

***Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area
Annual Report 2014/15***



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About Neighbourhood Renewal -

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

About Lenadoon Partnership –

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

The Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) is the lead partner which was formally established in 1992 to address the many social and economic needs that existed in the Lenadoon estate. The Forum is based in the new Glen Community Complex on the Suffolk Road. Since its inception the Forum has evolved to become an umbrella Group for 28 smaller community groups targeting issues that impact upon the lives of residents, such as; health, employment, environment, youth provision, community safety and education.

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

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

Name of representative	Representing organisation
Sean Lennon (Chair)	Community Representative – Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project (GASNP)
Michael Doherty	Community Representative – Lenadoon Community Forum
Renee Crawford	Community Representative – Mid Lenadoon Rep
Jean Brown Caroline Murphy	Community Representatives - Suffolk Community Forum
Jackie Bunting	Community Representative – Glencolin Rep
Colin O'Neill	Thematic Community Representative - Environmental Rep
Mairead McCrea	Thematic Community Representative - Disability / Special Needs Rep
Glen Philips	Community Representative – St Oliver Plunkett Parish Rep
Harry Murray	Thematic Community Representative – Sporting Rep
Tim Attwood	Political Representative - Belfast City Councillor (SDLP)
Bill Groves	Political Representative- Belfast City Council (Sinn Fein)
Marie-Claire Ferris	Business Representative - Work West
Jamie Hughes	Statutory Rep - PSNI
Margaret Marley	Statutory representative - Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Kathleen Campbell	Statutory representative - Belfast Regeneration Office
Seoirse Caldwell	Statutory representative - Belfast City Council
Paddy O'Donnell	Stewartstown / Lower Lenadoon Rep
Tish Hegarty	Statutory Representative - Department for Employment & Learning
Tommy O'Reilly	Statutory Representative - Community Services Development; Belfast City Council
Eilish McColum Ann Marie Weir	Thematic Community Rep – Early Years Upper Lenadoon Rep

Lenadoon Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 5 projects in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

- 1; Lenadoon Community Forum**
- 2; Lenadoon Womens Group**
- 3; Glencolin Residents Association**
- 4; Suffolk Community Forum**
- 5; Glen Parent Youth Group**
- 6; Lenadoon Neighbourhood Training for Employment Project**

Pictured below are members of Lenadoon Community Forums Housing, Environment and Community Safety Sub-Group at their bi-monthly meeting which was held recently in the new Resource Centre at the Half Moon Lake.



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Community Renewal

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

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

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

- Worked with local resident groups in the neighbourhood on a variety of housing, environmental and community safety issues
- Worked in partnership with the NIHE and other Social Housing providers such as Apex Housing , Clanmil, HELM, Oaklee Housing and others to ensure that housing improvements remain a priority and that new Housing initiatives are given due consideration to independent living standards and initiatives
- Worked in partnership with the statutory bodies to address the anti-social behaviour that continues to blight the lives of local residents at various hotspots throughout the NRA
- Worked in partnership with the statutory agencies to continue to develop the solid foundations across the NRA and to address interface issues that continue to exist which have the opportunity to negatively impact on the area
- We continued to actively participate in Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG) and its sub groups and their programmes of engagement with local people of all ages and abilities across the interface, these have included mixed group activities across various thematic areas as well as a Peace Walls initiative and a cross community Christmas celebration with the annual turning on of the Christmas Tree lights on the Interface.
- Worked in partnership with the statutory agencies to develop a Physical Master plan for the Suffolk Road in its entirety linking the Stewartstown Road Gateway Project and Woodbourne Phase 2 and Half Moon Lake projects
- Worked in partnership with a range of statutory agencies to improve the overall safety for users of the various Neighbourhood Environmental projects such as Lenadoon Community Park, the Half Moon Lake and Colin Glen Forest Park

- Worked to continue to develop Community Safety initiatives in the NRA that have been agreed in consultation with local residents.
- The Forum implemented the Actions, Priorities and Recommendations regarding the Housing, Community Safety and Environmental theme within the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Action Plan (LNAP) which was reviewed in September 2014.
- Lenadoon Community Forum has continued over the past year to engage with wider strategic bodies including the West Belfast Partnership Board, the DSD's Providing Successful Communities Initiative, Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership and other providers to agree priority actions and deliver against these in collaborative partnerships.
- The Forum staff team has facilitated a number of meetings and site visits with Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), Apex Housing, Clanmil, HELM, Oaklee Housing and other Social Housing Associations, Residents Associations and other statutory bodies to address both physical and social issues impacting on the quality of life for residents in this area.
- The Forum has facilitated the substantial Alley Gating Project which was recently finished at the side of Woodbourne Police station and Woodbourne shops. A number of Respecting Diversity Murals were commissioned by NIHE and completed by local young people have now been put in place to complement this Community Safety work.
- The Forum worked alongside BCC by facilitation consultations with local businesses for the Renewing the Routes project whereby new signage was provided to all of the shops and businesses which greatly improved the appearance of the area.
- The Forum has facilitated the community consultations with DRDNI with regards to the introduction of the Rapid Transport Scheme which is planned to run along the length of the Stewartstown Road Interface corridor.
- Lenadoon Forum facilitated the Bi –Monthly meeting of the Lenadoon housing, environment and community safety group which involves statutory, voluntary and community sector involvement.
- Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) published on a quarterly basis the Lenadoon Community News which was delivered to three and a half thousand homes in the greater Lenadoon area. The magazine updates local people on a number of community safety initiatives and also keeps local people updated on the work of the Forum throughout the area.
- The Forum has provided financial assistance and support to a number of projects and groups in the neighbourhood.

Pictured below left are Lenadoon Community Forum staff members with Local Councillor and representatives of Clanmil Housing cutting the first sod of a new Social Housing Project for the project



Pictured above right are Forum Staff facilitating consultation regarding the proposed Belfast Rapid Transport proposals.

2. Suffolk Community Forum - Community Renewal

Suffolk Community Forum (SCF) continues to use volunteers to sit on committees and help deliver projects and will do so throughout the lifetime of the project. During this funding period two of our volunteers won the Queens Award for Volunteering whilst others have completed a health, Hygiene and Nutrition course. We have used volunteers to assist SLIG with the Christmas Fayre, help organise street parties and a range of activities linked to cultural celebrations over the July. We have also used volunteers to assist with the opening and closing of the Peace wall gates, to assist with research and co-consultation with SLIG on the Peace Walls Programme, deliver leaflets and flyers, volunteer with the local community garden and to sit on various committees including Suffolk Community Forum, Suffolk Lenadon Interface Group and SRRP.

3. Glencolin Residents Association- Community Renewal

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

Glencolin residents will continue to offer services and family support to improve the health and lifestyle of its beneficiaries. We will continue to work with other organisations and agencies in addressing anti-social related and environmental and housing issues, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast City Council, Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project, PSNI, Belfast Hills, Colin Glen Trust, Local Political representatives etc.

4. Glen Community Parent/Youth Group - Community Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is supporting Glen Community Parent Youth Group by providing funding for the salaries of the Centre Manager and the Youth Co-ordinator. They have hosted over thirty international, regional and city delegations/ visitors to the Complex since August to view the new facilities and services provided in the complex. The staff also sit on the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership, the Building Successful Communities Initiative, the Outer West Family Support Hub, the West Belfast Locality Planning Group and a wide range of other Networks. The staff are also represented on the Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group and the Regional Suicide Prevention Strategy Implementation Group. They have worked in partnership with the International Peace-Players organisation over the past seven months, which has resulted in hundreds of school children and young people from different parts of Belfast using the Glen Community Complex facilities. The Group and Staff Team have organised and facilitated Community Development Activities and Programmes for hundreds of local people of all ages and abilities in the past year. The project supports the delivery of key priority actions that are reflected in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Action Plan under the theme of 'Education and Youth'. The project objectives are to co-ordinate essential

services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA in line with the local Action Plan priorities. These services were provided in the past year.

Glen Community Parent Youth Group provided:

- OCN level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice to Volunteers interested in Youth Work.
- Homework support four afternoons a week to hundreds of primary school pupils aged 6-11.
- The Group provided numeracy and literacy support to primary and secondary school pupils.
- The Group provided Information Technology Classes and support to young people to assist them with Coursework and Homework four evenings a week.
- A wide variety of Healthy Living Programmes were delivered to over 300 children and young people aged 6-18 years.
- Workshops were delivered to all the primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils on respecting property and people in highlighting the dangers of getting involved in anti-community behaviour.
- The Youth staff along with Youth members helped grit the streets and homes of elderly residents and carried out two clean ups to remove distasteful graffiti from walls in the Neighbourhood.
- A Diversionary Youth Outreach Project was facilitated every Tuesday evening by the Youth Staff and volunteers.
- Four Workshops on Alcohol and Drug Misuse and Sexual Health were delivered by the Youth Staff.
- A six month Cross-Community Drama Project in Partnership with the MAC Theatre was facilitated in the Complex.
- During the months of July and August the Youth Staff and volunteers organised and supervised an eight week Summer Scheme for hundreds of local Children and Young People.
- Childcare places were provided to over 180 babies/ children during the year.
- Training was provided or accessed by the Group for over 18 individuals who were interested in Volunteering.
- The Group managed to facilitate or access Counselling Services for more that twenty-five young people.
- One to one support was provided to fifty young people who were referred to the Group from a range of Health and Social Care Professionals, Schools or Community Groups.
- A youth Achievement Awards Evening was organised by the Group with over eighty young people being recognised for their positive contribution to life in the Neighbourhood. It was attended by over 150 parents, funders, Statutory Bodies and Elected Reps.
- Two OCN level 1 in Drug and Alcohol Awareness Courses were completed in the Complex by young people.
- OCN Peer Leadership Programme Level 2 was completed by volunteers
- Trainee Leadership Programme was facilitated in the Complex.

- First Aid Training for staff and volunteers was organised in the Complex.
- Over 180 parents, clergy, elected reps, statutory bodies and local residents attended the Finals of 'Lenadoon's Got Talent' which the Youth Staff organised to showcase the Talents of local young people in August last year.

Social Renewal --Education

1. Lenadoon Community Forum – Lenadoon Neighbourhood Training for Employment Project

The Lenadoon Community Forum Training for Employment Project employed two staff members, a full-time Project Co-ordinator and a part-time financial administrator and supported a total of 561 participants during the period April 2014-March 2015. These were the most disadvantaged in terms of employment opportunities, and by delivering accredited qualifications, we equipped users with the necessary skills and qualifications to compete in the labour market. The core work of the Lenadoon Training for Employment Project was supporting those who are disadvantaged and who felt excluded from society. These people came from a range of economic and social deprivation fuelled by community tensions and unrest, most were long term unemployed and dependent on state benefits, lacking in confidence, low self-esteem and poorly motivated, some of them had a disability or ill health while others were dependent on prescriptive and non-prescriptive drugs and alcohol. Rather than addressing their symptoms our training programmes addressed the gaps in their skills and qualifications in order to prepare them for further education or employment. This project is located on the Suffolk/Lenadoon Interface and attracted participants from both communities and was a living example of "shared future" in practice, around 5% of the participants engaged were from the Suffolk Estate. Of the 561 participants who completed courses with the Project 462 of these gained a recognised qualification and 27 have been assisted into full-time, part-time and self-employment.

The project particularly targeted 'women returners', those with low self-esteem, those with 'mild' mental health difficulties, long term unemployed and those at risk of becoming long term unemployed and focussed on improving the skills base around literacy and numeracy as well as the provision of IT skills. Through its delivery of Confidence Building, Goal Setting and education and training programmes the project endeavoured to develop a skilled, confident, adaptable workforce to combat the high levels of unemployment in the Lenadoon NRA. The course content of our project was designed to be more employment orientated. Career advice provided for the participants directly co-related to the existing and future job opportunities. The Project Courses were delivered 5 mornings, 2 afternoons and 4 evenings a week at the Glen Community Complex. We also utilised the services of the local Job Assist Centre, the Lenadoon Women's Group and the Lenadoon Counselling Project.

The Project has recently undergone an ETI Inspection and an Inspection from Open College Network. Both these were very favourable and praised the work the Project is doing with the participants as we continue to achieve delivery on Government Targets and ESF Programme Objectives. The inspector mentioned in her report ***“It was a privilege to be in your organisation and see the work that is going on through your ESF project and I appreciated getting a chance to see for myself the difference you are making to individuals and their life chances”***. This is a testament of the hard work and dedication of the Lenadoon Community Forum Directors, the staff team and the tutors of the Training For Employment Project, who have never saw this as just a job but rather a vocation to helping those most in need. This was reflected in the great retention numbers of the participants on the project and the qualifications and numbers who have gone on to Further Education and indeed Employment.

Unfortunately this Project was not successful in securing funding for this year, which is devastating as this project has had a massive impact on the people we engaged with. This has come as a huge blow to our community, this Project was the only one located within the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Area that not only enabled local people to gain recognised skills and qualifications but enhanced the employability of the long term unemployed, disadvantaged and women returners in our community and had a vital role to play in the future regeneration of the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Area, in helping people to help themselves”. The success of this project over this past 16 years has been due to the importance of having a local Education Provider with a proven track record of success, registered childcare facilities and the back up and support services of the local Lenadoon Women’s Group and the Lenadoon Counselling Project.

It has supported and equipped these individuals with the skills and qualifications to compete equally within today’s labour market. It has improved their soft outcomes such as increased confidence, better self-awareness, enhanced problem solving, communications skills, increased knowledge of how to build relationships or work as part of a team, greater understanding of personal and social issues and obtained a personal action plan for the future which links to a clear progression pathway for the participants.

Below is a list of accredited courses which were delivered between April 2014 and March 2015:

Functional Skills In ICT	ECDL Essentials Level 1	ECDL Extra Level 2	Excel Spreadsheet Level 3
Access Database Level 2	Text Processing Suite Levels 1-3	Medical Word Processing	Computerised Payroll Level 2
Computerised Accounts Levels 1 & 2	Manual Book-keeping Levels 1 & 2	Driving Theory	Steps To Excellence Course
Business Presentation Level 2	Essential Skills Numeracy (Entry Level 1 – Level 2)	Essentials Skills Literacy (Entry Level – Level 2)	



COMPUTERISED PAYROLL



ESSENTIAL SKILLS MATHS



E.C.D.L. STUDENTS

STUDENTS STORIES



“The Courses I attended in Lenadoon Community Forum Training Project enabled me to gain the skills in accounting and computer competence and I am now the Shop Manager at Sean Grahams Bookmakers. I would encourage anyone to avail of these courses, it is such a friendly and inviting place and not a bit like being back at school”.

Natasha Lawless
Shop Manager



“I first walked into Lenadoon Community Forum to be introduced to computers for the first time over ten years ago. It was the old building and I started with a complete beginner’s course as couldn’t even turn a computer on. Unsure what road I was to take, I quickly got the bug for working with computers and with the help of the staff and tutors in Lenadoon Community Forum, I was guided in the right direction and soon became an IT Tutor not only for the new Glen Community Complex on the Suffolk Rd but different centres across Belfast.

David Palmer
IT Tutor



“I can’t thank the Lenadoon Community Forum Training for Employment Project enough for the training, encouragement and the courage to get me where I am today. Without them and the funders of the Project I don’t know where I would have been today”

Brenda McDermott
Receptionist

2. Glencolin Residents Association - Education

Glencolin Residents Association have accessed funding for a range of training programmes which included I.T. Skills, Skills in English, Personal Development, Driving Theory, History Projects, Creative writing and volunteering in the community.

Social Renewal –Health

1. Lenadoon Women’s Group – Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support Project

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

- Family Support Services were provided on an Outreach and In House basis to hundreds of individuals and families referred to the Project from a variety of statutory and community sources.
- Hundreds of individuals / parents referred to the Project, from Social Workers, Health Visitors, and G.P.s, Housing Providers etc. benefitted from completing Parenting Courses or Parenting Support.
- Dozens of individuals with mental health or depression issues were supported by the staff / volunteers and also signposted for additional Services both internally and externally.
- The staff / volunteers worked closely with the Early Year Team and managed to access Early Years respite support for parents with infants / babies who were referred to the Project by Health Visitors and Health and Social Care Professionals.
- The staff facilitated a Housing Clinic in partnership with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to ensure local people could access on-site Housing Advise/Information in relation to housing matters.
- In response to growing concerns around the increased availability and mis-use of drugs in the area. Lenadoon Women’s Group organised a number of workshops and drug and alcohol awareness courses for local parents, community workers, adults.

- In October 2014 the project was visited by DSD Minister Mervyn Story he praised all the work undertaken by Lenadoon Women's Group and in particular the support that the group provides to victims of domestic violence.

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

- Outreach Family Support
- Home Visitation
- Support at medical and hospital appointments
- Support at legal, Medical, Housing, and court appointments.
- Respite support for vulnerable individuals and families.
- Contributed to Case Conferences / Looked after Children Reviews, Gateway meetings, and Core Strategy Meetings along with Parents.
- Provided support to Parents (whose children are on the Child Protection Register, In Care, or in danger of going into Care).
- Facilitated Parenting Courses to those referred to the Project by Social Workers, Health Visitors, GP's and Housing Providers etc who require this support.
- Organised and facilitated a range of Personal Development, Healthy Living, and Social Education Courses and Workshops.
- Support was given to individuals and families affected by Mental Health and Suicidology Issues.
- Provided holistic wrap around approach and services at point of need.
- Signposted and supported referrals in accessing additional support services.
- Workshops on issues such as Alcohol / Drug / Prescription Drugs Misuse.
- Delivered a number of 'Connecting with your Family' Parenting courses
- Facilitating Family Mediation and Contact Services
- Workshops on a wide variety of Health Issues including cancer screening.
- The Women's Group also had active representation and participation on a number of networking bodies including Outer West Sure start, West Belfast Locality Planning sub group, Women's Support Network, NIHE Housing Community Network, West Belfast Locality Planning Group and more recently the Outer West Family Support Hub.

2. Lenadoon Community Forum

Lenadoon Community Forums Community Counselling project continues to provide Counselling support to Hundreds of vulnerable individuals referred to the project by a wide range of health and social care professionals. Lenadoon Community Forums Community Counselling project facilitated two ASSIST suicide prevention training programmes In February and March 2015 for over thirty individuals from a range of statutory, voluntary and community organisations.

Lenadoon Community Forum has worked with a range of Statutory Agencies/Bodies/Departments through the Lenadoon Housing, Environment &Community Safety sub group in relation to ongoing issues relating to the peaceful quality of life for residents in the Lenadoon area.

The Forum has organised a number of public information events relating to all aspects of community safety issues impacting on resident's lives.

Site visits to areas where anti -social activity was an issue were facilitated by the Forum with inter- agency statutory and political representation. Actions agreed were progressed by the Forum to help bring about permanent solutions to the identified problems.

3. Glen Community Parent Youth Group

In the new Complex, Glen Parent Youth Group facilitated and provided a wide range of Healthy Living Programmes and Activities to hundreds of children and young people. They also organised Workshops on Alcohol / Drug Misuse for local Young People aged 13 – 18 and the Group facilitated Sexual Health / Awareness workshop for young people aged 14 – 18. Some of the Health Programmes/ Courses delivered/ facilitated by the Group included:

- Sexual Health Programmes.
- Weigh to Health/ Cook It.
- Box fit Programme.
- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness

- Suicide Awareness
- Disability Awareness Inclusive Games Programme.
- Monkey-Nastics
- Let's Get Cooking Programme
- Keeping Safe Programme.
- Bullying Workshops.

The West Belfast Suicide Prevention Community Response Plan was developed at a series of meetings/ workshops in the Complex in 2015

Social Renewal- Health

- 4. Glencolin Residents Association** have provided services and programmes aimed at tackling related issues. We have provided in-house and outreach welfare advice and family support services, making referrals to other relevant bodies and agencies where and when appropriate.

They have organised activities aimed at healthy and active living i.e. Black mountain walks in conjunction with the Falls Women's centre. They organised physical summer activities for children and families, healthy eating on a budget and managing personal finances as part of stress management facilitated by Ulster Bank as well as organising holistic therapies and alcohol and drug workshops and self -help groups.

- 5. Suffolk Community Forum** is actively supporting the local 'Come Dine with Me' programme which is organised within Suffolk Community Centre. This involves local young people learning how to grow and cook their own produce, plan menus and create healthy meal

Social Renewal –Crime

1. Lenadoon Community Forum

Lenadoon Forum have helped 12 local people to move from their present living address to safer accommodation due to threats to the safety of both themselves and their families, this involved working collaboratively with the numerous housing providers, the PSNI Social Services and others.

Forum Staff have continued to lobby for additional safety measures such as improved street lighting, Alley Gating and traffic calming measures for the local area. Our community magazine regularly provided information telling members of the community how they can report criminal damage to the local children's play park as well as other street furniture. Lenadoon Community Forum have continued to play a Primary role in ensuring that the Interface is managed efficiently to ensure minimum violence and threat to peoples ordinary lives.

2. Glencolin Residents Association

Glencolin Residents Association have and will continue to work closely with Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project who use our office facility at weekends to meet with residents in the area who have anti-social issues, hospitality before and during community watch area call outs carried out in conjunction with PSNI community policing and compiling reports for other agencies and statutory bodies ie City Council and Housing Executive.

3. Suffolk Community Forum

During this funding period Suffolk Community Forum has assisted SLIG in organising a Christmas Fair which involved approximately 150 people to a tree lighting / craft event which was also attended by the choir from Malone College. One hundred and twenty people attended a Youth achievements event in the Balmoral Hotel which was organised by SLIG with our support. We also supported SLIG in a wide number of events which engaged young people, older people and all sections of the community and covered a wide range of topics including sport, history, local history, culture and others. We participated in

residential/ planning activities looking at forward planning for SLIG. SCF is also represented on the Interface Community Partners Group which is organised by CRC to look at broader interface issues all over Belfast.

Physical Renewal

1. Lenadoon Community Forum-Physical Renewal

Half Moon Lake

Lenadoon Forum has worked in partnership with Cairde Loch na Leathghealai, Belfast City Council and other Voluntary and Community stakeholders to lobby and to facilitate consultation with Belfast City Council regarding a significant Capital investment of £250k planned for the Spring 2015. This facility is to be officially opened in June 2015.

Pictured below are Members of the Cairde Loch na Leathghealai along with BCC Parks staff and Children from a local Primary School while on a Study Trip to the Lake.



Woodbourne Alley- gating scheme:

This last year Lenadoon Community Forums staff team have lobbied to have the alley gates made operational , however a number of issues arose throughout the year between the major stakeholders which have delayed this project being completed. The Forum has recently been informed that they will be operational by the end of June 2015. This process once complete with provide much respite and greatly improve the feeling of Safety for those Residents living there.

Pictured below are the newly installed alley-gates to the rear and side of Woodbourne Shops.



Lenadoon Sports Pavillion at Lenadoon Park: LCF are in discussions with Sport NI and the Lenadoon Amateur Sports CIC to have the latter assume responsibility for the running and ownership of this building.

Stub Blocks new build regeneration project: Lenadoon Community Forum has facilitated consultations between local residents, NIHE and APEX Housing regarding the demolition of the Stubb Block Flats and their replacement with new Social Housing. This project did suffer a number of delays however in the latter part of the year significant progress was made. Three blocks have now been cleared to allow the new building to begin before Christmas 2013 and the site cleared to allow the First Phase of the New is nearing completion in April 2015. The first phase of new Social Family housing will be allocated in the Summer of 2015. Demolition of the remaining two blocks is ongoing.

Peace Walls Project; Lenadoon Community Forum continues to provide representation on the Peace Walls Projects Reference Group alongside numerous statutory bodies including the NIHE, PSNI, DOJ, DRDNI, DSD, BCC . This project has been funded by IFI and intends to rejuvenate and enhance peace wall sites throughout the neighbourhood with the consent of the residents residing beside these.

As part of the overall project the group have secured funding from the Arts Council to commission a work of Public Art which will be officially unveiled on the Stewartstown Road Interface in June 2015.

New Rapid Transport System; Lenadoon Community Forum has facilitated the numerous meetings to date between local residents, businesses, political representatives and the DRDNI who are the lead statutory body taking forward these proposals. The scheme has experience numerous time delays but is now scheduled for November 2015.

Renewing the Routes Project; Lenadoon Community Forum has facilitated the numerous meetings to date between local residents, businesses, political representatives and Belfast City Council who the lead statutory body are taking forward these proposals . All relevant businesses have had their Signs replaced and a new tourist information blade was put in place in March 2015 on the Suffolk road.

Woodbourne Environmental Improvement Scheme; Lenadoon Forum have been the lead partner in the Woodbourne Environmental Improvement Scheme which will address issues of dereliction and to create safe space at Woodbourne Cottages which are the Oldest built heritage in this part of West Belfast.

Lenadoon Community Park; In May 2014 Lenadoon Community Forum concluded the transfer of the Facilities Management Agreement over to the Lenadoon Amateur Sports Community Interest Company. The latter assumed responsibility for overseeing the running of the Park in partnership with BCC.

Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project; Lenadoon Forum continue to work in partnership with Suffolk Community Forum and the independent directors to oversee the jointly owned Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project which is a Social Economy Project designed to develop the economic regeneration of the interface and its two communities by providing much needed services on the site of what once was a derelict interface.

2. Glencolin Residents Association – Physical Renewal

Glencolin Residents Association has worked tirelessly and consistently with all statutory bodies, agencies and political reps towards achieving a community facility which meets the needs of the residents of the local area. We have just completed an economic appraisal and feasibility study with a consultant and architect appointed and funded by Belfast city council. This has enabled us to produce a five year plan, costings and drawings which enable us to take the capital project forward. We have worked closely with the Housing Executive in the provision of home improvement schemes in the area, work has just been completed on replacing guttering, fencing & gates, window vents, external doors & power washing .The Oil replacement scheme with Gas is ongoing. The railings surrounding the entrance to the estate have been painted and the representation from the residents association to the Housing executive has now enabled exterior work to the local shops to be included in the scheme.

3. Suffolk Community Forum- Physical Renewal

Suffolk Community Forum have been involved in the development of a number of physical renewal projects including the following;

- We continued discussions with a local well established Play Group with a view to them taking over the management of the Teeing's Green pre-school play group if we are able to raise the funding required. Plans proposed for this are already well developed with planning permission etc. already in place. We are working with SLIG in a continued effort to find the necessary funding which would allow capital work to proceed.
- We have also been engaged with representatives of Belfast City Council in preparation for consultation planned for the redevelopment of the site previously occupied by Suffolk Primary School. BCC has identified this as a key site for community use and will be including it as part of their wider remit once the Community Planning Agenda begins.
- We have supported SLIG in the regeneration opportunities presented by the IFI Peace-walls programme. SLIG/SCF have identified a total of 8 sites for potential change as part of this programme, all of which border on the Suffolk community. Phases 1 and 2 of the programme are now complete and plans for are currently out for community consultation for phase 3.
- We have continued our work in developing the Growing Spaces initiative, community gardens, with support from local volunteers and a number of statutory agencies, including BCC, NIHE and PSNI. As a result of our work 2 local young unemployed men won the Queens Award for Volunteering.
- We have also supported SLIG, in co-operation with the Stewartstown Regeneration Company, to develop an iconic piece of Art Work, a large sculpture titled, "The Belfast Handshake". Funds for this were raised from the NI Arts Council and the sculpture will be erected on site by the end of June.
- We have also continued to work closely with the NIHE Community Cohesion Unit to develop a large piece of land known as the 'Malinmore Lands'. Discussion and negotiation has been ongoing for some time on this project and community consultation is currently being carried out by the ICR who has been appointed by the NIHE. We are in the process of forming a steering group to take the project forward and have also been invited to support an application for funding to phase 2 of the Big Lottery Space and Place programme.

4. Glen Community Parent Youth Group - Physical Renewal

Glen Community Parent Youth Group opened their new Complex on the Suffolk Road in June 2014. This Complex offered Shared Services which were taken up by individuals and families from Lenadoon, Suffolk and further afield.

Pictured below is the new Glen Community Complex on the site of the Old Pig Factory on the Suffolk Road.



The building was officially opened by DSD Minister Mervyn Storey in October.

Lenadoon Partnership 2014/15 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 14/15 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 14/15 total expenditure in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	14/15 Spend (as at 31/03/15)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Lenadoon Community Forum- Coordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project	01/04/12 to 31/03/15	£291,930.05	£96,943.49
Suffolk Community Forum – Community Development Project	01/04/12 to 31/03/15	£105703.25	£30,882.10
Glencolin Residents Association- Community Development Project	01/04/12 to 31/03/15	£94,556.16	£31,590.84
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£492,189.46	£159,416.43
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
Glen Parent Youth Group-Children, Young People and Families Project	01/04/12 to 31/03/15	£198,170.00	£57,647.04
Lenadoon Community Forum,-Lenadoon Neighbourhood Training for Employment Project	01/04/12 to 31/03/15	£94,170.00	£26,931.63
Total Social Renewal Expenditure		£292,340.00	£84,578.67

SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Lenadoon Women’s Group- Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support	01/04/12 to 31/03/15	£145,833.00	£43,741.26
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£145,833.00	£43,741.26
OVERALL TOTAL REVENUE SPEND			£287,736.36
Capital Projects			
Gleann Amateur Boxing Club-Refurbishment And extension of the club premises	01/09/11 to 31/03/15	£118,020,80	-----
Glen Parent Youth Group-Provision of IT Equipment	07/03/13 to 31/03/13	£20,638,80	-----
Patricks Sarsfield GAC	01/04/14 to 31/03/15	£78,926.80	£78,926.80
Total Capital Expenditure		£217,586.40	£78,926.80
Total revenue/capital spend for Lenadoon Renewal Area		£1,147,948.86	£366,663.16
West Wide Expenditure for 14/15			£283,013.58
Overall Total Expenditure			*£649,676.74

***This figure is inclusive of £283,013.58 NRIF awarded for the delivery of services/projects on a West Wide basis within the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area. An overview of the project is attached at Annex A**

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 14/15 YEAR

Community Output Measures* - from April 2014

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 -Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space
Suffolk Community Forum	711		94		4	391	13		
Glen Parent Youth Group	200		32	24		420	4	2	112
Lenadoon Community Forum	700		80				28	2	

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Education Output Measures* from April 2014

PROJECT	SR(Ed) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR(Ed)2 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 4 - Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 7 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	SE(Ed) 9 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(Ed) 10 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 11 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position to ensure pupils reach full potential	SR(Ed) 12 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 13 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 15 - Number of young people experiencing improvements against baseline position of assessed needs	SR(Ed) 16 - Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 18 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from /being supported by the project	SR(Ed) 19 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 21 - Impact on enhanced learning environment	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity	SR(Ed)23 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in ICT related subject)	SR(Ed)24 - Number of residents in an area who obtain a (ICT-related) qualification on completion of formal training	SR(Ed)25 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from project
Suffolk Community Forum	70																								
Lenadoon Womens Group					131																				
Glen Parent Youth Group			188				101																		

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SR(ED)1 – Early Years **SR(ED)2-5** – Tackling Barriers to Learning **SR(ED)6-7** – Improving attainment in Literacy and Numeracy
SR(ED)8-9 Closing the Performance Gap **SR(ED)10-11** – Tackling barriers to Learning Special Educational Needs **SR(ED)12-13** – Tackling barriers to learning Emotional health and wellbeing
SR(ED)14-17 – Youth Services **SR(ED)18-22** – Extended Schools **SR(ED)23-25** – ICT

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures* from April 2014

PROJECT	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	SR(H)4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR(H)5 - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	SR(H)6 - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR(H)7 - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	SR(H)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities	SR (H)9 – Number of People using existing sports facilities	SR(H)10 - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
Glen Parent Youth Group	315	212	40	10	115	20	1	400		
Lenadoon Women’s Group	133		250	44		45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures* from April 2014

PROJECT	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR(C)4 - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR(C)5 - Number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR(C)7 - Number of victims of crime supported	SR(C)8 - Number of homes with increased security	SR(C)9 - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
Lenadoon Community Forum	195	22	320	5	285		57		6	50
Glen Parent Youth Group						89				

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Physical Renewal Output Measures* from April 2014

PROJECT	PR1 - Area of land improved for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed for open space	PR3 - Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR4 - Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	PR5 - Number of building(s) improved	PR6 - Number of community facilities improved	PR7 - Number of traffic calming schemes	PR8 - Number of trees planted	PR9 - Number of projects improving community facilities	PR10 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects
Lenadoon Community Forum	2	1	1		3	3	1	30	2	35
Glen Parent / Youth Group				1	1					

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Economic Renewal Output Measures* from April 2014

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE jobs created	ER2 - Number of residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 - Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER7 - Number of weeks (per participant) of non job specific training provided	ER8 - Number of new business start ups	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER10 - Number of people becoming self employed	ER11 - Number of social economy enterprises created/supported	ER12 - Number of new business start ups surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training or employment
Lenadoon Training for Employment Project	1.5	1.5	n/a	31	31	31	n/a	2	410	n/a			
Glencolin Residents Assoc.			16			63	10						
Glen Parent Youth Group	2	2											32

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Economic Output Measures* pre April 2014 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2014)

PROJECT	A1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs created	A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded	A3 – Number of FTE construction jobs (expressed as person weeks)	A4 - No of people who live in an area who get jobs as a consequence of training, advice or other specifically targeted assistance	A5 – number of people trained who obtain permanent jobs	A6 - Number of people trained who obtain permanent jobs who were formerly unemployed	A7 - Number of businesses advised /assisted	A8 - Number of new business starts	A9 - Number of training places sustained/created	A10 - Number of volunteers sustained/created
Glencolin Residents Assoc.	1	1							2	34 varies according to seasonal activities
Lenadoon Community Forum	2.5									
Glen Parent Youth Group	2	2								
Lenadoon Womens Group	1.5	1.5								

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Social (Education) Output Measures* pre April 2014 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2014)

PROJECT	B1 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	B2 – Number of pupils remaining in post compulsory education	B3 – Number of residents in area who obtain a qualification on completion of formal training	B4 – Number of training weeks (expressed as person weeks)	B5 – Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	B6 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	B7 – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	B8 – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes
Glen Parent Youth Group	289							

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Social (Health) Output Measures* pre April 2014 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2014)

PROJECT	C1 – Numbers participating in health education/awareness initiatives	C2 – Number of people accessing advice or treatment for the misuse of non-prescribed drugs	C3 – Number of people accessing new/improved health facilities	C4 – Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service
Glen Parent Youth Group	68		24	
Glencolin Residents Assoc.	48	17		11
Lenadoon Women’s Group			115	250

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Social (Crime) Output Measures* pre April 2014 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2014)

PROJECT	D1 – Number of community safety initiatives implemented	D2 – Number of people who participate in community safety initiatives	D4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	D5 – Number of people attending crime prevention initiatives	D6 – Number of victims of crime supported
Lenadoon Community Forum	28	320			57
Glencolin Residents Association		107		37	17

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Community/Other Output Measures* pre April 2014 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2014)

PROJECT	O1 – Number of people given access to new cultural opportunities/facilities	O2A – Number of private / public dwellings built/improved	O2B – Number of people benefiting from projects to promote personal and social development	O3 – Number of feasibility/research projects carried out	O4– Number of strategic development plans carried out	O5 – Number of people / volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental	O6– Number of volunteers sustained/created	O7– Number of people involved in capacity building/citizenship projects
Glen Parent Youth Group	16		86			18	20	
Glencolin Residents Association		147	51	1	1	11	7	42
Lenadoon Women’s Group			131					

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Physical Output Measures* pre April 2014 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2014)

PROJECT	E1 – Area (m2) of new business/commercial floor space	E2 – Area (m2) of improved business /commercial floor space	E3 - Area (m2) of new community floor space	E4 - Area (m2) of improved community floor space	E5 – Area of land (ha) improved or landscaped for amenity use	E6 – Area of land (ha) improved/reclaimed/ serviced and made ready for development	E7 – No of buildings improved/brought back into commercial use	E8 – No of traffic schemes	E9 – Kms of roads built/improved	E10 – Kms of walkways built/improved	E11 – No of people / volunteers involved in physical dev and or environmental	E12 – Dev of vacant / disused land brought back into use within NRA	E13 – Dev of vacant / disused building brought back into use within NRA	E14 – No of people involved in dealing with the impact of interface	E15 - No of people involved in project(s) that promote shared space

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Lenadoon Partnership Conclusion

In the 14/15 financial year, *Lenadoon Partnership* total overall spend was £366,663.16

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

Community Renewal *£159,416.43*

Social Renewal *£128,319.93*

Physical Renewal *£78,926.80*

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure



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