





# Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2018 – 2019







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## 1. Neighbourhood Renewal

In June 2003, Government launched "People and Place – A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal". This long-term (7-10 year) strategy was designed to target those communities through Northern Ireland suffering the highest levels of deprivation. Neighbourhood Renewal is a cross government strategy, which aims to bring together the work of all Government Departments in partnership with local people to tackle disadvantage and deprivation in all aspects of everyday life.

Neighbourhoods in the most deprived 10% of wards across Northern Ireland were identified using the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure. Following extensive consultation, this resulted in a total of 36 areas, and a population of approximately 280,000 (1 person in 6 in Northern Ireland), being targeted for intervention. The areas include:

- 15 in Belfast
- 6 in the North West (including 4 in Derry/Londonderry)
- 15 in other towns and cities across Northern Ireland.

Neighbourhood Partnerships were established in each Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA) as a vehicle for local planning and implementation. Each Neighbourhood Partnership should include representatives of key political, statutory, voluntary, community and private sector stakeholders. Together, they have developed vision statements and action plans designed to improve the quality of life for those living in the area.

The four strategic priorities for Neighbourhood Renewal, identified by DfC, are:

- Community Renewal to develop consistent communities that are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their areas
- Economic Renewal to develop economic activity in the most deprived neighbourhoods and connect them to the wider urban economy
- Physical Renewal to help create attractive, safe and sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods
- Social Renewal to improve social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better coordinated public services and the creation of safer environments

## 2. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership

#### a. Background

Established in March 2005, the Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP) has met regularly to carry out the task outlined in the Department for Communities (DfC) "People and Place" document: 'to develop an action plan for Neighbourhood Renewal for the area'.

The TNP identified high level objectives, which it believed were fundamental to addressing the four strategic priorities in Tullycarnet. These objectives then formed the basis for an action plan that was produced in November 2006. The action plan has been refined and improved since then because of targeted consultation with relevant government departments, Belfast City Council, local community organisations and a series of community meetings across the area. The most recent comprehensive review took place in November 2016, whilst continual updates were assessed by IENP members on a thematic basis in IENP meetings throughout 2017.

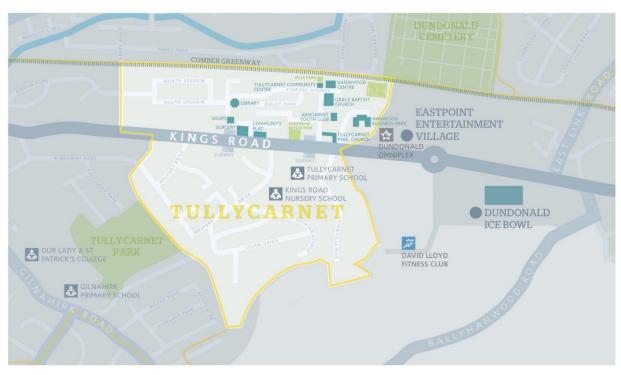
The action plan is guided by a needs assessment, which is continuously updated as new information becomes available from NISRA. NINIS statistics, statutory priorities and local consultation documentation also inform the development of the action plan. The TNP meetings allow for effective communication amongst the local groups, statutory bodies, and political representatives, ensuring updates that arise are added to the action plan where relevant.

## b. Membership

From April 2016 to March 2017, the TNP was composed of 22 members, which included representatives from the local community, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, and statutory organisations. It met bi-monthly with facilitation and administration services being provided by the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator at EastSide Partnership.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Partnership has not met since mid-2018 however the work goes on and the Department continues to support the organisations delivering to the Tullycarnet community.

## 3. Map of Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Area



Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal area





## 4. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan

The Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership agreed the following Vision Statement in August 05:

"Tullycarnet will be an attractive place; a community where people feel safe, proud and are actively engaged in developing a positive and sustainable future."

The Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership's action plan can be found in Annex 1.

#### a. Physical Renewal - Context

Tullycarnet ward is placed within some of the worst in Northern Ireland in relation to Noble's living environment domain. The Physical Renewal objectives identified by the Neighbourhood Partnership seek to:

- Ensure connections and input to proposals for local development
- Ensure that planning for the estate considers road safety and appropriate consideration is given to lighting, subways etc.
- Provide safe places to play
- Encourage more effective links to key facilities and services
- Provide better signage to local amenities
- Identify opportunities for renewal through E-Way

The five strategic priority areas for the regeneration of Tullycarnet in East Belfast remain the same:

- Maximising use of publicly owned buildings
- Improved provision of social housing for the elderly
- Maximise the opportunities presented by current and/or pending infrastructure projects
- Development of the public realm
- Development of open spaces and parks

Continuing dialogue with the local community remains important to ensure residents needs are met and any issues are appropriately lobbied. Much of the more visible change in Tullycarnet over recent years in relation to the physical environment has been as a result of investment from Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO), to develop the business Park and the Hanwood Centre both the indoor and outdoor facilities on offer. It is anticipated that the developing relationship with Belfast City Council and Sustrans will provide for other connections with parks and open spaces. In 2017, BCC funding applications were also submitted for redevelopment of the TAGIT boxing club and improvements to the Hanwood sport pitches.

#### b. Social Renewal – Context

The effective delivery of the key public services such as education and health are a critical factor in the success of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. The Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership's objectives for Social Renewal were identified as:

- Building a 'whole community' approach to education
- Reducing fear, creating a safe environment and reducing levels of anti-social behaviour
- Creating a sense of pride in the estate
- Offering support for families and parents to promote positive parenting and foster a safer home environment
- Investing in the learning and development of children and young people
- Ensuring that the Neighbourhood Partnership has effective links to the Community Safety Partnership and DPP
- Ensuring an integrated approach to health through Tullycarnet Healthy Neighbourhood Project and EBCDA
- Promoting a holistic approach to health and well-being
- Providing local facilities to encourage young people's involvement in sport and recreation
- Encouraging creativity and links to community arts initiatives such as EastSide Arts
- Valuing and promote creative opportunities for play, including for children with special needs
- Ensuring support for basic skills provision and vocational training opportunities
- Ensuring the inclusion of the most vulnerable groups i.e. the elderly, lone parents and those with special needs

The NRA schools have suffered from under investment whilst communities have been redeveloped around them, meaning it has been hard to make progress in relation to educational objectives. EastSide Learning (ESL) was established, in 2014, to promote partnership working between schools and the community in East Belfast and agree a strategic direction for education in this part of the city. This will drive a plan for improving the education offer in East Belfast; to benefit all those interested in improving education and learning outcomes for children and young people in the area. EastSide Learning Partnership is made up of representatives from

schools, community, public representatives, the BELB, SEELB and other key stakeholders. Their Framework was launched in March 2015, which identifies key actions for improving the education experience for children and young people in the NRA. Tullycarnet is one the areas targeted for support by the Social Investment Fund. An education programme will be supported under this funding children and young people from the Tullycarnet area will be beneficiaries.

The funding of the community regeneration officer for youth in Charter NI has supported the development of a Youth Strategy for the area. A youth providers' forum was developed to ensure delivery of local programmes focused on recreation, key life skills and personal development, which will be linked to the Strategic Plan.

A great deal of work has been undertaken locally by both EastSide Partnership and East Belfast Community Development Agency to ensure that groups and health programmes within the NRA are aligned with, and benefiting from the changing focus on health. This has resulted in the development of the East Belfast Health Framework with five priority themes: Healthy hearts; Healthy bodies; Healthy minds; Healthy relationships; Healthy neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood Partnership will be working to ensure that local activities are aligned with the Framework as appropriate and that groups within the NRA are working collaboratively on this shared purpose. A representative from EBCDA attended a TNP meeting in 2017 to update members and further links for collaborative work.

## c. Community Renewal – Context

The Neighbourhood Partnership has acknowledged that a key challenge within community renewal is to build participation and the capacity of local communities to become more involved in decision-making. The TNP's objectives for community renewal were identified as:

- Securing the engagement of the whole community
- Building relationships and promote a shared understanding
- Building a community identity
- Improving communication across the whole community
- Ensuring that there is meaningful consultation
- Developing volunteers and provide ongoing support
- Building a learning community, harnessing undiscovered skills
- Promoting local, connected solutions to build community capacity

The Neighbourhood Partnership is committed to ensuring that all communities have equal access to opportunities arising from Neighbourhood Renewal and other key government programmes aimed at improving quality of life for people in disadvantaged communities. Without well-informed and connected local leadership the Tullycarnet community are at a distinct disadvantage. Neighbourhood Renewal supports key groups supported within the NRA to contribute significantly to keeping residents connected to developments and benefitting from new opportunities. Furthermore the TNP invested time in improving links amongst community leaders and organisations named in the Action Plan through a series of presentations that aimed to update all members about the activities delivered by each group and to explore further collaborative work.

#### d. Economic Renewal - Context

The 2011 Census indicates that average weekly earnings within East Belfast are the lowest in the city, with a difference of forty-five pounds per week between the East Belfast average and that found in West Belfast. This suggests that while the level of employment in East is fairly good in relative terms, the nature of that employment may be characterised by more part-time and low paid work when compared with other places. The Census also illustrated that 20.72% of unemployed people were aged 50 or over in East Belfast compared to 16.71% in North, 14.32% in South and 13.10% in West. This suggests that there is a large pool of people living in East Belfast who could benefit from reskilling and an employer base that welcomes older workers. The TNP's objectives for economic renewal include:

- Providing support for the Hanwood Social Economy Project; including:
  - Support and assistance to community groups considering starting up their own businesses
  - An enterprise park with seventeen office/light industrial units
  - Petrol station/supermarket facility
- Ensuring access to reasonably paid employment
- Encouraging links with key investors and private developers
- Identifying training and employment potential outside the local area
- Identifying skills gaps and barriers to employment
- Ensuring appropriate progression routes and making appropriate links to the Further Education sector
- Proactively marketing the skill base and highlighting positive stories and local role models
- Providing support for good information and support so that people can make informed choices about potential employment
- Identifying the current level of commitment to economic renewal through statutory organisations and their plans
- Support for the development of existing community businesses

The NP is committed to continuing to work with all of the interested parties to deliver economic development within the NRA. The enterprise hub at the Hanwood Centre continues to flourish, especially with the opening of the Texaco petrol station. This has provided a significant number of new jobs for residents and bought in more income for the business park. The area continues to benefit from its proximity to the Ice Bowl and the Dundonald Cineplex which is significantly increasing visitors to the area.

## 5. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects

## **BARNARDO'S**

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment was awarded for the 2018/2019 financial year to Barnardo's Family Connections service to support families and promote school-readiness.

Barnardo's Family Connections service has been supporting local families in Tullycarnet for over 20 years working with families to raise educational attainment through early intervention, family learning, school support and community education.

This early intervention package of support fits within Family Connections commitment to addressing educational under-achievement and to help children be ready for school.

Neighbourhood Renewal investment facilitates the following service delivery:

## **Barnardo's Early Intervention Support:**

- Incredible Years Parent Programme (Pre-School)
- Family support (Home visiting)
- Child Development Sessions
- Transition

This intensive support package provides 18 weeks of family support for families mainly self-referred or referred by Health Visitors. The support package includes home visits and a 14-week Incredible Years Toddler Parenting Programme. The parenting programme

supports parents to promote and understand their child's physical, social, emotional and language development. It reinforces the importance of strong parent-child attachment and the importance of communication, play and praise. Through the home visits families were supported in play sessions with their children, practicing social, emotional and academic coaching. Parents can also benefit from advice or signposting to other agencies in relation to parenting, debt management, mental health. The service offers support to parents with children with special educational needs.

Children in Child development sessions receive a tailored plan of activities based on individual assessments of need. These sessions focus on communication and early literacy and numeracy skills. Parents also attended Stay and Play sessions where they learn about and practice learning activities and parenting approaches, with the support of the child's key worker.

Families with babies aged 0 – 1-year old participated in Parent and Baby sessions, bond and attachment.

Parents and babies took part in song and rhyme sessions, sensory messy play and Baby Club embedded the 'Five to Thrive' approach, developed by Kate Cairns encourages parents to do five things, (Respond, Cuddle, Relax, Play, Talk) to help

Transition activities took place throughout the year to engage pre-school children them with the transitions between early year settings. The toy and book library reading, language development and parent and child interaction. A range of to parents to support their child's learning. We worked with Eastside Early Years successful Pyjama Party enabling parents to be informed about the process of school as well as listen to stories and taking part in activities.

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and their parents and support was well-used, encouraging early information sessions were offered Network who delivered a very applying to primary or nursery



#### **TULLYCARNET COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP

44 Affordable Pre-school Education Places In Tullycarnet Estate

First Steps playgroup is a long standing story of success within the area, serving the local community from 1991. Currently our facility is spread over 3 rooms and fitted to high standards and staffed by well experienced pre-school educators who undertake training as and when required to keep up to date with health and safety, childcare and other important topics relating to the children and governance procedures. Operating Monday to Friday throughout the year (term time). Yearly Overview

The process of 'staggered' attendance during the months of September to December was implemented again this year to allow all the children to settle into their new surroundings. We have found this system works very well as it allows the children to integrate into the playgroup setting in increasing increments. Interviews and development reports have been provided once again this year to keep parents informed of their child's development in preparation for progressing into Primary School. The Playgroup has provided opportunities for parents to participate in their child's development through learning tasks and social events. CED funding has enabled the organization to deliver a pre-school play program to the target area of 'Tullycarnet' which is in the top 5% for educational under achievement. This funding has enabled Tullycarnet Community Support Services to provide staff to develop the educational programs to improve educational standards of the pre -school children. The yearly program includes an intergenerational initiative through weekly interaction with older members of the community, this has proved extremely beneficial to both age groups. A Child development program is also facilitated involving the parents of the children attending the pre-pre school playroom. The intended outputs for First Steps Playgroup are as follows: > Provide 44 pre-school places for local children aged 3-5 years and securing funding to support the playgroup salaries. > Sure Start (a government childcare program) is a valued and continued partner in the childcare service providing funding for 12 Sure Start places within Tullycarnet with 12 Play+Stay Sessions per year for the parents. ➤ Providing management support for the Sure Start organization, maintaining the birth to school Sure Start program. The outcomes for First Steps Playgroup are as follows: ➤ Children accessing the pre-school service will be better prepared to achieve their full potential with improved early childhood development, increased social skills with peers and reduced behavioural problems. ➤ Parents are actively involved and more skilled at managing the development of their children. > Sustaining playgroup posts and providing administration support.

#### ROLE PLAY/ DRESSING UP

• This allows the child to use his/her imagination to develop stories and act through situations building confidence and creativity and improving social skills. Dress-up engages your child's brain and memory. Dramatic play requires kids to remember what they've seen or heard. Role play stimulates problem solving and empathy.

#### PHYSICAL GAMES/ACTIVITIES

• This enables the child to play as a team member and develop social skills. Build up physical stamina helping the child become physically fit. The children take part in a Teddy Bear Toddle and enjoy an exciting walk around the school grounds in the fresh air.

## **READING/ STORY TELLING**

• Children have a lot to learn from books besides the content which may be a fictitious story character which develops a child's imagination or a factual book illustrating points of information maybe about farm activities, safety messages, the list is endless. The activity also teaches the child about how to sit quietly as part of a group and share experiences.

#### COOKING

• This activity allows the child to develop mathematical skills and learn the cooking process. Awareness of hygiene safety and safety in the kitchen. When the children are involved in cooking they are more willing to try new foods. Cooking is an essential life skill.

## RHYMES/ SONGS

• Rhymes and songs teach children about rhythm and beat. This can be a fun activity as the children get to experiment with different instruments helping to develop an interest in music and culture. Songs are also a great way to learn information such as the days of the week.

#### SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

• These sessions teach the child to appreciate the changing seasons and to identify the differences in each season. The children go out on nature trails and bring back flowers, leaves, snow etc. and participate in group discussions on the items and the season. Each Christmas we have a special visitor to the Playgroup to deliver gifts Santa never fails to capture their imagination and brings lots of excitement.

#### WATER PLAY/ SANDPIT

• This is a learning tool used to teach children mathematics amongst other things. The theme of the sand pit can be altered by changing toys. The children learn about contrasting textures..

#### **SPECIAL OUTINGS AND VISITS**

• Our children have special outings each school year such as a trip to the local farm who specialize in providing interactive sessions for the children involving all kinds of farm animals and birds. This year we had the N.I. Ambulance Service and the NIFRS visit the playgroup.

#### ARTS/ CRAFTS

• The children take part in varied arts and crafts sessions, usually relating to the world around them enabling them to be creative, express their own interpretation. Arts and crafts develop fine motor skills and hand eye coordination.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS INITIATIVE**

Warm Spaces and Friendly Faces Vintage Diners has had another successful year in Tullycarnet with approximately 20 regular attendees. The luncheon club has provided much needed social interaction and positive friendships. Sadly the elderly population can often be affected by fuel poverty having to choose between a hot meal or a warm home, the luncheon service provides both on a weekly basis. Centrally located in Tullycarnet Resource Centre the club has made a sustained impact in tackling social isolation issues among the elderly with new members joining the group. Many have developed meaningful friendships which is so vital at all stages in life to maintain connection and add value to quality of life. Service users report they do not like cooking for one person and they ask if there are any left overs they can take home. Afternoon activities this year have remained popular, simple activities that give them something light hearted and enjoyable to look forward to. The aim is to keep the elderly thinking fast, stimulating memory and helps keep mental speed sharper for longer. Vintage Diners remains an accessible opportunity for local residents to gain hands on work experience and a chance for people to give back to the community and offer their life skills to a good cause. Anyone who volunteers is offered the opportunity to undertake accredited training in Food Safety Level 2.

#### **Weekly Activities To Promote Memory and Brain Activity**

Social Isolation Reduction Through Friendship Building, Birthday Celebrations

Community Awareness and Participation In Wider Activities

Nostalgic Music & Reminiscing Sessions

Games, Quizzes, Crosswords, Puzzles and Prizes

Seasonal Activities

**Special Outings** 

Nutrition and Fresh Fruit Distribution

#### PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

In 2018/19 Tullycarnet Community Support Services has continued to promote Healthy Lifestyle choices and Mental Wellness.

✓ Advice is shared with our service users and they are signposted to the nearest Smoking Cessation provider which is located at the Kings Square. ✓ Awareness is promoted and services signposted. The resource produced by EBCDA Message of Hope Booklet is made available to those who request it. A counselling service is facilitated on site which local residents are signposted and referred to receiving one-to-one mental health support. ✓ The senior citizens clubs receive balanced meals and weekly fresh fruit portions also opportunities for exercise and movement through activities and dancing. ✓ The Playgroup provide daily fresh fruit portions to the children and age appropriate education on the importance of fruit and vegetable consumption. Teddy Toddle and outdoor playtime with the children. The health promotion agency's Eat Well Plate is used to inform local residents of recommend portion sizes for the 5 food groups and the importance of hydration. ✓ Senior Citizens play pool on a weekly basis and take part in gentle activities and games. Health sessions delivered by EBCDA discussing topics such as living with chronic pain, depression, anxiety and mental health concerns. ✓ Hearing Loss delivered a session exploring hearing loss issues, what help is available and how to live with hearing loss. ✓ TCSS are supporting a new social enterprise that delivers affordable fitness classes on a weekly basis. The participants are also offered professional nutritional advice to reach their personal goals. ✓ This year TCSS have been able to

facilitate Mums and Tots play sessions enabling mums with babies and toddlers to connect and have some much needed 'adult conversation'. The mornings have been relaxed and children had opportunity to explore new toys and books.

Mental Health Awareness

**Quit Smoking Support** 

Nutrition in Children and Adults

Importance of Exercise and Movement

**Sport and Fitness Classes** 

**Managing Chronic Conditions** 

#### LOCAL ECONOMY

TCSS continues to support local businesses and sole traders by way of free advertising on our social media platforms online newsletter and at our reception area of the building. Linking local residents with as many local businesses as possible. Promoting their goods and services, highlighting special offers and seasonal promotions with the aim of generating more sales and local revenue within the area. Some of the locally based businesses we have promoted this year have been:

Cream Café Bistro, Hanwood Ironing, Lisa Woods Hair Salon, Four Star Pizza, Hairy Barkers Hanwood, Belfast Music Supplies, NRG Fitness and Nutrition, Eat the Event, Nicdar Tiles, Belfast Realist Academy to name a few.

#### **NEW PROJECT SUPPORT**

TCSS are supporting the launch of a new project to be piloted called 'Street Pastors'. They are a faith based organisation who carry out detached youth work among young people. They go out onto the streets in the evenings and encourage young people to refrain from anti-social behaviour and encourage them to act responsibly by adult lead guidance. Their aims and objectives are to care, listen and help those they meet on the streets of all ages in a non-judgemental and positive way.

TCSS are facilitating numerous meetings between local churches, stakeholders, PSNI and the Council to gauge the needs in the area and the willingness of local churches to actively engage with delivering this project. So far the responses have been positive on all fronts and so TCSS have arranged for the parent organisation behind the Street Pastors, Ascension Trust, to deliver an information night for all organisations and members of the public who have shown an interest. This consultation was held at Dundonald International Icebowl.

#### **EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND TARGETED TRAINING**

Confidence Building and Increasing of Key Skills within the Community.

This year Tullycarnet Community Support Services has been pleased to be in the position to assist approx. 114 people with targeted employment support such as careers advice, connecting people with job specific training, job searching, CV preparation, interview skills, back to work planning and confidence building accredited training and non-accredited parenting skills training. We have also set up a Job Club where we direct people to local jobs as and when they become available. Parenting sessions have been delivered locally through the Sure Start program aimed at building positive parenting skills within the family.

Areas of training facilitated this year included: ✓ Food Safety Level 2 ✓ NVQ Level 5 Childcare ✓ Belfast Trust Safeguarding Children ✓ SIA Training ✓ First Aid Responder Training ✓ Fire Safety Training ✓ Living Life to the Full ✓ Stay and Play Sessions/Parenting Classes

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION**

Social investment that will benefit the whole Community Tullycarnet Community Support Services has continued to explore opportunities for viable social enterprise ventures and possible regeneration projects within Tullycarnet and neighbouring areas. Focus has been on Tullycarnet Primary School to house existing projects also alternative local sites have been considered. TCSS are still actively seeking clarity regarding the use of the former school building now called Focal Point East to be used as a community hub. TCSS are the lead organisation overseeing the day to day usage and upkeep of the building, working alongside the Education Authority to ensure essential repairs are carried out in regards to keeping the building safe for use. It has been noted that a number of rooms on the upper floors of the school are unusable due to leaks in the roof however ground floor rooms are being used to their full potential.

## **TULLYCARNET NEIGHBOURHOOD COLLECTIVE**

Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective is primarily a collective of community development and volunteer organisations who provide activities and support to help with the regeneration of the Tullycarnet area and enhance the life of those who live there.







Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective (TNC) is constituted to provide support to 13 community groups and organisations, which are supported through funded programmes via Department of Communities and Belfast City Council.

The member groups provide services for parents and toddlers, Womens' and mens groups, educational groups, health projects, vocational training and support, youth projects, creative arts, environmental projects, senior citizens and sporting groups.

## **Financial Highlights:**

During this financial period TNC has been supported by 2 funders, Department for the Communities and Belfast City Council Ur City 2 Grant.

DFC = £54,621.00

BCC = £5,000.00

The charity also took part in fundraising activities to enable the groups to have a limited amount of unrestricted funds.

The funding through DFC is an investment for Neighbourhood Renewal to address a range of priorities and to deliver a range of programmes and activities aimed at improving social outcomes in Tullycarnet. TNC is a support mechanism with representatives from all partner groups, statutory and voluntary sectors supporting the project.

#### Partner groups supported via DFC funding are:

Barnardos East Belfast
Helping Hands
Tullycarnet Boxing Club
Links Womens Group
Tullycarnet Senior Citizens
Luncheon Club
Tullycarnet Dancers
Tullycarnet Football Team
Wisecrackers

This years annual funding help to support a wide range of educational and health programmes that the above groups organised this included:

Support elderly groups to arrange and provide educational outings to historical sites across Northern Ireland & provided health programmes and checks for older people and their families.

Supported Barnardos Family Project regarding health and child development programmes and also supported Active Dads to take an interest in their Childs education.

Supported Helping Hands Autism Support Group with therapies, training and activities for children, young people and their families who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Assist Links Womens Group to provide training opportunities for women in the area regarding, parenting skills, children health, mental health support, crafts, and improve their own organisation to become more sustainable for 2019.

Assist and support the development of Tullycarnet Community Football Club to provide sport and physical activity for all ages throughout their club, provided capacity support to help the club become registered with the NI Charities Commission in 2019, this included training in Governance, accounting and completing and managing funding applications.

Support and promote new sporting facilities and programmes in the local area with Tullycarnet Football Club, TAGIT, and Tullycarnet Dancers.

Provide educational, health and volunteering opportunities for young people in Tullycarnet. Eg: Mental health support, drug and alcohol awareness, suicide awareness training. Young people also help to design and distribute a quarterly newsletter to all residents of Tullycarnet.

Support the local High School to develop their parents community and teachers association to provide opportunities for families within the school setting.

Development of new social media page to help make residents more aware of programmes and activities arranged within Tullycarnet Estate.

# **Photographs:**







#### **CHARTER NI**

#### Tullycarnet Community Regeneration Project – young Peoples Support

#### Aims:

- To work with 13-25 year olds in Tullycarnet Area
- Provide access to programmes on suicide awareness, drug/alcoholawareness and health.
- Signpost to Charter NI Training programmes and provide access to volunteering.
- Support Community groups in the area.
- Establish information sharing in the community via a quarterly newsletter and social media.
- Maintain relationship with local Schools and other service providers.

#### **Objectives and Targets:**

Building a confident Community and encouraging local groups and individuals to participate in capacity building activities.

Encourage and facilitate young people to participate in community relations projects.

During this period over 40 young people participated in Community Relations Projects.

Over 1000 people participated in community bonding projects.

During this period an average of 43 young people a week engaged in youth focused activities.

- Improving connections between Tullycarnet, wider East Belfast and beyond.
- Provide opportunities for Tullycarnet to develop links and partnerships with other communities, people volunteered for community development activities.
- Building a confident community.

- Supporting and encouraging young people and local groups to participate in community development activities and capacity building programmes.
- Sharing information about opportunities and events through the community website and social media.
- Contributing towards a wide range of community services and initiatives for and with children adults and senior citizens.
- Improved educational outcomes for children and young people in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- During the year we provided strategic direction, financial management and governance support to 9 community/voluntary sector groups.

In partnership with Dundonald High School we set up a GCSE support group with external trainers providing tailored support programmes for 20 young people from the Greater Tullycarnet Area. Supporting access to educational and development opportunities for all sections of the local community.

256 young people benefited directly through the project. Through participation within the Cloud 9 Youth Group/TP youth project and other initiatives. Many young people have benefited through participation in programmes run by the Tullycarnet Football Team, TAGIT Boxing Club and The Tullycarnet Dancers.

**Charter** NI continue to collaborate with the Education Authority Youth Service and other youth providers on the provision of outreach youth services and other programmes.

## Annex 1

# **Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan**

## **Community Renewal**

Priority Order:	Desired Outcome:	Action Sought:	Delivered by:	Next steps:
1.	Build a Confident Community	Encourage local groups/representatives to participate in capacity building  Secure resources to enable local groups to build their capacity and develop their outreach services to improve participation	Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP)  Belfast City Council (BCC)  Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective (TNC)  East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)	<ul> <li>Facilitate community groups to utilize capacity building opportunities (EBCDA programme)</li> <li>Source resources to develop new projects targeting building capacity and widening participation, especially amongst young people, parents and volunteers</li> </ul>
2.	Improve connections between Tullycarnet and other parts of East Belfast	Promote opportunities to connect Tullycarnet with the wider east Belfast community and beyond	TNP BCC Housing Exec - Paul Carland	<ul> <li>Receive an update from BCC regarding the BCC Investment Fund</li> <li>Send an invitation to all BCC councillors to attend TNP</li> <li>Attend and provide support for BCC Locality Planning pilot</li> </ul>

		Encourage groups to engage in funding/ training opportunities provided by BCC		<ul> <li>Ensure that the TNP is regularly updated regarding community planning developments through the various delivery partners</li> <li>Facilitate a joint NP meeting with Inner East and Tullycarnet</li> </ul>
3.	Co-ordinate the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan	Ensure the on-going commitment of key partners to delivering the Action Plan  Secure resources for delivering on priorities identified in the Action Plan	TNP	<ul> <li>Alter the format of NP meetings to include thematic updates of the Action Plan</li> <li>Revise the TNP membership</li> <li>Attend and provide support to the Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective, ensuring TNP are updated accordingly</li> </ul>

## **Physical Renewal**

Priority Order:	Desired Outcome:	Action Sought:	Delivered by:	Next Steps:
1.	Development of open spaces and parks in the NRA	Develop links with BCC parks Department - identify ways to link to their parks events – park run, seasonal activities etc.  Develop ideas for short to medium term use of underused and derelict spaces in the NRA  Note Achieved the completion of the Tullycarnet Park development	TNP Hanwood Trust Northern Island Housing Executive (NIHE) BCC TCSS	<ul> <li>Receive an update from a representative of BCC parks Department, establish links for TAGIT boxing etc.</li> <li>Ensure TNP influence decisions regarding any changes in open spaces and parks</li> <li>Explore community subway project, Jubilee Garden, the removal of 'offensive' murals</li> </ul>

2.	Strategic Co- ordination of Physical improvements across the NRA	Co-ordinate discussions on physical regeneration opportunities in the area when appropriate  Maximising use of publicly owned buildings/shops  Note Achieved the completion of good development projects including the Hanwood centre and Business park	TNP Hanwood Trust Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO) Department for Communities (DfC) TCSS	<ul> <li>Ensure TNP influence decisions regarding physical changes in the NRA</li> <li>Undertake an audit of open space and derelict sites in the NRA</li> <li>Identify opportunities for increasing use of publicly owned properties in the area</li> <li>Support the sustainability of local services such as school, doctors and library</li> </ul>
3.	Improved provision of Social Housing for the elderly	Support stakeholders to develop and maintain good quality housing for NRA residents	TNP NIHE TCSS	<ul> <li>Gather more information regarding current housing stock and the waiting list</li> <li>Discuss with NIHE the best approach of working together to ensure regular updates regarding Housing developments/demolitions in the NRA</li> <li>Note TAGIT working with NIHE to convert flats for OAPs as well as new housing at Kinross Avenue</li> </ul>
4.	Maximise the opportunities presented by current infrastructure projects	Provide support for the ongoing development of Hanwood  Contribute to the existing plans for the Ice Bowl/East Point site	Hanwood Board TNP TNC BCC	<ul> <li>Acknowledge successes in this area</li> <li>Receive an update from a representative of Hanwood Board</li> <li>Ensure that the TNP is regularly updated regarding infrastructure projects</li> </ul>
5.	Improved signage in the NRA for visitors to the area	Ensure that Tullycarnet facilities are included in any future city-wide signage plan	TNP BCC DfC	- Finalise the strategic location of signage to inform future plans/funds etc.

6.	Development of the	Support the delivery of identified	TNP	- Ensure the TNP is regularly updated
	public realm across	environmental initiatives	BCC	regarding environmental initiatives to offer
	the NRA		DfC	support where appropriate
		Ensure good maintenance of public		<ul> <li>Establish a point of contact with BCC for</li> </ul>
		space		the maintenance of public space to offer
				support where appropriate
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## **Social Renewal**

Priority Order:	Desired Outcome:	Action Sought:	Delivered by:	Next Steps:
1.	Co-ordinated and accessible support for early years provision	Support children and parents in making successful transitions between early years settings  Ensure all children in the NRA have access to high quality pre-school provision  Support families to improve parenting skills and involvement in children's early education	TNP Tullycarnet Community Support Services (TCSS) Barnardos Tullycarnet Local Commissioning Working Group	<ul> <li>Receive an update from representatives of all early years providers in the NRA to offer support where appropriate</li> <li>Ensure the TNP is regularly updated regarding any changes in early years service provision</li> </ul>
2.	Raising the value of education – improved engagement of parents/children/schools	Support groups to secure resources and co-ordinate education initiatives within the NRA  Support schools to secure resources for delivering programmes and	TNP The Education Authority (EA) TNC Charter NI BRD TCSS	<ul> <li>Receive an update from Charter NI regarding the BRD funded project focused on young people's key skills</li> <li>Ensure the TNP is regularly updated regarding any changes in education provision/programmes etc.</li> </ul>

		approaches to involve parents in their children's education  Support local groups in developing a co- ordinated approach /project that is focussed on improving key skills for young people in the area including personal development and life skills  Provide support for groups working with children with special needs and ensuring all local provision and opportunities are accessible to		<ul> <li>Research available resources to support the development of this desired outcome</li> <li>Establish a point of contact for the provision of education for children with special needs to offer support where appropriate</li> </ul>
3.	Residents of the NRA living longer healthier lives	children with special need  Support the actions developed under the East Belfast Health Framework 5 themes: Healthy Hearts Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies Healthy Neighbourhoods Healthy Relationships Note Successful work of the TNC, Hanwood walking group, fishing and boxing clubs and fitness suite, Tullycarnet football club	TNP TNC EBCDA Hanwood Trust TCSS	<ul> <li>Receive an update from a representative of the Health team at EBCDA</li> <li>Ensure health priorities in the Tullycarnet NRA are fully connected to East Belfast framework and the wider Health Agenda in the city</li> <li>Explore the LORAG health project</li> <li>Invite a representative from HSCT to attend TNP meetings</li> </ul>
4.	Improved collaboration across the Youth sector and increased services	Support the development of a Strategic Plan for young people in the NRA	TNP Charter NI EBCDA – Youth Practitioners Forum EA	<ul> <li>Receive an update from Charter NI Youth worker to offer support where appropriate</li> <li>Support the work and agenda of the Youth Forum ensuring young people's voices are heard</li> </ul>

Note Youth work was reviewed as strong in the NRA	<ul> <li>Facilitate networks for effective signposting of services/ programmes for young people</li> </ul>
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## **Economic Renewal**

Priority Order:	Desired Outcome:	Action Sought:	Delivered by:	Next Steps:
1.	More opportunities for local young people in the NEETS category	Identify agencies and organisations providing opportunities for young people NEETS and provide support to these	TNP Charter NI /GEMs (Employment East programme)	<ul> <li>Ensure the TNP is regularly updated regarding opportunities to ensure the appropriate referrals</li> <li>Receive a presentation from Lorraine Boyd (NEET strategy Forum)</li> <li>Gather relevant STATs in attempt to quantify this outcome as well as map available services</li> </ul>
2.	More people from the NRA training in business skills and engaging in new business initiatives	Support the delivery of essential skills and other programmes designed to improve employability  Ensure that available opportunities are communicated and promoted appropriately and successfully  Promote local participation in programmes focused on entrepreneurship and selfemployment	TNP Charter NI /GEMs (Employment East programme) Hanwood Trust TCSS	<ul> <li>Receive an update from a representative of Employment East</li> <li>Gather relevant STATs in attempt to quantify this outcome</li> <li>Establish effective networks of communication especially between Hanwood, Employment East and INSPIRE</li> <li>Discuss with East Belfast Enterprise the best approach of working together to ensure regular updates regarding available programmes and opportunities</li> </ul>
3.	Effective networks and mechanisms to ensure that new	Structure established to ensure active and effective information sharing of opportunities	TNP Charter NI TNC	<ul> <li>Ensure the TNP is regularly updated regarding opportunities to ensure the appropriate referrals</li> </ul>

	opportunities are communicated to target groups		EBCDA	- Support local initiatives such as the Charter NI monthly newsletter, EBCDA newsletter
4.	Increased level of Social Economy activity in the NRA	Identify service gaps and explore the opportunity to develop these within a social economy structure  Note Achieved social enterprise outlets as part of the Hanwood business park	TNP Charter NI /GEMs (Employment East programme) Hanwood Trust TCSS	<ul> <li>Ensure the TNP is regularly updated regarding opportunities to offer support where appropriate</li> <li>Establish effective networks of communication especially between Hanwood, Employment East and TCSS/INSPIRE</li> </ul>
5.	Increased numbers of residents within the NRA accessing employment	Support initiatives aimed at promoting employment opportunities available to local people  Arrange an annual employment opportunities event for local unemployed	TNP Charter NI /GEMs (Employment East programme) Hanwood Trust TCSS	<ul> <li>Ensure appropriate referrals into new employment opportunities such as the Garage (Hanwood Trust)</li> <li>Establish Partnerships with new employers to secure access for long term unemployed from NRA</li> <li>Receive an update from a representative of Employment East</li> </ul>

## TULLYCARNET NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA

## **EXPENDITURE FOR 2018/2019**

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2018/2019 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2018/2019 total expenditure in the Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation 2018/2019)
	COMMUNITY RENEWAL	-
Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective	01/04/18 – 31/03/19	£54,621.00
Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator	01/04/18 - 31/03/19	£8,621.64
Eastside Partnership Board	01/04/18 - 31/03/19	£23,734.70
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£86,977.34

SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION				
Charter NI	01/04/18 – 31/03/19	£55,755.94		
Barnardo's	01/04/18 - 31/03/19	£69,774.90		
Total Social Renewal Expenditure		£125,530.84		
	ECONOMIC RENEWA	ıL		
Tullycarnet Community Support Services	01/04/18 — 31/03/19	£77,212.96		
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£77,212.96		
TOTALS	01/04/18 — 31/03/19	Total Allocation £289,721.14		

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2018/19 YEAR

<b>Community Renewal</b>			_		h0
Output Measures PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations programmes	CR2 – Number of people Participating in community bonding projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR7 - Number of community / voluntary groups supported	CR 10 – Number of people using existing community facilities
Tullycarnet		620			
Neighbourhood					
Collective					
Charter NI	41	390	49	11	
TCSS		64	21	8	400
TOTALS	41	1074	70	19	400

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Social Renewal	y scho	lin	enefiti	directly	g from	Health	tainme irriers t	tainme eracy {	tions
Output Measures	SR (ED) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places crated/safeguarded	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) 14 – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	SR (H) 1 – Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (h) 2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives	SR (ED) 3 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (barriers to learning)	SR (ED) 7 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (Literacy & numeracy)	SR (ED) 32 – Number of youth organisations delivering shared activities
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Charter NI				83		65	53	23	11
Barnardo's		60	61				25		
Tullycarnet					620				
Neighbourhood									
Collective		190							
TCSS	32				62				
TOTAL	32	250	61	83	682	65	78	23	11

Economic Renewal Output Measures Project	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER2 – Number of Social Economy Enterprises created/supported	Er15 – Number of FTE jobs safe -guarded	ER 9 – Number of business requiring/advice or support	ER 6 – Number of people receiving non- specific training
Tullycarnet Community Support Services	43	40	6	3.4	4	31
Support Services						
TOTAL	43	40	6	3.4	4	31



