

# Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2014 /2015



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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. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place' was published in June 2003 to close the gap between the quality of life for people in the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society. 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. The Strategy has four interlinking strategic objectives:

- **Community Renewal** – to develop confident communities 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.
- **Social Renewal** – to improve social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments.
- **Physical Renewal** – to help create attractive, safe and sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods

## **The Lurgan Partnership**

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area, has a population of just over 10,200, and is based around the wards of Drumnamoe, Church and Court. It is a divided town with north of the town being predominately nationalist and the south predominately loyalist, thus creating an environment for anti social behaviour in certain areas.

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Partnership was established in 2007 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. It comprises 22 members from the community/voluntary, private and statutory sectors. It is defined as a non-constituted entity acting in an advisory role to the Department for Neighbourhood Renewal issues in the designated Neighbourhood Renewal area. It meets on a monthly basis (moving to bi-monthly from September 2013) and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator based in Craigavon Borough Council.

The Partnership has signed up to and abides by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

## The Lurgan Vision and Action Plan

The Partnership's vision for Lurgan is that by 2015 Lurgan will be a place where:

- All of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:
  - Living in affordable good quality housing;*
  - having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;*
  - having access to high standards of health care;*
  - enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;*
  - having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;*
  - enjoying the full range of civil liberties.*
- There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.
- Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
- There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
- There is accessibility for all to local facilities and services.
- Diversity is recognised and valued through accepting that everyone has a unique contribution to make to the life of the community.
- There is strong community spirit and pride.
- Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is also committed to the need to have due regard to the promotion of equality of opportunity.

- a) between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
  - b) between men and women generally;
  - c) between persons with a disability and persons without; and
  - d) between persons with dependants and persons without.
- Also, to have due regard for the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group.

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

## Lurgan Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting **16** projects in the **Lurgan** Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

### Community Renewal

1. **Craigavon Technical Assistance** provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and development and delivery of the Lurgan Action Plan.



Lurgan Partnership on residential training

## Social Renewal - Education

- 1. Southern Education and Library Board - Youth Engagement +** - works with young adults about to disengage from education or who have left education already i.e. young adults described as 'NEETs' – Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training. The programme offers local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives.
- 2. Southern Education and Library Board - Count Read Succeed** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area and will complement the schools' central role by providing additional support through working with communities and parents and linking their children's work back into the classroom. This programme will focus on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational standards through (a) school and community-based out of school hours' learning, (b) in-school and out of school hours' parental engagement and (c) 'Twilight' sessions to empower and capacity-build the teaching and classroom assistant workforce.



Helping each other

3. **Southern Education and Library Board - Inclusion in Education** - provides mentoring to young people who are disaffected and /or not attending school. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents.
  
4. **SELB – Transitions Programme** – has been developed by young people working with the SELB Education Welfare Service. An App will be developed and input on tablets which will be made available for all Primary Schools in the NR area for P7 pupils in transition to post primary. It will also be available for all post primary schools in the area for pupils in transition to different sectors and changing schools for various reasons, including as a result of school closure. The programme will help young people make the transition, by attempting to allay any fears and concerns they have through the sharing of experiences and learning of others. It will also aim to assist in the improvement of attendance levels, levels of educational attainment and general engagement in school.



## Social Renewal - Health

1. **Craigavon Health Improvement Project** has been designed by Southern Health and Social Care Trust and Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership working in partnership with a wide range of bodies to maximise the services and deliver a diversity of health promotion initiatives identified as a priority.



**Edwin Poots, DHSSPS Minister presenting certificates to newly qualified health trainers in Jethro Centre, Lurgan**

2. **Craigavon Sport in the Community 2014-2015** - has been developed by Craigavon Borough Council and Lurgan residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of Multi Use Games Areas. It provides opportunities for residents to participate in sport and physical activity, gain qualifications and leader's awards, build relationships with people from other areas and backgrounds, encourage healthier, more active lifestyles and take part in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour.



**Residential at Carlingford Adventure Centre**

**3. Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles** is divided into two elements - the Bushcraft Participation Programme, will provide residents with an opportunity to take part in a unique outdoor residential experience. Each course will consist of a teambuilding session, a 2 day residential camp and a follow up development session. The second element, the Marine Ranger Training Programme, will target 8 residents aged 18 years and above who are currently long term unemployed. The programme will combine periods of training and assessment with valuable work based placement within Craigavon Borough Council. The aim will be to encourage the trainees to respect their local environment, highlight the opportunities on their door step and to create a positive outlook on local life styles.



**Activities at Craigavon Bushcraft Centre**

4. **Craigavon Angling Project** involves three elements - angling participation and lake and fishery management. Training will be provided for local residents and on completion permits and rod licences will be provided. Local fishing clubs will be assisted with items of equipment. Lake management will involve weed cutting and removal and enhancements to existing fishing stands. The Fishery management element will include survey of fish stock and stocking of the Craigavon lakes.



Fishing at Oxford Island

5. **Craigavon Pest Control** provides a much needed pest management service in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area. It involves Craigavon Borough Council working in partnership with other statutory agencies and the local community to deal with pest problems.
6. **Craigavon Cycling Project** - This project is the third in a trilogy of health and well being sporting and leisure initiatives developed and managed by Craigavon Borough Council. This Cycling Project is divided into three elements - Cycling Participation, Cycle Training and Maintenance of a Pump Track. The main aim of this project is to engage neighbourhood renewal residents in positive activities which will provide participants with opportunities to increase their personal and social development.



Banana boating and cycling at Craigavon Watersports Centre

## Physical Renewal

1. **Lurgan Town Football Club – redevelopment** – provides for the construction of a modular building clubhouse with kitchen and social area, (ii) tarmacing of the car park, (iii) replacing damaged fencing, (iv) construction of a half size 3G pitch and (v) replacement of the flood lights.



## Economic Renewal

1. **Craigavon SRC Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS)** - the Lurgan 'Training and Employment Programme' has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Southern Regional College to provide additional support in education and training for neighbourhood renewal residents. The programme provides mentoring support to those school pupils currently involved in the Schools Partnership Programme, Additional Mentoring to young people who progress from school to apprenticeship and other training programmes to develop and provide accredited training for young people who have dropped out.



2. **Southern Regional College - The Grow Project** - provides training in horticulture skills and horticulture management. Participants in the project are skilled up to grow and care for plants in their own gardens and then later act as horticulture advisors to the local community. It is hoped that in the long term local communities will establish social enterprises with allotments and outlets where locally produced fruit and vegetables are available for sale.



**Lurgan residents receive their certifications from the Southern Regional College**



**3. Southern Regional College- Oceans 14 Project** – the Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS) 14 Project allows local residents to acquire skills for seeking and gaining entry to employment in the offshore industry. The residents will undertake essential skills learning and personal development and depending on their abilities skills which will allow them to gain employment on offshore renewable energies teams e.g. (a) deckhand, (b) roustabout (responsible for cleaning, painting, and helping out with anything and everything at all times) and (c) roughneck (typical entry-level position where you must be a jack-of-all-trades).



**The first cohort of participants receive their intense training**

**4. Southern Region – Care4U Project** – the aim of Care 4 U is to better equip 40 individuals within the 5 Neighbourhood Areas to seek and secure employment, or improved employment through participation in accredited training in domiciliary care or catering in the Health Service. Applicants will follow a training programme in their chosen area (a) Domiciliary care where they will obtain a C&G Level 2 Certificate in Induction into Adult Social Care, FAQ Emergency First Aid, L2 Lifting and Handling Awareness and /or (b) Catering Assistant where they can receive an ABC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry and a CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering.



**Care4U First Aid Training**



**Hospice Visit**

## Lurgan Partnership 14/15 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 Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/15)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Craigavon - CBC - Technical Assistance 4	01/04/2011 – 31/03/2015	£79,663.64	£20,564.20
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£79,663.64</b>	<b>£20,564.20</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION</b>			
SELB - Youth Engagement	26/09/2011 – 31/03/2015	£234,337.42	£67,014.74
SELB - Count, Read, Succeed	17/12/2012 – 31/03/2015	£147,968.62	£46,117.87
SELB - Inclusion in Education	01/07/2011 – 31/03/2015	£233,601.91	£53,070.49
SELB – Transitions Programme	15/04/2013 – 31/03/2015	£33,735.96	£20,724.96
<b>Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure</b>		<b>£649,643.91</b>	<b>£186,928.06</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH</b>			
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	01/04/2011 – 31/03/2015	£218,469.31	£50,563.03
Craigavon Sport in the Community 14-15	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	£45,975.46	£45,975.46
Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles	27/01/2013 – 31/03/2015	£157,381.20	£70,500.56
Craigavon Angling Project	01/08/2012 – 31/03/2015	£49,279.39	£10,868.54
Craigavon Cycling Project	01/10/2013 – 31/03/2015	£54,061.76	£29,081.68
Craigavon Pest Control	17/08/2010 – 31/03/2015	£8,261.49	£1,816.36
<b>Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£533,428.61</b>	<b>£208,805.63</b>

<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL</b>			
Lurgan Town FC - Redevelopment	21/10/2013 – 31/03/2015	£513,000.00	£497,761.20
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£513,000.00</b>	<b>£497,761.20</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
Craigavon - TOPS	01/09/2011 – 31/03/2015	£182,562.22	£50,596.84
Craigavon - The Grow Project	27/02/2012 – 31/03/2015	£95,561.36	£32,166.99
Southern Region College – Oceans 14 Project	01/01/2014 – 31/03/2015	£13,757.63	£11,349.37
Southern Region College – Care 4 U	01/1/2014 – 31/03/2015	£7,584.60	£7,584.60
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£299,465.81</b>	<b>£101,697.80</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£2,075,201.97</b>	<b>£1,015,756.89</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2014/15 YEAR

### Community/Other Output Measures\* post April 2014

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CR2 – Number of people benefitting from projects to promote personal and social development</b>	<b>CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities</b>
Craigavon Borough Council Technical Assistance 4	22	
Craigavon SELB Youth Engagement Plus		9

**Social (Education) Output Measures\* post April 2014**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(Ed)3</b> (Tackling barriers to learning)– Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>SR(Ed)5</b> (Tackling barriers to learning)– Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development	<b>SR(Ed)7</b> – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>SR(Ed)8</b> (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	<b>SR(Ed)14</b> (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefitting from the	<b>SR(Ed)28</b> (Tackling barriers to learning) Number of people undertaking accredited courses and qualifications
SELB Inclusion in Education	<b>116</b>					
SELB Youth Engagement					<b>166</b>	<b>76</b>
SELB Transitions Programme				<b>150</b>		
SELB Count, Read Succeed Plus		<b>109</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>		

**Social (Health) Output Measures\* post April 2014**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(H)1 – Numbers benefiting from Healthy lifestyle projects initiatives</b>	<b>SR(H)3– Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service</b>
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	<b>1721</b>	
Craigavon Sport in the Community 11-14	<b>311</b>	
Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles	<b>1708</b>	
Craigavon Angling Project	<b>157</b>	
Craigavon Cycling Project	<b>230</b>	
Craigavon Pest Control		<b>75</b>

**Physical Output Measures\* post April 2014**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>PR5 – Number of community facilities improved.</b>
Lurgan Town FC - redevelopment	<b>1</b>



### Economic Output Measures\* post April 2014

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ER4- Number of people receiving job specific training</b>	<b>ER14 - No of people trained who received an accredited qualification</b>	<b>ER2- Number of residents going into employment</b>	<b>ER15- Number of FTE jobs safeguarded</b>
Craigavon - TOPS	<b>145</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>3</b>	
Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles				<b>6</b>
Craigavon – The Grow Project	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>		
Craigavon Health Improvement Project		<b>49</b>		
Southern Region – Care4U Project		<b>8</b>		
Southern Region – Oceans 14 Project	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>		

## Lurgan Partnership Conclusion

In the 2014/2015 financial year, Lurgan Partnership total overall spend was **£1,015,756.89**. This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

**Community Renewal      £20,564.20**

**Social Renewal            £395,733.69**

**Economic Renewal        £101,697.80**

**Physical Renewal         £497,761.20**

### **Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure**

The main achievements in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2014/2015, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

587 people received training and achieved an accredited qualification;

109 people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes;

4,127 people participated in health education/awareness/sport initiatives;

75 people benefitted from accessing intervention/treatment services;

1 areas of land were improved or landscaped for amenity use.

Partnership members are content that the projects funded in this year are addressing key priorities identified in Lurgan area.



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