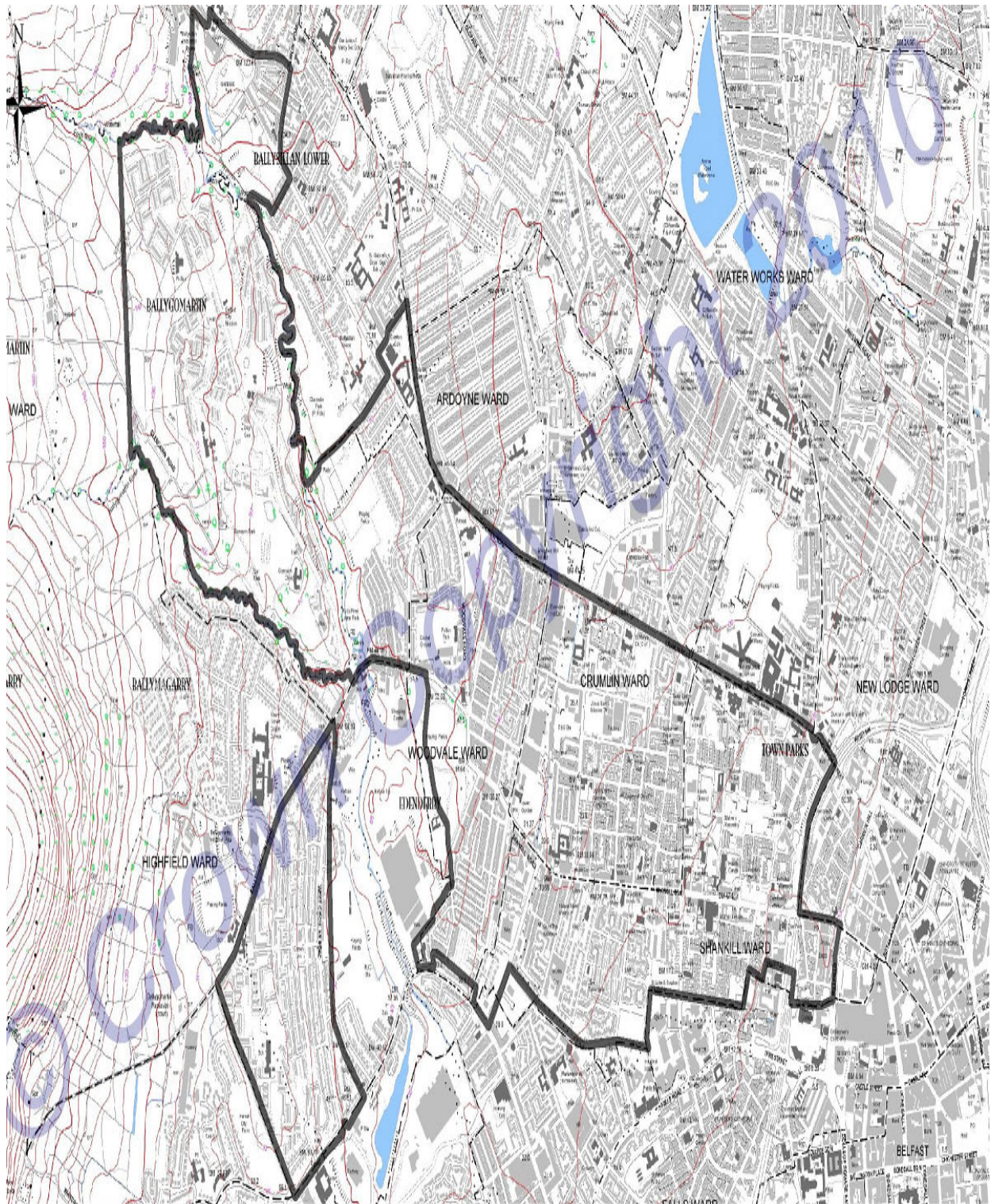


In 2017 a Guidebook in the 'art & science' of the conversations has been finalised. 'Pathfinders', drawn from some local organisations, have been trained and the invaluable partnership with the Centre for Evidence of Social Innovation at Queen's University has been developing. The CYPZ is beginning engagement with those groups/institutions involved in the lives of

children & young people, from early years to young adulthood and it is from these groups and their services that the sustained support will come.

There are a range of groups providing services for children & young people and in 2017 these have been supplemented by new initiatives. The West Belfast SIF Numeracy & Literacy Programme is now in full implementation, with GSP as Lead Body and WBPB as the Delivery Agent. Over 2000 children at Key Stage 2, transition and GCSE are benefitting. GSP is a partner with Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and the Ulster Orchestra in Crescendo, developing musical & personal talents with local schoolchildren. GSP also serves on the Campus Community Regeneration Forum (CCRF) and its 3 theme groups, seeking to ensure that the new UU campus in York St. yields positive and relevant gains for young people in the Shankill. Beyond these GSP, delivers a range of outstanding services for children, young people and their families, including, Early Years/Surestart; Day-care; ISCYP; education programmes; the Family Support Hub and Community Family Support Employability Project, in partnership with Impact Training Job Assist.

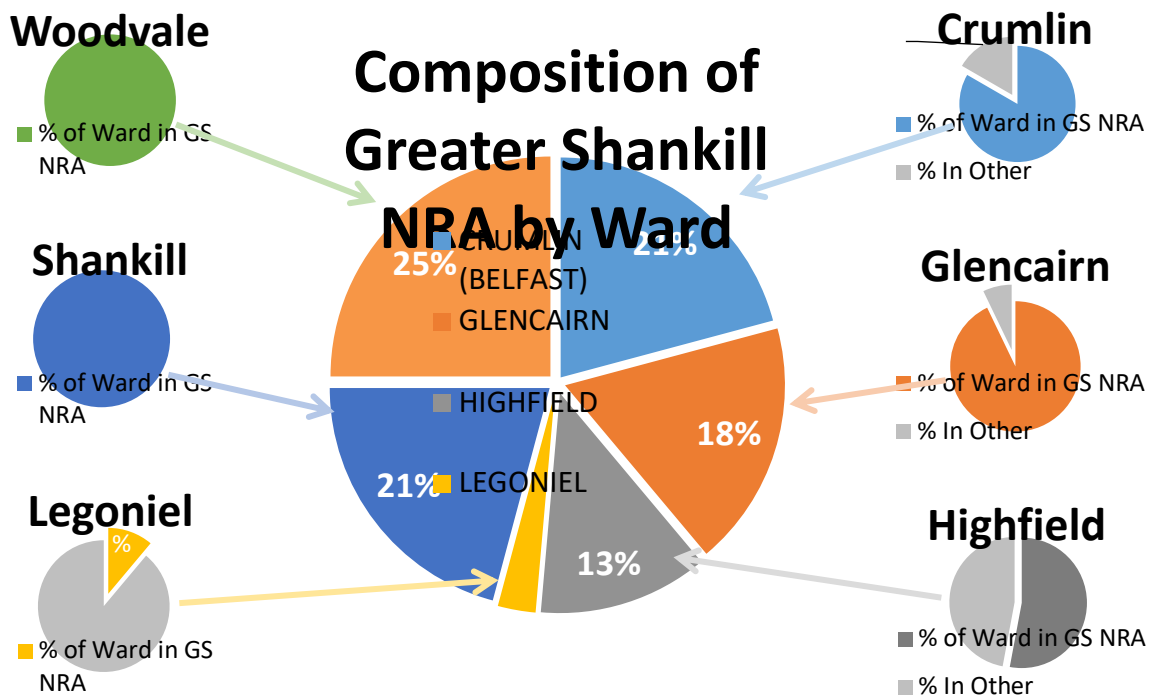
Area Profile of Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA)



NRA  Greater Shankill
Belfast Regeneration Office

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The Greater Shankill Partnership

The Greater Shankill Partnership (GSP) is the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership for the Shankill area. This is unique in that the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is also the Belfast Area Partnership. Membership is drawn from community, statutory, private sector and elected representatives. It has three main levels of work:

- 1.) Regeneration, which is at the core of the work of the Greater Shankill Partnership. This encompasses the role of Neighbourhood Renewal
- 2.) The Partnership operates projects which seek to drive forward regeneration.
- 3.) It links Greater Shankill to other projects in adjacent communities and on a Belfast wide basis e.g. Belfast Strategic Partnership, Belfast Outcomes Group.

The Board of Greater Shankill Partnership provides overall direction to the work of the Neighbourhood Renewal partnership.

Tom Winsstone
 Jackie Pollock
 Betty Carlisle
 Drennan McBride
 Ian McLaughlin
 Joe Stewart

Elected 2015
 ICTU
 Shankill Women's centre
 Argyle Business centre
 Housing Forum
 Mid-Shankill

Tommy Laitimer
Billy Drummond
Cllr Julie Corr
Cllr Billy Hutchinson
Cllr Brian Kingston
Cllr Gareth McKee
Cllr Jim Mc Veigh
Cllr Jolene Bunting
Conor Ellis
Brian Barry
Sharon Beattie
Alan Logan

Lower Shankill Community Association
Northern Ireland Alternatives
Belfast City Council
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Belfast City Council
Belfast Regeneration Directorate
Belfast Trust (observer)
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Principals Forum

In fulfilling its Neighbourhood Renewal role, the GSP is working to improve collaboration with the other Area Partnerships and plays a lead role in the community development process, working with the Belfast Trust, PHA, BCC and other community groups to ensure focused intervention programmes are developed, delivered and effectively co-ordinated. This is in line with the Neighbourhood renewal Code of Practice as GSP carries forward the priority of the Greater Shankill's Regeneration Framework which identifies five elements for change:

- The creation of a sustainable Shankill Road, which requires the development and use of empty sites and the improvement of the social housing stock.
- The development of a sustainable community in the Greater Shankill.
The housing and environmental strategy will compliment these requirement.
- Educational Improvement across a generation of young people.
This is the role of the Children and Young People Zone
- Enhanced economic and employment opportunities.
- The Greater Shankill becomes a community where people will want to live, work and bring up their families.

Through Neighbourhood Renewal activities in the area, led by a range of initiatives, sub groups and local organisations, the GSP seeks to support and ensure outcomes from the regeneration framework priorities are realised on the ground. The Greater Shankill Partnership Board has established sub groups to deliver on the NR action plan and to support local groups to identify, develop and deliver projects in local communities which address the four strategic objectives of Neighbourhood Renewal:

- Community renewal,
- Social renewal,
- Economic renewal and
- Physical renewal.



They also enable local community organisations to co-ordinate actions that are beneficial for all Communities living in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area

The sub groups connected to the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board (Shankill Health Forum, Shankill Arts Forum, Shankill Community Safety Network and The Community Relations Initiative) are seeking to:

- Influence service providers to focus their resources on the delivery of public services where they will have most impact on improving the well-being and quality of life for those living and working in the Greater Shankill area, many of these service providers are members of the sub groups.
- Engage in effective working partnerships with key stakeholders from this community and other relevant sectors to proactively deliver the identified priorities detailed in the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.
- Maintain a Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership that is representative of local regeneration that will lead, coordinate and monitor implementation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

Demography

The 2011 census of population gave the population of the Shankill as 18,028. This was a decrease of 757 from the census of 2001.

- The Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA) comprises of a total population of 18,028.
- There were 81% of residents who identified themselves as having a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) community background', while approximately 12% identify themselves as having a Catholic community background.
- Approximately 61% are of working age. (10,998) compared to 64% in Non NRAs and 64% in the Belfast LGD.
- 20% of the population are aged 15 and under compared to 21% in Non NRAs and 19% in the Belfast LGD.

- 21% of the female population are 65 or over compared to 17% in Non NRAs and 21% in the Belfast LGD.
- 17% of the male population are 65 or over compared to 13% in Non NRAs and 12% in the Belfast LGD.
- The gender breakdown for GSNRA in 2011 was 47% male and 53% female

Table 1: NRA Population change 2001-2011

Gender	Male				Total	Female				Total	Total population
Age band	0-15	16-39	40-64	65+		0-15	16-39	40-64	65+		
Census 2001	2,167	2,476	2,534	1,420	8,597	2,053	2,964	2,804	2,367	10,188	18,785
Census 2011	1,896	2,679	2,441	1,420	8,436	1,791	3,063	2,746	1,992	9,592	18,028
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Table 2: Population comparison with non-NRAs and LGD 2011

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Non-NRAs	162,698	243,602	243,732	100,188	750,220	154,359	244,514	248,885	128,736	776,493	1,526,714
Belfast LGD	33,332	60,044	47,371	19,744	160,491	31,548	62,863	42,647	36,346	173,404	333,895

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Shankill Health Forum

Facilitator: Dympna Johnston



The main aims of the Shankill Health Forum are to address health inequalities so that the people of Greater Shankill live longer, happier lives and have adequate access to necessary and appropriate services, and to make links between activity on the ground and developments at a strategic level.

In this way the Shankill health Forum is focussed on keeping health on the local agenda. This has involved developing and delivering a process of engagement with representatives from the community, voluntary and statutory sector organisations with a presence in the Greater Shankill area and enhancing their capacity to identify and respond to local health needs. It also involves making sure that those issues which have been identified are reflected in the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

The Greater Shankill is one of the most deprived communities in Belfast. The effects of this deprivation are felt in the prevalence of mental health issues, lower uptake of screening services, high dependence on prescription and illegal drugs, higher rates of heart conditions, cancer, and asthma.

The Shankill Health Forum has responded to these issues by organising and cooperating with a range of providers. To organise courses, workshops and programmes.

These included:

- Wellness for Recovery Action Planning (wrap)
- Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing
- Healthy eating
- Men's health courses
- Stress management, avoiding strokes and heart attacks
- Dancing and exercise groups, keeping fit, Yoga, Get fit women's boot camp, Healthy Minds Workshops
- Healthy minds workshops
- The dangers of prescription drugs
- Trauma workshops
- Suicide Aftercare For Everyone
- Understanding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Inter-community holiday programmes



Education / skills based training

- Level 3 facilitators course
- Understanding adult education and learning
- Workshops on Understanding Universal Credit
- How to use a defibrillator
- Developing a funding strategy

Membership of the Shankill Health Forum is open to all groups in the Greater Shankill area. Any group wishing to join the group can contact Dymphna Johnston at The Spectrum Centre. 331 Shankill Road, Belfast BT13 3AB or Tel: 028 9050 4555

Shankill Health Forum membership

Dympna Johnston Shankill Health Forum Chairperson
Alison Foster Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL)
Anne Meadows Integrated Services for children and Young People
Audrey Barr WISPA
Bryan Irwin Cancer Lifeline
Colin Duncan Shankill Methodist Church
Darren Linton Shankill Alternatives
Diane McIntyre Public Health Agency
Frank Johnston Shankill Senior Citizens Forum (Volunteer Now)
Irene Cooke Shankill Surestart
Janice Clarke Girls Model
Joe Canavan Belfast Trust (Mental Health)
Karen Foye Martin Centre
Laurence Ferguson Belfast Trust (Community Development)
Mandy Forsythe Salvation Army
Maryann Quigley Senior Citizens Forum
Paul Ferguson WBACS
Scott McLean Surestart (Dads Matter)
Tracy Smith Hemsworth Court
Trish Boyd Shankill Women's Centre
Una Mc Roberts Ardoyne/Shankill Health Partnership

Shankill Community Safety Network Facilitator Billy Drummond



The Greater Shankill Community Safety Network is a community-based information resource which provides local people through their community organisations and other representatives with local information across the widest possible spectrum. The aim of the SCSN is to enable the community to feel safer and reduce the fear of crime, particularly amongst older people, vulnerable people and children.

It enables people suffering from social exclusion through information deprivation to address the problem in some ways. The meetings are held at Farset Hotel on Springfield Road on every last Wednesday of the month, excluding July and December.

Clearly the type of information provided needs to be accurate, up to date and central to the success of community-based initiatives as it is impossible to address the entire information needs of any community at one stroke.

The SCSN contributes to the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. These are local bodies made up of Councillors and independent people who work to make our community safer. They do this by focusing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most in our area.

PCSPs have a range of duties which are set in legislation:

- To consult and engage with the local community on the issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety. Each PCSP has a Policing Committee with a distinct responsibility to provide views to the relevant district commander and the Policing Board on policing matters;
- To identify and prioritise the particular issues of concern and prepare plans for how these can be tackled;
- To monitor the performance of the police and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime; and
- To deliver a reduction in crime and enhance community safety in each district, directly through interventions, through the work of delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

The membership of the CSN is open to all groups in the Greater Shankill area and presently includes:

- Alternatives
- Greater Shankill Partnership Board
- West Belfast Arts & Cultural Society
- Lower Shankill Community Association
- Black Mountain action group
- Housing Executive
- Department of Justice
- The Housing Executive
- DPCSP
- PSNI
- Department for Communities
- Supporting Communities
- WBACT
- GSCC/Shankill Mirror

- Belfast City Council

The SCSN is also working alongside other community safety organisations including the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and the North, South, East and West District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs) These partnerships bring together the work of the former Community Safety Partnership and District Policing Partnership. They are supported by Belfast City Council and overseen regionally by the Department of Justice and the Northern Ireland Policing Board. They have political representatives, publically appointed members of the community and organisations that play a role in tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.

They aim to help build:

- Safer communities – with lower levels of crime and antisocial behaviour and coincide with the aim of SCSN
- Shared communities - where everyone's rights are respected in a shared and cohesive community
- Confident communities – where people feel safe and have confidence in the agencies that serve them

The hope to achieve these aims by:

- Delivering services which make a real difference
- Engaging and consulting to help improve policing and community safety
- Working in partnership with local communities, partners and agencies
- Monitoring our performance and being transparent about what we have achieved
- Targeting our resources to have the greatest impact
- Encouraging cooperation with, and inspiring confidence in, the justice system; and in particular the police.

Youth Safety Network

The Youth Safety Network aims to promote the safety and well being of young people, their families and their communities through a process of engagement, participation and service delivery.

They aim to deliver practical youth led responses to locally identified need. The project aims to engage with the most hard to reach,

disaffected and excluded young people within communities across Northern Ireland to establish

localised Youth Safety Partnerships. This is supported by local community partners. A key objective of



the programme is to empower young people to play an active role in the design and delivery of services that relate directly to the safety and wellbeing of children, young people, families and their wider communities.

The Youth Safety Network consortium is made up of Northern Ireland Alternatives, Challenge for Youth, and the Terry Enright Foundation and has been funded through the Big Lottery's, Safe and Well initiative for five years

Alternatives Led YSPs

The Shankill Youth Safety Partnership (SYSP) gives priority to youth-led initiatives around community safety and is made up of a wide range of young people aged between 17-25. The YSP was set-up by liaising with key networks groups, youth groups and community safety partners. Much attention was given to making sure it was representative of the Greater Shankill and included young people from a wide range of areas.

The Shankill YSP aim to reach out to 'at risk' young people, who are not accessing existing provision, within the community. The group work alongside Alternatives to deliver community safety and anti-violence workshops in schools and youth-centres across the Greater Shankill. The Partnership have undertaken a wide range of training including restorative justice practices, detached youth work and child protection, to develop their skills to engage with marginalised young people on the streets and other venues. Members of the Y.S.P. are represented on the Management Committee of Alternatives and the Greater Shankill Community Safety Network, which includes other community, voluntary and statutory sector organisations.

Membership of the Shankill Community Safety Network is open to all groups in the Greater Shankill area. Any group wishing to join the group can contact Liam Mc Anoy at The Spectrum Centre. 331 Shankill Road Tel: 028 9050 4555 or Billy Drummond at Shankill Alternatives.

Community Relations Projects Facilitator: Lily Mc Geough



Our Community Relations project seeks to assist the development of greater understanding and co-operation between people from different backgrounds. It has approximately 140 participants taking part throughout the year. A new group of 20 women have recently organised themselves on Tuesday afternoons and will be joining the community relations groups in February 2019. The group have also taken

over two hundred women and men to two holidays in June and November 2018 to Inishowen and Sligo in County Donegal.

The changing pattern of women's employment project was developed as part of our Arts and Culture Forum activities, but has continued in discussions in recent months around the obstacles facing women accessing employment. It included women from North, South, East and West Belfast. Other discussions have centred around the themes of :

- Autism
- Dementia
- Cancer
- Suicide awareness

The groups actively participating in dancing, community visits, holidays and one day trips include:

- The Happy Stitchers
- Ardoyne / Shankill HLC
- Twadell Women's group
- The Greater Shankill Partnership
- Avoniel over 50s group
- Women's Information Northern Ireland
- Argyle Business Centre

and a range of individual women from Highfield, Westway, Woodvale, Glencairn, West Circular and Westland Roads.

Membership of the Shankill Community Relations Initiative is open to all groups and individuals in the Greater Shankill area. Anyone or any group wishing to join the initiative can contact Liam Mc Anoy or Lily Mc Geough at The Spectrum Centre. 331 Shankill Road Tel: 028 9050 4555



The people of the Greater Shankill will benefit from Culture and arts development engendering a sense of pride in their area and culture.



The Beat Carnival is an independent arts company comprising the Beat Initiative charity and a social enterprise, Beat Trading, which raises income for charitable activities. Greater Shankill Partnership invited the Beat Initiative to lead the Shankill Arts Forum in developing and delivering arts and culture projects in the Greater Shankill area as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. The role of BEAT is to create and produce carnival arts, organise and direct performances, train and develop artists and encourage community participation and ambition in The Greater Shankill area as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal programme. Beat Carnival operates from the Beat Carnival Centre, Brown square at the bottom of the Shankill Road.

They deliver many free workshops and training programmes, from drumming to costume design, dance to puppetry. In this way, they help develop creative skills for all, with participants as young as four and older people.

Highlight of the year has been the inaugural Greater Shankill Winter Festival, which is a first for the Shankill and which will become a fixture of the Shankill calendar and grow bigger and better year on year. The Festival has been of organic growth developing with a Lantern Parade last year and now growing into a 3 month long Festival, commencing with Diwali and ending with Burn's night. Great partnerships have developed and community cohesion has increased. This is all part of GSPBs commitment to developing skills and new art forms and building capacity in the community. The Beat Carnival Centre is a safe space for fantastic ideas, arts activities and the carnival community. They produce spectacular, participative carnival arts in ways that leave a legacy of creative skills, collaboration and celebration in our communities. Projects beneficially engage the imagination of a broad range of audience from all sections of the community. The Beat Carnival produces events that underline the Shankill as a place on the creative landscape. Already the Arts Forum has delivered a very successful Winter and Christmas community festival with hundreds of people, young and old alike participating in these activities.

Membership of the Shankill Arts Forum is open to all groups and individuals in the Greater Shankill area. Anyone or any group wishing to join the Forum can contact Liam Mc Anoy at The Spectrum Centre. 331 Shankill Rd Tel: 028 9050 4555 or David Boyd at The Beat 11-47 Boyd St, Belfast BT13 2GU

Employment and Employability

Facilitator Gary Mc Kay



Led by Shankill Job Assist for the Gr. Shankill, the SIF employability programme, 'West Belfast Works' has completed its 2 year delivery in September 2017. In Greater Shankill 56 full time equivalent posts have been accessed; pre-employment training provided for 50 people and 50 training bursaries approved (June 2017 – final figures awaited). The Employability Task Group/ Forum is being re-formed, tasked with developing a new Employability and Employment

Strategy for the area post SIF. This will involve other groups involved in this field, including Shankill Women's Centre and USEL. The drive towards people in Greater Shankill developing relevant technical and personal skills and knowledge, leading to meaningful employment has been focussed on the opportunities arising from the West Belfast SIF employability programme, 'West Belfast Works'. In Greater Shankill this is led by Impact Training's Job Assist Centre. Into its final year in 2017, West Belfast Works has yielded 56 full time equivalent jobs and 54 training bursaries for people in the Gr Shankill NR area. The Neighbourhood Renewal Economic Task Group is now looking to develop a new employability strategy beyond SIF.

The GSP and WBPB submitted ten projects for funding to The Executive Office, seven of these have been approved and four have already commenced. Including the capital extension at Impact Training. We have also delivered three Social Investment Fund programmes as part of our needs-based analysis of personal development programmes with relevant local groups, an analysis of personal development is carried out with every client. This information is then fed into the development of a local strategy which enables us to develop and deliver training to enhance employability. GSP have also supported fifteen people into employability training with family support. There are six people employed in Spectrum Centre, seventeen employed in Early years day care, fifty two employed by GSP and twenty two in subsidiaries The Employment and Employability Task Group will be revamped in 2017.

Employment and employability membership

Gary Mc Kay	Shankill Job Assist	Chairperson
Ian Jamesion	Impact Training	
Denis Murray	Impact training	
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership	

[Shankill Job Assist Centre](#)
[252 Shankill Rd, Belfast BT13 2BL](#)
[Phone: 028 9024 6226](#)

Communication with local groups

The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership uses an electronic mailing system as a very efficient and effective communication tool to provide information to voluntary, community and statutory sector organisations, including schools, faith-based organisations and locally elected representatives with details of a range of services, including training and funding opportunities. The electronic system provides good opportunities to engage in education programmes, community relations activities, health and wellbeing and arts and culture workshops.

The database has up to two hundred groups and every sub group is included in the mailing list.

The co-coordinator is also supporting the sub-groups, Shankill Health & Wellbeing Forum, Shankill Community Safety Network, Shankill Arts & Culture Forum and Community Relations Initiative as they continue to meet on a monthly basis. The co-coordinator supports groups which are engaged in community relations activities. The main group undertakes dancercise on Friday afternoon in Turf Lodge Residents Association, but is an amalgamation of people from across the Greater Shankill. 118 of these people attended a 5 day trip to Donegal in June 2017. The groups normally attract between 60 -100 participants.

This work is crucial to the NR strategy because it seeks to break down the social isolation felt by many older people who are part of the group. We have also worked with the Participation and Practice of Rights Group in relation to Housing, mental health and employment issues.

Mental Health Rights Campaign group



The Belfast Mental Health Rights Group was one of the first groups PPR worked with, and the Neighbourhood Renewal coordinator has offered support because many of the participants are drawn from the Greater Shankill community. Their members have personal or family experience of mental health issues and suicide and self-harm. The group led a successful campaign for a 'Card Before You Leave' (CBYL) appointments system for mental health patients to ensure those in mental health crisis left Accident and Emergency Departments with a card bearing the date of their next appointment. This change was put in place across Northern Ireland.

Since then, PPR's work on mental health has grown across Northern Ireland, and they now also work with groups with direct experience of mental health services in Draperstown and Cookstown.

The mental health rights group meet on Thursday afternoon. Anyone wishing to contact the group can do so at:

[Stephanie Green Participation and Practice of Rights. Ground Floor, Community House, Citylink Business Park 6A Albert Street, Belfast, BT12 4HQ](#)

[Tel: +44 28 9031 3315](tel:+442890313315)

[Email: info@pprproject.org](mailto:info@pprproject.org)

Neighbourhood Renewal is the core business of Greater Shankill Partnership in its role as the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. It finds expression in the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan (NRAP), setting out regeneration priorities for the Greater Shankill area. The NRAP is the creation of the Greater Shankill Community Convention (facilitated by GSP).

Its 'Agreed Agenda' is the template for the NRAP and its proposed actions are taken forward by Community Forums, local groups and organisations, including GSP sub groups. The Community

Convention met in March this year and adopted a revised Action Plan across four themes: Children & Young People; Employability & Employment; Physical Regeneration and Quality of Life – incorporating actions around a safe, healthy and creative community. The action plan will be revised and renewed by a further convention next year.

Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership 2017/18 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 2017/18 total expenditure in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2017/18 Spend
COMMUNITY RENEWAL/ SOCIAL RENEWAL			
Belfast Activity Centre ¹	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£104,387.15	£101,385.06
Blackmountain Action Group	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£59,732.24	£57,467.45
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£157,661.40	£157,661.40
Hobby Horse Playgroup	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£51,918.47	£51,912.25
Shankill Women's Centre	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£154,608.34	£152,076.84

¹ Although based in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area the project delivers services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill

Streetbeat Youth Project	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£74,676.40	£74,676.40
Extern	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£257,347.92	£224,413.92
Northern Ireland Alternatives ²	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£303,562.92	£298,497.19
Stadium Projects/ Forthspring Intercommunity Group	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£84,925.95	£84,863.35
Lower Shankill Community Association – SCOPE	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£58,695.64	£58,695.64
West Kirk Community Project	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£15,763.40	£14,827.92
Belfast Community Sports Development Network ³	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£41,468.08	£41,459.80

² The funding provided to Northern Ireland Alternatives relates to the delivery of services across four sites, Greater Shankill Alternatives; North Belfast Alternatives; South Belfast Alternatives and East Belfast Alternatives

³ This project delivers services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill area

Greater Shankill Partnership	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£138,013.88	£137,857.79
		Allocation	Expenditure
Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure		£1,502,761.79	£1,455,795.01

Programme / Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding amount (Project Allocation)	2017/18 spend
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Farset Youth and Community Development – RESPECT	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£135,020.70	£134,434.23
		Allocation	Expenditure
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£135,020.70	£134,434.23

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2016/17 YEAR

Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)											
PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 – Number of People using existing community facilities	CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category
Belfast Activity Centre	277		63		41		52				
Blackmountain Action Group	140		73					16			
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society	213	5617	72		16		18	10			586
Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche	31	5					1				
Shankill Women's Centre	565							2			
Streetbeat Youth Project					9		8	2		360	

Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)											
PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 – Number of People using existing community facilities	CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category
Extern (Supporting communities) ⁴			60				20				
N I Alternatives⁵	2570		419				153	83			
Stadium Youth and Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group	840			54	30		2		9		
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)		13			45		8	7			
Farset RESPECT programme					22						

⁴ The achievement of output measures by Extern relates to the delivery of services on a Citywide basis

⁵ The achievement of output measures by Northern Ireland Alternatives relates to the delivery of services across four sites, Greater Shankill Alternatives; North Belfast Alternatives; South Belfast Alternatives and East Belfast Alternatives

Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)											
PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 – Number of People using existing community facilities	CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category
West Kirk Community Project	57	35	0			67					
Belfast Community Sports Development Network⁶	121						18	13			
TOTALS	4814	5670	687	54	163	67	280	113	9	360	586

⁶ The achievement of output measures by Belfast Community Sports Development Network relates to the delivery of services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill

PROJECT	SR(Ed)1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR ED 2 – number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR ED 3 – number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR 4 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (secondary)	SR5- Number of people attending parenting skills development programmes	SR (Ed) 7 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably improved	SR(Ed)10 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project (Special Needs)	SR (Ed)14 – Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SrR Ed (18)number of pupils directly benefiting from / being supported by the project	SR ED (20)Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR (Ed) 22 Increased number of people taking part in regular physical activity	SR (ed) 27 number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programmes	SR(Ed)28 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (unaccredited)
Stadium Youth and Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group	21							804					
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)													
Farest “RESPECT” programme												9	
West Kirk Community Project													
Belfast Community Sports Development Network										1656			
NI Alternatives (PR Project)					215			718	215				
TOTALS	167	50	200	155	241	8	0	1896	571	12	1656	9	55

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(H)1– Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (H) 2 Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR (H) 3 – Number of people accessing intervention /treatment services	SR(H) 4 Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	SR(H) 6 – Number of people benefitting from suicide prevention programmes	SR (H)10–Number of people using improved sports facilities
Belfast Activity Centre	271					
Blackmountain Action Group		16		4	8	
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society		10				260
Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche						
Shankill Women’s Centre	216					
Streetbeat Youth Project				6		
Extern (Supporting Communities)		2200	290	200		
N I Alternatives						
Stadium Youth & Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group	114					
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)				6	118	

PROJECT	SR(H)1 – Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (H) 2 Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR (H) 3 – Number of people accessing intervention /treatment services	SR(H) 4 Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	SR(H) 6 – Number of people benefitting from suicide prevention programmes	SR (H)10–Number of people using improved sports facilities
West Kirk Community Project	14			3		
TOTALS	344	2226	290	219	126	260

PROJECT	SR(C)1 – Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C) 2 – Number of community safety Initiatives implemented	SR(C) 3 – Number of people attending community safety initiatives	SR1(C) 4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SRC 5 – number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary	SR (C) 7 Number of Victims of Crime	SR (C) 10 Number of people involved in the impact of interface issues
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)						33		
Farset “RESPECT” programme		3	38			18		
West Kirk Community Project						47		
TOTALS	1112	234	5524	60	0	2602	1032	0

Physical Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed and made ready for development	PR3 – Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR4 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR5 – Number of buildings improved	PR8 – Number of projects improving community facilities	PR11 – Number of people/ Volunteers involved in environmental improvement projects
Blackmountain Action Group						20
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society						
Shankill Women’s Centre						
Extern (Supporting Communities)						
N I Alternatives						
Stadium Youth & Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group						
Conway Street Youth Centre						
Welcome Community Facility (BCC)						
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society						
Northern Ireland Alternatives (Project)						
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	20

Economic Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	ER2 - Number of NR residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER14 Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in adult education	ER15- Number of FTE jobs safeguarded/created
Belfast Activity Centre				188		2.2
Blackmountain Action Group						2.2
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society						5
Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche			3			2.2
Shankill Women's Centre	8	0	163		113	6.9
Streetbeat Youth Project			8			2.5
Extern (Supporting Communities)				20		4.8
N I Alternatives					103	8.8
Stadium Youth & Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group			14			4
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)						2.2
Farset "RESPECT" programme				24		4.2
West Kirk Community Project						1

Belfast Community Sports Development Network				126		1
TOTALS	8	0	188	170	216	47

Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

In the 2017/18 financial year, **Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership** total overall spend was **£1,438,292.02**

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

Community Renewal/

Social Renewal **£1,303,857.79**

Economic Renewal **£134,434.23**

Physical Renewal **£0.00**