



# Lenadoon

## Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report  
2018/19

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## **Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Annual Report – 2018/19**

### **About Neighbourhood Renewal -**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

### **About Lenadoon Partnership –**

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Lenadoon Partnership was set up in 2005 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 20 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bimonthly basis.

The Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) is the lead partner which was formally established in 1992 to address the many social and economic needs that existed in the Lenadoon estate. The Forum is based in the new Glen Community Complex on the Suffolk Road. Since its inception the Forum has evolved to become an umbrella Group for 24 smaller community groups targeting issues that impact upon the lives of residents, such as; health, employment, environment, youth provision, community safety and education.

**It should be noted that Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership has signed up to abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.**

**Membership of the LNRP** is outlined below and is drawn from the voluntary, community, public, private and statutory sectors and includes local elected representatives of Belfast City Council.

Name of representative	Representing organisation
Sean Lennon (Chair) Yvonne Cowan	Community Representative – Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Statutory Representative, Belfast Trust
Michael Doherty	Community Representative – Lenadoon Community Forum
Renee Crawford	Community Representative – Mid Lenadoon Rep
Terry Donaghy Caroline Murphy Tommy O'Reilly Brenda Richards John Hoey Paddy O'Donnell	Community Representative - Suffolk Community Forum Community Representative-Suffolk Community Forum Statutory Representative, Belfast City Council Statutory Representative, Community Empowerment Division Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project Community Representative, Stewartstown / Lower Lenadoon Representative
Jackie Bunting	Community Representative – Glencolin Representative
Colin O'Neill	Thematic Community Representative - Environmental Rep
Mairead McCrea	Thematic Community Representative - Disability / Special Needs Rep
Cathy Megahey	Community Representative – St Oliver Plunkett Parish Rep
Harry Murray	Thematic Community Representative – Sporting Representative
Ann Marie Weir Jim Girvan Laura Mullan	Community Representative, Upper Lenadoon Representative West Belfast Partnership Board Statutory Rep - PSNI
Marie-Claire Ferris	Business Representative - Work West
Sean O'Kane	Statutory Representative, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

## Lenadoon Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 6 projects in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

1. Lenadoon Community Forum
2. Suffolk Community Forum
3. Lenadoon Women's Group
4. Glencolin Residents Association
5. Glen Parent Youth Group
6. Kids Together

Pictured below are some of those in attendance at the AGM of Lenadoon Community Forum in November 2018



**Community Renewal**

## **1. Lenadoon Community Forum - Co-ordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project**

The Lenadoon Community Forum staff team comprises of 3 and is made up of a Strategic Development Coordinator, Community Development Worker and a part time Administrator and carried out some of the following objectives on behalf of Neighbourhood Renewal as well as other additional duties.

The project objectives are to co-ordinate essential services to the most disadvantaged in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area (LNRA) in line with the local Action Plan priorities. These services include:

- Worked with local Residents groups in the neighbourhood on a variety of housing, environmental and community safety issues
- Worked in partnership with the NIHE and other Social Housing providers such as Apex Housing , Radius Housing, Choice Housing and others to ensure that housing improvements remain a priority and that new Housing initiatives are given due consideration to independent living standards and initiatives.
- Worked in partnership with the statutory bodies to address the anti-social behaviour that continues to affect the lives of some local residents at hotspots throughout the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Worked in partnership with the statutory agencies to continue to develop the solid foundations across the NRA and to address interface issues that continue to exist which have the opportunity to negatively impact on the area
- We continued to actively participate in Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG) who facilitated a joint Christmas Event on behalf of the two local Community Forums.
- Throughout the year Lenadoon Community Forum through its involvement with Older Peoples Groups continued to meet and to engage in numerous daytime activities such as tea dances, day trips and lunches with cross community partner groups from Suffolk and Avoniell in East Belfast.
- Lenadoon Forum staff continued to provide practical support and advice to a number of groups in the area such as the Tuesday Club, Suffolk Road Residents Network, Black Mountain Men's Group, the Focus Club, Oliver Plunkett

Development Association, Cairde Loch na Leathghealai, Men's Shed, Mid- Lenadoon Residents Association, Carrigart Irish Language Youth Group.

- The Forum staff facilitated meetings for the residents of the Suffolk Road Flats along with the NIHE to discuss proposed housing improvements which were being planned. Issues relating to the management of Waste and security of the flats were identified as priority actions with the NIHE and Belfast City Council.
- The Forum staff organised a meeting for residents from the Maisonettes on Lenadoon Avenue to discuss the issues arising from the proposals to relocate the Bin Storage area and the implications that this could have to residents living there.
- Lenadoon Community Forum continued to support Directors who sat on the Cross Community Board of the Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project along with four Directors from Suffolk Community Forum and four Independent Directors.
- Lenadoon Forum worked in partnership with a range of statutory agencies to improve the overall safety for users of the various Neighbourhood projects such as the Half Moon Lake and those using the Woodbourne Alley gates.
- Through the Lenadoon Housing Environment and Community Safety meetings the Forum has worked to develop Community Safety initiatives in the NRA in consultation with local residents, Belfast City Council and PSNI such as the future sale and distribution of fireworks in the area.
- The Forum staff continued to implement / address the Actions, Priorities and Recommendations regarding the Housing, Community Safety and Environmental theme within the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Action Plan (LNAP) which was reviewed in January 2018.
- Lenadoon Community Forum continued over the past year to engage with wider strategic bodies including the West Belfast Partnership Board, the DSD's Building Successful Communities Initiative, Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Dementia Friendly West Belfast and other providers to agree priority actions and deliver against these in collaborative partnerships.

- The Forum staff team facilitated a number of meetings and site visits with Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), Apex Housing, Radius Housing, Choice Housing and other Social Housing Associations, Residents Associations and other statutory bodies to address both physical and social issues impacting on the quality of life for residents in this area.
- Lenadoon Forum facilitated a meeting for local residents with representatives from Translink to be updated on the application for the provision of Bus Shelters for the area which the forum had made.
- Lenadoon Forum continued to facilitate the Bi –Monthly meetings of the Lenadoon Housing, Environment and Community Safety Group which involves statutory, voluntary and community sector representatives meeting and discussing in a collective manner Actions to improve the quality of life for local people.
- Lenadoon Forum organised a Community Health Information morning on Dementia in May 2018 which enabled a wide variety of statutory and voluntary providers to present their Services and to take referrals from those people in attendance.
- Lenadoon Forum organised a Community Information morning on Winter Safety in November which enabled a wide variety of statutory and voluntary providers to present their Services and to take referrals from those people in attendance
- Lenadoon Forum organised smoking cessation and Dementia awareness workshops for the Men’s Shed at the Half Moon Lake and the Tuesday Club in the Glen Community Centre.
- Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) published on a quarterly basis the Lenadoon Community News which was delivered to three and a half thousand homes in the greater Lenadoon area each quarter. The magazine updates local people on a number of community safety initiatives and also keeps local people updated on the work of the Forum throughout the area and is a key communication tool to ensure the wider community is aware of what is going on in this area.
- The Forum along with the friends of the Half Moon Lake Group helped to organise a Family Fun Day in June for several hundred residents’, families and visitors.
- The Forum administered the UR City 2 Funding initiative in 2018 on behalf of five local groups from the Neighbourhood.
- The Forum have been providing support and advice to residents of Carrigart Flats who have been lobbying to have Gas Heating installed.

- The Forum provided support to the Lenadoon Community Festival Committee to plan and run a three day Community Festival across the neighbourhood last August.
- The CDW met with residents of Hillhead and representatives from DFI regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the landscaped areas connected to the Glider Transport Initiative.

**Pictured below are participants of the Suicide Prevention Course organised by Lenadoon Counselling Service in Oct 2018.**





## 2. Glencolin Residents Association

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting Glen Colin Residents with the funding of our Community Development Officer and running costs. We are responsible for sourcing all relevant funding to promote and deliver services in line with set targets. We have and will continue to source funding for the continuation of programmes which will enhance personal and social development. We have and will continue to be proactive in tackling poverty related issues which directly affect the residents of the area and to lobby and to represent their views and concerns through our representation on the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership, West Belfast Housing Network, WBPB Housing and Environmental Sub Group, West Belfast area renewal forum, Half Moon Lake Committee, Building Successful Communities Forum, Greater Andersonstown safer neighbourhood project , Falls Women's Centre, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership,

Glencolin residents will continue to offer services and family support to improve the health and lifestyle of its beneficiaries. In spite of restricted facilities we continued to deliver vital services including health, education, housing & environmental which are at the core of Community Renewal and cuts across all themes. We are also the base for the area Community Safety project recruiting & sustaining volunteers, raising funds to cover expenses and administration. This work covers all the LNP area and works with all organisations on a cross community basis. We will continue to work with other organisations and agencies in addressing anti-social related and environmental and housing issues, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast City Council, Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project, PSNI, Belfast Hills, Colin Glen Trust, Local Political representatives etc. We are also represented on the Building Sustainable Communities Forum and were successful in gaining support and funding for a refurbishment of our premises and have been campaigning for bus shelters as the Glen road has one of the worst flooding records in the outer West when we receive heavy rainfall, this particularly affects older residents and parents with buggys and young children.

- Healthy Living Programme
- Physical activities
- Education & training
- Sexual health & addiction workshops
- Volunteering in the community
- Student mentoring & support
- Drop-in housing & advice support
- Seasonal activities
- Community Safety Project-Self-help group

### **3. Glen Community Parent/Youth Group**

They have been actively represented on the following Multi Sectoral Partnerships / Networks

- Lenadoon and Glencolin Building Successful Communities Initiative
- Outer West Family Support Hub
- Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership
- Regional Families Voices Forum
- Regional Suicide Strategy Implementation Group.
- Lenadoon Youth Providers Network
- Feile An Phobal Outreach sub group
- Education Authority West Belfast Youth Hub

The two staff members hosted over fifteen international, regional and city delegations / visitors to the Complex to view the new facilities and Services being delivered there. Over twenty Projects / Organisations had their meetings / seminars facilitated in rooms in the Complex.

A number of major Community Consultations took place in the Glen Complex:

- Suffolk Road Flats Regeneration Scheme
- Proposals to organise a Lenadoon Community Festival in 2019
- Lenadoon Community Counselling Strategic Plan
- Lenadoon Neighbourhood Youth Providers Network
- Woodbourne Regeneration Sub Group

The two staff along with other staff and volunteers organised and facilitated Community Development Services, Activities and Programmes for hundreds of local people of all ages and abilities. Among some of these Services were:

- Daycare Facilities
- After Schools Programmes and Activities
- Homework Club and Support
- Education and Training Support
- Healthy Living Programmes

- Physical Activity Programmes
- Senior Youth Programme
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programmes
- First Aid Training
- Child Protection Training
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Dementia Awareness Training
- GDPR Training and Workshops
- Eight week Summer Scheme
- Halloween Parade and Party
- Christmas Parties and Concert
- Lenadoons Got Talent Show
- Partnership Working with Peace Players International
- Volunteer and Mentoring Training and support
- Numeracy and Literacy Programmes
- Cycling Proficiency Programme with St Gerards School
- Inclusion Project with St Gerard's
- Mindfulness Programme
- Gymnastics
- Christmas "Families in Need" initiative

#### **4. Glen Community Parent Youth Group**

Glen Community Parent Youth Group delivered a range of educational and homework support programmes and activities that benefitted 309 young people directly and their attainment was enhanced / improved. During the year the two staff worked in partnership with Oliver Plunkett Primary and St Gerard's Special Needs Schools and they referred their pupils to our After Schools and Homework support Projects. We ran a Partnership project with St Gerard's Special Education Needs School every Monday from 10am to 2pm from April 2018 to March 2019.

Accredited training programmes included:

- OCN Peer Mentoring Level 1

- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness Level 1
- OCN Level 1 in Youth Work
- OCN Life Skills Level 1
- OCN Team Work
- OCN Level 1 in Functional Skills in IT

Non Accredited Training Programme included:

- Sexual Health Awareness
- Career Planning
- “One Pill Will Kill” Drugs Awareness Training
- Reflective Arts Yoga Programme
- Anger Management
- Multi-Cultural Programmes
- Internet Safety
- Cycling Proficiency
- Healthy Living
- Walk Active Programme
- Sonal Sports
- Learn to Cook

## **5.. Lenadoon Women’s Group**

The staff and Volunteers organised a wide range of Parenting, Personal Development and Connecting with your family Courses over this past 12 months they also provided intensive one to one Parenting support to individuals and parents referred to the Project. In total 222 individuals benefitted from this Parenting Education. An additional 24 children and young people were provided with access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being by staff at Lenadoon Women’s Group.

"A new Parenting Apart" Course was delivered this Year.

Parents, Grandparents and Guardians were supported at;

- Case Conferences
- Looked After Children Reviews
- Medical / Legal appointments
- Counselling appointments
- Housing / School appointments
- Court Cases

The small staff team delivered a number of Programmes to promote the personal and social development of individuals referred to the Project. Over 160 individuals benefitted from these Projects in the twelve months and some of the programmes that were organised included:

- Emotional Health and Well Being
- Confidence Building
- Mindfulness
- Steps to Excellence Personal Development
- Drug / Alcohol / Misuse

## **6. Suffolk Community Forum**

We have been working with the Half Moon Lake, Grosvenor and Springfield Men's Sheds demonstrating garden & wood-working skills to the Suffolk community. We have a monthly gardening class in Suffolk in which a children's fairy garden has been developed and is the focus for an ongoing project. A graffiti art children's project decorated the garden container. We are also working with children and parents to install a pizza oven and barbecue in the community garden as a focal point for community events.

The UFPBFB completed their first Irish history course we have now developed a 20 strong Irish History Group.

We now have the formation of a new group calling itself the Suffolk Events Circle. Members are discussing becoming constituted to enable its representation on the Forum. Its members wish to volunteer in the community centre, the community garden and the youth club and as and when they're needed and Access checked for both venues.

## **Social Renewal –Health**

### **1. Lenadoon Women's Group – Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support Project**

The project objectives were to provide co-ordinated essential services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA in line with the local Action Plan Priority actions. Lenadoon Women's Group provided some of the following Services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA, in line with the local Action Plan Priority Actions.

- Family Support Services were provided on an Outreach and In House basis to scores of individuals and families referred to the Project from a variety of Health and Social Care Professionals, Women's Aid, Family Support Hubs, Housing Associations, Counsellors, Community Sources etc.
- Dozens of individuals with mental health or depression issues were supported by the staff / volunteers and also signposted for additional Services both internally and externally including Counselling, Complimentary Therapies etc.
- The staff / volunteers worked closely with the Early Years Team and managed to access Day Care / Afterschools respite support for parents with infants / babies who were referred to the Project by Health Visitors and Health and Social Care Professionals and Outer-west Family Support Hub.
- In response to growing concerns around the increased availability and mis-use of drugs in the area. Lenadoon Women's Group organised a number of workshops and drug and alcohol awareness courses for local parents, community workers, adults. This included a Workshop entitled "One Pill Will Kill" on Drug Prevention.
- 55 individuals benefitted from Healthy Lifestyle Programmes organised by the staff.
- 91 individuals attended Health Education / Awareness Initiatives organised by the staff.

- Staff supported 60 individuals in accessing Intervention / Treatment Services such as Counselling, Complimentary Therapies etc.
- Staff also supported 18 individuals in accessing advice / treatment for the misuse of non-prescribed drugs. They liaised with Community and Statutory providers among others for this support.
- 25 individuals and families who were victims of Domestic Abuse were supported by the staff.

The Project also delivered the following range of Priority Services to meet the Priority Action Objectives of the Theme. These Services included:

- Christmas “Families in Need” appeal which benefitted over 100 individuals and their families.
- Worked in Partnership with local Food Banks to assist individuals and families living in poverty.
- Support at medical and hospital appointments for individuals referred to the project.
- Facilitated and attended meetings of the Outer-west Family Support Hub.
- Support at legal, Medical, Housing, and court appointments for those referred to the project.
- Respite support for vulnerable individuals and families.
- Contributed to Case Conferences / Looked after Children Reviews, Gateway meetings, and Core Strategy Meetings along with Parents.
- Provided support to Parents (whose children are on the Child Protection Register, In Care, or in danger of going into Care).
- Facilitated Parenting Courses to those referred to the Project by Social Workers, Family Support Hubs, Health Visitors, GP’s and Housing Providers etc who require this support.
- Organised and facilitated a range of Personal Development, Healthy Living, and Social Education Courses and Workshops.
- Support was given to individuals and families affected by Mental Health and Suicidality Issues.
- Provided holistic wrap around approach and services at point of need.
- Signposted and supported referrals in accessing additional support services.
- Facilitated Workshops on issues such as Alcohol / Drug / Prescription Drugs Misuse including the “One Pill Will Kill Initiative”.
- Delivered a number of ‘Connecting with your Family’ Parenting courses
- Facilitated Family Mediation and Contact Services

- Facilitated Workshops on a wide variety of Health Issues including cancer screening and smoking cessation.
- The Women's Group also had active representation and participation on a number of networking bodies including Outer West Sure Start, Women's Support Network, NIHE Housing Community Network and the Outer West Family Support Hub.
- Worked in partnership with Christians against Poverty to assist families in poverty and with debt management difficulties.
- Supported over 80 individuals with Welfare rights and Benefit Changes support.
- Facilitated "Breast and Cervical Awareness" Workshops.

### **Lenadoon Community Counselling Project**

Lenadoon Community Counselling Project facilitated two ASIST (Living Works Applied Suicide Prevention Training) training programmes funded by the PHA as part of the Protect Life Strategy. Over 40 participants successfully completed this training hailing from a range of backgrounds. Training is aimed at raising confidence, knowledge and capabilities of a wide range of people in communities to support those at risk of suicide. The Service operates a Weekend Suicide Intervention Service on a Saturday and Sunday from 12pm to 4pm.

Annually Lenadoon Community Counselling Service provided in excess of 6,500 individual counselling and psychological therapy sessions to over 750 individuals aged 18 years+. Referrals were made by the person themselves or by a range of other people including GP's the Mental Health Hub, staff working within Health and Social Care settings, voluntary organisations, statutory agencies, family members and friends with the persons consent.

## **2. Lenadoon Community Forum**

The Forum successfully lobbied NIHE to invest in the Maisonettes in Lenadoon Avenue and the work to replace the existing roof having been finalised. Plans to create a secure area to the rear of the properties were submitted to the planning office for approval, if successful these will allow for a designated secure area to the rear of each of the properties.

The Forum lobbied to have improvements made regarding the access to the first floor apartments which will make them much safer and user friendly. Improvements are being made to the waste management system with the introduction of recycling for the first floor residents and this will greatly improve the quality of life for those people living there.



Site visits to areas where anti-social activity was an issue were facilitated by the Forum with inter-agency statutory and political representatives. Actions agreed were progressed by the Forum to help bring about long term solutions to the identified problems. E.g. Suffolk Road Scrapyard.

Lenadoon Forum made numerous referrals to NIHE and other Social Housing providers on behalf of local residents.

### **3. Glen Community Parent Youth Group**

In this past twelve months the staff at Glen Parent Youth Group facilitated or delivered the following Health Programmes / Activities.

- Healthy Living Programmes for over 180 individuals
- Physical activity programmes for over 250 individuals
- Suicide Prevention Training (ASIST Training)
- Sexual Health Programmes
- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training and Workshops
- Multi-Sports Programmes
- Keeping Safe Training Programme
- Reflective Arts Yoga Programme
- Cook it Programme
- Mindfulness Training
- Camogie Training
- Girls Gaelic Football
- Soccer Coaching
- Indoor Hurling and Gaelic Football Coaching
- Cycling Proficiency
- Gymnastics
- Stress Control and Relaxation Programme
- Youth Fitness Programme and Indoor Gym
- Paediatric First Aid Training
- Sonal Sports

- Dementia Awareness Training
- One Pill Will Kill Drug Awareness Training

#### **4. Glencolin Residents Association**

Glencolin Residents Association have and will continue to recruit & sustain volunteers through the provision of training, out of pocket expenses & team building activities where funding permits. We offered the following programmes & services aimed at promoting & developing educational & training, personal development & social skills. History project, Media & Digital skills, volunteering in the Community, Personal Effectiveness, Diversity Training, Older person's activities i.e. creative writing, knitting, sewing, art & silver surfers I.T. Our health programme included, Holistic Therapies, Stress Management, Divis mountain walks, Healthy eating on a budget, mental health support group, Addiction support group, Listening ear, Drug & alcohol awareness, managing your personal finances.

#### **5. Suffolk Community Forum;**

##### **Community Garden: Garden Volunteers**

We continue to use the community garden for a number of activities. Our group of garden volunteers continues to maintain the garden and plant seasonal vegetables. With assistance from Michael McCrory (assigned to us from BCC Parks & Leisure), educating the group on aspects of gardening plus working with the volunteers in drawing up a maintenance schedule. Michael and I introduced the group to the Men's Sheds from Half Moon Lake and Upper Springfield by way of introducing a cross community element and is in the early stages of a Suffolk Men's Shed. This has been very successful and we are hoping to develop these relationships further.

The children built a fairy garden in April and regularly tend to it. They also helped paint a fairy-themed mural on the storage container in the garden. The Gardening group has been learning how to make lip balms and planting containers and is very popular.



Gardening is good for you!



Gardening Class - Hanging baskets

## **Events Circle**

This is a new group which came together informally during the year through membership of the mental health group. The expressed intention of its members is to provide volunteers for the community centre and youth club. Since they came together during this reporting period we have secured training opportunities for them in Committee Skills and Governance through the Urban Villages strategy in which Suffolk is recognised as an 'area of influence'. The events group is keen to continue training and we are assisting them in this. They have been Access checked through BCC to enable volunteering in the community centre. In November they volunteered, along with the history group in planning and conducting a Remembrance Event in the community centre. This was an excellent event with a good community turnout and it included children from the range of projects in Suffolk in addition to the Boys' Brigade from St John the Baptist Church. They have been discussing formalising the group by adopting a constitution and joining the Forum but this and fundraising ideas are still in discussion.

## **Mental Health Group**

This group originated during this reporting period because so many people in Suffolk are presenting with a range of mental health problems. We sourced funding that enabled their participation in a specially tailored course involving group Qi Gong sessions and individual counselling and mentoring sessions. During the year attendance was steady and there were no drop-outs and they have been providing peer support to each other. They used spare time to help the volunteers in the garden as part of a 'green prescription element of the project.

## **Upper Falls History & Culture Society**

This group has gone from strength to strength and has embarked on an Heritage Lottery (HLF) funded programme researching the men from both communities in the locale who fought in WW1. They now have a schedule of workshops and PRONI visits. Although not included in HLF funding, the group saved money and visited Messines in early March, taking part in the wreath-laying ceremony. Some were able to trace the graves of fallen family. They are planning to become constituted in order to join the Forum. They wish to continue learning and we will continue to assist the group's development. The history group spearheaded the November Remembrance event which, as noted above, the events group was also involved.

### **Suffolk Football Club**

The club has been increasing in success and we assist them should they need help with communications or fundraising etc. They are members of the Forum and report regularly how their first and second teams do in the league. This group is self-sufficient with a strong committee and manages its own finance. Through the year, members have been involved with the community centre's children's projects developing soccer skills. From time to time the club will open the clubhouse for community centre events in which the Forum collaborates.

### **Upper Falls Protestant Boys Flute Band**

The band continues but is struggling to recruit new members. Suffolk young people appear to have little interest in joining and were led to believe that this is characteristic of NI in general. Because the band is struggling for members, it has had to abandon its plans for the annual band competition. However, it is being supported as much as possible by the Forum and the community volunteers.

### **Suffolk Youth Club**

For some time the youth club has been struggling without a dedicated qualified youth worker. During this period we have assisted where possible but things have been difficult and the club has been struggling with few resources. This has had a knock on effect with membership and concerns were raised as to possible closure. However during this period a new youth worker was appointed and brought structure and resources to the club which has seen a rise in membership. I have met with the new youth worker and we have discussed how we can work together going forward. We have agreed to collaborate as the opportunity arises. He has been discussing with the Events Circle on areas in need of volunteer help and is proposing to get members access checked to enable them to volunteer with the youth club.

### **Suffolk Residents' Association**

This group keeps its finger on the pulse of the housing situation in Suffolk but in addition was an active participant in a series of stakeholder meetings called by the Forum in relation to increased security at Lidl. Lidl is currently completing works agreed with the stakeholder group. The Residents' Association has and continues to monitor increased problems on the Stewartstown and Black's Road interfaces.

## **Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG)**

Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, SLIG has been struggling to attract funding and Suffolk is continuing to work with Lenadoon Community Forum to support it. Throughout this period however, SLIG has run two very successful talks on Irish History, by Eamonn Phoenix and James McDermott. These were well attended.

## **6. Kids Together**

Our purpose is to promote the benefit of children and young people with disabilities and their family and carers in the Belfast, Lisburn (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') area without discrimination of age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by the provision of advice, information, resources, education, recreational activities and support with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Kids Together has been working to provide services to children and young people with complex needs and disabilities and support to families since 2005. As we have grown considerably in the last 5 years, we have always sought to ensure that any new initiative or funding programme remains aligned to our core ethos and focussed on delivering positive outcomes for the children, young people and families that we work with.

As an organisation Kids Together has navigated through the past 13 years, delivering services and evolving to meet the growing needs of our service users during some extremely challenging times for the sector. This longevity and resilience is symbolic of our commitment to the vulnerable people that we provide services for.

### **Rainbow Programme Mon to Fri 9.30.pm to 12.30.pm 2 sessions per day for 24 children.**

Rainbow programme is a specialist project that provides support to children aged 2-4 who either have or awaiting diagnoses on ASD or a disability that affects their Global Development. Sessions target areas that impede their daily lives include communication complexities, issues with social skills and challenges related to fine motor control. Sessions employ and incorporate the child's strengths and interests, and match their developmental level.

## Rainbow Graduation June 2018



## After School/ Programme Mon to Fri 1.30.pm to 6.pm 3 sessions per day 44 children.

Afterschool programme provides support to children aged 4 to 10 with arrange of disabilities, the main focus being their social needs, communication and behaviour.

### Messy and sensory play at afterschool



## Social Group Programme Mon, Wed 5.pm to 7.30.pm Thurs 6.pm to 8.30.pm 3 sessions per week 16 children per sessions.

Social group supports children aged 8 to 12 at the higher end of ASD spectrum, the main focus is building on their social skills, friendships and relationships

**Social group waiting for bus to Christmas Panto and enjoying Lego Club**



**Time for Me Sat 9.30.pm to 12.30.pm, 1.pm to 4.pm 4 sessions per day 16 children per sessions**

Time for Me supports children with a disability and their siblings aged 4 to 10 the main focus being their social needs, communication and behaviour and giving parents/ carers much needed quality time to catch up.

**Children sharing swing at Time for Me**



**Youth Group Programme Mon to Fri 6.30.pm to 9.30.pm**

The youth programme runs 5 nights a week supporting young people age 11-18 and 18-30 year olds. The youth focuses on supporting these young people with disabilities to build their confidence and develop friendships in a setting where they are comfortable and supported.

Youth group worked in-partnership with Leonard Cheshire Charity through the Can Do project , below is photos of a mural that the young people designed and painted.





### **TLC Mon-Fri 8.30.am to 2.30.pm**

TLC runs 5 days a week for young adults aged 18+ who have left school. The Transitional Learning Centre aims at developing the independent living skills of the young adults and build up their social confidence particularly in relation to their own community and ensuring they are comfortable in their surroundings.

### **Family Support Mon to Fri 9.am to 3.pm**

Family support team support families through home visit addressing issues on sleep routines, behaviour, communication, potty training, schedules, housing, benefits , SEN sign posting, case conferences and arrange of parent/ carers training programmes.

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### **Staff Training**

3 Staff level 5 Childcare

2 Staff level 3 Social Care

2 Staff, Incredible years in Autism

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26 Staff MAPA training

- 12 Staff Manual Handling training
- 36 Staff GDPR training
- 10 Staff Archive training
- 15 Staff Child Protection training
- 32 Under Standing Autism
- 22 Sensory input training
- 12 Makaton training
- 12 Staff Health, Safety and fire training

**Below is a photo of parents participating in incredible years in Autism cutting out their own children schedules.**



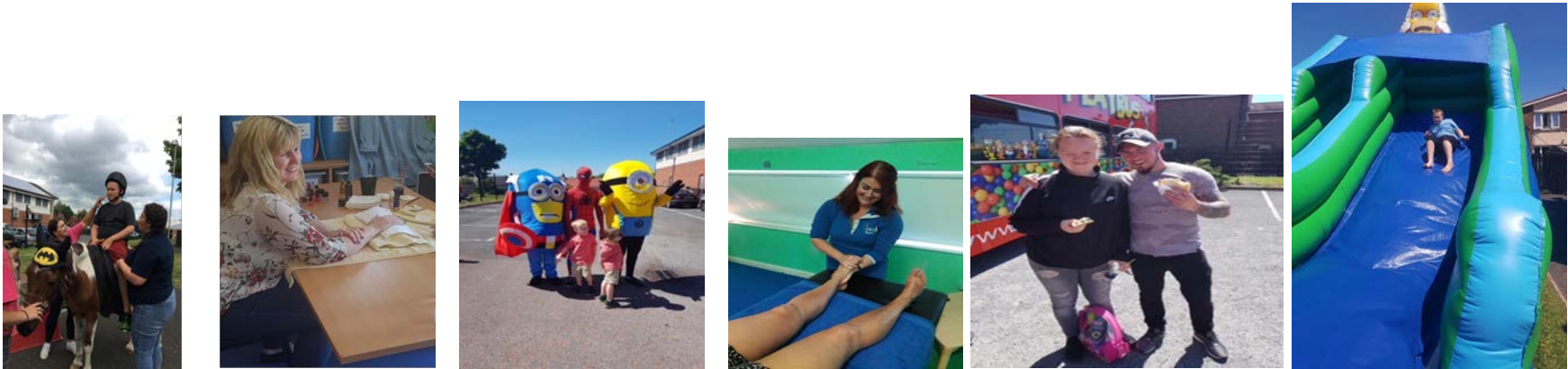
**Launch of Play Park: Kids together launch their park in memory of Nathan Doyle, the park was funded through Lenadoon and Glen Colin Successful Communities Forum.**



**Residential: youth and staff in partnership with Solas attended a 2 day residential at Tullynewbank stables in August 2018 the residential was part of the T Buc programme funded through EA**



**Fun day: Kids together ran family fun days in June 18 and Christmas 18 there were over 150 parents/carers and children who took part. The fun days were funded through the Lottery Community Fund**





Summer scheme 2018 had 180 children and young people take part





Below is pictures of arrange of fund raisers that staff, parents and management took part in to raise funds for mini Bus.  
Sponsored Walk



Parent Fundraising

**Belfast Marathon**



**The much needed bus!!!!**



## Social Renewal –Crime

### 1. Lenadoon Community Forum

Forum Staff continued to lobby for additional safety measures such as improved street lighting and traffic calming measures for the local area. The Forum formally applied to Translink for a number of Bus Shelters and these are under consideration. The Forum continues to support the Friends of the Half Moon Lake to ensure that the Lake continued to be enforced as an Alcohol Free Zone and a place of safety which families and individuals are able to enjoy throughout the year.

The Forum worked with Community Safety officers from Belfast City Council and the PSNI to examine the present sale and distribution of Fireworks in the area to see if present enforcement legislation was being adhered to.

Meetings of the Woodbourne Steering Group from the Building Successful Communities Initiative have been taking place throughout the year in preparation of the major Improvement Scheme taking place at Woodbourne. There have been a number of minor amendments to the original plans and these have now been resubmitted for planning approval.

Meetings of the Carrigart and Corrib Flats steering group from the Building Successful Communities Initiative took place throughout the year to look at what best approach should be taken for both of these projects. Lenadoon Forum was represented on these Steering Groups as well as the main Building Successful Communities Committee.

The Forum lobbied NIHE and local MLA Alex Maskey to introduce a new waste management system at the Maisonette's on Lenadoon Avenue and to provide and to transform abandoned land at the rear of the complex into separate grass play areas for ground floor residents. This project is now with the planning office for approval.

- Our community magazine provided information to members of the community as to how they can report persistent dog fouling, vandalism and the bulky waste collection.
- Lenadoon Community Forum continued to play a role in ensuring that the Interface was managed efficiently to ensure minimum violence and threat to local people's lives.
- Lenadoon Community Forum had continued to meet with residents from the Suffolk Road flats to monitor the anti-social issues.

- Issues regarding crime and anti-social behaviour were addressed in July and August 2018 at the scrapyard on the Suffolk Road with the Forum working with Belfast City Councils Community Safety team and the developer to prevent a bonfire being built on the site of the scrapyard.
- The Forum facilitated meetings between residents and their Housing Associations regarding anti-social issues that were affecting the lives of local residents in the flats to the rear of Woodbourne shops which are managed by Radius Housing. Serious issues were then referred onto Radius Housing and the PSNI.
- Lenadoon Forum staff team liaised with the local contractor QMAC and local residents to minimise disruption and improve security of plant and equipment while the improvement Schemes were carried out in the Carrigart and Suffolk Road area.
- Lenadoon Forum have liaised with residents of Carrigart flats ,NIHE and Belfast City Council during the construction of the new bin shelters and are discussing measures to have recycling established once completed.
- Lenadoon Forum facilitated the Home Safety Team officers from Belfast City Council to deliver a presentation to local residents and to follow up on a number of referrals after having done so.
- From April 2018 to March 2019 Lenadoon Community Forum provided ongoing support to the residents of Larkspur Rise and Riverside Mews regarding anti-social behaviour emanating from unauthorised access through the site of the scrapyard adjacent to their properties. This was compounded by the building of a bonfire and underage drinking and drug taking.
- This Forum provided support and advice as well as help in reporting ASB to the police and other emergency services.



**Participants at Lenadoon Forum's Safer Winter Community Information Day in Nov 2018.**

## **2. Suffolk Community Forum**

We have been working with the community and PSNI on crime occurring particularly at the Kells Avenue Gate and Black's Road. There have been a number of attacks in these areas as noted previously and we continue with stakeholder meetings that include PSNI and the DOJ.

We have had the PSNI out on several occasions talking to residents about home and personal security. They have talked about secure locks; avoiding becoming victims of telephone scams and handing out personal safety alarms.



The PSNI have also held several sessions with the young people regarding personal safety; online and social media safety and the need for respect for senior citizens.

Similarly we have had the Fire and Rescue Service out to talk about fire security and steps to take should fire erupt.

Suffolk Football Club continues to evolve – this is one of our most organic shared spaces as people come from across the city and further to be a member and spectator at the football club.

We don't believe this is an unrealistic target, but with some issues out of our control, we are seeking to clarify exactly which projects we should be focussing on. For example, Suffolk Community Forum, or any of our residents, rarely access the Glen Community Complex. Thankfully, some individuals feel safe enough to attend programmes alone and quite a few have attended computer training courses. We will be using the Glen Complex computer suite for research purposes for our 'Heritage Skills & the Story of Linen project.

Conversely, the Woodbourne Physical Improvement Scheme (Building Successful Communities), with the potential to develop social housing on the main interface of the Stewartstown Road, has the potential to be a genuine shared space which could be more accessible to Suffolk, yet we have not been included in any of the conversations to date. This concerns our community greatly and adds to the suspicion surrounding the 3 proposed private/ corporate developments on Suffolk's boundaries this past year.

We have made application to Urban Villages, partnering with Colin Glen Trust to become part of the West Belfast Greenway. This will include St John the Baptist Church of Ireland and we have proposed a History and Environmental Interpretive Centre located along the trail, adjacent to the river and the community garden. To date we have heard nothing.

There has been no change in respect of Malinmore and concerns remain about whether it will remain what the community believes is an asset. They fear that there is a danger that it will be rezoned from green space to a site designated for private development.

These have been achieved through our Halloween and Christmas events and in addition, working with the Colin Safer Neighbourhoods on a media project held in Sally Gardens. Additional programmes such as Jujitsu, Circus Skills and

Gymnastics have seen an increase in membership. A group of 'hard to reach' young people has begun to use the youth club since new resources and activities have been introduced by the new youth worker.

We are working with the community centre in planning the upcoming summer scheme and have secured funds for Hallowe'en and Christmas.

### **3. Glencolin Residents Association**

Glencolin Residents will continue to work with the Safer Neighbourhood Project and other relevant statutory agencies in addressing crime and anti-social related issues. Our Volunteers continue to offer their time at weekends to support those residents who experience anti-social related issues. We were successful through the building sustainable communities' forum and city council in having alley gates erected at anti-social hotspots. We are hopeful that the bus shelters will be installed in the near future as Translink are currently assessing the budget for the re-cycling of older shelters removed for the rapid transit service.

## **Physical Renewal**

### **1. Suffolk Community Forum**

The changing status of local potential development sites remain under review as there has been much cross community engagement in everything from the Alley gating scheme, to the BRT development now completed, NIHE housing and maintenance program, community safety events and community garden maintenance and regeneration. This will remain under review in light of Malinmore, Co-op, Lidl, and the old School Site on the Blacks Road. The community garden has been refurbished and Kids Together will be using a section with our help for their young people to learn gardening skills.

During the year, through Forum-led stakeholder engagement, Lidl has agreed to modify its Kells Avenue fencing in light of sporadic but no less serious attacks. We are continuing to liaise with Lidl personnel. As noted in the foregoing, there has been no change in the Malinmore situation despite plans which we feel would not only be an asset to the area but would also increase cross community engagement. We also noted in the foregoing, our ideas for inclusion in the West Belfast greenway as part of Belfast Agenda 35. We have agreed partnership with the Colin Glen Trust in this regard and we feel it would go a long way towards normalisation of the area.

## **2. Lenadoon Womens Group**

In this past 12 months the staff at Lenadoon Women's Group supported 25 individuals who were victims of domestic violence / abuse. This intensive work with the individuals and in many cases their children also, involved liaising with Gateway, Women's Aid, Housing Associations, Schools GPs, PSNI and Legal Representatives. Staff also attended Domestic Violence Training and Seminars to update their skills and knowledge when handling cases of this nature.

Staff were also able to access additional specialist and professional support and services for most of the victims of violence that they worked with, including Counselling and alternative therapies. Staff actively participated in the monthly meetings of the Multi-sector Family Support Hub.

## **3. Lenadoon Community Forum**

### **Half Moon Lake**

Lenadoon Forum staff team has worked in partnership with Cairde Loch na Leathgheal, Belfast City Council, the Men's Shed and other Voluntary and Community stakeholders to expand the activities in the new Resource Centre which was established in 2015. The forum have lobbied Belfast City Council to provide additional opportunities for the community to participate in structured recreation such as art work, assisted fishing lessons, craftwork and to make the venue available for residents groups to meet with other bodies. Cairde Loch na Leathgheal successfully lobbied Belfast City Council to invest in additional workspace at the Lake and this has allowed more activities to be organised. Hundreds of School Children have engaged in structured environmental education supervised by Belfast City Council. A large number of People participated in a Family Fishing Day with instruction and training provided by Belfast City Council. Cairde Loch na Leathgheal launched a Plastic Free Zone initiative at the Half Moon Lake in the Summer of 2018 and this was in partnership with pupils from StDominic's and local representatives from Green Peace.

Lenadoon Forum along with local residents have been lobbying for over 20 years for a Major Environmental Improvement Scheme in the Woodbourne Area. Currently the Building Successful Communities Initiative has resubmitted proposals to the Planning office following amendments to the original plans which had been successfully approved. The plans were amended after further consideration was given to requests from the shop keepers for additional car park spaces.

### **Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project**

Lenadoon Forum continued to work in partnership with Suffolk Community Forum and the Independent Directors to oversee the Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project which is a Social Economy Project designed to develop the economic regeneration of the interface and its two communities by providing much needed Services on the site of what once was a derelict interface. The Company continue to trade throughout the last 12 months and in addition to facilitating Retail and Community Services also enabled employment opportunities.

**Some members of St Gerard's School singing Christmas Carols at the Cross Community Christmas Event on the Stewartstown Road Interface which was facilitated by SLIG on behalf of the two Community Forums.**



## Lenadoon Partnership 2018/19 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 18/19 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 18/19 total expenditure in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period 1//4/18 31/03/19	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	18/19Spend (as at 31/03/19)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Lenadoon Community Forum- Coordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project	<b>01/04/18 - 31/03/19</b>	£85,997.88	£83,221.31
Suffolk Community Forum – Community Development Project	<b>01/04/18 – 31/03/19</b>	£29,240.20	£27,761.40
Glencolin Residents Association- Community Development Project	<b>01/04/18 – 31/03/19</b>	£27,600.61	£27,600.61
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£142,838.69</b>	<b>£138,583.32</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION</b>			
Glen Parent Youth Group-Children, Young People and Families Project	<b>1//4/18 31/03/19</b>	£65,893.68	£65,893.68
<b>Total Social Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£65,893.68</b>	<b>£65,893.68</b>

<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH</b>			
Lenadoon Women’s Group- Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support	<b>1//4/18 31/03/19</b>	£48,352.80	£46,134.46
Kids Together –Children Young People and Families	<b>1//4/18 31/03/19</b>	£57,737.26	£57,355.12
<b>Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£106,063.06</b>	<b>£103,489.58</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL REVENUE SPEND</b>	01/04/18 – 31/03/19	<b>£314,795.43</b>	<b>£307,966.58</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>			
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N/A			-----
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total revenue/capital spend for Lenadoon Renewal Area</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>West Wide Expenditure for 18/19</b>			
<b>Overall Total Expenditure</b>	01/04/18 – 31/03/19	<b>£314,795.43</b>	<b>£307,966.58</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 18/19 YEAR

### Community Output Measures - from April 2018- 31 March 2019

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	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	CR13 – Number of people accessing advise services	CR16 Number of direct referrals to other support services
Suffolk Community Forum			25	15	2	143		10	
Glen Parent Youth Group	80	32	30	7			302		
Lenadoon Community Forum LCF also made 25 n direct referrals to other services	71	13	37	16					25
Glencolin Residents Association	119		30	3				63	
Kids Together			35					250	

**Education Output Measures\* from April 2018- 31 March 2019**

<b>PROJECT</b>	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 10 number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 12 Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced or improved	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 young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity
Lenadoon Womens Group		222				24	
Glen Parent Youth Group	120		96	64	100		250



**Social Renewal - Health Output Measures April 2018- 31 March 2019**

PROJECT	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services
Glen Parent Youth Group	180	
Lenadoon Women's Group		60
Glencolin Residents Association	97	
Kids Together		40

**Economic Renewal Output Measures April 2018- 31 March 2019**

PROJECT	ER15 Number of Fill Times Jobs Supported	
Kids Together	2.5	

**Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures from 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(C)1</b> - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	<b>SR(C)3</b> - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	<b>SR(C)5</b> - Number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	<b>SR(C)6</b> - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	<b>SR(C)7</b> Number of victims of Crime supported	<b>SR(C)8</b> Number of homes with increased security	<b>SR(C)10</b> - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
Lenadoon Community Forum		318	150				
Glencolin Residents Association	44						
Suffolk Community Forum				140		10	45
Lenadoon Women's Group					25		

**Physical Renewal Output Measures\* from April 2018**

PROJECT	PR5 - Number of building(s) improved	PR10 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects	PR11 Number of People /volunteers involved in Physical development /environmental Improvement Projects
Lenadon Community Forum		48	
Suffolk Community Forum		3	22
Glencolin Residents Association	1		

### Economic Renewal Output Measures from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2019

PROJECT	ER1- Number of FTE jobs created	ER2 - Number of residents going into employment	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training or employment	ER15 Number of Jobs secured
Suffolk Community Forum				1
Glencolin Residents Assoc.				2
Glen Parent Youth Group	2	5	36	2
Lenadoon Womens Group				1.5
Lenadoon community Forum				2.5

## ***Lenadoon Partnership Conclusion***

In the 18/19 financial year, *Lenadoon Partnership* total overall spend was **£307,966.58**

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

Community Renewal        £138,583.32

Social Renewal Education £65,893.68

Social Renewal Health    £103,489.58

\*This does not include services delivered on a West Belfast wide basis and across the Greater Belfast area. These services received £1,199,450 in 2018/19 from Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Funding.



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