

# Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2014 – 2015



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## 1. Neighbourhood Renewal

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership

### a. Background

Established in March 2005, the Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP) has met regularly to carry out the task outlined in the Department of Social Development (DSD) “People and Place” document: ‘to develop an action plan for Neighbourhood Renewal for the area’.

The TNP identified high level objectives, which it believed were fundamental to addressing the four strategic priorities in Tullycarnet. These objectives then formed the basis for action planning and an outline action plan was produced in November 2006. The action plan has been refined and improved since then as a result of targeted consultation with relevant government departments, Castlereagh Borough Council, local community organisations and a series of community meetings across the area. The most recent review took place in January 2015 and the updated action plan reflects the outcome of this process for moving forward.

The action plan is guided by a needs assessment, which is continuously updated as new information becomes available from NISRA. The action plan takes account of NINIS statistics, statutory priorities and lessons learned from the Neighbourhood Renewal mid-term review report. The mid-term review highlighted the following in relation to the Tullycarnet NRA:

- The population in Tullycarnet increased by 0.5% contrary to the trend elsewhere. The population is ageing and there has been a significant drop in the number of children in the area
- It appears that unemployment in the area increased in direct proportion to the economic downturn
- Education trends are sending mixed messages – whilst there are improvements at GCSE level, there is a trend of underachievement. Whilst more people are passing, these are not considered to be ‘good’ passes
- Crime statistics have shown positive trends and therefore Tullycarnet can be regarded as ‘safe’
- The % of births to teenage mothers has improved from 35% in 2005 to under 5% in 2009

The action plan has been regularly updated to ensure that the actions required against all the key priorities identified were sufficiently detailed. The action plan reflects priorities that are valid and relevant for the area, are supported by robust evidence and take account of local knowledge.

It should be noted that members of the Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership and subgroups all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice, Guiding Principles and subsequent subgroup terms of reference.

#### **b. Membership**

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal programme for the area, Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP) was established in 2005 to oversee the development and delivery of the action plan. From April 2014 to March 2015, the Partnership was composed of 18 members, which included representatives from the local community, voluntary organisations, elected representatives and statutory organisations. It met on a bi-monthly basis with facilitation and administration services being provided by the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator post, which was established in December 2013, and works out of East Belfast Partnership.

<b>Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation/Sector</b>
Paul Millar (Chairperson)	Hanwood/Community
Steven McMillen (Vice Chairperson)	Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective/Ardcarn Youth/Community
Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership
Caroline Birch	Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust/Community
Jimmy Birch	Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust/Community
Paul Carland	BCC/NIHE
Jim Dunbar	SEELB
Harry Flynn	Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust/Community
Kerri Harding	Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective/Charter/Community
Sara Houston	East Belfast Partnership
Claire Humphrey	Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective/Barnardos/Community
Lisa McKim	Castlereagh Borough Council
Alison Methven	NIHE
Geraldine Millican	Belfast Regeneration Office (Observer)
Stephen Powell	Belfast Regeneration Office (Observer)
Cllr Sharon Skillen	Castlereagh Borough Council
Cllr Denny Vitty	Castlereagh Borough Council
Alderman Jim White	Castlereagh Borough Council

TNP established subgroups to assist in the identification, development and, where appropriate, delivery of projects aimed at addressing priorities within the action plan. Four subgroups were established in 2014:

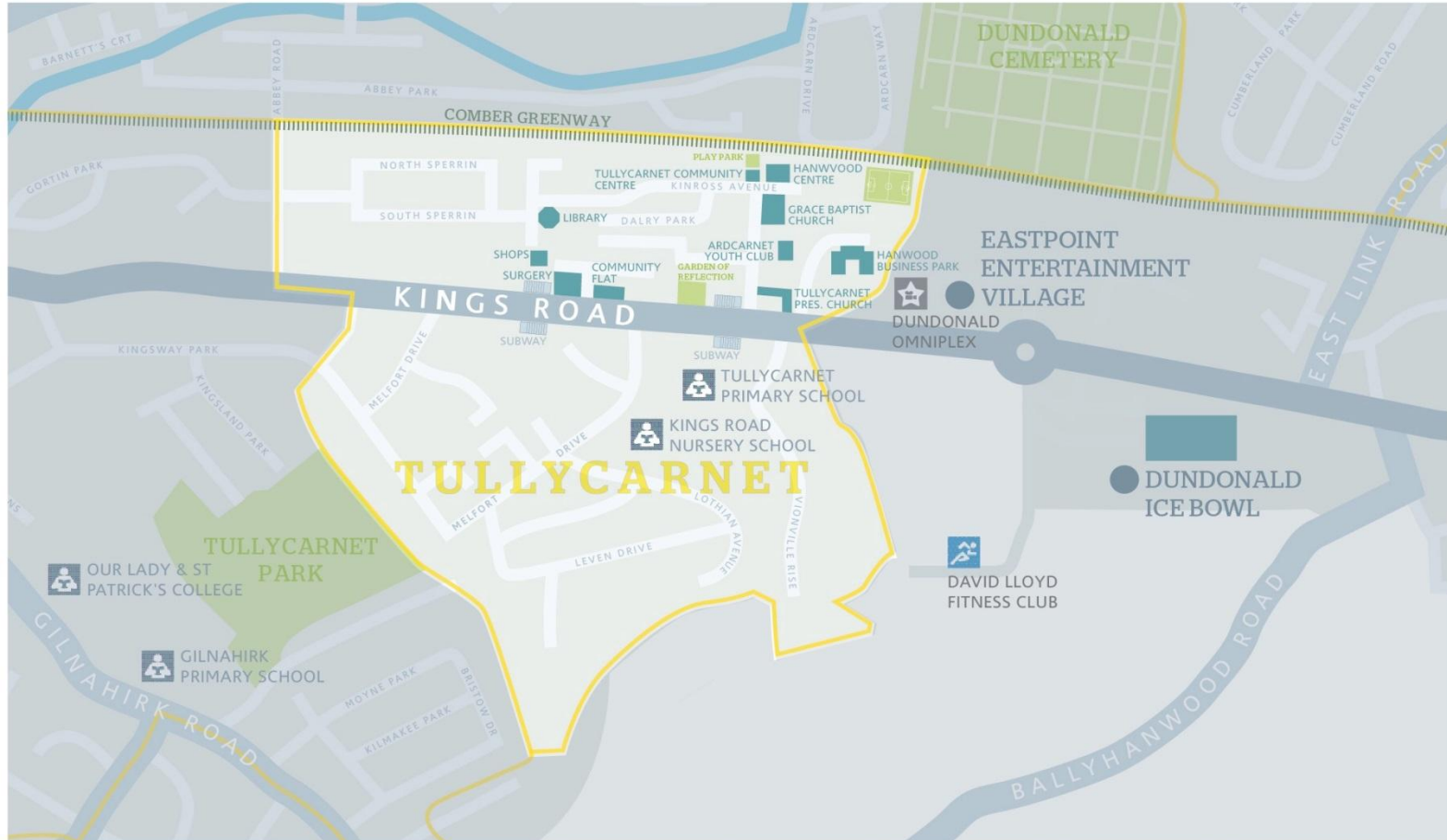
<b>TNP Education Subgroup</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Caroline Birch	TAGIT
Jim Dunbar	SEELB
Kerrie Harding	Charter/TNC
Stephen Harrison	Principal (Gilnahirk PS)
Sara Houston	EBP
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos/TNC
Ann Martin	Tullycarnet Support Services
Paul Millar	Hanwood
Steven McMillen	Ardcarn Youth
Ken Perry	Principal (Dundonald High School)

<b>TNP Economic Subgroup</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Caroline Birch	TAGIT
Paul Carland	BCC/NIHE
Aileen Graham	GEMs
Kerri Harding	Charter/TNC
Sara Houston	EBP
Ann Martin	Tullycarnet Support Services
Paul Millar	Hanwood
Stephen Powell	BRO
Jim White	Elected Rep

<b>TNP Physical Subgroup</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Maggie Andrews	EBP
Jimmy Birch	TAGIT
David Brown	NIHE
Paul Carland	BCC/NIHE
Sara Houston	EBP
Alison Methven	NIHE
Paul Millar	Hanwood
Sharon Skillen	Elected Rep

<b>TNP Youth Subgroup</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Caroline Birch	TAGIT
Harry Flynn	TAGIT
Kerri Harding	Charter/TNC
Sara Houston	EBP
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos/TNC
Lisa McKim	CBC
Steven McMillen	Ardcarn Youth
Stephen Powell	BRO

### 3. Map of Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Area



Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal area



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## 4. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan

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

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

The Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership’s action plan can be found in Annex 3.

### **a. Physical Renewal – Context**

Tullycarnet ward is placed within some of the worst in Northern Ireland in relation to Noble’s living environment domain. Following the most recent review of the action plan, there is a new momentum around physical regeneration for the area. The NP recognised that it has perhaps at times missed opportunities to avail of funding for the development of public and open spaces. In terms of moving forward the NP has established a new inter-agency subgroup to ensure the delivery of physical development within the NRA.

The Physical Renewal objectives identified by the Neighbourhood Partnership seek to:

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

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

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



- Development of the public realm
- Development of open spaces and parks

Continuing dialogue with the local community remains important to ensure residents needs continue to be met. The objective of the Neighbourhood Partnership is that all those who wish to have an opportunity to remain in the area can. This has clearly become a more demanding task as the current recession impacts on the housing market locally. Much of the more visible change in Tullycarnet over recent years in relation to the physical environment has been as a result of environmental improvements schemes initiated by Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO), with schemes being taken forward to develop the subways. The NP has committed to promoting new streetscape improvements in areas that have not previously benefited in NRA through other potential various sources of funding.

#### **b. Social Renewal – Context**

The effective delivery of the key public services of education and health is a critical factor in the success of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. How this can be achieved has been a particularly challenging element of developing the action plan. The NP recognises that this will be even more important with the transfer to Belfast City Council. The Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership’s objectives for Social Renewal were identified as:

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

The failure to make progress in relation to education remains a significant problem for the NRA. EastSide Learning was established, in 2014, to promote partnership working between schools and the community in East Belfast and agree a strategic direction for education in this part of the city. This will drive a plan for improving the education offer in East Belfast; to benefit all those interested in improving education and learning outcomes for children and young people in the area. EastSide Learning Partnership is made up of representatives from schools, community, public representatives, the BELB, SEELB and other key stakeholders. Their Framework was launched in March 2015, which identifies key actions for improving the education experience for children and young people in the NRA.

EastSide Learning is committed to securing additional resources to deliver on the key objectives outlined in the Strategy and to encourage new partnerships between schools and community to improve educational outcomes in both the NRA and across the rest of East Belfast. To complement the strategic planning that will be required to deliver improved educational outcomes for children and young people in the NRA, it will be essential that work with parents is supported. The NP is committed to ensuring parental involvement in education; this has been included in this action plan. It is clear that in the NRA schools have suffered from under investment while communities have been redeveloped around them and many parents in these communities have been unconvinced of the potential of education to improve their quality of life. The Neighbourhood Partnership has acknowledged that Government policy has tended in the past to focus on short-term initiatives and programmes that reflect a lack of continuity of resources targeted at their specific needs. There has been insufficient linkage between these programmes and a need to raise achievement, insufficient monitoring of the effects of the programmes and poor targeting to ensure that those most in need of the provision actually were in receipt of its benefits. The NP was awarded Department of Education (DE) funding through SEELB for a Community Education Initiative Programme. This programme was developed through the NP education subgroup.

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

There has been a significant array of changes impacting on health; outlined in the 'Transforming Your Care' agenda. A great deal of work has been undertaken locally by both East Belfast Partnership and East Belfast Community Development Agency to ensure that groups and health programmes within the NRA are aligned with, and benefiting from this new context. This has resulted in the development of the East Belfast Health Framework with five priority themes: Healthy hearts; Healthy bodies; Healthy minds; Healthy relationships; Healthy neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood Partnership will be working to ensure that local activities are aligned with the Framework as appropriate and that groups within the NRA are working collaboratively on this shared purpose.

### **c. Community Renewal – Context**

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

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

The Neighbourhood Partnership is committed to ensuring that all communities have equal access to opportunities arising from Neighbourhood Renewal and other key government programmes aimed at improving quality of life for people in disadvantaged communities. Without well-informed and connected local leadership the Tullycarnet community are at a distinct disadvantage. Neighbourhood Renewal supports key groups supported within the NRA to contribute significantly to keeping local residents connected to developments and benefitting from new opportunities.

The original action plan had promoted the idea of consolidating this work through establishing a team of Neighbourhood Coordinators working with other key staff in the NRA to ensure that all areas are equally connected to the NR programme and provide an effective way of sharing information, and promoting joint solutions to local issues. While the NP has not been able to secure resources for this; individuals supported under the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme have been able to work together on specific issues; bringing benefits across the area. It is expected that this collaboration will increase as the Neighbourhood Renewal programme is taken forward and the transition to the new structures planned in Belfast City Council, within their Community Planning remit, take shape.

#### **d. Economic Renewal – Context**

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

Following the most recent review of the action plan, there is a new momentum around economic development for the area. The NP recognised that it has perhaps at times missed opportunities to be better connected in terms of employability and economic development. There have been several attempts to support a more collaborative approach to employability and economic development, with limited success. However, the NP recognises that there is a need for this to continue, particularly due to the changes in Council's responsibility for economic development, under RPA. In terms of moving forward the NP has established a new inter-agency subgroup to ensure the delivery of economic development within the NRA. The NP agreed to re-establish the economic development subgroup to provide a focus on employability and economic development. The TNP economic development subgroup will involve various training providers and those delivering employability skills. The NP is committed to continuing to work with all of the interested parties to deliver economic development within the NRA.

The TNP's objectives for economic renewal were identified as:

- Providing support for completion of the Hanwood Social Economy Project; including:
  - Support and assistance to community groups considering starting up their own businesses;
  - An enterprise park with seventeen office/light industrial units;
  - Petrol station/supermarket facility.
- Ensuring access to reasonably paid employment;
- Encouraging links with key investors and private developers;
- Identifying training and employment potential outside the local area;
- Identifying skills gaps and barriers to employment;
- Ensuring appropriate progression routes and making appropriate links to the Further Education sector;
- Proactively marketing the skill base and highlighting positive stories and local role models;

- Providing support for good information and support so that people can make informed choices about potential employment;
- Identifying the current level of commitment to economic renewal through statutory organisations and their plans;
- Support for the development of existing community businesses.

The action plan reflects these priorities and proposes to draw on support from all the local training providers to further articulate the needs of the area. The role of the East Belfast Partnership is central to delivery of the actions that are outlined in this section as it has previously successfully engaged all the key stakeholders. The Neighbourhood Partnership are committed to supporting this work to ensure that effective mechanisms are in place to communicate new opportunities to target groups and ensure these are accessed by local unemployed. It is expected that this area of work will continue to be a priority as the recession continues to impact on those most distanced from the labour market. Securing new partnerships and relationships between the Department of Education and Learning (DEL), local employers and the unemployed will be vital.

## 5. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects

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

### a. Charter NI – Tullycarnet Community Regeneration Project – Young People Support

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £56,553.84 was awarded for the 2014/2015 financial year to Charter NI to support the Tullycarnet Community Regeneration project, focusing on support for young people. The project works with young people aged 13-24 and 13 community/voluntary groups (who also contribute towards Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective) to reach the following aims:

- To work with 13-24 year olds in Tullycarnet. Providing programmes on suicide awareness, drug and alcohol awareness, health, signpost to Charter training programmes, include youth on a youth forum and promote volunteering.
- Support community groups in the area. Establish information sharing in the community via a quarterly newsletter and social media.
- Provide support to the Youth Practitioners Forum and produce a Strategic Plan.

This project seeks to enable more young people in Tullycarnet to participate in Community Relations projects. Successful mental health courses have included SafeTalk where all youth providers in Tullycarnet were trained in suicide awareness. The young people took part in courses on exam stress, bullying, and mood matters. Two successful photography courses were held with the young people gaining their OCN Level 2 in photography and holding an exhibition of their work.

The Community regeneration officer established a Youth Providers Forum to work in conjunction with SEELB and Youth Forum to develop a Youth Strategy for the area which has been completed. 12 providers have been attending monthly meetings. The community regeneration officer is also responsible for social networking, press/media and producing a quarterly newsletter. The community regeneration officer has supported 13 community groups in the form of monthly Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective meetings and additional meetings with the pensioner groups in particular. Information has been shared via email, Facebook and the local noticeboard.



## **b. GEMS Northern Ireland – M-Power Project**

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £66,532 was awarded for the 2014/2015 financial year to GEMS NI to support the M-Power project, focusing on mentoring support to unemployed people. The Neighbourhood Renewal element of this funding is allocated to facilitate service delivery. DEL, through ESF funding has approved total project costs of £176,030 and GEMS requested that BRO fund the balance of costs to enable the project to run at 100% capacity.

GEMS NI's key aim is to bring employment related services & support and promote access to the labour market for socially excluded groups who are furthest from the labour market whilst developing an employment service infrastructure. Their approach is supported by the Department of Employment & Learning and demonstrates its effectiveness in attracting non-traditional customers into training and work services with increased job outcomes for harder to help people with ongoing gains and soft skills such as improvements in confidence and motivation. Since GEMS inception in 2002 the organisation has gained extensive experience in delivering Employment Programmes and offering Career Advice and Guidance in Inner East NRA, Tullycarnet and the entire Greater East Belfast Area. GEMS were also instrumental in research that endorsed and supported the Social Investment Fund approach.

In 2014 /2015 GEMS continued to provide services into Tullycarnet, helped greatly by increased collaboration with a range of key stakeholders, including local community and voluntary groups, statutory agencies such as Probation Board NI and Youth Justice Agency and also local employers. An outline of these services is detailed below.

**The M-Power project** works at community and neighbourhood level, providing on-the-ground individual mentoring support to unemployed people. M-Power practitioners, who are highly qualified and experienced careers guidance professionals, work with their clients, supporting them to increase their confidence, linking them with learning and development opportunities to help them increase their skills by developing a personal employment action plan. M-Power works with each individual client at their own pace and, for many, this involves small incremental steps to build confidence, develop skills and maximise each clients' potential to enter sustainable employment.

This programme is offered on an Outreach basis is easily accessible from within the clients' own community and is offered in various locations in Tullycarnet and Inner East Belfast. It is very much client centered and offers practical assistance with job searches, application form filling and interview preparation as well as help looking for education and training opportunities that suit the individuals need. Dedicated support for those termed "N.E.E.T." (Not in Education, Employment or Training) between the ages of 16-24 is also available.

### c. Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £31,161.92 was awarded for the 2014/2015 financial year to East Belfast Partnership to support the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator post.

The project is designed to achieve the effective coordination, implementation and delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal (NR). The NR Co-ordinator works closely with the both Tullycarnet and Inner East Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) to ensure the delivery of the NR action plans.

The NR Coordinator is responsible for:

- Assisting and supporting the two NPs with implementation, coordination and delivery of their respective action plans.
- Providing professional administrative support to the two Neighbourhood Partnerships, their relevant subgroups and both Chairpersons.
- Ensuring that the relevant subgroups are established and operating to allow for effective delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal and the action plans
- Ensuring participation of individual members to allow for a more effective decision-making process
- Ensuring that NP action plans are up to date and monitored
- Ensuring that appropriate governance and structures are upheld
- Ensuring that NR projects are effectively promoted
- Providing advice and guidance to groups; promoting new opportunities and more collaborative working.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator regularly attends and coordinates meetings, events and projects that are relevant to the implementation of the respective action plans. In 2014/2015 the NR Coordinator was involved in the following projects/initiatives.

- **East Belfast #Inspire Youth Conference** – The NR Coordinator was a member of the working group, along with reps from the East Belfast Youth Practitioners' Forum, DPCSP and Belfast City Council to organise a conference for youth practitioners and young people in East Belfast. The Conference was successfully held in March 2015.



- **Teenage Kicks** – The NR Coordinator facilitated the reinstallation of the teenage kicks mural and a new music inspired mural at Bridge End and produce an original song. The NR Coordinator facilitated this process with two local community groups and the artists. Meetings and workshops to facilitate this process began in December 2014 and ran until March 2015, culminating in a successful launch in March. This project received a wide range of positive media attention.
- **EastSide Learning** – EBP coordinates the EastSide Learning Partnership. The EastSide Learning Partnership produced an education framework for East Belfast. The NR Coordinator assisted with the consultation stage of this document. The NR Coordinator also assisted with the planning of the launch of this partnership in March 2015. This event was successfully attended and launched by the Education Minister.
- **Parenting NI training** - The NR Coordinator facilitated Parenting NI training for practitioners working with parents in the Inner East NRA. 3 individual training courses were held in EBP. Approximately 40 attendees took part across the 3 courses.
- **Bridging the Gap initiative** – developing a directory of crisis services in East Belfast – this initiative was designed to support advice services, foodbanks, etc. The directory was completed and launched successfully in December 2014 in the Larder foodbank. This directory was distributed across the NRAs and East Belfast to advice workers, community groups, doctors’ surgeries, foodbanks and other services delivering crisis support.
- **Pottinger PACT** – supporting community safety projects in Inner East. The NR Coordinator was a member of the Pottinger PACT panel, which attempts to tackle community safety issues in the Pottinger ward of East Belfast.



#### d. Tullycarnet Community Support Services Ltd – Community Support Services Project

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £81,485.38 for 14/15 financial year was awarded to Tullycarnet Community Support Services to secure service delivery and to sustain the Project Development Officer, Finance Officer, Playgroup Leader and Playgroup Assistant posts, along with associated running costs.

Tullycarnet Community Support Services' aim is to improve the quality of life of the residents of the Tullycarnet Ward, by providing a wide range of intervention programmes. Such programmes tackle a variety of issues on topics such as social, economic, environmental, education and health development. The project aims to address current local need, including:

- Pre-school provision for 32 children (aged 3-5 years old) – this is delivered by the playgroup leader and assistant in collaboration with SureStart and BHSCT (SureStart and BHSCT provide funding for 3 additional playgroup assistants)
- Address key health and education issues – this targets children under 4 years old through relevant programmes and activities which will involve working in collaboration with other providers
- Engage with parents - this provides information to parents, circulated electronically, and a new 'Stay and Play' session for the playgroup, in partnership with SureStart, using their established programmes for parental engagement
- Offer support to the local community, including guidance and signposting – act as a channel to disseminate information on wider social issues through meetings, emails, mailshots and social media
- Management support for the RECALL project by implementing and managing budget requirements – work with RECALL project partners, including PSNI, Oasis, EBIAC and Health Trust
- Promote community safety initiatives through sign posting, social media and other external agencies, e.g. road safety





- Build upon initial health and wellbeing initiative – this includes counselling and complimentary online information aimed at addressing mental health and emotional issues. This also includes providing nutritional advice through a nutrition programme, which offers one to one private consultations and produces a personal dietary plan, recommended by government guidelines
  - Maintain and develop projects relating to the elderly – this includes producing an updated review and action plan
    - Facilitate weekly independent advice session
    - Research other possible funding streams
    - Provide ICT sessions for silver surfers
    - Introduce career advice information and guidance by developing links with Gems and include the provision of training courses
      - Engaging with the new Family Hubs set up by the Health Trust, which work to provide family support and advice services from a range of stakeholders across Belfast. This service operates to high standards as set by the government, reviews case studies and makes recommendations and referrals to the appropriate services
        - Review of current services, boundaries and sustainability – this will look and establish new innovative projects and different updated delivery methods to fit with the modern lifestyles
          - Provide management advice (as a director of services) for the East Belfast Independent Advice Services - this provides a positive economic impact on Belfast through client engagement information sessions and volunteering opportunities. This also attempts to improve the uptake of benefits, dealing with housing issues and provide debt advice.
          - Dundonald Foodbank – assist with management of this project as a founding member. This will continue to highlight the issue of food poverty and provide emergency food and advice at a point of crisis.
          - Provide management advice as a Director and office bearer on the Board of East Belfast SureStart

### e. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £65,000 was awarded for the 2014/2015 financial year to Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective to address a range of priorities and to deliver a range of programmes and services aimed at improving social outcomes in Tullycarnet. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective is an inter-agency group with representatives from the community, statutory and voluntary sectors; namely:

- Ardcarne Youth Club (SEELB)
- Barnardos East Belfast Family Connections
- Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (BHSCT)
- Engage with Age
- Helping Hands (Autism Group)
- Grace Baptist Church
- LINKS Women's Group
- Pensioners Luncheon Club
- Senior Citizens Group
- Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust (TAGIT)
- Tullycarnet Dance Group
- Tullycarnet Primary School
- Tullycarnet Bytes
- Tullycarnet Band
- Tullycarnet Football Team
- Wise Crackers

The project is targeted at all Tullycarnet residents with a particular focus on primary children, elderly, youth, vulnerable families and men's health. A wide range of activities and programmes have been developed and delivered through this project and offer opportunities, which benefit Tullycarnet residents of all ages. Activities and programmes contribute to the following objectives:

- Support the needs of older people through ensuring their representation within the community
- Provide support for the primary school to provide and promote healthy eating, extra physical activity programmes etc.
- Support activities delivered through the Family project regarding health and child development issues
- Support Helping Hands (Autism Group) to develop and deliver programmes for the support of families and children with special needs in the area
- Assist the Family Project and Links Women's Group to provide support for the high level of lone parents in the area including programmes on parenting skills and child health
- Provide support for Links Women's Group in addressing mental health issues through self-help programmes etc.
- Help to address isolation, support activities/programmes that improve community engagement
- Support local groups develop their work with fathers and men generally

- Support local groups in the development of a suicide awareness programme
- Provide support for the development of sport and physical activity for all ages through the Football Club, Tullycarnet Dancers, physical activity for older people
- Support for the work of the Senior Citizen groups
- Support and promote people accessing new sports facilities in the area, and increase physical activity generally;
- Support and promote the services of the Barnardos Family Project
- Continue to address Investing for Health priorities through the Health Neighbourhood Partnership

#### f. Tullycarnet Primary School – Enhanced Nurture Group Project

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £114,143.00 was awarded for the 2014/2015 financial year to Tullycarnet Primary School to secure and sustain the Nurture Group and Barnardo’s Family Support package. The project works with children and their families to ensure that children are ready to enjoy, learn and achieve in school.

Barnardo’s East Belfast Family Connections has been supporting local families in Tullycarnet for over 18 years and supports families to raise their educational attainment through early intervention, family learning, school support and community education. The main aims of the project are to positively intervene to improve educational attainment and social development in children. It works to address barriers to children’s attainment by supporting active involvement of parents in their children’s learning to help redress disadvantage.

The three key elements of the project are pre-school family support, transition support and the nurture group. Neighbourhood Renewal Investment facilitates the following service delivery:

- Salary for Breakfast Club supervisor.
- Food for healthy breaks.
- Gym4kids for P3-7
- Monkeynastix for P1/2
- Dance lessons for 1 term.
- Yoga lessons for 1 term.
- Swimming for P5-7.

This year the family support element of the Enhanced Nurture Group project has developed an Early Intervention Package. This intensive support package provides 20 weeks of family support for families mainly referred by health visitors. The support package includes home visits and a 14 week Incredible Years Parenting Programme. The parenting programme supports parents to promote and understand their child’s physical, social, emotional and language development. Through the home visits families were supported in play sessions, parenting advice, debt management, mental health and disability advice. This package also included signposting





families to other agencies. The Early Intervention Package supports the projects commitment to addressing educational under-achievement.

Families with babies aged 0 – 1 years old participated in an Incredible Years Parent and Baby Programme. Other parents also took part in baby massage. Both of these programmes promote positive bonding and attachment. Weekly Baby Club sessions were available to all parents in the area and during these parents and babies took part in song and rhyme sessions, messy play and information sessions.

Transition activities took place throughout the year to engage pre-school children and their parents and support them with the transitions between early year settings. The toy and book library was well-used, encouraging early reading, language development and parent and child interaction. A range of information sessions were offered to parents to support their child's learning. A very successful Pyjama Party enabled parents to be informed about the process of applying to primary or nursery school as well as listen to stories and taking part in activities. All new P1 parents coming to Tullycarnet Primary School were invited to attend a 'Big Cook, Little Cook' event which promoted parent and child interaction through cookery as well as an opportunity to find out ways to help prepare their child for P1. All families also received a bag with lots of practical activities that they could use with their child in preparation for P1.



The Nurture Group provides a caring structure that caters to the individual needs of children and provides them with a nurturing environment. It allows them to build relationships, communicate

with adults and learn to co-operate and take part in social interaction leading to stability and well-being that is necessary for engagement in learning.

Barnardo's has been working in partnership with the school to support families of children in the Nurture Group. This year parents and children in the Nurture Group took part in an afterschool language and communication programme. Nurture group families were also encouraged to attend family learning sessions, and active dads.



## Annex 1: Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership – Annual Report 2014/15

The following table details projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund during 2014/2015. It also includes the total funding allocations to Tullycarnet NRA by strategic objective for the period from April 2012 to March 2015.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period & Total Funding Allocation	CFF Funding Amount <i>(Project allocation 2014-2015)</i>
<b>Community Renewal</b>		
Tullycarnet Support Services – Community Support Services	01 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 (£241,539.14)	£81,485.38
Charter NI – Tullycarnet Community Regeneration Project – Young People Support	01 July 2013 to 31 March 2015 (£94,415.33)	£56,553.84
Tullycarnet Primary School – Enhanced Nurture Group Project	01 April 2011 to 31 March 2015 (£424,363.83)	£114,143
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust – Tullycarnet Healthy Neighbourhood Partnership	01 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 (£195,000)	£65,000
<b>Total Community Renewal Allocation</b>	<b>£955,318.30</b>	<b>£317,182.22</b>
<b>Physical Renewal</b>		
South Eastern Education and Library Board – Tullycarnet Primary School Nurture Unit Refurbishment	01 August 2013 to March 2014 £14,375	£0.00
<b>Total Physical Renewal Allocation</b>	<b>£14,375</b>	<b>£0.00</b>



<b>Social Renewal</b>		
South Eastern Education and Library Board – Tullycarnet Primary School Provision of IT Equipment	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014 £25,372.04	£0.00
<b>Total Social Renewal Allocation</b>	<b>£25,372.04</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>Total 2012/2015:</b>  £995,065.34	<b>Total : 2014/2015:</b>  £317,182.22

## Annex 2: Achievements of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding in 2014/2015 year

As noted in the report, themes for each of the Output Measures cover a number of groups engaged in collaborative working. The figures recorded are cumulative, collaborative figures against the targets outlined on the monitoring returns /progress reports for each project. The number of participants etc. is taken from the progress report for the funding period 2014/2015.

### Tullycarnet Support Services – Community Support Services

Output Measure	2014/15 Target	2014/15 Achievement
CR2-Number of people volunteering for community development activities	18	9
CR3-Number of people employed directly in voluntary work	7	4
CR4-Number of people using new or improved community facilities	62	149
CR5-Number of community/voluntary groups supported	8	16
ER1-Number of FTE jobs safeguarded	3.4	3.4
ER3-Number of people accessing careers advice	30	18
ER4-Number of people receiving job training	40	8
SR1-Number of childcare places supported	32	32
SR10-Number of people benefitting from suicide prevention projects	54	40
SR13-Numbers receiving advice on crime prevention	200	450
SR19-Number of homes with increased security	100	202
SR2-Number of people attending parenting skills/development programmes	32	32
SR5-Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR projects (Accredited)	42	6
SR6-Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR projects (Non-accredited)	80	38
SR7-Number of people benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	500	525

**Charter NI – Tullycarnet Community Regeneration Project – Young People Support**

<b>Output Measure</b>	<b>2014/15 Target</b>	<b>2014/15 Achievement</b>
CR1 (04/13)-Number of people participating in community relations projects	180	75
CR3-Number of people employed directly in voluntary work	10	22
CR4-Number of people using new or improved community facilities	30	31
CR7 (04/13)-Number of community/voluntary groups supported	12	12
ER1-Number of FTE jobs safeguarded	2	2
SR(C)6 (04/13)-Number of young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	60	60
SR(Ed)14 (04/13)-Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	24	38
SR(H)1 (04/13)-Number of people benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	60	68
SR(H)2 (04/13)-Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives	20	20
SR(H)8 (04/13)-Number of people using new sports facilities	40	28

**Tullycarnet Primary School – Enhanced Nurture Group Project**

<b>Output Measure</b>	<b>2014/15 Target</b>	<b>2014/15 Achievement</b>
Number of FTE permanent jobs safeguarded	1	1
Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	20	24
Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes	10	51
Number of people benefiting from projects/activities/initiatives to promote personal and social development	20	303
Other - Early years providers in Tullycarnet will strengthen collaboration and co-ordination in delivery of services - 4 meetings per year	4	4
Other - All children in early years settings in Tullycarnet will have access to toy and book library service	60	121
Other - Children per term will be engaged in structured play sessions at home with their parents to promote their learning and development	20	42
Other - To identify and address concerns over isolation and mental health, that have implications for parents, behavioural problems in children and poor attachment.	20	20

**Belfast Health and Social Care Trust – Tullycarnet Healthy Neighbourhood Partnership**

<b>Output Measure</b>	<b>2014/15 Target</b>	<b>2014/15 Achievement</b>
CR2-Number of people volunteering for community development activities	20	56
CR5-Number of community/voluntary groups supported	15	12
Other - To complete and forward quarterly monitoring returns to DHSSPS and BRO detailing achievement against Neighbourhood Action Plan priorities and agreed outputs/outcomes. Reports to include details of programmes delivered and confirmed spend against key themes per quarter	4	4
SR10-Number of people benefitting from suicide prevention projects	20	84
SR12-Number of people using new sports facilities	55	200
SR2-Number of people attending parenting skills/development programmes	75	257
SR7-Number of people benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	600	950

## Annex 3: Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan

### Community Renewal

Desired Outcome	Action Sought	Partners
Co-ordinate the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan	Ensure the on-going commitment of key partners to delivering the Action Plan	Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP)
	Secure resources for delivering on priorities identified in the Action Plan	TNP
Build a Confident Community	Encourage local groups/representatives to participate in capacity building	Castlereagh Borough Council (CBC) Belfast City Council (BCC) TNP
	Secure resources to enable local groups to build their capacity and develop their outreach services to improve participation	Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective (TNC) TNP
Improve connections between Tullycarnet and other parts of East Belfast	Promote opportunities to connect Tullycarnet with the wider east Belfast community and beyond	TNP
	Encourage groups to engage in training opportunities provided by both Castlereagh and Belfast councils	CBC BCC TNP
	Ensure that Tullycarnet is well positioned to benefit from the RPA changes – develop new relationships.	Paul Carland

## Physical Renewal

Desired Outcome	Action Sought	Partners
Strategic Co-ordination of Physical improvements across the NRA	Establish a Physical Regeneration sub – group which will:- Co-ordinate discussions on physical regeneration opportunities in the area.	TNP Physical Development Subgroup
Maximising use of publicly owned buildings/shops	Identify opportunities for increasing use of publicly owned properties in the area	TNP Physical Development Subgroup
Improved provision of Social Housing for the elderly	Facilitate community survey to establish latent demand	TNP Physical Development Subgroup
Maximise the opportunities presented by current infrastructure projects	Provide support for the ongoing development of Hanwood  Contribute to the existing plans for the Ice Bowl/East Point site	Hanwood Board TNP  TNC, CBC, TNP TNP Physical Development Subgroup
Development of the public realm across the NRA	Support the delivery of identified environmental initiatives  Maintenance of public space	TNP Physical Development Subgroup  TNP Physical Development Subgroup
Development of open spaces and parks in the NRA	Completion of the Tullycarnet Park development  Develop links with BCC parks Department - identify ways to link to their parks events – park run, seasonal activities etc.	TNP Physical Development Subgroup Hanwood TNP  Paul Carland

	Develop ideas for short to medium term use of underused and derelict spaces in the NRA	TNP Physical Development Subgroup
Improved signage in the NRA for visitors to the area	Ensure that Tullycarnet facilities are included in any future city-wide signage plan	TNP Physical Development Subgroup



## Social Renewal

Desired Outcome	Action Sought	Partners
<p>Raising the value of education – improved engagement of parents/children and schools</p> <p>Improved education outcomes for children in the NRA</p>	<p>Provide support for education sub group focused on improving attainment in the NRA</p> <p>Support groups to secure resources and co-ordinate education initiatives within the community.</p> <p>Support schools to secure resources for delivering programmes and approaches to involve parents in their children’s education</p> <p>Support local groups in developing a co-ordinated approach /project that is focussed on improving key skills for young people in the area including personal development and life skills.</p> <p>Additional support for attendance, achievement and engagement at post-primary level</p> <p>Provide support for groups working with children with special needs and ensuring all local provision and opportunities are accessible to children with special need</p>	<p>TNP</p> <p>TNP Education Subgroup</p> <p>South Easter Education and Library Board (SELB) TNP Education Subgroup TNC Charter</p> <p>South Easter Education and Library Board (SELB) TNP Education Subgroup TNC Charter</p> <p>South Easter Education and Library Board (SELB) TNP Education Subgroup TNC Charter</p>

		TNP Education Subgroup TNC
Co-ordinated and accessible support for early years provision	<p>Support children and parents in making successful transitions between early years settings</p> <p>Ensure all children in the NRA have access to high quality pre-school provision</p> <p>Support families to improve parenting skills and involvement in children's early education</p>	<p>TNP Education Subgroup Tullycarnet Support Services (TSS) Barnardos Tullycarnet Local Commissioning Working Group</p> <p>TNP Education Subgroup Tullycarnet Support Services (TSS) Barnardos Tullycarnet Local Commissioning Working Group</p> <p>TNP Education Subgroup Tullycarnet Support Services (TSS) Barnardos Tullycarnet Local Commissioning Working Group</p>
Improved collaboration across the Youth sector and increased services	<p>Support the work and agenda of the Youth Forum</p> <p>Support the development of a Strategic Plan for young people in the NRA</p>	<p>TNP Youth Subgroup SEELB Charter</p> <p>TNP Youth Subgroup</p>

	<p>Development of local programmes focused on recreation, key life skills and personal development linked to Strategic Plan</p> <p>Better signposting to services for young people</p> <p>Support for the development of an Action Plan for young people in the NRA</p>	<p>SEELB Charter</p> <p>TNP Youth Subgroup SEELB Charter</p> <p>TNP Youth Subgroup SEELB Charter</p> <p>TNP Youth Subgroup SEELB Charter</p>
<p>Residents of the NRA living longer healthier lives</p> <p>Health priorities in the Tullycarnet NRA are fully connected to the wider Health Agenda in the city</p>	<p>Support the actions developed under the East Belfast Health Framework 5 themes:  Healthy Hearts  Healthy Minds  Healthy Bodies  Healthy Neighbourhoods  Healthy Relationships</p> <p>Priorities are identified and reviewed based on a local needs analysis</p> <p>Health focused groups in the area are linked to and participate in appropriate forums</p> <p>Support emotional wellbeing to improve learning potential</p>	<p>TNP TNC</p> <p>TNC</p> <p>TNC</p> <p>TNC</p>

	Improved links to the East Belfast Health Framework and key Health agencies  Identify and support opportunities to connect Tullycarnet into the Connswater Community Greenway project	TNC  TNP TNC
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## Economic Renewal

<b>Desired Outcome</b>	<b>Action Sought</b>	<b>Partners</b>
Effective networks and mechanisms to ensure that new opportunities are communicated to target groups	Structure established to ensure active and effective information sharing of opportunities	TNP Charter
Increased numbers of residents within the NRA accessing employment	<p>Strategic links established with DEL and local training providers to secure local access to employability initiatives</p> <p>Support initiatives aimed at promoting opportunities available to local people</p> <p>Partnerships with new employers –established to secure access for long term unemployed from NRA</p> <p>Arrange an annual employment opportunities event for local unemployed</p> <p>Ensure residents of Tullycarnet are connected to new employment opportunities in Health Hub, Ice Bowl and other developments in the locality</p>	<p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup GEMs</p> <p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p> <p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p> <p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p> <p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p>
More people from the NRA training in business skills and engaging in new business	Ensure that available opportunities are communicated and promoted appropriately and successfully	TNP Economic Development Subgroup

initiatives	<p>Support the delivery of essential skills and other programmes designed to improve employability</p> <p>Support individuals and groups within the NRA to access employability and business development programmes offered by CBC and CE</p> <p>Promote local participation in programmes focused on entrepreneurship and self employment</p>	<p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p> <p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p> <p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p>
Increased level of Social Economy activity in the NRA	Identify service gaps and explore the opportunity to develop these within a social economy structure i.e. childcare	TNP Economic Development Subgroup
More opportunities for local young people in the NEETS category	Identify agencies and organisations providing opportunities for young people NEETS and provide support to these	<p>TNP Economic Development Subgroup</p> <p>GEMs</p> <p>Caroline Birch</p>



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