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Welcome

Linsey Farrell Programme Director,
Urban Villages Initiative, The Executive Office



Welcome to this first edition of the Urban Villages FOCUS Magazine. I am excited to share with you some of the great work that people in the Urban Village communities are doing, not only to make a difference in their own lives but also to impact on others who live, work and visit their areas.

The aims of the Urban Villages Initiative are, to strengthen communities by helping to build capacity and increase sustainability, to improve the area by investing in regeneration of places and spaces and to foster positive community identity so that ultimately people can live better together.

You will read about fantastic projects and programmes that are led by community groups and participants to support these aims; you will also find out about the Shared Learning events where groups will showcase their great achievements with others.

We want to give people in Urban Village communities the chance to be part of shaping the place where they live, to increase their skills and to embrace opportunities that will improve their life chances.

To recognise the range of fantastic projects that are already underway in communities, you can nominate your favourite project for an Urban Villages Award and you can read more about this inside.

People are working together in and across Urban Village areas and we are keen to encourage this and build on it for the benefit of everyone across the five Urban Village areas.

I hope you find our new FOCUS Magazine informative and we would really encourage you to get involved in the projects and plans in your area.

We will be issuing it three times a year so if you would like to receive copies and be kept up to date on the work of the Urban Villages Initiative in your area, please use the contact details at the back of this issue to join our mailing list.

Best Regards,



What is the Urban Villages Initiative?

The Urban Villages Initiative is designed to improve good relations outcomes and develop thriving places where there has been a history of deprivation and community tension.

The Urban Villages Initiative is a headline action within the NI Executive's Together: Building a United Community Strategy.

It is designed to support communities and to work collaboratively across government departments, councils, and other interested parties to achieve the 3 inter-connected aims for each Urban Village area through a series of capital investment and community-led projects.

THERE ARE 3 INTER-CONNECTED AIMS



WHAT DOES THE URBAN VILLAGES INITIATIVE DO?

Through the Urban Villages Initiative, the Northern Ireland Executive offers a real opportunity for residents of Urban Village areas to inform and shape the development of the place where they live and work; to have a voice and influence investment, to build social cohesion and improve local amenities, based on what communities see as their local priorities.

The Urban Villages Initiative has conducted extensive community engagement across all five Urban Village areas with local residents, community organisations and other stakeholders. This has informed the development of a Strategic Framework for each area. These remain the foundation of area based plans for these places.



Foster positive community identities

Build community capacity

Improve the physical environment

URBAN VILLAGE AREAS - Derry~Londonderry Bogside, Fountain & Bishop Street. **South Belfast** Sandy Row, Donegall Pass & The Markets. **North Belfast** Ardoyne & Greater Ballysillan. **East Belfast** Lower Newtownards Road. **West Belfast** Colin Area.

Projects across Urban Village Areas

Uniting Colin and EastSide Programme



UNITING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

Colin Glen Trust and TIDES training are currently working in partnership to deliver the 'Uniting Colin and EastSide Programme' which is funded through the Department for Communities (DfC) and based in Urban Village areas.

This good relations programme aims to engage young people aged 11-16 in sport, physical and creative activities that bring communities together and improve attitudes of young people in relation to other religious, political, ethnic and marginalised communities. The programme also includes a youth leadership element involving 16-24 year olds.

Colm Fanning, Social Development Manager at Colin Glen Trust said "In September we had nearly 170 young people from the Urban Village areas of Colin and EastSide in Belfast engaged in

fun and participative activities in Castlewellan Forest Park as part of the Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week programme.

This event is part of the Uniting Colin and EastSide programme and we plan to promote good relations messages and promote understanding and respect among our young people"

Fergus Devitt Director of Active Communities Division in DfC said "The central focus of this programme is to recognise the role that young people can and do play in building a united community. The Uniting Colin & EastSide programme aims to use innovative ways to build good relations between communities."

Linsey Farrell, Programme Director, Urban Village Initiative, said

"It is great to be working collaboratively with the Department for Communities on this project, we are delighted that the Uniting Colin and EastSide programme is being rolled out in Urban Village areas, where the focus is on building the capacity of young people, giving them a voice and supporting them to make positive plans about living better together."



**PROFILE: Emma Donnelly
Enterprise Co-ordinator
The Urban Villages
Initiative**

Supporting enterprise will enhance the long term sustainability of many planned capital and community-led projects. This includes entrepreneurship, social enterprise, employability initiatives and ways to help people access new career paths. This focus is being supported by an Enterprise Coordinator working with local groups and wider stakeholders.

Emma will work across the 5 Urban Village areas to:

- **Support** and **connect** existing and emerging social enterprises.
- **Facilitate** connected community tourism approaches
- **Engage** with employers to increase access to jobs, matching skills to industry needs.
- **Encourage** social impact outcomes through core and city business engagement.

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**GLOBAL
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Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) delivers a series of local, national and global events, activities and workshops to inspire people everywhere to explore their potential as innovators, entrepreneurs and drivers of economic growth.

Each year the GEW movement inspires individuals and groups everywhere to make their business ideas a reality. This year GEW 2017 has a local theme for Belfast 'the place to make your first million'.

GEW provides support and guidance to millions of budding entrepreneurs and existing enterprises connecting individuals and businesses into the enterprise eco system to encourage, facilitate and support growth and expansion.

During GEW 2017 (13th - 19th November) The Urban Villages Initiative is collaborating with Belfast City Council, Ulster University Business School, East Belfast Enterprise Agency, BSCR - Growing South Social Economy Project and other partners to deliver inspiring and practical workshops for Urban Village community & voluntary groups, residents and businesses as part of a programme of free, open to all events Belfast City Council is coordinating across the city.

Registration for GEW events is via Belfast City Council **www.belfastcity.gov.uk/gew**

Attendance at all events is open to Urban Village community groups, residents, businesses and other interested parties from across Belfast and as places are limited we would encourage early booking.

Events supported by the Urban Villages Initiative at GEW are outlined below:

Event Title: Facilities Management through Social Enterprise

Date: Tuesday, 14th November, 2-4pm

Description: This workshop is hosted in South Belfast and delivered by the Growing South Belfast Social Enterprise Project.

Venue: BSCR Digital Hub, 127-145 Sandy Row, BT12 5ET

Event Title: Belfast: A New Entrepreneurial Era

Date: Friday, 17th November, 9.30am-3.30pm

Description: Hosted by East Belfast Enterprise, Ulster University Business School, The Urban Villages Initiative and Belfast City Council.

Venue: City East Business Centre, 68-72 Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1GW

Tales from the Living Room

At EastSide Arts Festival

Urban Villages Initiative
in EastSide

EAST BELFAST

Hosford Homeless Project invited the Community to a live and interactive public installation on the Rooftop Garden of the Skainos Centre in August.



The 'Tales from the Living Room' installation explored, celebrated and brought to life the rich and diverse social history of East Belfast in the 1950's. Created by Hosford's life skills Co-ordinator Arlene Megaw and Artist Ciara O'Malley it was an EastSide Arts Festival Highlight on opening night of this year's festival.

This was a collaborative project with funding for the project provided by the Urban Villages Initiative, EastSide Arts and the Ulster Scots Agency. Resources were supplied by Partisan Productions, Tesco, Scene Dock, Belvoir Players Props, Shaws Sweets, Restore East Belfast Mission, Historian Philip Orr, Local writer Jack Gallagher and Digital Archive.

Throughout a series of workshops, the Hosford Clients and Community Gardeners worked together to build the set and worked closely with Partisan Productions to create characters and events relevant to this era, and the Performance Artists popped up at different intervals in the installation.

Close to 100 people from the community attended on opening night with a total of nearly 300 visitors over the week. A local resident commented that the 1950's props and set triggered lots of happy memories for them and they wanted to see more social history themed events in the future.

Pocket Park

The Urban Villages Initiative is continuing to invest in the local community in EastSide by supporting organisations in the development of a number of projects aimed at improving the lives of people in the area. All projects shown are funded by the Urban Villages Initiative in EastSide.



A previously derelict site on the corner of Connswater Street and Newtownards Road in East Belfast has been transformed. Landscaping, paving, planting, street furniture and six shipping containers have turned the site into an attractive pocket park on the edge of C.S. Lewis Square.

The remaining containers will become a cycle café further enhancing the site and providing the ever-increasing number of visitors to the area with a place for rest and refreshments.

The colourful Luminaries and Legends mural, which was also funded by Urban Villages Initiative, completes the site, providing an eye-catching welcome to EastSide Visitor Centre and the surrounding area.

Commenting on Facebook Emma Drury, a local East Belfast resident said *“Looks absolutely amazing. A great corner of a beautiful community space. Good on all of you, quite the job.”*



One of the containers will be home to the first Sustrans NI Active Travel Hub from which commuters will be encouraged to try alternative forms of transport- using public transport, cycling or walking. This is a perfect location for the hub as it is on the intersection of both the Comber and Connswater Greenways and can make use of C.S. Lewis Square for cycle training and more.

Going Green



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During the summer this year, the Urban Villages Initiative supported Going Green and Refresh Café projects (East Belfast Mission) to build partnerships in East Belfast with the relaunch of the Garden Café.

The Lord Mayor Nuala McAllister was present as long term Refresh Café Volunteer Linda Watson cut the ribbon to open the Garden Café.

The Going Green group in Partnership with Belfast City Council Community Outreach planted annual flowering plants and created a gardeners rest space.

Going Green have been working in partnership with Avoniel Community Gardeners and Walkway Community Centre on a 'Living The Greenway' series of events this year with Connswater Community Greenway, which led to a Green Living Fair at CS Lewis Square.

Going Green helped out at EastSide Learning Literary Fair in August. They made Poetry Flags, reading poetry, giving out free books from our Mobile Library Kart and providing a healthy food snack for children attending the event at CS Lewis Square.



CONGRATULATIONS! James and Anna Jordan met working in the Avoniel Community Garden and four years later they married in the same place as part of the Green Living Fair in June.

Luminaries and Legends artwork



**“Amazing work East
Belfast is wonderful”**
Colin Scott

EastSide Partnership commissioned local artist Dee Craig to create a new piece of artwork in partnership with Canadian artist Irish Nowa for the EastSide Visitor Centre on Newtownards Road.

As part of the project a number of paint sessions with local people were held at which they painted sections of the final artwork.

The piece entitled, Luminaries and Legends, was unveiled in March and celebrates some well-known East Belfast people and places including; Sir Van Morrison, C.S. Lewis, George Best, Gary Moore, Danny Blanchflower, Harland & Wolff, Holywood Arches, Marie Jones, James Ellis, Sam McCready, Eric Bell, Strand Arts Centre and more.

Artist Dee Craig commented:
“Public mural art is a very powerful form of communication and leaves a collectively expressive, lasting visual legacy, but equally as important as the product is the process behind it; this type of project creates a platform for community involvement, education and ownership, giving participants the opportunity to explore, learn about & celebrate aspects of their culture, history and identity in a creative process”.

“Wow! That looks class”
Colin McAlister

“Great artistry. Very evocative and so many memories. Well done”
Andrew Stewart

EastSide

Local Community led projects supported by the Urban Villages Initiative – 2017/18

AuthentiCity Scheme

The EastSide Visitor Centre will run a voluntary ‘greeter’ scheme which will provide a genuine welcome for visitors to East Belfast to recruit local residents ‘EastSiders’ who are passionate and knowledgeable about the area. They will offer a unique insight into East Belfast beyond what they have read in their tourism brochures.

EastSide Partnership
028 9045 1900



Tales from Our Living-room

In August this year East Belfast Mission invited the Community to a live and interactive public installation on the Rooftop Garden of the Skainos Centre. The project involved a group of twelve diverse participants who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The aim of the project was to explore, celebrate and bring to life the social history of East Belfast.

East Belfast Mission
028 9045 8560



East Belfast Breakfast Kart

This project, which was launched in September, involved a group of eight participants who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to provide a mobile breakfast kart and deliver free breakfast and health information at 10 locations in East Belfast. They also participated in training and workshops about health and well-being, both physical and mental.

East Belfast Mission
028 9045 8560

Strategic Approach to tackling Poverty in East Belfast

A new collaborative working group made up of representatives from thirteen organisations will provide support services within the EastSide Urban Village to tackle poverty.

EastSide Partnership
028 9045 1900

Early Learning Project

This project will provide support to parents and children aged 0-4 in the Urban Village area. It will offer early intervention programmes for families; with activities designed to build confidence, establish new relationships to support future learning, and raise parents’ aspirations for their children.

EastSide Partnership
028 9045 1900

EastSide Urban Gallery

This project will contribute to the transformation of places and spaces in the EastSide Urban Village area through arts & creativity by: (i) Installing a new mural art on identified sites at Tower Street and Pansy Street (ii) Install new street art in various locations, and (iii) install hoardings with the EastSide Urban Village brand.

EastSide Partnership
028 9045 1900

EastSide

Local Community led projects supported by the Urban Villages Initiative – 2017/18



Living the Green Way

This programme of events was held in June with its main aim being to support and encourage people living and working in the EastSide Urban Village to live 'greener' lives.

**EastSide Partnership /
Connswater Community
Greenway**
028 9045 1900

Walkway Young Mums

Walkway will deliver this Young Mothers project for 20 young mums. The project aims to create engaging and interactive experiences for the young mothers that will address key objectives of capacity building, building self-esteem, reducing isolation and enhancing employability, learning and training.

**Walkway Community
Association**
028 9059 5858

Peace Tourism

This project seeks to put local culture, heritage and history at the forefront of the regeneration of East Belfast, and the peace and reconciliation process, by engaging local people and visitors from across Northern Ireland and beyond in the rich culture and history that exists within East Belfast. The project is designed to share and raise awareness of the East Belfast 'Peace Story'.

Charter NI
028 9045 9458

Arts and Creativity Programme

This is a community arts project, building on the successes of the Urban Villages Arts & Creativity partnership which delivered Halloween events, Christmas Fayre and a drama production in 2016/17.

The project has 2 strands (i) community events - Halloween, Christmas and Spring, and (ii) an accredited training programme in the creative industries field for 15 -25 year olds.

Ballymac Friendship Trust
028 9045 2020



The East Belfast A/R Story

This project will make use of Augmented/Reality (A/R) to ensure that the stories of endeavour and achievement across a range of themes in East Belfast (from the launch of Titanic in 1912 to the birth of NI in 1921) are ready to be shared for the Centenary of NI (in 2021). The A/R story aims to deliver a project that engages the local community by sharing content using technology such as Apps, Augmented/ Reality and 360 degree video.

East Belfast Enterprise
028 9094 2010

Row on Row 2017

'Row On Row' is a series of community commemorative events held around Armistice Day each year. The flagship event is a Poppy Cross installation in Pitt Park, this is complemented by talks, visits, publications and community Acts of Remembrance. 2017 will be the fourth year of this now annual initiative.

**Round Tower
Community Project**
078 0134 7090

The Urban Villages Initiative is continuing to invest in the local community in EastSide by supporting organisations in the development of a number of projects aimed at improving the lives of local people by strengthening communities and improving the environment to live better together.

Active Bodies - Active Minds

This project aims to increase physical activity and mental health awareness opportunities and participation amongst people in the EastSide Urban Village area.

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)
028 9045 1512

activities leading up to and on St Patrick’s Day. Events and activities will include workshops, young people’s cross-community football tournament, children’s park fun day, senior citizens tea dance and a visit to Down Cathedral and St. Patrick’s grave.

Short Strand Community Centre
028 9073 8871



Church Engagement

The aim of this project is to engage constructively with all places of worship in the EastSide Urban Village area to develop a shared programme celebrating the role played by churches in the community, as well as building relationships (i) between churches (ii) between churches and the community, and (iii) between churches and the Urban Villages Initiative.

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)
028 9045 1512



Men Together

This project continues from 2016/17 and will develop men’s groups in the area. It aims to target at least one more new group and will have at least three groups in total. The project will focus on developing the men’s group(s) by completing best practice visits to other Men’s Sheds in NI and the RoI.

St Patrick’s Celebrations EastSide

This project will develop cultural awareness and positive community identity around the St Patrick’s Day themes. Its aim is to ensure that all sections of the community are involved in

A total of 100 men will have the opportunity to participate in the programme.

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA)
028 9045 1512



Wayne Irvine
Local Co-ordinator
EastSide

As the Local Co-ordinator for EastSide Urban Village, my responsibility consists of the day-to-day co-ordination, management and delivery of Urban Villages projects and community engagement in the EastSide Urban Village area.



Sandy Uprichard
Local Support Officer
EastSide

In my role as Local Support Officer, I work closely with community groups / organisations in the EastSide Urban Village area to support and maximise the delivery of local events and projects. I also provide timely advice to project delivery partners on governance and procurement requirements.

DEVELOPING CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Foster positive community identities
- Build community capacity
- Improve the physical environment

The Urban Villages Team recently invited proposals for capital projects to inform the development of a pipeline of potential projects in the EastSide Urban Village area. These proposals were assessed for strategic fit with Urban Villages aims and outcomes. Projects which met the minimum standard are now being taken forward with community partners to develop design options and associated business cases.

Ultimately, all successful capital projects will address the core aims of the initiative by fostering positive community identities, building community capacity and improving the physical environment in the Urban Village area.

Shared Learning Programme

FIND OUT ABOUT SHARED LEARNING EVENTS ACROSS URBAN VILLAGE AREAS



Local groups and organisations working across the five Urban Village areas have a wealth of experience in developing innovative approaches to community challenges and opportunities.

A strength of the Urban Villages Initiative is the platform it provides to build connections within and across areas – helping to share learning on what works well and build partnerships which can make a difference.

Local groups said they would value networking events and activities which bring insight and experience together from across the Urban Village areas.



WHAT'S HAPPENED

TACKLING VACANCY AND DERELICTION

A shared learning event to address the issues of tackling Vacancy and Dereliction took place in June 2017 to support the work to improve the physical environment in Urban Village areas.

Presentations were delivered by community representatives from East Belfast and Derry-Londonderry and speakers from the Department for Communities, Belfast City Council, Derry City and



Strabane District Council, and the NI Housing Executive.

The speakers highlighted approaches making a difference locally and on a city wide and regional basis. The workshop generated a range of ideas and suggestions to inform coordinated and innovative approaches.

This is helping to shape capital investment and associated programmes to tackle vacancy and dereliction as part of the Urban Villages Initiative.

WHAT'S COMING UP

HARNESSING THE FULL BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

Colin Allotments, West Belfast, 29 November 2017

The Colin Allotments Healthy Living Centre is a social enterprise which has turned a derelict site into one of the region's biggest community allotment projects.

It includes innovative buildings constructed from repurposed industrial shipping containers. It provides horticultural courses and cookery classes. The centre is also used by schools, Men's Shed groups and public bodies to support innovative approaches to health and well-being and community engagement.



WHAT'S COMING UP

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Derry~Londonderry,
26 January 2018**

Health and well-being is increasingly a key focus of a diverse range of local groups and public bodies working with communities across the region. This includes tackling mental health challenges and particularly those facing young people.

Often there is an emphasis on building resilience – including the range of financial advice and other support services available to families. Innovative collaborations and sharing learning can maximise the impact and reach of this work.

WHAT'S COMING UP

**DIGITAL YOUTH
South Belfast,
27 February 2018**

Digital skills now underpin many career and entrepreneurial opportunities.

But how do we make these opportunities more accessible to young people from Urban Village areas and other similar places?

The Digital Youth event will highlight school based and innovative community led approaches to inspiring and supporting young people.

It will help community groups and educators to build on what works and develop partnerships promoting multiple career paths for young people and ways they can flourish.

WHAT'S COMING UP

**COMMUNITY LED APPROACHES TO TOURISM
East Belfast, 8 March 2018**

Local groups across Urban Village areas are exploring ways to maximise the potential of tourism initiatives in their communities.

This includes helping local people to tell their stories and shape authentic perspectives on tourism narratives and activities covering the areas where they live.

A diverse range of public bodies and organisations can support local groups in devising inclusive approaches to remembering the past, content generation and audience development.

This shared learning event will highlight collaborative and strategic opportunities to build local capacity; maximise community benefit and the longer term impact and sustainability of local tourism initiatives.

If you are interested in finding out more about Shared Learning programmes across Urban Village areas, contact us on info@urbanvillagesni.org

Urban Villages Community Awards



The Urban Villages Community Awards celebrate the people, organisations and places making a difference in Urban Village areas. It's not just about projects or activities which are supported by the Urban Villages Initiative – it's about celebrating 'what works' and showcasing innovation wherever or however it happens in your area.

What's happening to make a difference where you live and work? Who's making it happen and how? Nominations can be for individuals or people living or working within Urban Village areas; or organisations, places or projects based in each place. There's a number of categories to help highlight the great work being done where you live.



Youth Achievement Award

Recognising achievement by an individual (under 25 years old) or project involving young people which has made a positive difference in the community.



Education and Learning Award

Positive impact of school based approaches or organisations and projects

helping learners of any age and all types to achieve their full potential.



Sport and Physical Activity Award

The role of sport and physical activities in building confidence, bringing people together or improving health and well-being.



Celebrating Diversity Award

Activities which improve relationships between and within communities; connect people from diverse backgrounds or build understanding of different cultures and beliefs.



Creativity and Innovation Award

Using arts, creativity and other innovative approaches to help communities to work together to tackle social challenges and community issues.



Thriving Places Award

Buildings, meeting places or projects involving innovative design or use of public spaces which bring residents and visitors together in shared and safe places and provide focal points for improving community confidence and pride.

REMEMBER – the person, group or project you nominate can be supported or funded from a variety of sources, or none at all!

The Awards aim to celebrate people and approaches which make a positive difference where you live, no matter how or who helps it happen.

Nominations must be submitted by 5pm Friday 8th December 2017. You can fill in a simple online form www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/community-awards or cut out and post the form on the reverse.

There will be a finalist from each Urban Village area in every category - so six finalists will be representing your area!

They will be announced in January 2018 and profiled in a local publicity campaign in the lead up to the Awards ceremony at Parliament Buildings, Stormont on Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Urban Villages Community Awards Nomination Form



What category are nominating to? (Tick only one category)

- Youth Achievement Award**
Recognising achievement by an individual (under 25 years old) or project involving young people which has made a positive difference in the community.
- Education and Learning Award**
Positive impact of school based approaches or organisations and projects helping learners of any age and all types to achieve their full potential.
- Sport and Physical Activity Award**
The role of sport and physical activities in building confidence, bringing people together or improving health and well-being.
- Celebrating Diversity Award**
Activities which improve relationships between and within communities; connect people from diverse backgrounds or build understanding of different cultures and beliefs.
- Creativity and Innovation Award**
Using arts, creativity and other innovative approaches to help communities to work together to tackle social challenges and community issues.
- Thriving Places Award**
Buildings, meeting places or projects involving innovative design or use of public spaces which bring residents and visitors together in shared and safe places and provide focal points for improving community confidence and pride.

Which Urban Village Area? (Tick only one)

- Ardoyne and Greater Ballysillan (North Belfast)
- Sandy Row, Donegall Pass and the Markets (South Belfast)
- EastSide (incorporating the lower part of the Newtownards Road in East Belfast)
- Colin (Poleglass, Twinbrook, Lagmore and Kilwee in West Belfast)
- The Bogside, Fountain and Bishop Street (Derry-Londonderry)

Who/what are you nominating?

Nominee Name/Organisation:

Email: T:

Project Title:

Provide the name of the individual, people, project, organisation or place. Ensure they are eligible for nomination, based on: Individuals or people living or working within the area; or organisation, place or project based in and/or serving the community in the Urban Village area. Provide appropriate contact details for the nominee, if known.

Why should this nominee be recognised with a Community Award in this category?

Please use a separate A4 sheet - max 500 words. Tell us what they did. Tell us how well they did it. Tell us about the difference it made.

Are there any other partner organisations involved?

Any collaborating organisations within the UV area or from other places? Links to other programmes or funders? This doesn't have to be the case but if so, please provide some details.

In case we need to contact you

Tell us your name, organisation (if appropriate) and contact details

Name: Organisation:

Email: T:

Return form to:
The Urban Villages Initiative,
Room E4.15,
Castle Buildings,
Stormont, Belfast,
BT4 3SR

Or complete form
online FOR FREE at
www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/community-awards


Summary of what's happened to date:



BUILDING PROJECTS 2016/17

£1.7m 
Funded Projects

11
Construction Projects Completed 

2
Projects Under Construction 

6
Designs Completed 

BUILDING PROJECTS 2017/18

£2.5m 
Investment

Up to
10
Projects in the pipeline for delivery 

COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2016/17

£1.5m 
Funded Projects

84
Community-led projects

6
Cross cutting projects 

19
A range of design and planning projects supported

COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2017/18

£2m 

49
Condensed programmes - more collaborative and strategic projects

6
Cross cutting projects 

7
design and planning projects supported



Foster positive community identities

Build community capacity

Improve the physical environment

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU...

URBAN VILLAGES FOCUS MAGAZINE will tell you what's happening and what the Northern Ireland Executive is supporting across the Urban Village Areas in Belfast and Derry-Londonderry.

The stories you have read have come from community groups and individuals in Urban Village areas. We want this magazine to reflect the great things that are happening where you live and welcome your comments and ideas!

If you would like to receive future editions of FOCUS Magazine, sign up at info@urbanvillagesni.org or contact us at The Urban Villages Initiative, Room E4.15, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SR



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