

# Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2015/2016



# **Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

### **About Neighbourhood Renewal -**

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

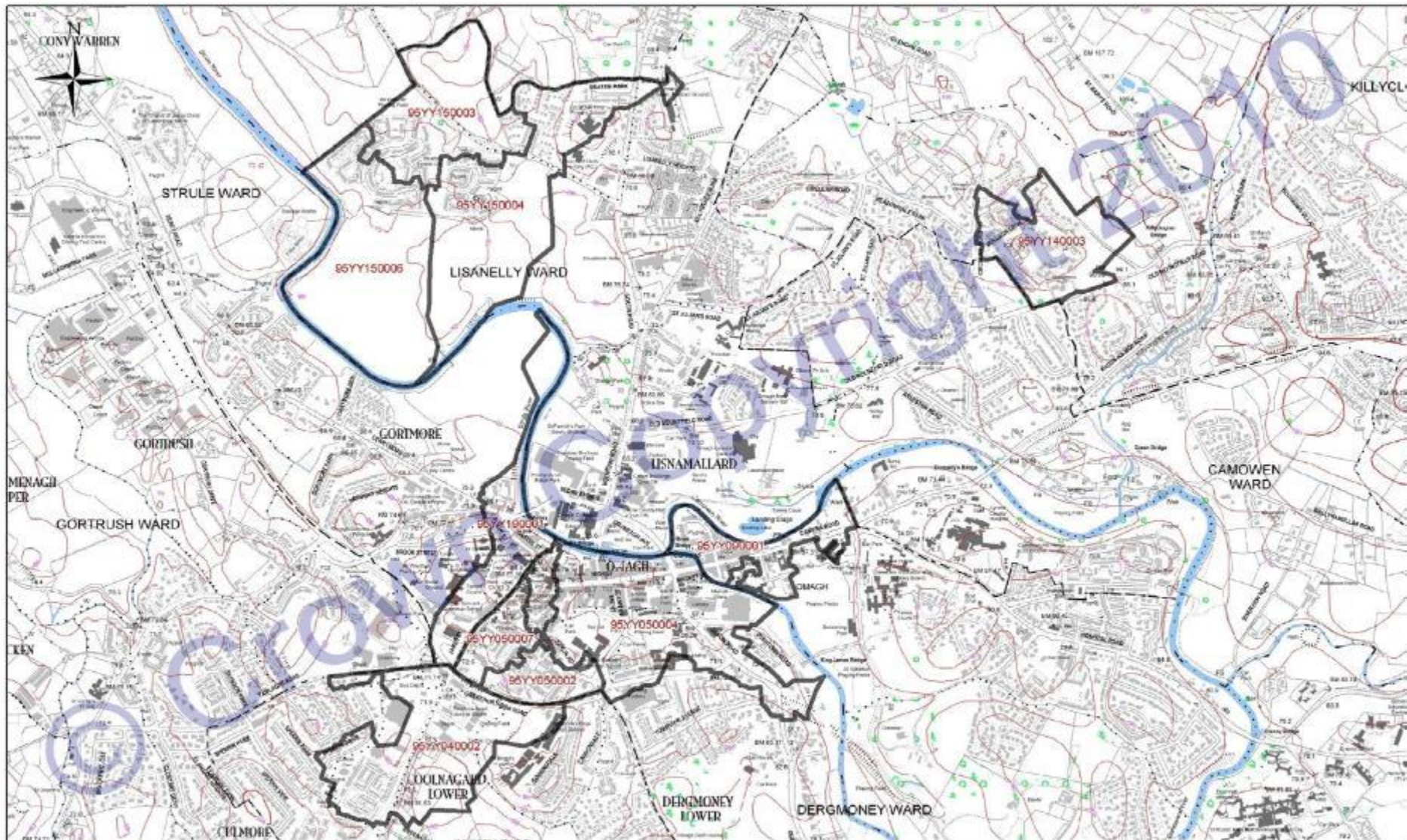
### **About Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**


To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership was set up in 2007 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 36 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and is administered by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area includes Mullaghmore and Castlevue, Strathroy, Campsie, O'Kane Park and Gallows Hill/Johnston Park Housing Estates and areas within the town centre.

The Partnership has established four Sub-Committees to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. The Sub-Committees that currently meet bi-monthly include Health, Education, Community and Economic Development.

**It should be noted that Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and Sub-Committees have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.**



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### Omagh NRP Members 2015 - 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Status</b>
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Alison	McCullagh	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Brendan	Hegarty	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Kieran	McCrory	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Chris	Smyth	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Joanne	Donnelly	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Josephine	Deehan	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Errol	Thompson	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Sorcha	McAnespy	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Martin	McColgan	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Harold	Henry	Transport NI	Statutory Representative
Edel	Browne	ASPIRE	Statutory Representative
Seamus	O'Neill	Dept for Employment & Learning	Statutory Representative
Leo	Owens	Transport NI	Statutory Representative
Paul	Carr	DSD	Statutory Representatives
Monica	MacIntyre	DSD	Statutory Representative
Seamus	Byrne	DSD	Statutory Representative
Conor	Keyes	FOCUS	Voluntary & Community Representative
Ernie	Coburn	Gallows Hill Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Pat	McCauley	Gallows Hill Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Alice	Duggan	Johnston Park Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Rebecca	Sterritt	Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator- FODC	Statutory Representative
Eddie	Doherty	NIHE	Statutory Representative

### Omagh NRP Members 2015 - 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Hazel	McGuigan	Campsie Residents' Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
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Aidan	Colgan	MACCA	Voluntary & Community Representative
Peggy	Colgan	MACCA	Voluntary & Community Representative
Madeline	Reid	MACCA	Voluntary & Community Representative
Barney	Devine	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Representative
Rozella	Kelly	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Mark	McGrath	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Michael	Kelly	Strathroy Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Noelle	McAlinden	Education Authority – Western Region	Statutory Representative
Mary	Quinn	Education Authority – Western Region	Statutory Representative
Sonia	Montgomery	Western Health & Social Care Trust	Statutory Representative
Eimear	O'Kane	Western Health & Social Care Trust - Health Co-ordinator	Statutory Representative

# Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported eight projects in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Areas during 2015/2016 as follows:

## Strategic Objective: Community Renewal

*“To develop confident communities who are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their area”.*

### 1. Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator and Technical Assistant

The Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator’s role was to work across all 5 areas coordinating and implementing the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan which focused on 4 key themes; social renewal, economic renewal, community renewal and physical renewal. The role also addressed issues relating to anti-social behaviour, personal safety, alcohol abuse and the physical environment. The Coordinator, with administrative support from the Technical Assistant, developed and implemented projects to create a more socially inclusive, empowered and sustainable community infrastructure.

During the year a total of 24 Sub Group meetings and 6 Full Partnership Meetings were attended, reported into and minuted by the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator and Technical Assistant:

The Action Plan was discussed and reviewed at each of the Sub-Committee meetings. It was amended and updated on a rolling basis as actions were successfully completed and new actions identified. The upcoming action points from the Action Plan were an agenda item for discussion at each Partnership Board meeting to ensure that the Action Plan continued to meet Departmental standards and reflect local evidence based priorities. As part of the annual review, the Action Plan was distributed to Members, all comments noted and outstanding items listed for discussion at the relevant Sub-Committee meetings. The Action Plan was reviewed and endorsed by the Partnership at the February 2016 meeting.

Throughout 2015/2016 regular contact was made with statutory bodies, voluntary agencies and non-Government funding organisations. The following was undertaken:

- The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator continued to ensure that all the Neighbourhood Renewal areas/projects were aware of any additional funding that became available via email or at Sub-Committee meetings. Support was provided to all groups to complete funding applications and there was a noticed increase in activity since the Funding Support event that took place in early 2015.
- An Education Planning Day took place on 9 June 2015 in the MACCA Eco Centre. 28 attendees participated in workshops to identify gaps and new proposals in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and beyond in terms of early intervention, family support and transition. From this the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator presented a report of all findings through the Education Sub-Committee.

- The Neighbourhood Renewal programme supported the delivery of an Advice and Funding Fair (28 January 2016), organised for representatives to attend and receive information on what support and funding was available to them.
- Travel was organised for members to attend the Social Economy Conference in Irvinestown and Enniskillen Showcase Event. (10 March 2016)
- A workshop on Nurturing and Developing Community Groups was organised by the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator (22 February 2016) for representatives to attend. 10 Members of the Partnership attended the session and have since used some of the skills they acquired within their community groups including keeping a file of all documentation necessary when making grant applications (bank statements, insurance documents etc).

**Nurturing and Developing Community Groups workshop – 22**

February 2016

Delivered by Supporting Communities.

Feedback from participants on the course was extremely good.

Members of community groups expressed how they found the information that was delivered useful and relevant to their groups.



The Neighbourhood Renewal Communications and PR Plan were reviewed at the June 2015 Partnership meeting and all comments and amendments noted by the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator and presented to the Department for Social Development.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator produced two newsletters throughout 2015/2016. 1,500 copies were distributed in Spring and Autumn to all Neighbourhood Renewal residents and around the Omagh area. It was discussed and agreed by Partnership that the newsletter should include pen pictures and details of all Partnership Members and a list of contact numbers useful to Neighbourhood Renewal residents alongside the updates of what was happening in each of the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and information about programmes. Complimentary remarks were given by the Partnership on the quality and content of the newsletter and excellent feedback was received from organisations that featured in it who reported a significant number of enquiries from Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

The following Best Practice Visits and training and development opportunities were delivered in 2015/2016:

- 9 June 2015 - An Education Planning Day took place in the Eco Centre at MACCA. 28 attendees participated in workshops to identify gaps and new proposals in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and beyond in terms of early intervention, family support and transition. From this the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator presented a report of all findings through the Education Sub-Committee.

- 16 June 2015 - the Social Economy Development Officer delivered an Employability Workshop to a group of six young people in Sacred Heart College. The workshop focused on employability skills, thinking about future career choices, the benefits of volunteering and work experience, and creating your personal brand. Ms Marian Bradley, Neighbourhood Renewal Learning Mentor kindly facilitated the workshop. Engagement with the young people was beneficial in building relationships and gauging interest in a potential youth forum
- 25 June 2015 – 25 members had a visit to The HUB in Cookstown and Tyrone Men’s Shed.
- 14 October 2015 - a Best Practice Visit to Causeway Foodbank and Vineyard Compassion. 30 Members of the Omagh and Enniskillen Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and Subcommittees took the opportunity to engage with people from the charity which brings together a range of community based projects that offer a holistic approach to tackling poverty and its underlying root causes. The purpose of the visit was to promote good practice, explore priority interventions and to develop/deliver programmes within the local Neighbourhood Renewal communities.

**Best Practice Visit to Causeway Foodbank and Vineyard Compassion - 14 October 2015**

Neighbourhood Renewal Members and Residents were inspired by the partnerships the centre had built with over 60 agencies including Citizen’s Advice Bureau, Surestart, Women’s Aid, Health Visitors and Social Workers. They saw demonstrations of wood work and given ideas for social economy enterprises regarding splitting and bagging wood for the home.



17 and 21 November 2015 - As part of the ongoing work to engage young people the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator along with the Omagh Learning Mentor organised a Sharing Best Practice Day for 30 young Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal residents aged 13 to 18 years old. The purpose of the best practice day was to bring young people living in the five Neighbourhood Renewal areas together to build meaningful relationships, to motivate them to work together into the future and to encourage engagement with their communities for the benefit of everyone living in the areas. As part of this, a workshop with the young people, youth leaders and community representatives was organised on 17 November 2015. The purpose of this workshop was to provide young people with a background to Neighbourhood Renewal, to allow them to find out who their local community representatives were and for them to discuss ways in which they could engage with their community. A visit to Todd’s Leap was arranged on 21 November 2015 for the



attendees of the workshop. Following a day of activities a brainstorming workshop was held to encourage the young people to be creative with ideas for that would involve them more in their communities.

The key ideas the young people identified were Mindfulness, Chef training and expanding the online presence of the community groups. These three areas have been explored and developed throughout the Neighbourhood Renewal programme.

- The Omagh Learning Mentor delivered courses of Mindfulness training to young people within their school environments and conducted a six week mop up course for those who had missed out, at Campsie Hub.
- A Chef training course is scheduled to take place in June and July, organised through the Omagh Learning Mentor.
- The Social Economy Development Officer organised a five week online training course with Utter Digital to develop websites and video of the areas which has resulted in three websites being developed, a joint video showing all Neighbourhood Renewal areas and an away day trip to Jamm Media, Belfast.

Some of the young people who engaged in these projects are now volunteering at their community centres and are particularly involved in the summer schemes in 2016, which could not be run without their involvement.

#### **Youth Engagement Programme – Todd’s Leap – 21 November 2015**

The success of engaging with young people from the Neighbourhood Renewal areas continued into the Online Training Course, delivered by the Social Economy Development Officer.



- February – March 2016 – as a continuation from the Sharing Best Practice Day an Online Training Course was delivered to eight young people from the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The five week course, delivered by Utter Digital, resulted in the creation of a website for three of the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, which community groups can use to showcase events that have taken place in their areas along with upcoming initiatives and a collaborative online video of all five areas.

#### **Online Training Course – February - March 2016**

Young people from the Neighbourhood Renewal areas created the websites and have the access to keep them up to date with the latest happenings in their area.



23 March 2016 - A collaborative best practice visit for Enniskillen and Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal members was organised, along with Omagh Social Economy Development Officer. This trip involved a tour of An Creagan's Biodiversity projects and a visit to Loughery Campus. 24 Members were in attendance and at An Creagan were shown around polytunnels and gardens where, amongst other items, willow was grown. The Biodiversity Officer informed members that the different types of willow could be used for different projects, including basket weaving and as supports to grow other plants. CAFRE Loughery Campus is a Food Technology college and members were given a tour around showing how foods were developed, taste tested and prototype packaging created. Some of the community groups are growing produce in gardens and polytunnels and were inspired to see what different plants, fruits and vegetables they could grow and make into jam, chutneys etc for sale and profit.

**Best Practice Visit to An Creagan Biodiversity and CAFRE, Loughery Campus – 23 March 2016**  
 Neighbourhood Renewal representatives learnt about the educational opportunities, technology/productions and marketing for food suppliers and businesses.



## 2. Omagh Street Safe Coordinator

The Omagh Street Safe project was launched in November 2013 with 60+ volunteers trained in First Aid, Drug Awareness and Communication Skills. The project operates from outside the Public Services Centre on High Street every Friday and Saturday night and provides cover on GCSE results nights, Boxing Night, New Year's Eve and any other occasions when large crowds are anticipated within the night time economy. The project operates from 11pm to 3 am with volunteers working to make the town centre safer for people out at night. Volunteers offer assistance to those requiring support, for example, providing first aid, calling on emergency services as necessary, dealing with people incapacitated through illness, drugs or alcohol, assisting people in getting home through liaison with the various night time vendors etc.

An Omagh Street Safe Coordinator was appointed in February 2014 and built up strong relationships with all the stakeholders involved in the night time economy including publicans, taxi firms and fast food outlets. In total there has been four coordinators employed on the Street Safe project working to ensure the project impacts on all five Neighborhood Renewal Areas and also participating in youth work with Breakthru.

The Table below details the statistical breakdown for Street safe activities throughout the last financial year and also some anecdotal information giving more of an insight into the activities carried out by the project on a nightly basis.

<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Statistics for 15-16 Financial year</b>
Drinks provided	3193
Flip-flops	1106
Thermal blankets	94
Advice or general assistance given	332
Emergency services called	40
Referral to other agency/ service	27
Calls to CCTV	0
Disturbance/ ASB	61
First Aid provided	147
Provided place of safety	165
Bottles/ glasses lifted	1157
Referral from PSNI	19
Referral to Hospital/ A&E	25
Request for use of toilet	181
Volunteer Hours	2805

## Anecdotal Information

Young man presented at the PSC base, discussed suicidal feelings with the volunteers, agreed to the volunteers contacting the out of hours doctor who requested an ambulance. Young man stayed at the base until the ambulance arrived and was admitted to Altnagelvin for assessment

Mantis Night club phoned Street Safe requesting assistance with a young female who was too drunk to be admitted to the premises. Young girl was brought back to the base and parents called to collect her

PSNI radioed requesting assistance in John Street at 1.20am, en route dealt with another young man who had fallen and cut his head, they provided first aid to both cases and assisted the young men in finding lifts home

Suspect drunken driver reported to PSNI by radio

First aid provided to a distressed young man who had been injured by an item thrown from a passing vehicle. Police attendance requested

Young girl brought to the Street Safe base by passersby, very distressed and disoriented, wasn't able to provide any personal details and stated that she didn't know where she was from. She was kept warm and provided with warm drinks, her friends came and identified her later in the night and took her to her bus when she had sobered up

Large number (100) of young people refused entry to a nightclub as they were mostly under age and it was filled to capacity. Young girl in the queue had a panic attack and was provided with first aid. Assistance was provided to young people in locating their buses and finding ways home

Young female waiting at the base when volunteers arrived. She was very drunk and explained that she was from Bellaghy, assistance provided in finding friends and getting a way home

Young man was found lying semi-conscious by himself, was brought to the base by friends and first aid provided by volunteers until an ambulance arrived

Volunteers were in John Street areas, observed a fight break out and a young man being dragged semi-conscious across the street, he was bleeding heavily from a head injury and first aid was provided until the ambulance arrived. The young man returned to the base several weeks later, thanked the volunteers and explained that he had 15 clips inserted in the head injury

### Streetsafe

Streetsafe volunteers in Omagh



### 3. Provision of Campsie Community Hub-

Campsie Residents' Association continued to host successful events in their premises, The Hub, located on 1-3 Campsie Drive. An action plan for delivery of activities and services was compiled incorporating all age groups. Activities to date have provided opportunities for cross and inter community interaction. The Hub is situated in the heart of Omagh town centre and offers a wide range of new programmes including keep fit classes for both adults and children, health check events, a summer scheme, drop in counseling sessions, computer training, stress management workshops, first aid training and much more.

The new modern facility was also available to hire at very competitive commercial and community rates. The Hub is a perfect central location for meetings, training, workshops, keep fit classes and conferences. This project provided a venue for the residents association to roll out activities locally and further promote Neighbourhood Renewal.

#### **Weekly Sewing Class**

The group met every week and increased from four to 14 regular attendees of a variety of ages and backgrounds



#### **Multi-Cultural Music Classes**

Funding obtained through the Housing Executive delivered music lessons to a variety of age groups. The popularity was so great that further lessons are to be delivered with a charge to students.



#### **The New Me Programme**

Two 8 week courses ran through 2015/16 and was structured with discussion followed by activity



## Campsie Hub Engagement figures 2015/16

<b>Course/Event</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number occurrences</b>
Basic Computer	13	20 weeks
• Level 1	13	20 weeks
• Level 2	13	20 weeks
A New Me course 1	16	8 weeks
A New Me course 2	16	8 weeks
SureStart	14	
Community Pharmacy	18	12 - monthly
Gillygooley Walking Club	25	2 - twice a year
Red Cross Workshops	10-12	5 workshops
Saturday Club	34	50 weeks
Mindfulness	8	8 weeks
Sewing Club	15	50 weeks
Trip to Sligo	15	1
Trip to Somme Heritage Museum	15	1
Birthday Party	20	1
Jazz Night	50	1
Comedy Club	30	1
Saturday Club Volunteer Training afternoon	15	1
Art Workshop	16	1
Disability Coffee Morning	25	1
Good Governance, Effective Meetings	10	1

## **Strategic Objective: Social Renewal - Education**

*“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”. To support these areas advance educational attainments through education and training support mechanisms that will reduce the impact of under achievement in these communities.*

### **4. Strathroy Homework Club-**

Strathroy Afterschool Club has been in receipt of Neighbourhood Renewal funding since 2009. The Afterschool Club provides top quality play and learning opportunities in a warm, nurturing, safe and child friendly environment for a total of 52 children registered during 2015/16. The Homework tutor assesses each child and sets baselines to ensure that the success of the intervention is able to be measured. Outcomes for the project are measured on each pupil's attendance, behaviour and attainment in completion of homework reading and writing. The Homework Club also benefits from the additional support of five volunteer workers throughout the year.

During 2015/16 the attendance of the 52 pupils averaged out over the 40 weeks at 50 children per week which equals 96% and was an increase by 3% from the 2014/15 year.

Of 52 registered children all attendees achieved a 100% satisfaction rate in their behaviour as there were no recorded incidents and their praise charts were a glowing 52/52. It must be noted however that we had 3 children with moderate to serious learning and behaviour problems. In previous years two of these children's behaviour was on the radar however, proper team meetings and good communication with the school, home and other statutory agencies have ensured that these children are showing positive behaviour at all times. The feeder primary school has also reported a decline in behaviour incidents. School and parent questionnaires have identified that having homework completed played a big part in harmonious behaviour.

During 2015/16 all 52 pupils achieved a 100% rating in completion of their homework. Out of the 52 pupils 48 (92%) were measured as having achieved an improvement in their reading skills and 45 (87%) achieved improvements in their writing.

In the 2015/16 academic year 7 pupils were assessed in Level 4 Key Stage 2 Math's and English.





## Testimonials

### Strathroy Afterschool Club

Quote from Alanna "I love it their its great craic"

My name is Deborah Doherty; I am a working mum from the local community. Strathroy afterschool club is a vital asset to me for childcare. My daughter Alanna will be finishing primary school in June and therefore will no longer be attending this fantastic service. For the past 7 years this afterschool club has not only looked after my child but has helped her grow into her own person. The love and care Donna and her staff show the children is so difficult to put into words you have to see it to believe it. This afterschool club is so important to the local community, as it offers the children the opportunity to be sociable with one and other they learn how to interact outside the school environment. The children get fantastic help with their homework, Jacqueline allows the child to work at their own pace and is always a helping hand when they are struggling. Having their homework completed before they get home is so helpful for a working parent; it takes the pressure and stress way in the evenings. This allows me the time to find out from my child how her day was.

Alanna truly enjoys attending the afterschool club; she adores Donna, Mary Jacqueline and of course not forgetting Peter. I wish all children could experience the love and learning they show each child. The mix of ages within the afterschool club is also great to see, the older children are fantastic role models for the younger ones and the older children love helping with the younger children, this encourages them to take ownership of their afterschool club. The respect they show towards the facility shows me that they value this amazing service.

Alanna and I will truly be devastated on the 30<sup>th</sup> June when we both have to say goodbye to these amazing staff. They have loved my child and accepted her for the child she is and developed on her personality. This only comes from staff who are passionate about their work. I will never forget their kindest and love.

We would like to thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

We will carry our wonderful memories always.

Love Deborah & Alanna Doherty



Letter of recognition/support for strathroy afterschool and homework club

My name is paula Haughey and I am mother of 4 children.

My eldest son Ryan is now 15 and was my first child to avail of strathroy afterschool and homework club.

Ryan was diagnosed with dyslexia in p4, so the extra help and support really made a difference to us.

The fact that the staff in the centre worked so closely with the school made such a difference as they could make a plan together that only ever benefitted ryan.

I have lived in the area for nearly 20 years and initially sent my children to the club to help me whilst I retrained. Affordable childcare in such a warm And caring area is few and far between. I also avail of any of the courses that the club roll out- I have done numeracy, literacy and homework for primary school kids courses/ workshops!

The impact of having this service is a huge and positive One.

So now my daughter is P2 and is using the club just like her brother before her. She loves it and whilst she doesnt have the learning problems he did she is relishing using the homework club and the afterschool and will continue to do so until she too moves on.



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**May 2016**

**To whom it may concern,**

Strathroy Afterschool has been operational in Strathroy Community Centre since 1998. The idea for it first surfaced in 1997 and developed through 1998 and was registered with the Western Health & Social Care Trust in June 1999.

The Afterschool has been an invaluable service to the parents and children in the Strathroy area since its inception and works very well alongside other children's services in the Strathroy area such as the playgroup and youth club. Strathroy afterschool also enjoys the luxury of a consistent staff team, members who have worked well together for many years. Staff are highly trained and vetted to work with children. The staff team also live in the local area, know many of the children and their families and can tailor the service they provide to meet the specific needs of the families of the area.

Strathroy has always worked closely with other agencies and professionals including Social Services to meet the needs of children. Indeed many children and families have availed of the Afterschool service on a 'respite' and 'family support basis' and continue to do so. Social Services have identified this Afterschool as offering a supportive, safe facility where children can learn, be supported and have fun. Some children's placements are funded by Social Services and the staff have always worked with this knowledge in a confidential and respectful manner.

It is my belief that Strathroy needs their afterschool provision to continue. They offer a valuable service to the children and families in an area where many families need support. The afterschool cannot continue without additional funding – increasing the entry fees does not work- this has been tried and tested. The group fundraises and completes funding applications on a regular basis to help sustain the service but funding opportunities are decreasing everywhere.

Any support to keep this service operational would be greatly appreciated by the families and children it serves and by the agencies who view it as an important service in this community.

Yours sincerely,

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**Marian Donaghy, Social Worker, Early Years Team**

## 5. Omagh Learning Mentor Programme

The Coordinator for the Omagh Learning Mentor Programme works across five post primary schools in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal areas supporting pupils in achieving their potential academically, socially and emotionally.

During this reporting period the Mentor organised a number of initiatives aimed at addressing the issues that the young people presented with including programmes for improving attendance, enhancing attainment, promoting positive behaviour and engaging in volunteering.

The following statistics give a brief synopsis of 62 young people from Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Areas who availed of mentoring from April 2015 – March 2016.

- 33 students with poor attendance registered an improvement from slight to significant with 5 of this number no longer on EWO support
- 54 of the 62 young people became more fully engaged in their education
- 58 mentees recorded positive behaviour or an improvement in behaviour
- 23 mentees engaged in a variety of volunteering activities within their communities, schools and charitable organisations
- 77 young people benefited directly from the project, the additional 15 not receiving one to one attention were involved in programmes provided by the Mentor

### 2015 AS and A Level Results for pupils assisted by the Learning Mentor Programme

1 boy	Year 13	Passed 3 x A/S Levels
1 girl	Year 14	Passed 3 x A Levels
1 boy	Year 14	Passed 3 x A Levels Was awarded Top Student
1 boy	Year 14	Passed 2 x A Levels

These exam results was the third year in a row when the Omagh Learning Mentoring programme recorded all year 12 students finishing the school year and the second year when all students have continued in education.

- 20 students entered for 5 or more GCSEs including English and Maths
- 10 students passed 5 or more GCSEs including English and Maths (highest result in the 5 years of the mentoring programme)
- 55% passed 5 GCSEs including English
- 7 Year 12 students availed of tuition in English and 8 Year 12 students availed of tuition in maths

### *Extra-curricular programmes*

The additional programme areas on offer during this reporting period included Social Skills, Young Enterprise, Mindfulness and Cookery Skills,

The Young Enterprise Group was formed in May 2015 and successfully staged a week long art exhibition in Community House beginning on 2 June 2015 which was followed up with designing plaques and cake decoration for Mother's Day.

The Social skills programmes included self-esteem workshops, homework club and group tuition and included a team building and needs analysis day in Todds Leap in collaboration with a number of stakeholders including Department for Social Development, Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator, Social Economy Development Officer, community representatives, parents and 33 young people.

In order to deliver the Mindfulness Programme the Mentor gained a teaching qualification in Mindfulness which enabled her to teach a certificated 'Introduction to Mindfulness' for 11 to 18 year olds. To date 31 young people have successfully completed this course and have been awarded a certificate.

#### **Mindfulness**

Neighbourhood Renewal students from Sacred Heart College receiving their certification for completion of the Mindfulness Course delivered by Omagh Learning Mentor, Marian Bradley.



## Testimonials

- \* Mentoring and Mindfulness really helped me stay out of trouble and has forever changed the way I look and think about things"
- \* Mentoring and Mindfulness has been a massive benefit to me for my GCSE exam preparations
- \* I have enjoyed having a mentor because going to my mentor helped me to forget about the bad things in life and focus on the good
- \* I think mindfulness is really beneficial even for a couple of minutes a day, I feel a lot calmer and I don't take as many panic attacks
- \* Mentoring has helped me to get through a school day without anger
- \* Being mentored has made me feel better about myself and confident enough to do the work that I struggle with
- \* I like coming to mentoring, it made me feel comfortable and confident
- \* Mentoring has helped me a lot both inside and outside of school, it has helped me become calmer
- \* I was very fortunate to have a mentor during these stressful times
- \* I enjoyed mindfulness a lot. I have learned how to relax and calm down before exams and it even comes in handy before I go to football
- \* This lifts a lot of stress from your shoulders
- \* Mentoring helped me with study cards, mind maps and talking about my problems and worries

## Strategic Objective: - Economic Renewal

*To develop economic activity in the most deprived neighbourhoods and connect them to the wider urban economy'*

### 6. Omagh Going Places Programme

The Going Places Programme delivered by South West College is designed for anyone not in Education, Training or Employment living in a Neighbourhood Renewal Area in Omagh. The aim of the programme is to improve employability by providing participants with the opportunity to gain an accredited qualification in adult social care or welding and engineering, as well as practical work experience through work placement. One to one mentoring is available to provide support and help build confidence and motivation.

The programme successfully met the annual target of 15 participants in Omagh.

Figures for 2015/16

How many received accreditations	15
How many returned to further Education	5
How many found work	3
Fulltime careers	2
Seeking Full-time work	3
Completed programme but are now un-contactable	2

The following are quotes from participants of the programme:

*"What I have learnt and achieved is absolutely fantastic BUT the confidence and motivation that the mentor has given me is really great. I'm so glad that I saw the flyer and contacted the mentor and that they convinced me to come into meet them. My life has changed and I'm back to the man I used to be, no I'm even better than the man I used to be".*

*"For the first time in a very long time I felt like a somebody not a nobody and with the support that the mentor gave me, I'm working and I know how to sell myself at interview because I feel I'm worth something now and I'm in a good place, I've work, work mates, money in my pocket, looking after myself and in control of where my life is going".*

*“The mentor never treated me like a waste of time and they have given me new found confidence in my ability to achieve and made me realise that all the other courses I have done e.g. media studies and my GCSE’s are all transferable and show a commitment to sticking at something and complete something. I have really enjoyed my time on the GOING PLACES programme and do encourage others to go on GOING PLACES too”.*

*“I have found the going places programme a real help to me and the mentor was very good, we worked at courses and got qualifications and they understood the complications in my life and worked around these things to allow me to get qualifications and experience.”*



**GOING**   
 **PLACES**

## 7. Social Economy Development Officer

The Social Economy Development Officer's role was to work across all 5 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas to provide support in coordinating and implementing the Social Economy actions in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Officer, whilst funded by DSD, was employed by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and was contracted to work part time on Neighbourhood Renewal Social Economy project.

The Social Economy Project embraced a wide range of community, voluntary and not-for-profit activities. The project aimed to increase awareness of the potential of social economy for communities in Omagh, provide social economy training and workshops and develop a programme to engage young people in social economy.

The programme was successful in signposting Neighbourhood Renewal residents towards employability programmes including ASPIRE, Practica and Business Start and met its target of supporting four Neighbourhood Renewal residents into employment. Support was also provided to residents into self-employment and assistance given to social economy enterprises at community level. The Social Economy Development Officer also exceeded targets set for networking and site visits.

- The five week Online Training course for young people continued to develop the Youth Engagement Programme with three websites and one collaborative promotional video being developed. The websites continue to be maintained by the young people involved in the course and can be found at:
  - <http://campsiehub.com/>
  - <http://omaghmensshed.org/>
  - <http://strathroyca.com/>

The promotional video is available upon request. (Photographs from the course can be found in section 1 of this document.)

### **Unlocking the Potential of Social Enterprise half day conference – 3 March 2016**

A highly successful event attended by over 60 people with a variety of speakers presenting from Housing Executive NI, Omagh Enterprise Centre, Ledcom, Arc Healthy Living Centre, Knockninny Credit Union and Viable Corporate Services. Community Representatives were welcomed to the stage and given the opportunity to answer questions from the floor.



- 24 participants were taken on a Best Practice Visit to An Creagan and CAFRE College, Loughery Campus. The Loughery Campus is the Food Technology Campus focusing on food development, career and support opportunities. Neighbourhood Renewal residents were given insight into the opportunities available in the food industry and possible educational routes into the sector. They were also inspired into creating their own produce for sale – such as jams and chutneys.



The Social Economy Development Officer took great steps towards encouraging the Community Groups in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas to become sustainable enterprises. He undertook skills analysis with the groups to ascertain the training requirements and fed this information into work with the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator which resulted in 10 members of Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership attending the Nurturing and Development Training Session held in February 2016. Communication of the information was also key and so close work with the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator resulted in transport being made available to Neighbourhood Renewal residents to the Social Enterprise Conference, the Enniskillen Showcase event, training events and contributions to the Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter.

<b>Project Objectives</b>	<b>Actual achievement</b>
60 people accessing employment advice by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	NRA individuals receiving employment advice as a result of project facilitation Q1 – 8 Q2 – 19 Q3 – 32 Q4 - 21 Total to date = 80
By 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 4 NRA residents going into employment by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	NRA individuals going into employment as a result of project facilitation Q1 = 1 Q2 = 1 Q3 = 1 Q4 = 1 Total Year to Date = 4
By 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 4 NRA residents becoming self-employed	NRA individuals going into employment as a result of project facilitation Q1 = 0 Q2 = 1 Q3 = 1 Q4 = 1 Total Year to Date = 3
By 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 2 Social Economy Enterprises supported.	Social economy enterprises supported Q1 = 2 Q2 = 2 Q3 = 3 Q4 = 3 Year to date = 3

## Strategic Objective: Social Renewal - Health

The Omagh Health Project Coordinator delivers a wide range of initiatives to improve the quality of life for residents in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal areas. There are three overall actions for the Health Project:

- *To enhance positive mental health and well-being and to contribute to the reduction of suicide rates within deprived neighbourhoods in Omagh*
- *To contribute to a healthier, fitter community, equipped with the knowledge to make better lifestyle choices and to work towards the reduction of obesity and associated illness*
- *To support the reduction in the number of adults and young people drinking above the recommended number of units and experimenting with any other substance use*

### 8. Omagh Health Project Coordinator

Activity throughout 2015/16 included the implementation of Summer Schemes over the month of July for the following Neighbourhood Renewal children:

- a. Gallows' Hill – 16 children
- b. Strathroy – 102 children
- c. MACCA – 50 children
- d. O'Kane Park – 10 children

A total of 178 children in the areas enjoyed the summer schemes and especially liked meeting up with other children over their school holidays and having the opportunity to do fun activities both in their community centre's and trips away. Physical activity was incorporated into the plans – ensuring that children were also benefiting from exercise. Activities included as swimming, horse riding, football, netball and recreational games throughout the month of July

Physical activity programmes were implemented in each of the Neighbourhood Renewal areas including Boxercise, Zumba, Circuits and Pilloxing. Crafts courses were organized in the community centres - ranging from flower arranging, candle making, quilting projects and cookery demonstrations. All programmes coordinated and delivered in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas improve social inclusion and aim to target poor mental health amongst the participants

A total of 57 people participated in physical activity programmes which took place in MACCA, Strathroy, Gallows Hill and O'Kane Park. Programmes included a variety of different activities including pilloxing, Zumba, Boxercise and circuits. Those that attended commented on the positive impact of attending a class in the group setting, as this encouraged them to attend every week when a programme was running for six weeks or more. The physical activity programmes made people feel better about themselves, and participants reported that they felt more involved in the community when they attended these classes.

The Health Project aims to support the reduction of alcohol and drug use within the Neighbourhood Renewal areas. To support the implementation of this, the Health Project employs a Breakthru worker, to deliver education and prevention programmes throughout the Neighbourhood Renewal areas. During 2015-16, Breakthru delivered drugs and alcohol awareness programmes in all Neighbourhood Renewal areas, provided brief interventions for young people, facilitated diversionary activities and trained young people as peer educators. Breakthru also delivered parent programmes to Neighbourhood Renewal residents - raising awareness of issues regarding alcohol and drug use, and also provided one to one support to Neighbourhood Renewal clients when necessary.

The Omagh Health Coordinator is employed by the Western Health and Social Care Trust, made possible through funding from NRIF, and managed by the Health Improvement Team. In this reporting period the Health Coordinator, in line with the Health Improvement Department promoted regional campaigns throughout the year within the Neighbourhood Renewal communities, such as World Mental Health Day, No Smoking Day and Men's Health Week. Neighbourhood Renewal area residents had opportunities throughout the year to attend a variety of training including Mental Health First Aid, SafeTalk, Walk Leader training, Cook It! training and much more. Neighbourhood Renewal residents attended Traveler Cultural Awareness training and resilience seminars – which were coordinated by the Health Improvement Department. In January, 11 people were trained as Community Health Champions – and gained a Level 1 OCN accreditation. Members from Omagh Men's Shed attended this training, and as a result have run a successful Open Day and Health Checks at the Omagh Men's Shed.



Senior Citizens Club



Summer Scheme



Baking Master Class



Summer Scheme



NR residents completed Level 1 Food Hygiene Training

## Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership 2014/2015 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2015/16 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2015/16 total expenditure in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Amount at 01/04/2015	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/2016)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator and Technical Assistance	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£56,482.00	£49,040.53
Omagh Street Safe Coordinator	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£16,835.00	£11,690.12
Campsie Community Hub	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£12,366.71	£12,366.71
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>			<b>£73,097.36</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL - EDUCATION</b>			
Strathroy Homework Club	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£36,743.00	£36,455.35
Omagh Learning Mentor Programme	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£51,000.00	£47,964.62
<b>Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure</b>			<b>£84,419.97</b>

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Amount at 01/04/2015	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/2016)
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
Omagh Going Places Programme	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£35,603.74	£21,376.08
Social Economy Officer	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£17,534.13	£17,534.13
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>			<b>£38,910.21</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL - HEALTH</b>			
Omagh Health Project Coordinator	01/04/2015 - 31/03/2016	£51,000.00	£51,000.00
<b>Total Social Renewal - Health Expenditure</b>			<b>£51,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Total 15/16 Spend £247,427.54</b>

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL  
FUNDING IN 2015/2016 YEAR**

**Community renewal Output Measures 15/16 Annual Report**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CR1</b> - Number of people participating in community relations projects	<b>CR2</b> – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	<b>CR3</b> – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	<b>CR4</b> - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	<b>CR5</b> – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	<b>CR6</b> - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	<b>CR7</b> - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	<b>CR8</b> - Number of community relations projects supported	<b>CR9</b> - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	<b>CR10</b> - Number of people using existing community facilities	<b>CR11</b> - Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area
<b>Omagh Streetsafe Coordinator</b>	35	35	35	35							
<b>Provision of Campsie Community Hub</b>		120		6	2					750	

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<b>Omagh Health Project Coordinator</b>				15			5				
<b>Strathroy Homework Club</b>				5							
<b>Omagh Learning Mentor</b>				23							



## Economic Output Measures 15/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE permanent 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 up surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Omagh Going Places Programme		2	15	15	13	15	6							15	
Social Economy Officer		4	80					3		3	3				

## Social Renewal Education Output Measures 15/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	<b>SR(Ed) 1</b> - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	<b>SR(Ed)2</b> - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>SR(Ed) 3</b> - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>SR(Ed) 4</b> - Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>SR(Ed) 5</b> - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	<b>SR(Ed) 6</b> - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	<b>SR(Ed) 7</b> - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	<b>SR(Ed) 8</b> - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	<b>SE(Ed) 9</b> - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	<b>SR(Ed) 10</b> - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	<b>SR(Ed) 11</b> - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position to ensure pupils reach full potential	<b>SR(Ed) 12</b> - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved
<b>Strathroy Homework Club</b>		50	47	52		52						
<b>Omagh Learning Mentor</b>		33	54	58		77						

**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, **SR(Ed) 26-28** – Tackling Barriers to Learning Extended Schools, **SR(Ed) 29- 35** Shared Education.

## Social Renewal Education Output Measures (Cont'd) 15/16 Annual Report

PROJECT	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 benefitting 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
<b>Omagh Streetsafe Project</b>					16							

*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, SR(Ed) 26-28 – Tackling Barriers to Learning Extended Schools, SR(Ed) 29- 35 Shared Education.*

**Social Renewal Education (Cont'd) Output Measures 15/16 Annual Report**  
**Social Renewal - Health Output Measures 15/16 Annual Report**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(H)1</b> - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	<b>SR(H)2</b> - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	<b>SR(H)3</b> - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	<b>SR(H)4</b> - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	<b>SR(H)5</b> - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	<b>SR(H)6</b> - Number of new /improved sports facilities provided	<b>SR(H)7</b> - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	<b>SR(H)8</b> - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	<b>SR(H)9</b> - Number of people using new sports facilities	<b>SR(H)10</b> - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
<b>Omagh Health Project Co-ordinator</b>	430	348	3	28						
<b>Omagh Streetsafe Project</b>			147	4			35			

*SR(H) 2-4 – Early Intervention.*

**Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures 15/16 Annual Report**

PROJECT	<b>SR(C)1</b> - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	<b>SR(C)2</b> - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	<b>SR(C)3</b> - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	<b>SR(C)4</b> - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	<b>SR(C)5</b> - Number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	<b>SR(C)6</b> - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	<b>SR(C)7</b> - Number of victims of crime supported	<b>SR(C)8</b> - Number of homes with increased security	<b>SR(C)9</b> - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	<b>SR(C)10</b> - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
<b>Omagh Streetsafe Project</b>	332	4	5,209	4						

## **Omagh Partnership Conclusion**

In the 2015/2016 financial year, Omagh Partnership's total overall spend was **£247,427.54**

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

Community Renewal        £73,097.36

Social Renewal            £135,419.97

Economic Renewal        £38,910.21

Physical Renewal         £0.00

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

Under *Community Renewal*, the following organisations continued to be involved:

- Campsie Residents' Association
- Gallows Hill /Johnston Park Community Association
- Mullaghmore and Castlevew Community Association (MACCA)
- Culmore/O'Kane Park Community Association (CKS)
- Strathroy Community Association
- Local Voluntary Organisations including Breakthru, Omagh Volunteer Centre, FOCUS, Supporting Communities NI and Action for Children.

The funding for the venue of Campsie Hub has enabled the group to go from strength to strength with activities planned for every day of the week including:

- College Outreach programme providing Maths, English and Computer Tuition
- Weekly Basic Computing Classes
- Multicultural music classes (funded by Housing Executive)
- Women's Health Workshops (funded by Community Pharmacy Programme)
- The New Me programme (funded by Lloyds TSB)
- Mindfulness Courses (delivered by Omagh Learning Mentor)

DSD funding to this project through the NRIF ceased on 31 March 2016 however the Omagh Streetsafe project continues to be a great success and brings together Omagh PCSP, the Department of Justice Assets Recovery Agency and PSNI along with DSD and volunteers to look out for the safety and wellbeing of people socialising in Omagh on a Friday and Saturday night.

The Health and Well Being programme successfully ran throughout 2015/16 with a series of circuit classes and Boxercise sessions in Gallows Hill and CKS; pilloxing classes at MACCA; Health Check days across the Neighbourhood Renewal areas; and SureStart Health events. Going forward into 2016/17, the Health programme will continue to deliver a series of programmes across the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

The following Education Programmes ran during 2015/16:

- Strathroy Afterschool Club. During 15/16 a total of 50 children from the Strathroy NRA were registered and used this facility which exceeded the original target set by DSD when funding was initially awarded in April 2011.
- The Learning Mentor has worked successfully across the secondary schools, on a one to one basis, with pupils experiencing a range of barriers to education.

The Department for Communities will continue to fund both of these Education projects in 2016/17.

The *Economic Renewal* Project delivered the following during 2015/16:

- The Going Places Programme – all targets set by the Department for Social Development were met for this programme – working with 15 people from Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. Going forward into 2016/17 the project will continue to be funded by the Department for Communities, however the format will be changed allowing a greater focus on the mentoring element of the project, identified as a priority need for the area. Participants will still receive mentoring through the programme along with aid for CV writing, interview skills and work placements, but the mentors will now work directly with existing providers to signpost the participants to the most relevant and suitable avenue for each individual. ‘Taster sessions’ will be funded to enable participants to try a course before they commit to a full series. Participants will now have the opportunity to avail of a greater range of courses, rather than be restricted to two as per 2015/16- an outcome of evaluating the project in 2015/16.
  
- Social Economy Development Officer worked closely with community representatives from all five of the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. Achievements met during 2015/16 included:
  - Social Economy half day conference
  - Youth Engagement Programme – including five week online training course
  - Aid given to community groups with funding applications to Work Ready West and Housing Executive

DSD funding to this project through the NRIF ceased on 31 March 2016 however this area of work will continue to be addressed by the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

In addition to Neighbourhood Renewal funding, the Department for Social Development Town Centre team provided £100,000.00 funding which was awarded to property owners/tenants on Campsie Road to enable up to 80% funding towards Shop Front Improvement, Power washing and Painting schemes. As part of the project, marketing advice and training was also offered to ten businesses in the Campsie Road area.



### Omagh NRP Members 2016 - 2017

<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Colm	McDaid	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Representative
Alison	McCullagh	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Brendan	Hegarty	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Kieran	McCrory	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Chris	Smyth	UUP Cllr	Elected Representative
Patricia	Rodgers	SDLP Cllr	Elected Representative
Errol	Thompson	DUP Cllr	Elected Representative
Sorcha	McAnespy	Independent Cllr	Elected Representative
RoseMarie	Shields	SDLP Cllr	
Martin	McColgan	Sinn Fein Cllr	Elected Representative
Edel	Browne	ASPIRE	Statutory Representative
Leo	Owens	Department for Infrastructure	Statutory Representative
Harold	Henry	Department for Infrastructure	Statutory Representative
Paul	Carr	Department for Communities	Statutory Representatives
Monica	MacIntyre	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Seamus	Byrne	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Seamus	O'Neill	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Barney	Devine	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Representative
Conor	Keyes	FOCUS	Voluntary & Community Representative
Priscilla	Magee	CYPSP	Voluntary & Community Representative
Rebecca	Sterritt	Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator- FODC	Statutory Representative

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Eddie	Doherty	NIHE	Statutory Representative
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Pat	McCauley	Gallows Hill Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Alice	Duggan	Johnston Park Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Hazel	McGuigan	Campsie Residents' Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Aidan	Colgan	MACCA	Voluntary & Community Representative
Peggy	Colgan	MACCA	Voluntary & Community Representative
Madeline	Reid	MACCA	Voluntary & Community Representative
Rozella	Kelly	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community	Voluntary & Community Representative
Mark	McGrath	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community	Voluntary & Community Representative
Michael	Kelly	Strathroy Community Association	Voluntary & Community Representative
Sonia	Montgomery	Western Health & Social Care Trust	Statutory Representative
Eimear	O'Kane	Western Health & Social Care Trust - Health Co-ordinator	Statutory Representative



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