



Limavady

Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report
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Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership ANNUAL REPORT – 2018/2019

About Neighbourhood Renewal

Neighbourhood Renewal aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas of Limavady. Through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme 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 as representative of local community interests, with membership including representatives from local community groups and organisations, together with appropriate Government Departments, Public Sector Agencies, Private Sector interests and local elected representatives.

About Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership

Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership is an inter-sectoral partnership of public, private and community/voluntary interests formally established in February 2006 to work with the then Department of Social Development (DSD) North West Development Office on the delivery of the Department's Neighbourhood Renewal strategy, to take the lead in managing the Neighbourhood Renewal process in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) areas and to implement the Limavady NR Action Plan. The former DSD is now the Department for Communities (DfC) which continues to work with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator to ensure progress in improving services available to residents of the Limavady NR area. The current Limavady NR Action Plan covers the five-year period April 2015 to March 2020 and is reviewed annually to ensure that it reflects the developing requirements of the area. The Action Plan is a 'live' document which is also considered at each bi-monthly Partnership meeting and amended/updated as required on an ongoing basis.

The purpose of the Action Plan is to provide a strategic framework linking regional and local priorities for tackling disadvantage in NR areas. The NR Coordinator plays a key role, taking the lead in managing the process in the Limavady NR area, including implementing the Limavady Action Plan at a strategic, as well as at an operational level and promotes the community, social, economic and physical renewal of the Partnership area. The main duties of the NR Coordinator include facilitating inter-sectoral and inter-agency partnership working, promoting the concept of the Partnership among all sectors through meetings, focus groups, workshops and seminars, identifying and enlisting the support of key influencers and agencies that will contribute to the work of the

Partnership and ensuring the fit between the Limavady NR Action Plan and the Department for Communities' overarching strategy for the area. The NR Coordinator is accountable to the full Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership of representatives from key statutory, political and community interests within the Limavady area. The NR Coordinator is operationally managed through Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and adheres to all financial and governance policies and procedures operational within Council.

As part of the NR Partnership there are four Partnership sub-groups that meet bi-monthly to ensure that the key aims contained within the NR Action Plan are progressed. Progress on the various projects that operate in the NR area is reported to the relevant NR sub-group. Each of these four sub-groups focuses on one of the following over-arching areas of work:

- Education
- Health and Wellbeing
- Economic Renewal
- Physical renewal.

The NR Partnership and the NR Partnership sub-groups operate within the four Strategic Objectives and the key aims of the NR Action Plan, as follows, (strategic objective numbering does not imply priority order):

Strategic Objective 1 – Community Renewal

Key Aim - to empower communities from the Neighbourhood Renewal Area to develop confidence, knowledge and skills so they are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their areas.

This is to be actioned through:

- support for community development, including increased community capacity and volunteering;
- improving community relations, including working harmoniously when facilitating or participating in projects and events;
- encouraging and increasing the ability and engagement of young people in influencing decisions that affect them and improving access to accredited training;
- sourcing and sharing information on service and funding availability to enable communities to sustain themselves.

Strategic Objective 2 – Social Renewal

Key Aim – to create a healthy community, safer environment and improved social conditions for the people who live in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area through more active, collaborative working and better coordinated services.

This is to be actioned through:

- support and education regarding emotional, physical and mental health and wellbeing for all residents with the NRA;
- helping people to feel safe and proud to live in the NRA through improved inter-agency working to improve health, the physical environment and reduce crime and vandalism in the NRA;
- reducing levels of educational under-achievement in the NRA through provision of relevant training and projects;
- provision of parenting programmes within the NRA to improve skills and assist parents to support children's development.

Strategic Objective 3 – Economic Renewal

Key Aim – to empower residents from the Neighbourhood Renewal Area and encourage participation to develop educational and employment pathways that connect residents to the wider community.

This to be actioned through:

- working in partnership with the community and voluntary sector, Government departments, the Education Authority and the private sector to encourage participation in accredited training programmes, advice and mentoring for those furthest removed from the labour market and to support residents in the NR areas through the Welfare Reform process;
- increase involvement of the business community in the development of the NRA;
- ensuring that the specific needs of the NRA are taken into account in terms of economic strategic planning, including developing relationships with organisations within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC) to highlight Limavady as an area for investment.

Strategic Objective 4 – Physical Renewal

Key Aim – to help create an attractive, safe, sustainable environment in the NRA.

This to be actioned through:

- ensuring that community facilities are up to health and safety standards and accessible to all and to secure environmental projects that enhance the physical look and use of the NR estates through enhanced features;
- improved community and outdoor recreational facilities, to be accessed jointly by the NRA groups and estates;
- improving the appearance of the areas through continued links with the Inter-Agency group, including the Housing Executive, to ensure that estate-based issues such as graffiti, litter, void houses, etc. are addressed urgently.

Membership of the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and Sub-Groups between April 2018 and March 2019 is outlined in the lists on pages 7 to 11.

Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership members during 2018/19:

Tina McCloskey (Chair)	The Glens Community Association
Roisin Hamilton/Karen Campbell	Roe Valley Residents' Association (RVRA)
Trudy Highlands	Limavady Community Development Initiative (LCDI) Advice Service
Stephen Lowry	Dry Arch Family Centre
Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan Community Association (CCA)
Mary O'Neill	NI Housing Executive (NIHE)
Darren Mornin	Limavady High School
Avril Morrow	Western Health and Social Care Trust (WH&SCT)
Catriona Sweeney/Peter Boyle	North West Regional College (NWRC)
CI Ian Magee/Sgt. Terry McKenna	Police Service NI (PSNI)
Ashleen Schenning	Limavady Volunteer Bureau, LCDI
Joanne Kinnear	LCDI
Diane Rathfield	Roe Valley Education Forum
Louise Scullion, Community Development Manager	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC)
Cllr George Duddy	CC&GBC

Cllr John Deighan	CC&GBC
Dáirine McGarrigle/Kate McGregor	Department for Communities (DfC)
Mamie Anderson	Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator

Education Sub-Group Members:

Roisin Hamilton/Karen Campbell (Chair)	RVRA
Catherine Loughery/Nicole Cassidy	RVRA (youth workers)
Tina McCloskey	The Glens CA
Janice McClay	Developing Relationships in Vulnerable Environments (DRIVE project)
Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan CA
Diane Broom/Devon Sherrard	Bovalley CA
Donna O’Kane/Stephen Lowry	Dry Arch Centre
Darren Mornin	Limavady High School
Rita Moore	St Mary’s School
Peter Boyle/Catriona Sweeney	NWRC
Kate McGregor/Dáirine McGarrigle	DfC
Christina Doherty/Leo McCluskey	Termoncanice Primary School

Fiona Nelson/Deirdre Bradley	Education Authority (EA)
Elaine Barr	Lifestart/LCDI Family Centre
Louise Scullion	CC&G BC
Mamie Anderson	NR Coordinator

Health and Wellbeing Sub-group members:

Tina McCloskey (Chair)	The Glens CA
Karen Campbell/Roisin Hamilton	RVRA
Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan CA
Janice McClay	DRIVE project
Devon Sherrard	Bovalley CA
Sharon White	Dry Arch Sure Start
Laura O'Neill/Claire Heaney	Dry Arch Family Support Centre
Camilla Lowry	Nhip Limavady
Elaine Campbell/Amy McCullagh	Lifestart/LCDI Family Support Centre
Eilish McCloskey/Bronagh Donnelly	WHST
Marie McLaughlin	WHST (Nhip)

Kate McGregor/Dáirine McGarrigle

DfC

Leah Glass

CC&GBC Environment Health (health improvement)

Sheena Morrison

L.I.P.S. (suicide prevention)

Louise Scullion

CC&GBC Community Development

Mamie Anderson

NR Coordinator

Economic Renewal Sub-Group Members:

Trudy Highlands

LCDI Advice Service

Tina McCloskey

The Glens CA

Roisin Hamilton/Karen Campbell

RVRA

Sheila McWilliams

Coolessan CA

Catriona Sweeney/Peter Boyle

NWRC

Ashleen Schenning

Limavady Volunteer Bureau

Diane Rathfield

Roe Valley Education Forum

Ursula Martin/Louise McFarland

DfC Jobs and Benefits

Joanne Millar/Martin Devlin

Roe Valley Enterprises

Kate McGregor/Dáirine McGarrigle

DfC

Bridget McCaughan

CC&GBC Economic Development

Louise Scullion

CC&GBC Community Development

Mamie Anderson (Chair)

NR Coordinator

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Sheila McWilliams

Coolessan CA

Mary O'Neill

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PSNI

Cllr. George Duddy

CC&GBC

Kate McGregor/Dáirine McGarrigle

DfC

Louise Scullion

CC&GBC

Mamie Anderson (Chair)

NR Coordinator

Limavady Partnership Projects:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported and funded seven projects in the 2018/19 reporting year, i.e. the NR Coordinator; RVRA; The Glens; The Drive project; Nhip; the Advice Service; elements of the Dry Arch service.

1. Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator - 1 x P/T post

The NR Coordinator is responsible for the implementation of the Limavady Action Plan and provides secretariat support for and assistance to Limavady NR Partnership and its sub-groups, plus other meetings involving the NR community to prioritise actions and develop projects to meet the identified needs of the residents of the Limavady NR area.

During 2018/19 this post provided a support network for all the organisations working within the NR area and assisted in coordinating activities in a strategic manner. This included support for volunteers through the WHSCT led Champion Health Volunteer project, the Foyle Drugs and Alcohol Forum and Housing Executive/Supporting Communities NI Inter-Agency estates meetings, the CC&GBC Food Forum and the Social Supermarket Committee. Support was also provided to voluntary organisations working in the Limavady NR area in accessing grant funding. Ad-hoc meetings of the Education sub-group were also held to identify emerging needs and produce funding applications for various education-related projects. Additional funding was also obtained from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for accredited employability courses and entrepreneur workshops for the NR area over the winter and spring months of 2018/19. The NR Coordinator also supported all groups in and around the NR area by making them aware of training opportunities for staff, volunteers and NR residents, together with signposting to projects/courses/training aimed at personal and community development. The Coordinator also arranged for various organisations who contribute to the regeneration of the NR area to present to the NR Partnership and sub-group meetings.

The NR Coordinator also advised all members of the Partnership and sub-groups of other funding opportunities on a daily basis as funding information was received and assisted, where required, to provide advice and support to NR groups preparing funding

applications, e.g., the Coordinator invited a Big Lottery officer to NR meetings and information on various Big Lottery funding opportunities was shared, including details on the following grant programmes:

- Awards for All (12 month projects)
- People and Communities (2-5 year projects)
- Empowering Young People (2-5 year projects for 8-25 year olds).

Members were advised to contact Big Lottery in the early stages of their application to acquire knowledge of the guidance and procedures to follow. They were encouraged to ensure that projects were strength-based and people-led, rather than based solely on deprivation, and that young people in need should be involved throughout. A 'drop-in' day was held by Big Lottery staff in Limavady on 5 September 2018 when members were given the opportunity to obtain further detail and have questions answered regarding any potential funding proposals.

The four NR sub-groups operating in the Limavady NR area are the Education, Health and Wellbeing, Physical Renewal and Economic Renewal, as previously outlined. These groups, (and the Partnership), met a total of 30 times during 2018/19. Written reports and verbal updates on the work of all four sub-groups were presented by the NR Coordinator at each Partnership meeting. The NR Action Plan was also an Agenda item for discussion at NR Partnership meetings to ensure that the issues and targets in the Plan reflect up-to-date and relevant issues for the NR area. The number of meetings and workshops highlight the considerable time investment made by voluntary, community and statutory representatives and confirms their commitment to improving services for the residents of the Limavady NR area.

2. Roe Valley Residents' Association (RVRA)

- 2 x P/T Project Coordinators
- 1 x P/T Administrator

Roe Valley Residents' Association is based within the Hospital Lane estate in Limavady. The Association has continued to grow in both capacity and in strength over the last 12 months. The investment provided from DfC Neighbourhood Renewal, has supported the Association to plan, develop and deliver a wide range of projects and programmes aimed at tackling the range of problems prevalent in the Hospital Lane area. RVRA continue to strive towards increasing the range of services provided in the local community. The Project Coordinators have been able to identify the needs of the local community and design programmes and activities which best suit these needs. The Project Coordinators continue to work in partnership with both voluntary and statutory agencies to develop and deliver community programmes and to ensure that the voice of the community of Hospital Lane is represented. They have engaged with hard to reach demographic groups and proactively encouraged and supported both new and existing volunteers to enhance confidence, skills and further opportunities, as well as offering a range of diversionary projects for young people living within the local area.

Volunteering continues to be an integral part of RVRA's success and its ability to be able to cater for the wide range of needs of the residents living locally within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. RVRA are proud to have 38 volunteers who offer their skills and commitment to the organisation, from input on an ad hoc basis to more than 20 hours per week. RVRA seek to provide support and develop volunteers through training and skills development programmes tailored to the needs of the volunteers. Examples of this training offered in 2018-2019 were OCN Level II in Youth Work, Child Protection Training, Basic First Aid, Health & Safety and Outcomes Star Training. Funding was secured from the Association of Independent Volunteer Centres, (AIVC), Volunteer Grant to support the volunteer training.

A range of educational initiatives were delivered in partnership with North West Regional College, Coastal Core Training and Springboard Opportunities. Essential Skills, Basic Food Hygiene, Health and Well-Being initiatives and First Aid Training continued to be popular with local residents and enabled those in the local area to gain core skills and qualifications. Reminiscence projects, building good relations was delivered through the Our Past, Our Peace II project. This additional funding was secured through The Executive Office, intergenerational projects and women's projects were rolled out during the year. These programmes were key to building upon the relationships between residents and increase community pride in the area.

In addition to this, the IFI Personal Youth Development Project, (PYDP), has offered educational opportunities for 72 young people aged 16-24 to complete a series of accredited qualifications which include, QA Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work, Level 1 Health & Safety at Work, Drug & Alcohol Awareness workshops and an INSPIRE Employability Programme.

Forty-five new qualifications were obtained including OCN Level 2 in Good Relations, Level 3 First Aid at Work, CV Building, Team Building, 'School of Hope', Anger Management, CSR Training, Braiding and Plaiting and Essential Skills. In addition to RVRA young people, the PYDP programme includes participants from other groups within the NR area and also Magilligan, Greysteel, Ballykelly, Drumsurn and Dungiven.

In order to help address the educational underachievement of some of the children living within the NR area, Roe Valley Residents Association facilitated homework support clubs on 3 evenings per week, where children and young people accessed facilities and one to one support with their homework. In addition to this, a reading club was also developed and during the summer months, regular visits were made to the local library. 27 young people started to begin to have enjoyable experiences of literacy through storytelling and developing their creativity.

In addition to the weekly youth clubs, which engaged up to 110 children and young people, summer intervention programmes operated again during 2018/2019, a series of health and well-being programmes including skills school, circus skills, jumping clay, first aid awareness and crafts plus the annual Halloween and Christmas Celebrations. A number of family and community outings occurred during the summer to: Sperrin Fun Farm, Portrush and Lisburn Leisure Centre. A Family Fun day also took place during the summer of 2018.

RVRA also successfully delivered two other major externally funded programmes during the summer months, (TBUC Summer Camps and the 'CHOICES' project funded by PCSP), engaging over 120 children and young people. Both schemes enhanced the confidence and self-esteem of both the children and volunteers involved.

RVRA continued to run its monthly Luncheon Club throughout 2018/19, engaging up to 36 local older residents. This initiative was overseen and managed by local volunteers and enabled older people from the estates to enjoy hot food while forging new friendships. The luncheon club acts as a unique platform to engage local members of the community and for RVRA to share health promotion information on topics including unwanted medications and the safe use of prescriptions, health awareness, hearing loss, Alzheimer's and bowel cancer. The group also completed a glass painting course and health initiatives. 26 older people also attended the Friday morning craft class where skills in a number of crafting disciplines were developed.

The RVRA weekly savings club continued to operate, with 88 local households saving.

The following photographs show a selection of RVRA 2018/2019 activities:



Our Past Our Peace Celebration Event



Teambuilding Games



Good Relations Youth Projects



Reading Club



First Aid with Coastal Core



Clean-ups/Environmental Projects



Youth Forum Conference



PYDP Mental Health Pop-up Stall



Older People's Outings



3. The Glens Community Association

- 1 x F/T Project Coordinator
- 1 x F/T DRIVE worker

The Glens Community Association continued to provide a wide range of programmes and activities for all ages in the Glens estate. They also provided an advice service with the LCDI advice outreach worker coming once a week on a Thursday afternoon to the community house where residents received confidential information, support and advice. The weekly youth club continued to attract 25 young people each week and provided a safe environment for young people to come and take part in a number of activities including arts and crafts, dinner club, indoor and outdoor games, gardening and cooking.

The Glens Community Association also delivered classes and activities such as sewing/knitting classes, a fly tying/fishing programme, volunteer team-building, activities for physical and mental health, Summer Diversionary activities such as a Community Festival, (attended by over 350 people from the Glens and neighbouring estates), children's Christmas party and Christmas dinner for 30 elderly people. These programmes encouraged all ages to come into the community house and see what has been on offer.



The Glens Fishing Club

The Glens also ran educational programmes such as Essential Skills literacy and numeracy which provided residents with qualifications to enable them to secure employment. Through funding from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, The Glens offered employability classes, CSR card training, First Aid, and Photography. Their community garden encouraged residents to help with its upkeep and to grow flowers and vegetables for the community. A gardening service was offered to the residents of the Glens estate. For a small fee people could have their garden cut, yard power hosed and hedges cut. The Glens relied on volunteers to deliver this service and continued to actively source new people to assist.

The Glens community garden continued to be a popular focal point with the colourful plants and flowers, with residents coming into the garden and enjoying the beautiful surroundings as well as availing of the bumper crop of apples.



Community Garden Workers and Produce

The Glens Community Association secured funding from NIHE Cohesion division to deliver a Summer Festival. This Festival was held as a diversion to bonfires around the 15 August 2018.



The Glens Festival

Funding received from the CLEAR programme provided a range of additional provision such as craft classes, armchair exercises, drama, outdoor activities for young people, Cook It classes for young and older people and a drug and alcohol awareness session for all ages.

The Glens luncheon club catered for up to 20 people in the community house each week plus, on average, volunteers delivered six to eight dinners weekly to homes in the area where residents were unable to attend the luncheon club in the community house. In addition to having a three course meal, residents enjoyed bingo followed by craft classes. This service alleviated loneliness for elderly residents and helped bring people together who would not normally come to activities. During school holidays a brunch club for young people ensured that they received a proper meal when schools were closed. Food received through the CHNI Fairshare programme was offered at the weekly Social Supermarket to residents at a greatly reduced price from the community house and, in late 2018/19, the Glens commenced work to secure larger premises to house this Social Supermarket.



Social Supermarket

The Glen's staff, committee, volunteers and young people took part in Peace IV programmes such as Developing Our Young Leaders, Banksy, Sharing Your Community Space, Capacity Building and Good Relations. These programmes enabled participants to gain qualifications and be involved in cultural visits including a trip to Poland. Funding was also secured to have the kitchen renovated at the Community House and renovation work will commence in early 2019/20.

Funding received from the Halifax Foundation enabled 55 young people undertaking GCSE's to have extra lessons to increase their chances of obtaining passes in English and Maths.

The Glens craft club made jumpers, cardigans and hats to send to Malawi, lap blankets for the Sperrin Room, Altanagelvin hospital, 'trauma teddies' and hats for the maternity unit in Altnagelvin Hospital.



Hats, cardigans and jumpers for Malawi



Hats for Altnagelvin Maternity Ward



Lap blankets for Altnagelvin Sperrin Ward

In late 2018/19 NIHE installed a disabled entrance at the front of the community house to bring the building up to Health and Safety standards.



The Glen's staff and committee asked that their thanks be recorded to the Department for Communities and the NR Coordinator for their continued support throughout 2018/19.

4. D.R.I.V.E. (Developing Relationships in Vulnerable Environments) Project

The DRIVE project, based in The Glens Community House, continued in 2018/2019 to attract young people aged between 5-13 years, their families and volunteers from Limavady's Neighbourhood Renewal Area, in the following programmes:

Physical Activity - Health & Hygiene - Environmental programme - Peer programme - Confidence Building - Christmas Crafting - Personal Safety - Arts, Drama & Music – Educational programme - Celebration Event.

The DRIVE project continued to have a primary emphasis on 'hard to reach' families in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area, relying on the support of volunteers from the three NR community groups: The Glens Community Association, Roe Valley Residents Association and Coolestan Community Association. The Drive project also worked with Bovalley Community Association, which is on the border of the NR area. 414 young people participated in the DRIVE project in 2018/19, with the support of 85 volunteers.

The DRIVE project worker continued to report and liaise on the work of the project through the Education and Health and Wellbeing sub-groups. The DRIVE also continued to work in partnership with local voluntary and statutory agencies such as Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, NI Education Authority, Sure Start, The Dry Arch Centre, PSNI, NIHE, Western HPSS Trust and local primary schools. The project ensured that all families living within the NR areas and in the Bovalley area were given the opportunity to participate in family programmes, providing a point of contact between the families and their local services.

Registration Week - Coffee Mornings were held in each of the community houses in 2018/19, providing informal opportunities for new members to join programmes and enlist in volunteering opportunities.

Examples of the various elements within the DRIVE project delivered in 2018/2019 are as follows:

The Health & Hygiene Programme gave young people the opportunity to gain more knowledge about Health and Hygiene while engaging with their peers. Young people learned why hygiene is important and how to maintain good oral hygiene. This six week programme utilised games and interactive learning to raise awareness of the simplest choices young people can make in order to live a healthier lifestyle including: the importance of washing hands/how germs and bacteria spread; dental hygiene/effects of sugary foods; a Cook It session to encourage healthy food choices; the importance of exercise; well-being and overall healthy-living, using mindfulness.



Health & Hygiene

The Environmental Programme worked to strengthen family and community bonds, promote civic pride and develop a better understanding of nature and local wildlife. Young people, volunteers and family members learned about germinating seeds and how to use tools and prepare the ground. By planting hanging baskets, litter picks and creating sensory fairy gardens for each of the centres, this programme encouraged a sense of pride within the local communities and improved relations.

Environmental Programme



The Educational Programme for young people took place over six weekly sessions in each of the community centres. This programme also engaged with parents/volunteers in fun and interactive learning sessions for the young people, to enhance spelling and maths, develop problem solving skills and increase knowledge of science and technology. Benefits of the Arts and Crafts elements of the programme included:

- **Increase in bilateral co-ordination:** through the mediums of colouring, drawing, cutting; fine motor coordination e.g. drawing shapes, cutting patterns;
- **Increase in self-regulation** – through the medium of crafts that require waiting for the drying process, (a lesson in self-control and patience). Also dealing results that might not be exactly as hoped, so promoting flexibility and creativity;
- **Increase in self-esteem** – it was important to initially choose arts and crafts that were at the child's skill level so that completion of the crafts successfully provided a sense of accomplishment and pride;
- **a chance to be creative, improved academic performance, improved motor skills, improved decision making.**



Education through Art

The Confidence Building Programme was designed to build self-esteem through personal and social development using fun and interactive activities such as role play. Young people were taught methods of relaxation and concentration. The programme also empowered parents, through delegation of responsibilities, to assist their young people. The young people worked over a six-week period exploring Forum Theatre. Through Augusto Boal's techniques including Image Theatre, Invisible Theatre and Forum Theatre, etc., participants learned to use theatre as a means of challenging oppressive behaviour. Boal's practice and theories are used in theatre practices world-wide.

The children worked together and shared some of their own personal experiences of oppression. Their stories then formed a piece of forum theatre where the audience is connected to the performance as much as the actors on stage. Each piece of drama had elements of conflict, friction and feelings of oppression.



Confidence Building



Confidence Building at Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre



Brunswick Movie Bowl Social Outing



Sperrin Fun Farm Social Outing



FoyleHov Social Outing

The children engaged and embraced this new element of learning exceptionally well. They showed an increase in confidence and self-esteem over the duration of the project and friendships became stronger. The children expressed a real sense of enjoyment through characterisation and play. The young people then showcased their event in the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, Limavady.

Spooktacular Event at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre



The Drive Choir - In addition to the fun element for young people, singing is also known to reduce stress, improve posture and keep young people mentally alert. Community music programmes work well with young people who prefer a low-key music experience. Feedback from parents/carers indicated that singing increased self confidence in their young people. The young people also performed for their families and friends at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre.



The Drive Choir at the Arts & Cultural Centre

The Personal Safety programme was held in the three community houses over six weeks. The programme's aim was to raise the awareness of young people on how to remain safe in society in terms of risky behaviour. Sessions focused on what to do in the case of an emergency, stranger danger, safe places, emergency response, anti-bullying, cyberbullying, understanding drugs and the Highway Code. Parents and volunteers were encouraged to be more vigilant of the dangers faced by young people within their family environments and local communities.



Understanding Your Personal Safety



Bike Doctor



Anti-bullying

Physical Fitness Programme – this included graded swimming lessons where young people learnt about safety around water. They also took part in a personal fitness class to improve physical and mental function and mental health. They also learnt healthier choices about food and built social skills. Feedback was 100% positive for overall enjoyment and increased confidence.



Dance classes

The Celebration Event (23rd March 2019) – designed to celebrate the DRIVE project and participation in programmes. The event was held in Roe Valley Leisure Centre and community leaders, Councillors, Supporting Community, family members and volunteers participated in an awards ceremony with certificates, food and entertainment.



DRIVE Celebration Event

5. Dry Arch Centre

The Dry Arch Children's Centre continued to be represented in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership during 2018/19. With Centres in Limavady town and Dungiven, Dry Arch provided a range of support services to children and families residing within NR areas. The Centre regularly works in partnership with NR organisations and groups and in 2018/19 it again worked with The Glens and RVRA to assist in delivering fun days, with Dry Arch Sure Start activities for the children. The list below is not exhaustive but provides an overview of the services offered to the NR area during 2018/19.

Early Intervention Family Support Hub – The DA Family Support Hub worked to enable vulnerable families with complex needs within the NR area to access appropriate support services. It ensured that the needs of children, including factors that compromise children's educational achievement, were met in a holistic manner and that the right support was made accessible to those who were referred.

Sure Start Project – The Dry Arch Centre provided a comprehensive Sure Start project – a range of services for children aged 0-4 years and their families in the NR areas of Limavady. This included ante and post-natal support for parents/carers and early education and development for children, e.g. a developmental programme for 2-3-year olds and parenting programmes. Sure Start produced a quarterly planner of activities and programmes which was well publicised across their PR platforms and website. Referrals were received from health professionals, GP's and from the community.

Family Support and Home Visiting – work was undertaken throughout the NR and wider Limavady area to help local families overcome hardship and ensure they were made aware of the appropriate help available to them. The Dry Arch Children's Centre provided Family Support and Home Visiting for 186 families in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area of Limavady during 2018/19.

Youth Mentoring – This project, supported by the Dept. for Communities, enabled the Dry Arch to provide one-to-one and group support sessions to young people in NR areas to help them make better choices and move away from negative influences and towards education, employment or training. 97 young people aged 10-24 engaged in this programme. The youth mentoring programme provided an holistic approach when supporting children and families on issues such as family break-up, family breakdown, poverty, alcohol and drug misuse, anger management, isolation, social anxieties, etc. These were a few examples of the complex needs that the programme addressed with young people and families daily. Through this project families from the NR area who were isolated and required support, engaged within community-based activities, taking part in volunteering with the Dry Arch Centre and in teen projects such as knitting, physical activity and residential. CyberPAL, resiliency programmes, Health Promoting Homes and work placements were also provided through this project, which built confidence and skills in young people who were unemployed, preparing them for education, work and training.

PLAY Therapy – Play Therapy was provided to families within the NR area which enabled children aged 3 -12 years, who were referred by education providers and professionals, to learn self-control, self-respect, to express feelings more positively, solve problems more skilfully, and to modify problem behaviours.

Health Promoting Homes – this was a free 18-week personal development programme, delivered in partnership with the Public Health Agency that provided opportunities for parents and young people from the NR area to develop new skills. Sessions included 'Cook It' and nutritional advice, physical activities and personal and social development elements. 12 young people aged 10 -18 years engaged and 10 adults also benefitted from this popular project.

CyberPAL – Dry Arch Centre continued to deliver the OCN accredited training programme CyberPAL which was pioneered by the Centre to ensure awareness in young people and parents of the threats that exist online and to help tackle Cyber bullying. This

continued to be available through schools, community groups and parents' information sessions and raised awareness for 396 young people and 32 adults.

NSPCC Pants – 69 primary school children completed this workshop, aimed at staying safe from sexual abuse, during 2018/19.

Summer Programme – 11 young people participated in this summer programme aimed at risk diversion. The programme included trips to RADAR and the Derry/Londonderry Walls and a visit from Action Mental Health alongside 6 weeks of self-defence classes. This targeted intervention was led by the Dry Arch Youth Mentoring team and provided practical experience for young people within the NR area.

Creative Spark – 5 young people completed this project which was designed to help them understand the impact of trauma on their bodies, minds and brain development, relationships, behaviours and the ability to learn. This was delivered at Keady Clachan and provided young people who had suffered from adversities with the appropriate mechanisms to cope with their problems.

Healthy Emotions – 4 young people completed this 6-week intervention to help them deal with emotions and foster appropriate behaviours.

Dry Arch Voices – a weekly group focused on singing with 8 young participants. The group was open to young people throughout the Limavady area.

Just Us – 5 young people completed this intervention designed to enable them to address sensitive and controversial issues.

Teen Knit & Knatter – 11 young people attended the Trauma Teddies initiative which took place during 18/19. This project attracted children and young people from different schools to come together and learn how to knit and crochet and was visited by Causeway Coast and Glens Mayor, Brenda Chivers, in March 2019.

Corrymeela – 9 young people from the NR area attended a residential at Corrymeela in Ballycastle which enabled those from different backgrounds to bond as a team, practice communication skills through activities and discuss ideas on identity, diversity and living well together, which also helped to improve their emotional and physical wellbeing.

Community Events – Throughout 2019 the Dry Arch Children's Centre held a number of community events including Dads' Day in Dungiven for fathers and male carers to attend with their children (130 attendees), Halloween Celebration of Families at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre (2,200+ attendees) and Christmas Fun Days with Santa in both Limavady and Dungiven (220 attendees). These events were all free.

Mini Medics – This project was delivered in partnership with Children in Need as part of the Holiday Hunger Initiative. 32 children aged 8-11 took part in activities that included Mini Medics training, lunch and physical activity at the Roe Valley Leisure Centre over 2 days.

Below are a selection of photos from some of the Dry Arch programmes and events.

Sure Start



Corrymeela Residential



Trauma Teddies



Teenage Knitting Group



Dry Arch Halloween Event



Mini-Medics



6. Generalist Advice Service

This project funded Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to provide a local estates-based advisory service which was delivered by the Advice Worker from Limavady Community Development Initiative (LCDI). This service ensured that individuals did not suffer through insufficient understanding of their rights and provided advisory services within the NR area so that residents were aware of their benefit entitlements. The service provided assistance with appeals, completed application forms and signposted to other services. During 2018/19 the main focus of work continued to be supporting those in receipt of benefits under the Universal Credit system.

7. Neighbourhood Health Improvement Programme (Nhip)

This programme provided a part-time Health Development Worker and programme costs. The purpose of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Programme, facilitated regionally by the Western Health and Social Care Trust, was to continue to develop and deliver programmes/initiatives to enable residents in communities in the Neighbourhood Renewal area to improve their health and well-being. The Nhip programme delivered on the following themes in 2018/19: 'Ladies Positive Lifestyles programmes', 'Healthy Families', 'Mental Health' and 'Men's Health'. Under these themes throughout this year there were a total of 1163 participants/beneficiaries.

Ladies Positive Lifestyles - These sessions included physical activity and mental health elements. Classes included 'movers' (light intensity movement sessions to music), yoga, MumFIT, (circuits based class where mums can bring under 4's in buggies), 'Turn up & Tone', (circuits based strengthening class for over 50's) and 'MindfulME', (building self-esteem and encouraging self-care and mindfulness). The primary focus of this programme has been weight loss and promoting positive well-being. MOT health checks gave the ladies a clear view on initial health status, and set the focus on personal goals. Demand for all of these sessions has been high and great support and attendance has been seen throughout the duration of the sessions.

Ladies Positive Lifestyle Programme





Ladies Positive Lifestyle Classes

Healthy Families - Included programmes for the NR communities which were well supported throughout the year. 'Healthy Families' was delivered via LCDI, and incorporated cookery, Grow your Own and games. Families participated in making meals in the LCDI kitchen, growing herbs and vegetables and using these in their cookery. The children involved helped and took part in play outdoors and in Kids Ahoy. 'Family games and cookery' ran in the summer months when children were off school and families enjoyed participating in a variety of activities such as Zumba, circuits, quick cricket, and disability ball games as well as a range of healthy eating with meals supplied by the parents and involving The Glens & Bovally Community Associations.



Healthy Family Sessions



Mental Health - the 2018/19 Nhip Action Plan targeted men as well as ladies. Two groups of men, through the local men's shed, focused on anxiety management through workshops at the men's shed. Outcomes and feedback from these were very positive. The men also took part in a 'Cook It' programme which was educational as well as helping to reduce stress and anxiety in a safe environment where the men learned new skills. Ladies sessions included 'MindfulME'- similar to the previous 'Yaya' sessions but looking slightly deeper into personal background and emotions. This was facilitated by a fully qualified counsellor and was extremely beneficial to the group. There have been a lot of requests for this is run again on an ongoing basis.

Mental Health & Men's Health



Mental Health & Men's Health



Men's Health – this included provision of 40 MOT health checks for men within the NR area together with information on classes and programmes to attend to improve lifestyles. Eight men were referred on to their Dr/Nurse specialist for further checks as a result of these MOT results. Quite a few of the men also saw their local GP to obtain a PARS (Physical Activity Referral) form which is the gateway to the local GP referral exercise programme. Danderball and Boccia sessions were also provided to the men directly. Boccia sessions were also inclusive of ladies and disability groups. Boccia and Danderball sessions were very popular.

Capital Investment

Bethany Community Hall

Following a £400,000 DfC funding award towards construction of the Bethany Community Hall, work commenced in January 2019. From January to March 2019 demolition and site clearance were undertaken. The community hall, which will be located within the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal area, will provide a much needed community hub where residents and the wider community can meet and carry out their activities, where social inequalities and exclusions can be addressed and where opportunities for individuals can be maximised, particularly by those groups, residents and families living within the NR area. The building will comprise a large hall, a minor hall, administration office, three additional offices/meetings rooms, an industrial kitchen, common rooms and toilet facilities. The project is being widely supported by all sections of the community and will bring great benefits to the town by providing a venue for events and creating opportunities for volunteering and employment. Work is scheduled to complete within the 2019/20 financial year.



Sod Cutting at Bethany Community Hall

Improvement in Educational Attainment of NR Residents

North West Regional College (NWRC)

NWRC continued to work as a partner on the Limavady NR Partnership with representatives attending Education and Economic Renewal sub-group meetings.

NWRC provided the 'free-to-participant' certified training for the NR area in 2018/19, which was funded by CC&G Borough Council. This consisted for 5 courses of study, i.e.:

- Two CSR Certificate courses – completed by 24 participants in total;
- OCN Level 3 Award Working with Children and Young People with Special Needs – completed by 12 participants;
- Level 3 Safecert Emergency First Aid – completed by 9 participants; and
- OCN Level 2 Photography – completed by 9 participants.

The cost to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Economic Development department totalled £4,506.

Residents of the Limavady NR area also benefitted from ongoing Literacy and Numeracy classes, provided in the Community Houses and available to all community groups in the NR area. These were also facilitated by NWRC.

Roe Valley Enterprises Ltd. (RVE)

RVE provided two one day workshops to facilitate people residing within the NR Areas who had an interest in self-employment, but without a business idea, to identify a number of potential ideas for consideration. These workshops were also funded by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Economic Development department at a cost of £1,490.

Local Primary and Post-Primary Schools

Heads of primary and post-primary schools continued to work with the Partnership and its sub-groups in order to enhance services within the NR area for children and young people of school age and cooperated closely with the local community groups in the out-of-school services that they provide. Breakfast clubs were also an important support to learning for pupils from the NR area. In addition to attending Education Sub-group meetings, the Head Teacher of Limavady High School continued to represent local schools at NR Partnership meetings.

In the third quarter of 2018/19 school representatives from the NR area highlighted the need for additional service provision to reduce levels of anxiety and improve the mental health/resilience of pupils, particularly around transition time. Continued need for speech and language therapy in primary schools was also highlighted. Work is ongoing with the Education Authority, the Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Dry Arch Centre to identify what programmes are available to provide relevant support to school children.

A joint funding application to the Halifax Foundation by Limavady High School and The Glens CA resulted in provision of funding of £3,500 that provided tutoring support for GCSE Maths and English for 55 pupils of post-primary schools in the NR area.

Improvement in Health and Social Wellbeing of NR Residents

Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support

The Limavady Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide (LIPS) joined the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Group in 2017/18. Their work continued to develop throughout 2018/19 with a number of initiatives being provided, (some of which were funded by the Western HPSS Trust). Initiatives provided through LIPS included the following:

- free suicide awareness training;
- Assist training;
- Safetalk training;
- LIPS applied for funding for an administrative support post via the Keadue Community Grants Fund in late 2018/19. (This application was approved later in 2019);
- LIPS received £1,800 from Limavady Grammar School in late 2018/19 and intend to use this funding to provide additional counselling in that school;
- the Under Pressure programme was delivered to NWRC students in 2018/19. The programme aims to improve confidence and strengthen resilience in the 16-24 age group. It includes the 5 Steps to Wellbeing initiative and has been delivered by Extern. LIPS hope to take the programme into schools and community groups. This programme has also been delivered to Rossmar students in school and after school in the Body Mind Soul building with Extern;
- The This Is Me programme of identity workshops has been operating in St Mary's and the Grammar School with 14-16 year olds, who also attend Extern after school. This programme includes play and creative arts. The programme also started at the Body, Mind and Soul Centre on 26 March 2019 with Extern referrals. Community groups also avail of this programme;
- The Recovery College Spring Prospectus 2019 outlines various health and wellbeing courses being facilitated by the Western HPSS Trust and LIPS have had a role in signposting people to these courses.

LCDI Family Centre/Lifestart

Services provided from the Family Centre have expanded in 2018/19 due to the development of a sensory room and playground, (more detail on these physical developments can be found later in this report under Improving Physical Facilities in the NRA). In addition to these new services, funding from Children in Need was utilised in 2018/19 to provide:

- Bop Tots – a project for parents & toddlers with music and movement sessions;
- Family Roots – including planting, a ‘mud kitchen’ and cooking ;
- a Parent & Toddler weekly group; and
- Baby Massage – operated in 5 week blocks.

In addition to the above, ongoing projects provided from the Family Centre included:

- Lifestart – a free monthly programme to support parents with their child’s development;
- counselling services – provided within the main building by outside providers, to which of the community could self-refer;
- pre-school playgroup sessions; and
- After Schools activities.

Easter, Halloween and Christmas events were also held, attended by the wider community, and were again very successful with good attendance and very positive feedback from families and teachers.

CC&G Borough Council – Environmental Health and Community Development

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council continued to provide Environmental Health support to residents, including those in the Limavady NR areas. Interventions available in 2018/19 included the following:

- the Warm Homes Group continued to meet throughout the CC&GBC area to consider topics such as the fuel poverty grant support schemes;
- the Causeway Food Forum continued to meet throughout the CC&GBC area, meeting in Limavady in September and considered issues such as the provision of food banks and provision of training in healthy eating;
- the Energy Efficiency Advice Service continued to carry out home visits and offer households information and advice on an individual basis. Grant schemes were again available for eligible households in 2018/19 to support with heating and insulation upgrades including cavity wall/loft insulation and boiler replacement. The contact person for the Energy Efficiency Advice Service is based in the Limavady Office;
- the Batch Cooking resource was again available to download from the Council website during 2018/19. An equipment pack was also available from the Council Offices to support community groups and organisations with the roll out of the initiative;
- Fuel Stamp Scheme - Limavady Community Development Initiative (LCDI) continued to deliver the fuel stamp scheme on behalf of Council. Stamps were also available to purchase from a wide range of retail outlets across the Borough and could be used as part-payment towards the cost of an oil fill;
- Cooking with Toddlers - launch events were held in October and the toolkit was aimed at encouraging children to explore food, have fun with food and enjoy food. The toolkit also reinforced key public health messages including the importance of consuming 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day; and

- A programme was held in Limavady for Mums and toddlers outlining the support available through Council's Environmental Health department and elsewhere.

During 2018/19, as in previous years, CC&G Borough Council's Community Development department provided grants for community groups, including those from the Limavady NR area. The Council supported the wellbeing of local communities through support for social activities, support for community groups, social inclusion, good relations plus culture, arts and heritage.

Community Development grants provided during 2018/19 included:

- Community Festivals Fund – funding for Fun Days, one off events, or two day festivals;
- Community Development Support Grant – a running cost grant for community organisations/Associations - £2000 for groups with premises and £1000 for groups with no premises;
- Social Inclusion Grant – £500 small grants for older people's groups/women's groups/youth groups/groups who cater for people with disabilities which will cover activities/programmes and small amount towards running costs like venue hire;
- Building a United Community Fund (BUCF) – up to £1,500 for good relations type projects; and
- Culture, Arts & Heritage Grants – up to £1000 for projects relating to art/heritage or culture.

'Everybody Active' grants were also available from Council during 2018/19 to assist local organisations to promote and increase participation in physical activity. One of the priority criteria when considering applications for these grants was a focus on the top 25% of wards designated by the NI Multiple Deprivation Measure Index 2010. (Limavady NR area falls within the top 10% of designated wards under the Deprivation Measure Index).

During 2018/19 the following grants were made to groups in or close to the Limavady NR area:

- **LCDI** – Social Inclusion grant of £500
- **Volunteer Centre** – BUCF grant of £1,450

- **RVRA** – Community Development Support grant of £2,000
- **RVRA** – Every Body Active grant of £1,000
- **RVRA** – BUCF grant of £1,450
- **RVRA** – Community Festivals Fund grant of £1,500
- **The Glens** – Community Development Support grant of £1,650
- **Coolessan CA** – Community Development Support grant of £840
- **Bovalley CA** – Community Development Support grant of £2,000

Western Health and Social Care Trust & Health Improvement Department

Western HSC Trust and Health Improvement Department representatives continued to participate in the Health and Wellbeing sub-group and provide ongoing training opportunities for NR residents. Examples of initiatives undertaken in 2018/19 are as follows:

- the Training Brochure, outlining all health and social care training available to community groups and individuals, was made available from July 2018;
- the ‘Managing the Challenge’ 6-week course for those with long term chronic conditions was held in Limavady commencing September 2018. The course was co-ordinated through Action Mental Health and was delivered in two sections, i.e. Managing Your Condition and Managing Pain;
- the Champion Health Volunteer Training course, with OCN Accreditation, took place on 21 September and 28 September 2018 in Limavady NWR College;
- a month-long programme of events in October 2018 included a Positive Ageing Workshop;
- Safe Talk courses continued to run in the Limavady area.

Improvement in Economic Status of NR Residents

DfC (Jobs and Benefits)

DfC (Jobs and Benefits) updated NR Economic Sub-group members at meetings on the programmes and training opportunities available to the unemployed in the area and the number who signed off unemployment. The Jobs and Benefits office also continued to work closely with local community groups who provided employability training. At the end of the 2018/19 year:

- 260 people were on job seeker's allowance
- 1063 people were on universal credit/had claims submitted (of which 683 were allocated work coaches)
- there were an average of 23 new Universal Credit claims coming in each week

Roe Valley Enterprises (RVE)

A member of staff from RVE attended Economic sub-group meetings and RVE recruited for a number of programmes in 2018/19 including the Exploring Enterprise Programme which caters for young people of 16 years plus who work less than 16 hours per week. They continued to promote entrepreneurship and shared workspace and outreach services to support start-up, growth and social economy businesses.

During the last quarter of 2018/19, CC&G Borough Council funded two workshops to specifically support those clients residing within the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas who had an interest in self-employment, in order to identify and take forward a number of potential ideas for further development. These workshops were funded by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Economic Development department at a cost of £1,490. Thirty-three people from the NR area completed the programme and 11 then registered for the NI Business Start-up Programme (NIBSUP). It is anticipated that these eleven clients will all complete a business

plan under NIBSUP. RVE intend to follow-up with the other 22 people to encourage them to participate in the Exploring Enterprise⁴ Programme.

Roe Valley Education Forum

The Roe Valley Education Forum representative attended Education, Economic and Partnership meetings. During 2018/19, in addition to the mainstream services provided by the Forum, such as Steps to Success, they also provided programmes in the community for those on Employment Support Allowance (ESA), tailored to suit individual participants, under the Positive Steps+ initiative, focusing on health outcomes as well as employment.

LCDI Volunteer Centre

The Volunteer Centre provided continuing support for NR residents in placing volunteers with groups and organisations who provided services in and to the NR area. NR residents were also provided with support in volunteering and the experience of volunteering has helped some individuals to progress to paid employment. During 2018/19 a number of events took place to support and celebrate the work of volunteers, including Volunteer Week. The work of volunteers throughout the Borough was celebrated in June 2018 with a large event facilitated by LCDI in partnership with the Coleraine Volunteer Centre and Causeway Coast and Glens Council and focused on the contribution of disabled volunteers. LCDI also administered the Volunteer Small Grants Programme for the whole of the North West area.

Improving Physical Facilities in the NR Area

Roe Valley Residents' Association

During the 2018/19 year, RVRA were involved in the 'Sharing Your Space' project to undertake work within the RVRA community house, through Council employed contractors. Representatives from the organisation attended several community relations/development workshops and meetings were held with the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to discuss the capital works to be completed. It is anticipated that these works will be completed by Autumn 2019.

RVRA had received funding from DfC for purchase and installation of notice boards/signs that would be used to signpost RVRA activities that other estates in the NR area could avail of. These were to be located at Roe Mill Gardens (near Gormley's Pharmacy) and on the Josephine Avenue green area. Installation of these during 2017/18 had been delayed but Roe Valley Residents Association anticipate that full planning permission will be issued by summer 2019.

The Glens Community Association

During 2018/19 work was undertaken to the value of £6,700 at The Glens Community House to install a ramp, handrails, new fire doors and entrance door, for ease of access for disabled visitors. The final amount provided by NIHE, when snagging issues are addressed, is anticipated to be £7,000.

LCDI Family Centre and Lifestart Projects

Development of a sensory room and play park commenced in 2017/18 and staff had completed training in operating in the new room by early 2018. This additional service in the Limavady area further developed in 2018/19 and has been of significant benefit

to disabled children in the NR area and in the wider community. During 2018/19 the sensory room was open for bookings for hire to statutory and community groups, with a lower community rate in operation. The booking rate included sessions with the Play Development Worker. Those who have booked the sensory room have provided very positive feedback and clients have enjoyed using the facilities.

The fencing around the family centre has been moved and the main pieces of equipment installed in 2018/19 were a large stainless steel slide, swing set and a wheelspin (roundabout). Woodwork elements were created by the prison, including a pirate ship, planters, and a storytelling chair & benches. Five play pods were also installed in 2018/19, each furnished for a different category of outdoor play.

Inter-Agency Estate Inspections

These inspections continued regularly during 2018/19 when areas requiring maintenance, rubbish removal, etc. were highlighted to relevant statutory agencies and appropriate action taken to ensure that the NR estates are maintained in good condition. Members who attend these inspections included community group representatives, Council Environmental Services staff, NIHE and DfC. Issues highlighted at these inspections were then addressed at regular Inter-Agency meetings and these provided an additional opportunity for community groups to highlight any areas of concern, which relevant statutory agencies then addressed.

Limavady Partnership 2018/19 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following tables detail projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund and partner organisations.

Programme/Project	Contract for Funding (CFF) Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	18/19 Spend (Amount claimed as of 30 Jun 19)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL		£	£
Roe Valley Residents Association	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	£32,302	£32,165
The Glens Community Association (£34,735.54) and DRIVE project (£37,355.59)	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	£72,091	£68,255 (£35,211 DRIVE and £33,044 Core)
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council P/T Neighbourhood Renewal Officer	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	£20,410	£20,410
Total Community Renewal Expenditure			£120,830

SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (Nhip)	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	£166,807 in the North-West area	£23,000
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure			£23,000
SOCIAL RENEWAL - EDUCATION			
During 2018/19 DfC funded the Dry Arch Centre to provide mentoring services for young people, a key aim of which is to improve educational attainment.	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	£26,064	£25,941
Total Social Renewal – Education Expenditure			£25,941

PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
DfC awarded funding towards the building of Bethany Community Hall. The 2018/19 financial year saw the works commenced with the demolition and site clearance.	1 July 2018 to 31 December 2019	£400,000	£201,423
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure			£201,423
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
CC&GBC Generalist Advice Service	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	£18,140	£18,140
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure			£18,140
OVERALL TOTAL			£389,334

OUTPUT MEASURES ACHIEVEMENTS

Economic Output Measures

	ER 2 Number of residents going into employment	ER 14 – Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
CC&GBC -Technical Assistance			0.7
Roe Valley Residents Association		120	1.6
The Glens Community Association including the DRIVE project		53	2
CC&GBC Generalist Advice Service	52		1
The Dry Arch Children’s Centre			0.8

Social (Education) Output Measures

PROJECTS	SR(ED)5 Number of people engaged in parenting skills/ development programmes	SR (ED) 8 Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(ED)9 Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/ improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(ED) 14 Number of young people directly benefitting from the project
The Dry Arch Children's Centre	64	91		
The Glens Community Association including DRIVE project	118		146	28

Social (Health) Output Measures

PROJECTS	SR(H) 2 Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives	SR(H) 3 Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services
Roe Valley Residents Association	382	
The Glens Community Association including DRIVE project	276	
The Dry Arch Children's Centre		46

Social (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECTS	SR(C)3 Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives
Roe Valley Residents Association	299
The Glens Community Association and the DRIVE project (community safety initiatives)	362

Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECTS	CR2 - Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR 4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building
CC&GBC Generalist Advice Service			21	
Roe Valley Residents Association		38		
The Glens Community Association	420	139		203
The Dry Arch Children's Centre			23	

PROJECTS	CR10 Number of people using existing community facilities	CR 12 Number of enquiries and clients by category	CR 13 Total number of beneficiaries (including family members)
CC&GBC Generalist Advice Service		1379	1620
Roe Valley Residents Association	718		

Physical Output Measures

PROJECTS	PR5 Number of building(s) improved
The Glens Community Association	53

ACHIEVEMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING CITYWIDE IN 18/19 YEAR

The Project below is a Citywide Project covering Triax~Cityside, Outer North, Outer West, Waterside, Limavady and Strabane NRAs.

Economic Renewal Output Measures

	ER 15 – Number of FTE jobs safeguarded.
PROJECT (CITYWIDE)	
Western Health & Social Care Trust - Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project	3

Social Renewal (Health) Output Measures

	SR (H) 2 – Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives.	SR (H) 4 – Number of Health Education/Awareness Initiatives provided/delivered.
PROJECT (CITYWIDE)		
Western Health & Social Care Trust - Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project	4239	90

Limavady Partnership Conclusion

In the 2018/19 financial year, the Limavady Partnership total overall spend was **£389,334**

This spend is broken down by Strategic Objective in the Limavady NR area in 2018/19 was as follows:

Economic Renewal:	£18,140
Physical Renewal:	£201,423
Social Renewal:	£48,941 (Education £25,941 plus Health £23,000)
Community Renewal:	£120,830

In the 2018/19 financial year, Limavady NR Partnership maximised the funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund to ensure the projects delivered a range of benefits to the area for people of all ages. Outputs included increased participation in community events, increased social skills of the residents of the neighbourhood renewal area and overall increased community capacity.

We wish to thank all the Neighbourhood Partnership and Sub-Group members and their respective organisations for their commitment to the programme and look forward to the continued development of projects which will meet the needs of the residents in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal area and improve their quality of life.



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