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1. Neighbourhood Renewal

a. Background

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 DfC 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. Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership

a. Background

Established in March 2005, the Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership (IENP) has met regularly to carry out the task outlined in the Department for Communities (DfC) 'People and Place' document: 'to develop an Action Plan for Neighbourhood Renewal for the area'. IENP covers the Short Strand, Lower Newtownards Road, Albertbridge Road, Albertbridge/Beersbridge, The Mount, Woodstock Road and Lower Ravenhill Road areas in East Belfast. These areas are contained within the four Inner East electoral wards of Island, The Mount, Ballymacarrett and Woodstock and they are representative of the two main traditions/communities working on a cross-community basis to address regeneration.

The IENP identified high level objectives, which it believed were fundamental to addressing the four strategic priorities in Inner East Belfast. These objectives then formed the basis of 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, Belfast City Council, local community organisations and a series of open community meetings across the area. The most recent review took place in June 2018 and continual updates were assessed by IENP members on a thematic basis in IENP meetings throughout 2018-19.

It should be noted that members of the Inner East 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

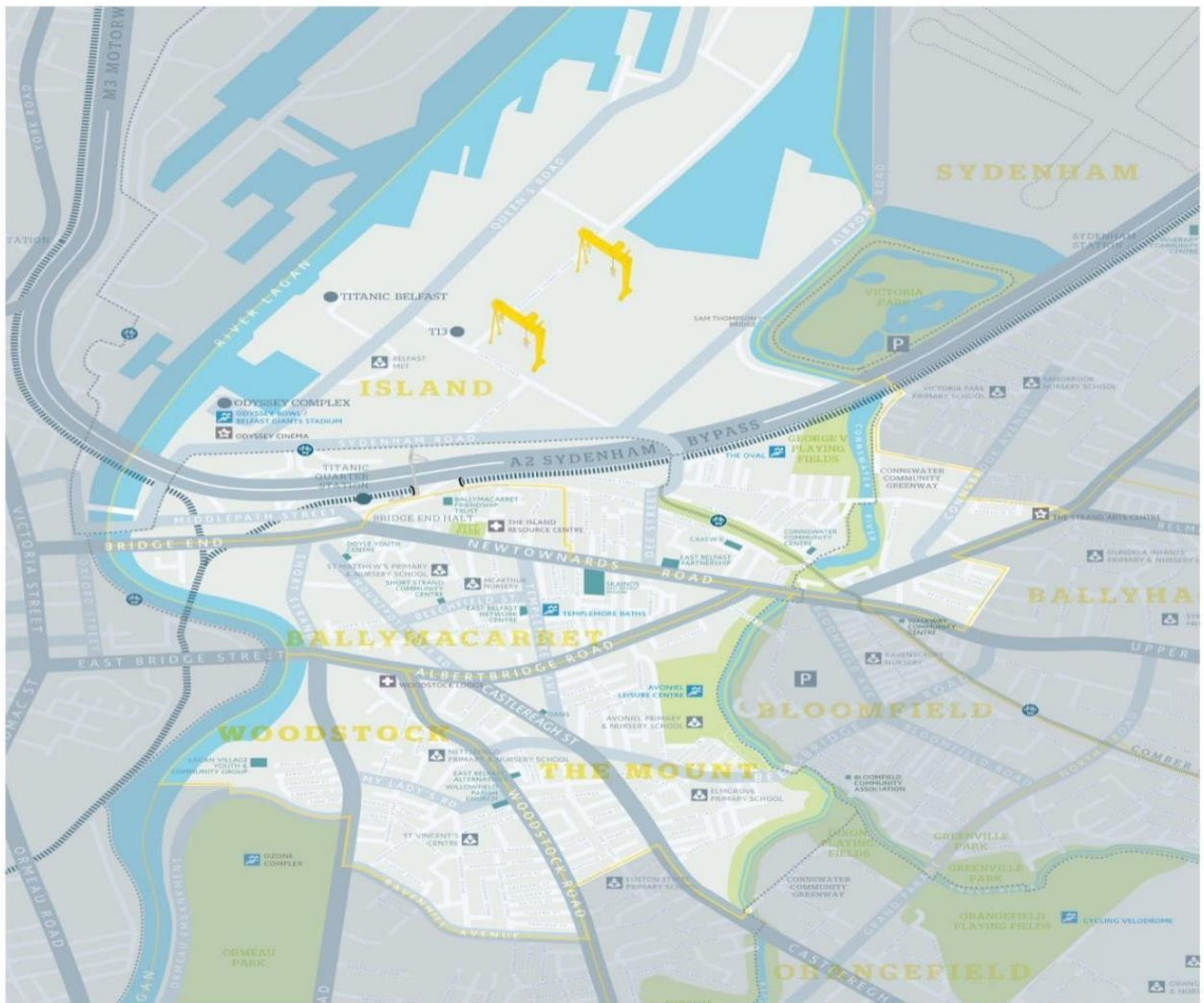
To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal programme for the area, Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership (IENP) was established in 2005 to oversee the development and delivery of the action plan. From April 2017 to March 2018, the Partnership was composed of 30 members, which included representatives from the local community, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, and statutory organisations. It met monthly with facilitation and administration services being provided by the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator at EastSide Partnership.

Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership	
Name	Organisation/Sector
Michael Briggs (Chair)	EBCDA
Madeline Hutchens / Ken Humphrey	ESP
Geraldine Millican / Jacqueline Adamson	BRO (Observer)
Yvonne Cowan / Gabi Mornhinweg	South & East Belfast Health & Social Services
Rachael Davison	Walkway Community Association
Sammy Douglas	
Rev. Mervyn Gibson	Westbourne Presbyterian Church
Chris Lyttle	Elected Rep
John Keery	Ballymac Friendship Trust
Ruth Wallace / Stephen Cruise	Oasis
John Kyle	Elected Rep
Bernie McConnell	Short Strand Community Forum
Rosheen Heath	Short Strand Community Forum
Heather McMurray	Carew II Family Centre
David Moore	PSNI
Andy Moorehead / Mandy Maguire	East Belfast Alternatives
George Newell	Lagan Village Youth and Community Group
David Armitage	Elected Rep
Jenny Oliver	Belfast City Council Community Services
Suzanne Garret	DOJ
Paul McCombe	NIHE
Jim Rodgers	Elected Rep
Pauline Smart	Belfast Education & Library Board
Gareth Beacom	Charter NI
Glenn Thomas	Belfast City Council Community Safety
Karen Purdy	Bloomfield Community Association
Mairead O'Donnell	Elected Rep
Maurice Kinkead	ESP

3. The Context: Inner East Belfast

Inner East Belfast is part of the East Belfast electoral constituency. The constituency is less deprived than others in Belfast. Inner East Belfast, nonetheless, contains clusters of intense deprivation. The area includes four 'Super Output Areas' (S.O.A.s) which appear in the top 10 per cent of the most deprived SOAs in Northern Ireland, in respect of the overall measure (NIMDM 2017). Ballymacarret and The Mount endure intense levels of *deprivation*, particularly in relation to educational disadvantage, health deprivation and crime and disorder. A comprehensive Briefing Paper on 'Poverty and Multiple Deprivation in Belfast East' by Russel and McKay (2018) is included at Annex 2 in this document.

Map of Inner East Neighbourhood Renewal Area



Inner East

 
Neighbourhood Renewal area

3. Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan

The Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership agreed the following Vision Statement in August 2005:

“Inner East Belfast will be transformed into a safer, attractive, healthier community in which people choose to live, learn, work and invest.”

The most up-to-date Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership’s action plan can be found in Annex 1.

a. Physical Renewal – Context

Three of the Inner East wards remain within the ten worst in NI in relation to Noble’s living environment domain. The poor quality of housing within the private sector, difficulties accessing mortgage finance and the shortage of social housing have combined to put additional pressure on young people trying to get onto the housing ladder. The need for social housing is indicated in the fact that in five wards in Belfast East, housing benefit claimants exceed 20 percent, in contrast to the Northern Ireland average of 11.0 per cent. While the Neighbourhood Partnership has welcomed the positive influences that the regeneration of the city centre and the ambitious developments of the Titanic Quarter, and refreshed plans for the Sirocco site etc. they are acutely aware of the remaining need for these developments to provide real benefits for people in Inner East. The Neighbourhood Partnership established a ‘Sirocco Waterside Working Group in 2018 to meet with developers and investors who were seeking planning permission to begin development of the Sirocco site. The Neighbourhood Partnership has become increasingly alert to the risk of ‘gentrification’ in relation to built environment and wishes to ensure that all physical developments do no harm to nearby disadvantaged communities, avoid exacerbating inter-community tensions and, where possible, provide benefits for those communities.

The more visible change in Inner East over recent years in relation to the physical environment has been as a result of investment from BRO, the Urban Villages initiative, Belfast City Council and various other funders. Examples of projects in 2018-19 include further enhancement of the Connswater and Comber Greenways and of Orangefield Park. Commuter and recreational use of new paths and bridges, such as the Sam Thompson Bridge, continue to rise. The CCG community worker has proactively engaged with local communities throughout all development processes to ensure community ownership and involvement at each opening. The considerable physical benefits are having an impact beyond the area adjacent to the river. Several well-attended festivals and events on these sites have enlightened all sections of the public to the opportunities for recreation and commuting use. CS Lewis Square has become a focal point for diverse community celebrations and events. The engagement of local community activists and political representatives has helped to ensure that these developments remain largely free from vandalism or defacement. Belfast Rapid Transport System (‘The glider’) has embedded itself along one major arterial route in east Belfast. It remains uncertain how many benefits will accrue for the inner-city inhabitants from the BRT project, especially those who do not live close to its route.

The strategic priority areas for the physical regeneration of Inner East Belfast agreed in June 2018 are;

- Establishment of improved physical links with Titanic Quarter and the City Centre
- Increased provision of good quality affordable housing
- Development of open space/derelict sites
- Strategic co-ordination of physical improvements across the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Effective application of the BCC Investment Fund to support strategic interventions.
- Strategic Development of Templemore Avenue to support new civic facilities.
- Comprehensive regeneration of Holywood Arches.
- Improved accessibility to railway/rapid transport network.
- Development of the Greenway network and component parks

The opening of the Sam Thompson Bridge has continued to provide a new gateway into the NRA from Titanic Quarter; with over 850 crossings a day, on average. The opportunities to connect and provide benefits for communities within the Neighbourhood Renewal area are extensive. The Neighbourhood Partnership is committed to ensuring that every opportunity is taken to add value to the Greenway project for residents of the NRA. More broadly the Action Plan recognises the importance of improving all our open spaces throughout the area and ensuring that appropriate levels of community and recreation facilities are available to all the NRA residents.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is committed to support the plans and implementation of new facilities to widen the availability of accessible support services for local communities. The Visitor Centre for East Belfast, located at C.S. Lewis Square, is increasingly busy and widely known. Financed by Tourism Northern Ireland, Belfast City Council through the Local Investment Fund and Landmark East: this project illustrates the capacity for achieving a 'cocktail' of investment, when a project meets several regeneration objectives. The Visitor Centre includes a coffee shop, interactive information points, high tech displays celebrating local legends and an opportunity to purchase locally made merchandise. The total number of visitors between April 2018 to March 2019 is approximately 80,000. The Visitor Centre and C.S Lewis Square are established stop-off points for tourists.

b. Social Renewal – Context

The effective delivery of the key public services of education and health remains a critical factor in the success of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. Effecting change in the agencies charged to deliver the main body of these provisions is a considerable challenge. It is an alarming fact that 68% of local school children receive free school meals.

The Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership's objectives for Social Renewal, revised in June 2018, were identified as:

- Increased provision for Adult Education.
- Consolidation and improvement of Primary School provision in the NRA.
- A shared vision and strategy for Health Improvement in the NRA, leading to residents of the NRA living longer, healthier lives.
- Integrated planning for education across agencies and schools.
- Raising the value of education – improved engagement of parents / children and schools.
- Increased provision and support for early years provision and after-school groups.
- Strategic co-ordination of family support services in the NRA.
- Development and improved collaboration of the Youth sector.
- Ensure accessible and early referrals made to support services where appropriate.
- Improved access to high quality advice, advocacy and relief services for residents in the NRA.

The East Belfast Health Framework continues to deliver outcomes relating to five priority themes: Healthy hearts; Healthy bodies; Healthy minds; Healthy relationships; Healthy neighbourhoods. Members of the Neighbourhood Partnership remain committed to ensuring that their programmes are aligned with the Framework as appropriate, and that groups within the NRA are working collaboratively on this shared purpose. Moreover, members of the Neighbourhood Renewal are also contributing to various stakeholder groups. The Scaffolding Project has developed considerably and plays an important role in ensuring many disadvantaged children enjoy greater nutritional health.

The Health Hub in the Network Centre continues to provide local individuals, groups and organisations information about local health programmes and services. The NP remains committed to supporting the work of health forums in Inner East; the East Belfast Health Forum and the Mental Health Forum.

People in Inner East continue to be challenged by poverty. Universal Credit and the 'PIPS' process continue to intensify the difficulties impact of many disadvantaged individuals and groups that intervene to assist. Early signs are that these 'welfare reforms' are having a devastating impact upon many local lives. The NP is committed to new cross-cutting initiatives aimed at improving information sharing and collaboration around advice services and crisis provision. The IENP has seen the establishment of the aforementioned Scaffolding Project, a collaborative group that addresses the impacts of poverty. The Project unites representatives from twelve agencies which provide crisis responses, family support services and programmes for health and well-being. A Scaffolding Project Steering Group has guided the development of the Project. The Scaffolding Project Co-ordinator has established effective partnerships with community activists, statutory agency representatives and funding agencies, and programmes continue to evolve which address poverty.

Making progress in relation to educational attainment and aspiration remains a significant challenge for the NRA as inequalities in education in east Belfast remain extremely high. EastSide Learning continues to effect the East Belfast Community Education Project which aims to directly address these inequalities. The Project has established a framework outlining where they plan to concentrate their efforts (available at www.eastsidelearning.co.uk). The project has also included several events/activities in 2018-19, as follows: an Easter School for GCSE pupils, community-based GCSE revision sessions, family learning visits, Better Reading Partnership training, a Reading fair and

Literacy day. IENP members have, where possible, supported these events/ activities, acknowledging their importance in furthering the action plan.

Providing more collaborative and efficient youth provision in the NRA remain a priority and EBCDA continues to provide co-ordination for the East Belfast Youth Practitioners Forum. The Forum provides an opportunity for youth workers to share good practice and skills, ensures that staff employed in this area are supported and well trained and work is coordinated more effectively. They have undertaken several successful training days and collaborative projects during 2018-19.

c. Community Renewal - Context

The Neighbourhood Partnership has acknowledged that a key challenge within community renewal is to continue to build participation and the capacity of local communities to become more involved in significant elements of decision-making. While there are several community-based groups in the Neighbourhood Renewal area whose work is recognised as very effective, there remain neighbourhoods where little is development work happening, and new groups struggle to get established in what is a community sector already struggling for resources. An additional challenge is the interface where at times the pressure on local people is immense. This exacerbates the difficulties imposed by disadvantage and deprivation.

The IENP's objectives for community renewal were identified as:

- Building leadership
- Building trust and creating confident communities
- Addressing community division and building cohesion
- A commitment to maximising participation
- Cooperation
- Recognising quality
- Sharing resources

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 some communities are at a distinct disadvantage. Key groups supported within the NR programme contribute significantly to keeping residents connected to developments and benefitting from new opportunities. The Social Investment Fund Community Capacity Building Project managed by EBCDA which is due to launch in late 2017 will provide TNP members with new opportunities for training and development.

The importance of addressing issues associated with the Interface has been referred to earlier as part of the physical renewal agenda under Neighbourhood Renewal. The Neighbourhood Partnership is acutely aware that improving relations between the communities along the interface will be the key to success. There remain some very marginalised communities on the interface. Provision has been made in the action plan to secure resources to support joint activities and programmes between the communities on the interface. The Department of Justice representative on the IENP has a remit to address interface issues and has been exploring the development of several projects to this end in 2018-19.

The final action outlined within the Community Renewal theme relates to local delivery of the Belfast Community Safety Partnership Strategy. While considerable resources are being deployed in the area for community safety initiatives and community safety staff; communication is at times poor and not all communities within the NRA could articulate their issues. The NP plans to work more closely with Belfast City Council on this issue to ensure that activities supported are both well targeted and link effectively with other local projects and plans. A subgroup meeting was facilitated, and action points followed up to address communication issues and more effective work moving forward.

d. Economic Renewal - Context

Inner East Belfast was historically the location of Belfast's major manufacturing industries. This is no longer the case and the area experiences disproportionately high levels of unemployment within East Belfast. Ballymacarrett and The Mount are placed within the 10% of worst wards in NI and Woodstock and Island are well within the 20% of most deprived places. Income deprivation is also evident throughout the NRA.

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 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.

The Employment East programme which aimed to help people living in East Belfast build the skills and experience they need to get a new or better job, or to start up their own business has come to an end in 2018-19. East Belfast Mission hosts the 'Lemis Project, an employability programme funded by the European Union. During 2018-19 it assisted almost 500 unemployed and low-skilled people to find future employment and enable them to compete in the marketplace or to move up in their chosen career path. The IENP will keep up to date with this programme through regular progress reports and ensure that appropriate links are made.

The IENP recognises that elements of economic renewal could 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 ending of investment in the Employment East programme. The NP plans to support more inter-agency working to enhance the delivery of economic development within the NRA.

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

- Creating opportunity for investment and increasing prosperity
- Maximising employment potential
- Undertaking a skills audit
- Articulating barriers to employability including transport and childcare
- Taking a proactive approach – possibly using a model of economic 'hubs' in key places
- Ensuring that appropriate Further and Higher Education opportunities exist

A group involving traders based in Holywood Arches continues to attempt to maximize the opportunities arising from the development of the Greenway, CS Lewis Square and the Visitor Centre. ESP continues to work closely with the Urban Villages initiative and DfC to explore developments such as a shipping container hotel. The importance of developing the Social Economy within the NRA has high priority in the Action Plan.

While a significant number of people are employed within the **social economy** sector there are concerns that many groups are unaware of opportunities and incentives that lie within this sector. The work of East Belfast Social Enterprise Hub seeks to tackle this. The Hub is promoted amongst IENP groups.

5. Inner East Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects

5.1 Ballymac Friendship Trust

5.1.i) Community Development

Ballymac Friendship Trust (Ballymac FT) facilitated a number of **community relations projects**, including two cross community projects, two single identity projects and one Polish community project.

These programmes included a Unionist History Day which included 12 young people, and a Bonfire Project (sessions on Unionist culture and traditions) which engaged 30 people, New Year's Eve celebrations in partnership with Hosford, (festivities and food with local families and refugees and asylum seekers), Polish cultural programme and St Patricks Day workshops (arts, crafts and story-telling).

Ballymac FT also co-ordinated several Community Bonding projects. These included a Community Sunday Lunch (a three-course meal served free to local community members, musical entertainment and face-painting. Unionist History Day offered exhibitions from North down Historical Society, Apprentice Boys of Derry, United Ulster Forum and Ballymac Museum Tours. Ballymac Summer Funday offered holistic therapies, healthy eating, cookery demos, free hanging baskets and goodie-bags, Fitness Freddy, health checks, kid's games, balloon modelling and face-painting.

Two family trips took place, to W5 and Castle Espie

Volunteers: Twenty-six new people engaged in unpaid voluntary work with the Trust in this year. This year volunteer engagement was as follows; four in Kidz Club, 3 in Good news Club, eight in the Trust committee, three in Homework Club and thirty-two with Inner East CFC.

Training: ten people undertook an OCN Qualification to build confidence and self-esteem.

Ballymac FT committed to increasing the number of residents who express awareness of community facilities in the area. This number increased by 100 during the reporting period, rising from 1234. This represented a 77% increase in relation to the target set.

5.1.ii) Youth Development

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £33,283.44 for 2018-19 financial year was awarded to Ballymac Friendship Centre towards the following work.

Youth Development

Young People:

Activities and numbers of young people participating are as follows;

Homework Club (11)

Youth Club (42),

Kidz Club (18),

Bonfire Project (32)

Mournes Bootcamp (12),

Two residentials (32),

Summer Scheme (42),

Holiday Hunger (29),

Family trips, (73).

Healthy lifestyle projects. These were; Holiday Hunger Scheme, in which hot, healthy, homemade meals 5 days pw for 5 weeks, and including cookery classes for youths, and Going Green – young people were taught fruit, vegetable and herb recognition, and they harvested vegetables from a city plot and used their harvest to make lasagne, vegetable pasta bake and pizza. (37 young people)

Weekly mountain biking, (10 young people)

Facilitated gym sessions (10 young people)

Summer hill-walking programme, (12 young people)

Sexual health sessions. (13 young people)

Ballymac FT worked directly with 155 young people in 2018-19

Ballymac FT conducted three **Community Safety Initiatives** which included 'diversionary work.

There was a significant reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour within local streets and at the 'interface' with Short Strand during periods of tension.

5.2 East Belfast Community Development Agency

5.2.i) Community Development Programme

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) conducted a multi-faceted set of Community Development programmes in the year 2018-2019. These are outlined below.

i) **Community Renewal**

In order to enable one hundred people to participate in community relations projects, EBCDA arranged and facilitated opportunities to develop collaborative work within and between communities. It identified and facilitated events to highlight and share good practice and supported local groups to develop good practice in Community Development. EBCDA provided support for projects focussing on building capacity and reinvesting in communities This was achieved through the following;

- 10 meetings of Inner East Forum
- Participation in 8 meetings of East Belfast Tension Monitoring Group
- 4 x meetings of East Belfast Race Relations Forum
- 4 Meetings of East Belfast Health Forum
- 8 meetings of East Belfast Youth Practitioners Forum
- Participation in Urban Village Reference Group

A total of 105 people participated in the programmes above.

ii) **Community Bonding**

EBCDA managed and supported the delivery of East Belfast Community Capacity and Leadership Programme with NICVA, TIDES Training, Youth Action and Interaction Institute for Social Change. It also continued to develop its Churches Programme in the Urban Village area to ensure churches are engaged with the community sector. These objectives lead to the achievement of the following programmes;

- 2 Facilitative Leadership Training programmes delivered
- 10 community workers offered coaching support
- 10 organisations within the NR supported through governance. Review and action plan developed.
- 10 people under the age of 40 participating in emerging leader programme
- 1 OCN Level 1 Introduction to Youth Work
- 1 OCN Level 2 Youth Work

iii) **Support to Community and Voluntary Organisations**

EBCDA arranged and facilitated opportunities to develop collaborative work within and between communities. It Identified and facilitated events to highlight and share good practice and supported local groups to develop good practice in Community Development.

Providing support for projects focused on building capacity and reinvesting in communities, by these means

- 8 meetings of East Belfast Youth Practitioners Forum (12 people at each)
- 10 meetings of Inner East Forum (15 people at each)
- 4 meetings of East Belfast Drug and Alcohol Stakeholder Forum (12 people at each)
- 6 meetings of East Belfast Community Development Café (10 people at each)
- 3 meetings of East Belfast Race Relations Forum (10 people at each)
- 4 meetings of East Belfast Health Forum (12 people at each)
- Participation in EastSide Learning Project (2 meetings)
- Support the development of the Scaffolding Project
- 4 meetings of East Belfast Housing Providers Forum

Total number of organisations supported for the year: 22

Total numbers of people supported for the year 175

iv) **Support to Community Relations Projects.**

EBCDA supported the work and agenda of the BCC Tension Monitoring Group and Good Relations team. It ensured that appropriate communication and or representation was provided to the DPCSP and provided support for its effective operation. It facilitated local communities to articulate community safety issues and access support to address these. EBCDA increased awareness of crime prevention initiatives operating in the NRA.

EBCDA took the following courses of action to fulfil these objectives;

- Attended and was an active member of East Belfast Tension monitoring group
- Worked with Youth Practitioners Forum to improve youth engagement and reduce anti-social behaviour during band parades and other significant events.
- Facilitated 3 meetings of East Belfast Race Relations Forum

A total of thirteen projects were supported during 2018-19

v) Encouraging (8,000) People to Use Existing Community Facilities

EBCDA offered support to accessible advice services. It worked closely with others to co-ordinate a response in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA) to tackling poverty, connecting stakeholders and supporting the further development of the Scaffolding Project. EBCDA supported and co-ordinated the work of the Executive Office: Urban Village Initiative and other relevant plans in the NRA.

vi) Community Renewal

EBCDA strengthened community infrastructure community development and capacity to engage in the transition to Community Planning. It also played a significant role in encouraging a new generation of skilled community leaders.

EBCDA managed and supported the delivery of East Belfast Community Capacity and Leadership Programme with NICVA, TIDES Training, Youth Action and Interaction Institute for Social Change to support a programme for community and youth workers and encourage participation of organisations.

EBCDA provided 125 people with job specific training to this end. This was provided in the following themes;

- 5 x Community Development Courses
- 3 x Leadership Courses
- 1 OCN Level 1 Introduction to Youth Work
- 1 OCN Level 2 Youth Work
- 1 ILM Level 3 Managing & Developing Volunteers
- 2 Facilitative Leadership Programmes
- 2 Managing Staff Relations Programmes
- 2 Community Relations Programmes

In order to meet the objectives above and to increase numbers of people volunteering and getting involved in their communities, EBCDA delivered the following non-job specific training; Level 2 Keeping Children Safe (to 16 people).

vii) Reducing Economic Inactivity

EBCDA enabled the retention of 14 Full Time posts and focussed on safeguarding four posts in particular.

viii) Ensuring 550 People Benefit from Healthy Lifestyles Projects

EBCDA facilitated a shared vision for Health Improvement in the NRA, focused on enabling residents to live longer, healthier lives. It ensured accessible and early referrals were made to support services. It increased numbers of people volunteering and getting involved in their communities.

EBCDA realised these objectives with the following programmes;

Implementation of the East Belfast Health Framework 5 themes in the NRA:

- Healthy Hearts
- Healthy Minds
- Healthy Bodies
- Healthy Neighbourhoods and Healthy Relationships
- Increase engagement in and the capacity of community-based health clinics addressing priority issues.

EBCDA ensured that groups within the NRA accessed programmes offered by health agencies, voluntary and statutory, responsible for citywide initiatives, and that higher levels of participation are evidenced. It delivered the following to this end;

- 2 Health clinics
- 10 Suicide awareness sessions
- 2 Assist (Suicide Awareness) Programmes
- 1 Men's Shed team building event (14 men)
- 4 Mental Health awareness sessions
- Promotion of HSC/PHA Take 5 – steps to well-being programme
- 4 "Top Tips" programmes (70 people total)
- 3 "Ash to Cash" programmes
- 24 yoga classes (15 people at each)
- 12 Pilates classes (8 at each)
- 16 Treasure Trails Walks (20 at each)
- 2 Nutrition Workshops
- 1 x four-week Summer Nutrition Programme targeted at families (50 families via 5 community groups)
- 1 Mindfulness Programme
- 6 Tabata sessions (8 people at each)
- 3 Tai Chi sessions (12 people at each)
- 8 Dancercise sessions (20 people at each)
- 2 Armchair aerobics sessions (15 people at each).

ix) Enabling 550 people to Access Intervention and Treatment Processes

Complementing the work above, EBCDA facilitated the provision of;

- Men's' shed meetings 3 times a week every week (14 men)
- 10 suicide awareness events (40 people)
- 1x 2-day ASIST training delivered (9 people)
- 1 stress management session (13 people)
- 1 diabetes programme (15 people)
- Take 5 messages at 4 events reaching approx. (300 people)

x) Health Education and Awareness Initiatives

EBCDA determined to increase the number of health education and awareness initiatives. It has facilitated the delivery of the following to this end in 2018-19;

- Smoking brief interventions (32 people)
- 35 dementia information hubs developed
- 3 dementia awareness events (200 people)
- 3 dementia awareness sessions (20 people at each)
- 1 x alcohol awareness training session (26 people)
- 1 x drugs and alcohol workshop (15 people)
- 1 blood pressure clinic for men (25 people)
- 1 pop up people's pharmacy reaching 260 people with Take 5 messages
- 4 nutrition workshops (75 people)
- 100 nutrition packs distributed
- 10 community organisations trained in nutrition delivery and received resources to sustain this
- 1 x 6-week nutrition programme (12 people)
- 1 x 5-week nutrition programme (15 people)
- 5 Arts in Arches sessions to (15 at each)
- 5 X Take Arts and health sessions in community groups approx. (12 at each)
- 1 Macmillan cancer event (30 people)
- 1 x IT and health programme (10 people)

5.2.ii) Youth Development Programme

Objectives were as follows;

i) Facilitate engagement of one hundred people in community relations projects

EBCDA enabled mutual support among East Belfast youth practitioners through monthly meetings, themed sub-groups and reflective practice sessions. It shared information and enhanced understanding about current youth provision in the East Belfast area through; networking and information-sharing, and arranging meetings with elected reps and departments about current youth provision. EBCDA provided learning opportunities to improve practice, including the exploration of new models of work through new ideas and resources and training and development.

We achieved these goals through the following:

- 8 meetings of Youth Practitioners Forum (12 people at each)
- Participation in 8 meetings of East Belfast Tension Monitoring Group
- 4 x meetings of East Belfast Race Relations Forum (10 people at each)
- 4 Meetings of East Belfast Health Forum (12 people at each)
- Participation in Urban Village Reference Group

Total number of people for year = 107

ii) Facilitate engagement of 100 People in Community Bonding Projects

EBCDA managed and supported the delivery of East Belfast Community Capacity & Leadership Programme with NICVA, TIDES Training, Youth Action NI and Interaction Institute for Social Change.

The Project continued to develop our Churches Programme with Churches in the Urban Village area to ensure Churches are engaged with the sector and supported to develop.

EBCDA provided learning opportunities to improve practice, including exploration of new models of work through new ideas and resources and training and development.

EBCDA improved provision by promoting the services and activities of statutory and voluntary providers, and by ensuring they are more accessible to East Belfast communities.

The Project supported collaborative working among East Belfast youth practitioners. This took the form of joint street work at weekends and the co-design and delivery of youth programmes.

The following was achieved in the year;

- 2 Facilitative Leadership Training programmes delivered
- 5 youth workers offered coaching support

- 5 youth organisations with in the NR supported through governance review and action plan developed.
- 5 people under the age of 40 participating in emerging leader programme
- 1 OCN Level 1 Introduction to Youth Work
- 1 OCN Level 2 Youth Work

Total number of people for year = 95

iii) Facilitate the engagement of 100 people in unpaid voluntary work

EBCDA promoted volunteering in the NRA by;

- Promoting volunteering opportunities through the weekly email bulletin distributed to over 400 organisations and individuals.
- Supporting and development of the newly established volunteer forum
- Supporting 2 youth groups to establish volunteer policy
- Encouraging 4 youth groups to undertake ILM level 3 in developing and managing volunteers

95 people were enabled to engage in unpaid voluntary work in 12018-19

iv) Support Community Relations Projects

EBCDA supported the work and agenda of the BCC Tension Monitoring Group and Good Relations team. It ensured that appropriate communication and or representation was provided to the DPCSP and provided support for its effective operation. The Project facilitated local communities to articulate community safety issues and access support to address these. It increased awareness of crime prevention initiatives operating in the NRA.

The following was undertaken in this regard;

- Attendance at and active participation in East Belfast Tension monitoring group
- Worked with Youth Practitioners Forum to improve youth engagement and reduce anti-social behaviour during band parades and other significant events.
- Co-ordinated 3 meetings of East Belfast Race Relations Forum
- Co-ordinated 3 meetings of East Belfast Youth Practitioners Forum average of 12 people at each
- Managed ASB street-based diversionary programme
- Facilitated Youth Reference Group who arranged the following events;
 - Celebration event on progress and development of EB Youth Practitioners Forum
 - INSPIRE Youth event profiling young people's achievements
 - Westminster study visit for East Belfast Youth Reference Group

Total number of projects supported in 2018-19 = 5

v. Enable 100 People to Access Job Specific Training

EBCDA managed and supported the delivery of East Belfast Community Capacity & Leadership Programme with NICVA, TIDES Training, Youth Action NI and Interaction Institute for Social Change to support a programme for community and youth workers and encouraged participation of organisations.

The following was undertaken to this end;

- 2 x Community Development Courses
- 1 x Leadership Courses
- 1 OCN Level 1 Introduction to Youth Work
- 1 OCN Level 2 Youth Work
- 1 ILM Level 3 Managing & Developing Volunteers
- 1 Facilitative Leadership Programme
- 1 Managing Staff Relations Programme
- 4 Community Relations Programmes
- OCN in restorative street work via Anti-social Behaviour programme
- Introduction to first aid training via Anti-social Behaviour programme

Total number of people for year = 92

vi) Enable 100 People to receive non-job specific training

EBCDA supported local groups to develop good practice in Community Development. It provided support for projects focused on building capacity and reinvesting in communities.

The following courses were delivered to this end;

- 1 Keeping Children Safe
- 1 1st Aid at Work
- 1 Fire Safety (Buildings) Training
- 2 managing projects programmes
- 2 Developing Group & Teamwork Communication

- 2 Good Relations & Civic Leadership
- 2 Intro to Networking & Leadership
- 1 ILM Level 3 Managing & Developing Volunteers
- First Aid

vii) Enable 100 Young People to Benefit from Youth Inclusion/Diversiory Projects.

EBCDA supported the Youth Practitioners Forum to develop new approaches for young people and workers in the NRA through a collaborative approach. It supported key stakeholders to identify gaps and weaknesses in youth provision in the NRA and develop plans to address these.

Work to this end was as follows;

- Facilitated workshop with young people on positive community engagement around band parades
- Facilitated Youth Work Generation event promoting youth work as a career and volunteering pathway for young people
- Three meetings of East Belfast Youth Practitioners Forum average of 12 people at each (60)
- 3x planning meetings with chair and vice chair
- Recruitment of 3 new membership organisations to Youth Practitioners Forum
- Arranged Westminster study visit for East Belfast Youth Reference Group
- Facilitated INSPIRE Youth event profiling young people's achievements

Total number of people for year = 110

viii) One hundred young people to benefit directly from the Project

EBCDA Increased active participation of young people through new and existing channels and groups.

It improved communication, co-ordination and networking within and without the Youth sector. The project enhanced awareness of community history and promoting cultural confidence and developed knowledge and skills for practical programme / project planning and management.

These were achieved by;

Regular information flow and circulation or information through Youth Practitioners' Forum mailing list.

3 x meetings with Ur City 2-funded groups to measure outcomes of programmes.

Meeting with Belfast City Council to explore closer collaboration with Belfast City Council Youth Forum

Facilitation of 3 meetings of East Belfast Youth Reference Group and ongoing programme planning

Total number of people for the year = 95

5.3 Lagan Village Youth and Community Group

The objectives set for 2018—19 by Lagan Village Youth and Community Group and related achievements are as follows;

i) **35 People to Participate in Community Relations Projects**

Lagan Village Youth and Community Group (LVYCD) recognises the need to address difficulties and potential difficulties arising from the immediacy of an 'interface area'. In 2018-19 the following programmes were delivered to this end:

Active Communities Programme had 15 of our young people participating were they were interacting with the young people from the Lower Ormeau Road area, in which the two communities were united through a range of different activities every week.

The outcome for this group is to develop lasting friendships with one another and to express their friendship over two large pieces of art that they will both be completing side by side. Symbolising both communities coming together.

“ **The world of Food**” project engaged the youth group in a 12 week project looking at an individual culture every week. At the beginning we researched as many different cultures as we could. Especially those cultures who exist in their own community, step by step each week we then made some of their most relevant foods and by doing this we triggered the young people's interest in food, whilst also learning about the people around them, instantly breaching that gap between local ethnic families and building a better understanding.

“**The Divide**” was a 6-week project in which 15 of our senior youth club were arranged to visit 6 different areas across Belfast. Observing and communicating with the youth within the areas separated by peace walls was a remarkable experience for the youth involved. New Lodge Road, Falls Road, Lower Shore Road, Ardoyne, Short Strand and Donegall Road, the youth group visited all of these areas to witness separation that communities suffer from on a daily basis.

The “**Shadows**” project was by a group of 5 young people who buddied up with a local ethnic young person for 6 weeks where they shared and supported each other in activities such as schoolwork.

Sixty young people participated in 2018-19

ii) One hundred People to participate in Community Bonding Projects

Our young people who participate in our youth programmes develop and promote better awareness, understanding and trust among young people from different cultural backgrounds from across the local community and wider Belfast through their youth initiatives and projects that impact on them and the community, these projects are environmental, educational, social, sporting and play time .(39)

2018 - 2019 saw a number of young people interacting in a range of community projects that allows for their personal and educational development: Culture thru Understanding (19) Monday night Club (12) Junior youth club (22) Senior peer leaders Group (12) Seniors Planning for the Future group (15) Senior youth group mentoring programme (19)

Our weekly Intervention sports programme session in-centre attracted a range of young people to participate (15)

Halloween, Christmas, New Year and St Patricks day 2018-19. During these events the young people discussed firework safety and fire-fighters came in to discuss firework safety. Over the Christmas, New Year and St Patricks day periods the young people took part in anti-social behaviour talks given by the PSNI and also drink aware course to warn them of the dangers that come with underage drinking (19)

Total number of people for the year = 188

iii) Helping sixteen people to engage in unpaid voluntary work

This period seen 5 new peer leaders recruited to support and develop youth programmes for the community centre. These new peer leaders are taken from local young people who are growing up and moving into adulthood

Our Junior and Senior youth clubs have 4 Volunteers in Junior Group and 4 volunteers in senior club that support and develop new youth projects and programmes for local young people

iv) Enable ten people to receive training in community development

LVYCG is committed to ensuring that training opportunities are available to enhance opportunities for people to engage in community activity.

In this period, we organised and supported training for the new youth peer leaders (5)

Our volunteers also went through in-house training with our youth coordinator and Community Development officer who facilitated the training. This was in community development, youth initiatives and volunteering in the community (6)

v) Support Six Community Groups

Inner East Belfast can be likened to a melting pot with its mixture of different communities and diverse population. The true essence of community cohesion is about getting people involved from the grass root levels upwards in all community services being offered within Inner East Belfast. With community groups, supporting each other in the work they do it will benefit those in the community greatly and create many more opportunities for the people of the local area.

The project has continued to support groups, such as those listed below;

- Doyle youth club Short Strand
- Short Strand community centre
- St Malachys Youth Centre
- Walkway Community Centre
- Busy Bees after school's club
- Inner East Youth Practitioners forum

We began work with these community groups in this period;

- East Belfast Alternatives
- East Belfast Family Hub
- Walkway Community Centre
- Busy Bees After Schools
- Inner East Youth Forum
- PSNI Community team
- NIHE Cohesion unit
- Doyle Youth Centre
- Lorag Youth Centre

Total number of groups worked with in the year = 17

vi) Support Four Community Relations Projects

Good community relations are now more necessary than ever, and Lagan Village will promote the engagement of young people in the Woodstock Ward where there are issues around community cohesion and confidence.

Woodstock Ward is in the top 10% of most disadvantaged wards in N. Ireland; it is ranked 39 (of 582).

Inter-community strife continues to be a sporadic feature on the interface around the Short Strand. Furthermore, intra-community feuding between paramilitary groups also exists, blighting various parts of working-class East Belfast.

Added to this potentially volatile mix for destabilisation is the increasing number of ethnic minority immigrants to the area.

The activities we conducted during this period include;

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Another project that was undertaken by the youth groups was “The world of Food” project where the group did a 12-week project looking at an individual culture every week. At the beginning we researched as many different cultures as we could. Especially those cultures who exist in their own community, step by step each week we then made some of their most relevant foods and by doing

this we triggered the young people's interest in food, whilst also learning about the people around them, instantly breaching that gap between local ethnic families and building a better understanding.

“Shadows” Project was the group of 5 young people buddied up with a local ethnic young person for 6 weeks were they shared and supported each other in activities such as school work, play time, going to the shops. This project allowed these young people to build better understanding and relationships with each other.

“Cooking for the World”-This 12 week programme encouraged the 12 young people in the Monday junior club to make and taste a different food from across the world especially on those cultures who live in our community. Each week one of the group had to pick a country and its food and tell the rest of the group all about the cultures of that country, and then make the food for the group to taste.

“Borders that separate us” was a 4-week project for 13 of our senior youth club who organised a visit to 4 different areas across Belfast to look at and learn about the peace lines that separate those communities on a daily basis.

“Current affairs” this programme involved the young people looking into problems that are current and could apply to their age group. We looked into internet safety, child grooming , protecting yourself online and how online gaming is changing our society.

Total projects supported 2018-19 = 13

vii) Safeguard three Full-time jobs

In this period, LVYCG safeguarded three full-time posts based in the Community Centre

viii) LVYCG will ensure that 100 Young People will benefit directly from the Project and 30 Young People will have access to specialist support.

Educational attainment levels in the area around LVYCG are lower than almost everywhere in Northern Ireland. The Project is determined to intervene in this challenge.

LVYCG conducted educational support programmes throughout 2018-19

96 young people participated in 2018-19

Through our participation on the East Belfast Family Hub programme we were able to signpost people from local families to receive further support and assistance to address their special needs. We also work very closely with the Orchardville Society and young people from this gain from inclusion in many of our activities.

Number of young people in 2018-19 = 25

ix) **Enable 90 People to Benefit from Healthy Living Projects, and 90 to attend Health Awareness Initiatives and Assist 20 people to access intervention services.**

Children and young people using our Centre via the Youth programmes, afterschools' clubs and Mothers and Toddlers clubs are encouraged to snack on healthier food options and to take as much exercise as possible.

This year we will be running a series of projects around healthy lifestyle projects and the core principles of the Health and Social Care trust Take 5 approach will be incorporated throughout these. Some of the projects we delivered this year are;

- Intervention sports once a week (15 participants)
- 4 x Healthy cooking project (15 Participants)
- Exercise classes for Teenagers (15 Participants)
- 2x Drug/alcohol projects (15 Participants)
- 2 x Sexual Health projects (15 Participants)
- 2x Mental Health and wellbeing (15 Participants)

In this period several programmes were directed at young people's health and wellbeing.

- Young people's cooking project (12)
- Intervention football once a week. (25)
- Fitness camp (12)
- junior club Sexual awareness project (15)
- Senior group Mentoring health awareness project (15)

Total number of young people for the year = 151

LVYCG targeted the young people within our area who tend to ignore advice regarding their health. It could be down to a lack of understanding or the "it will never happen to me" attitude. Whatever the reasoning behind it, it is important that through our programmes we fill the gaps in their knowledge, and make them aware that their chances of becoming ill, getting an STD, pregnant or worst case scenario of death is just as high as everyone else's if they don't take the necessary steps to decrease the risk and live a healthier lifestyle.

This year we increased the number of young people signing up to our health awareness initiatives. We delivered a series of projects around healthy lifestyle projects and the core principles of the

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- Senior group Mentoring health awareness project (15)

The intervention services we offer in our centre are specialist services, available in our community that were set up to provide treatment and support for young people and their families who seek early support for a range of wellbeing services such as counselling and suicide prevention.

The aim of Early intervention services is to give people and their families a wide range of help, support and treatment and provide people with as much understanding of their issues as possible.

Our intervention programmes work in conjunction with main professional bodies who offer counselling and support to those in crisis. We also are a member of the BHSCT family support hub, and we make referral to them when a family or young person has specific needs that we cannot help with ourselves.

In this period, we facilitated and supported a number of initiatives to support the local community in the services needed for their health and well-being.

- East Belfast family hub
- East Belfast Counselling
- Lifeline weekly
- EBIAC weekly
- Young people's healthy living project
- Senior Group health mentoring project

vii) Enable 40 people to participate in suicide prevention projects.

Mental health is clearly an issue and needs to be tackled on various levels.

Young people need to be educated in recognising signs of such vulnerability in both themselves and others via suicide prevention programmes, which are planned and promoted by the Lagan Village Youth Team, who also liaise with the suicide prevention team at EBCDA.

The Team also places a deal of emphasis on the promotion of the supporting networks and counselling services available to vulnerable young adults.

Young people are encouraged to be as open as possible regarding any problems they may be experiencing and to report bullying without fear of ridicule.

In 2018-19, LVYCG provided the following;

Our senior youth group do a mentoring and mental health awareness programme with young people every Friday night. In this, young people get a one-one session and others get to participate in-group sessions.

Our youth group participated in Mental awareness week in the community centre. The group learnt a lot about mental health issues especially among young people.

Total number of young people for the year 76

x) Crime Prevention: Ensure 80 people receive advice on crime prevention and Implement nine Community Safety Initiatives

According to the CYPSP stats the average rates of crime in the Woodstock ward are well above the average in Northern Ireland. The average rate per 1000 for Northern Ireland is 56.2 the rate in the Woodstock Ward is 98. The project provided the following programmes for its service users that will offer advice on crime prevention;

We invited the PSNI to visit the centre to talk to our youth groups on crime prevention, underage drinking, fireworks, anti-social behaviour and also drug and alcohol abuse over annual seasonal events. This was regarding Halloween and New Year period (26)

Our Youth club "Parent's night" is held once every 6 months to highlight the work of young people in the community - Our young people and their parents attended parent's night to talk about some of the issues that affect young people in the community such as – anti social behaviour, fireworks, drug and alcohol abuse, mental and physical pressures. The youth group showcased their project work on these issues to their parents (38)

Our prepping for the future programme ran for six weeks and it included cooking, tidying up , making healthier lifestyle choice , different forms of physical activity and different ways to keep fit and healthy., (25)

Total number of people for the year = 89

The Youth Club provides a haven for young people in a fun and social environment, but the Team also educates the young people in personal safety, on the streets and in their own homes on social media sites etc.

The team holds sessions on the dangers of fireworks and the implications of anti-social behaviour, drug misuse etc.

- 2x Personal safety
- 3 x Anti-social
- 2 x personal safety online
- 1 x bonfire safety
- 1 x firework safety

In this period, our community safety initiatives were about the main events that were being held in the local community. There were a number of community safety initiatives held to discuss the impact of these events on local people and the community, These events such as

- Halloween and the underage parties
- St Patricks day
- Anti-social behaviour, fireworks, alcohol and drugs during these periods.
- “ Keeping our neighbourhood friendly”

Our young people personal safety projects held in the community centre over this period were;

- 4-week anti-social behaviour project,
- 4-week drug and alcohol abuse among young people project,
- 8-week mental and physical pressures among young people project,
- 4-week social media and young people project.

Fifteen projects were delivered this year

It is important to involve the young people of the local area in all safety initiatives as it helps to provide them with Knowledge that they can apply to their daily lives to help them make better-informed decisions about the choices and options in life. It also helps to increase the pride they take in their local area, which will see a decrease of vandalism and damage happening in the community. We provided a number of programmes and events for the young people that help promote better community safety initiatives. We increased the number of young people attending these initiatives. These included;

We invited the **Radius housing** to visit the centre to discuss antisocial behaviour in and around the new housing project areas where they explained to the children the risks of joining in with antisocial behaviour within their construction sites.

Our “Concerned residents night” was held to discuss a number of antisocial hotspots within the area and discuss how they are going to go about solving the issues. The PSNI and Radius housing were involved.

Our health and wellbeing personal safety programme ran for 6 weeks with our junior and senior youth groups in regards to their personal and family safety. In this they learnt about anti-social behaviour, young people and the LAW and dangers of social media.

Total number of people for this year = 182

There is a great need for crime prevention initiatives to happen within our working area. We delivered a number of crime initiatives throughout the year, and addressed any developing issues as and when they should occur within the community in this way;

- PSNI crime prevention talks
- Our “Concerned residents night”
- Young people’s personal safety programme
- Firework safety
- Internet safety and how to react when online
- Firefighters firework safety
- PSNI antisocial behaviour
- Self-protection and defence

Total number of people for the year = 182

xi) Enable 115 young people to benefit from youth inclusion and diversionary programmes, and target 30 people who are dealing with interface issues.

Youth inclusion/ diversionary projects are essential to help target those young people in the area that are “at risk”. This helps increase the young people’s sense of community pride and helps to deter them from partaking in anti-social behaviour. The projects that we run help the young people gain increased levels of confidence and self-awareness and increase awareness of community safety issues and citizenship. Our activities to this end are;

In this period our youth programmes have seen a very positive inclusion of local young people in projects and programmes that are benefiting them from interaction with others during them. The youth club both Junior and senior has seen a marked improvement by local young people

- The intervention sports group which is held weekly see a broad diverse range of young people participating
- Seniors mentoring programme has attracted a number of local young people who would be socially excluded (
- Our junior and seniors community initiatives have seen them provide an excellent contribution to the local environment through street clean ups, street reach work ensuring local children from the area aren’t causing any bother in and around the area.

Living on the interface area has a massive impact upon the young people we work with. This year we offered several programmes to help deal with this. These included work with groups from The Short Strand and Intervention sports, which provide a space to prevent young people gathering at the interface area.

- We worked with groups from The Short Strand, The Markets and other nationalist's communities in Belfast looking at a range of differing issues 4 projects x 15 participants.

Within Lagan Village both Youth coordinator and community development worker are involved in dealing with impact of interface issues.

Total number of young people for the year 58

5.4. Short Strand Partnership

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £19,253.52 for 2018-19 financial year was awarded to Short Strand Partnership to secure and sustain the following work;

Short Strand Partnership (the Partnership) set the following goals for 2018-19 and achieved the following in its work in that year;

i) **Facilitate 50 People to Participate in Community Relations Projects**

The Partnership enabled participation as follows;

- Tension Monitoring Meetings x 5 (14 participants)
- Community Relations x 6
(Monthly multi agency meeting 9 attendees)
- Residents meeting x 2 (intra community 22 residents)

Total number of people for year 2018-19 = 68

ii) **Enable 90 people to participate in Community Bonding Projects**

The Partnership met this objective by bringing residents together involving them collectively in physical regeneration of the area on the following projects;

- Bryson Street Interface – Improvement to volatile interface area including improvement in lighting re-imagining art to peace wall and planting of trees etc. x 30 residents
- Strand Walk Interface – Improvement to frontage of homes and peace barrier – Re imaging of fence directly on interface in conjunction with NIHE and BCC x 30 residents
- Mountpottinger Road Interface – Improvement in green space, planting of trees, replacement of security barriers resurfacing of pathways and improved lighting x 30 residents

Total number of people in this year = 90

iii) **Offer Support to 6 Community Projects**

The Partnership offered support to these groups;

- Statutory Agency Meeting x 10
- Tension Monitoring Meeting x 10
- DPCSP x 11
- BCC Good Relations x 6

- IENP x 10
- CRJI x 6

Total groups supported this year = 6

iv) Facilitate 100+ People to Engage in Projects that Promote Shared Space

The Partnership worked collaboratively with agencies to investigate the development of shared spaces within NRA on sites such as Sirocco, and addressed the following;

- Identify Owners of Sirocco Site
- Ensure creation of shared space on Sirocco Site
- Lobby for and support creation of shared space East Bank
- Connectivity to City and City to East

The Partnership engaged in fortnightly meetings with Developers/Owners of Sirocco site, and engaged in lobbying for the creation of shared spacer on Sirocco site.

Total number of people involved for the year = 100

v) Support 49 New/Existing Childcare Places to Facilitate Training or Employment

The Partnership provided the following;

42 full time childcare places at 'Water Babies'

vi) Implement 3 Community Safety Initiatives.

The Partnership implemented the following;

Alley Gate Scheme

Secure Alley gates through DOJ and BCC – benefiting up to 90 residents.

Mountpottinger Link Site

Bring this site used for bonfire and anti-social activity back into community use – impacting on up to 20 residents directly (wider community as a whole)

Security Improvements to homes

Security measures to homes of residents living directly on the interface – benefiting 60 residents.

5.5 Short Strand Community Forum

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £30,356.64 for 2018-19 financial year was awarded to Short Strand Community forum to secure and sustain the following work;

Short Strand Community Forum (SSCF) worked on the objectives below, and has achieved the following work in 2018-19

i) Enable 108 People to Participate in Community Relations Projects

A total of 118 women and youths participated in community relations programmes in the year.

ii) Enable 3,000 People to Participate in Community Bonding Projects.

SSCF provided the following to this end;

- Senior Citizens Tea Dance (100 people)
- Family Funday (350 people)
- Football Tournament (62 people)

Total number of people for the year 1,012

iii) Enable 200 People to Engage in Unpaid Voluntary Work

Volunteering opportunities were provided in the following;

- 40 Volunteers helping in following projects;
- After school (3 people)
- Child development programme (2 people)
- Youth project (10 people)
- Senior Citizens (5 people)
- General maintenance (5 people)
- Catering (5 people)
- Women's Project (6 people)
- Special Needs (4 people)

Total number of people for the year = 40

iv) Enable 145 people to receive training in community development

Opportunities were provided as follows;

- Community development skills (10 people)
- Youth work training (8 people)

Total number of people for the year 18

v) Offer Support to community and voluntary groups

Total number supported for the year 24

vi) Support 46 Community Relations Projects

SCCF gave support to the following in the period;

- St Patricks Festival
- Fair chance project (Cooperation Ireland)
- East Belfast Young leaders project
- Short Strand / Diamond Women's project
- Planning for change Women's project
- NI Polio Foundation

vii) Enable 10,500 People to use existing community facilities

People used the following;

- After School Club (46 people)
- Play Development (24 people)
- Canteen (112 people)
- Job Club (46 people)
- NEETS (25 people)
- Advice (150 people)

Total number of people for the year 882

viii) Raise the Percentage of Residents Who Say They are Aware of Community Facilities in the Area from 35% to 45%.

SSFC raised awareness by;

- Newsletters
- Flyers
- Social Media
- Word of mouth
- Focus groups

45% awareness was achieved in the year

ix) Enable 195 People to Receive Non-Job Specific Training

SSCF provided the following training;

- Cookery (8 people)
- Yoga (8 people)
- Media training (6 people)
- Digital Media (8 people)

Total number of people for the year = 60

x) Support 87 New/Existing Childcare Places to Facilitate Training or Employment

Childcare places were made available as follow;

- Child Development Programme (24 people)
- After Schools Club (24 people)

xi) Enable 110 People to Obtain a Formal Qualification from Participation in Adult Education

Training was facilitated in the following;

- Construction skills register (20 people)
- Security Licence 920 people)
- Leadership Training (10 people)

xii) Ensure 175 Childcare/Nursery Scholl Places are Created /Safeguarded

24 children places were secured

2 parenting classes held (20 people)

Total number of places for the year = 60

xiii) Facilitate 170 people to engage in Parenting Skills / Development Programme

2 play and stay sessions (40 people)

Total number of people for the year = 64

5.6a Oasis Caring in Action

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £42,742.08 for 2018-19 financial year was awarded to Oasis Caring in Action to secure and sustain the following work;

Oasis Caring in Action (Oasis) set the following targets for 2018-19 and achieved the following impacts;

i) Enable 20 People to Engage in Unpaid Voluntary Work

21 people were assisted into voluntary work.

ii) Enable 400 People to Use Existing Community Facilities

398 people used the Oasis building during the year.

iii) Raise the Percentage of residents who Say They are Aware of Community Facilities in the Area from 35% to 45%.

Halloween and Christmas campaigns and additional referees to the Imago and Recall programmes contributed to a **5%** rise in awareness.

iv) Ensure 82 New/Existing Childcare Places to Facilitate Training and Employment.

74 childcare places were sustained, and 10 new children used the service.

v) Create /safeguard 82 Childcare/Nursery Places

74 places were sustained in afterschool's and 10 places were taken up by new children.

vi) Enable 68 People to Engage in Parenting Skills/Development programme

Oasis delivered 20 one to one parenting sessions and 18 peer support sessions

Total number of people for the year = 70

vii) Enable 25 People to Benefit from Healthy Lifestyles Projects

Oasis delivered a Women's Health Project focussing upon physical and mental health.

Total number of people for the year = 28

viii) Enable 50 People to access Intervention/Treatment Services

Oasis delivered one Imago Project – Mental Health Befriending. Oasis programmes are primarily focussed on mental health. Six programmes are provided weekly. One-hour

Facilitated Self Help sessions were delivered to 50 people referred through the mental health hubs of Belfast. A CORE 34 has been completed at each session to measure success or otherwise of the intervention.

Total number of people for the year = 51

ix) Implement One Health Education/Awareness Initiative

Oasis continued protection of Imago throughout the year.

5.6b Oasis Recall – Good Morning south and east Belfast

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £22,136.64 for 2018-19 financial year was awarded to Oasis Caring in Action to secure and sustain the work of Oasis Recall through the following work;

i) Number of beneficiaries

Two hundred and thirty-five isolated individuals were served by oasis Recall in 2018/19. During the funding year the service has received 40 new referrals, increasing our starting figure of 195 to **235**. The age range is from 39 to 98 showing that it is not just the elderly who feel isolated and lonely. The service has also seen an increase in the number of men requesting telephone calls as almost 25% of our service users are male. Beneficiaries needs vary from various dependencies to old age and immobility.

This year was a first for us to send Easter Cards – this proved a great success as our client really appreciated the unusual gesture. Birthday cards, Christmas cards and several get well cards were also sent. A number of shopping vouchers were distributed, using funds donated by a local churches.

The project has been presented to local community projects.

ii) Number of people engaged in unpaid voluntary work

One new member was added to our Oasis Recall volunteer team in 2018/19

iii) Number of Community Safety Initiatives

Staff provide regular safety and security advice to elderly and vulnerable recipients of the service. Each month a different campaign highlights issues, such as fire safety, window and door security, scammer warnings and using unsecure ATMs. Eight such campaigns were conducted throughout the year.

iv) Number of People Benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects.

Healthy lifestyle advice is provided to two hundred and thirty-five Oasis Recall receivers. We encourage and guide about keeping warm and eating adequately. Many recipients are on very low incomes and such advice is essential. We encourage those who are mobile to take regular exercise.

In the Autumn we compiled 'Autumn Awareness' cards, detailing some of the emergency numbers that would be of use during the Autumn and Winter. These were distributed in local community groups, churches, chemists and other organisations dealing with potential clients.

Campaigns such as hydration and Jab reminder were continued on a monthly basis.

Signposting to local organisations such as EBAC and PIPs throughout the year.

5.7 Walkway Community Association

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £52,129.44 for 2018-19 financial year was awarded to Walkway Community Association to secure and sustain the following work;

Walkway Community Association (WCA) set the targets for 2018-19 and achieved the impacts described below;

i) Enable 270 People to Participate in Community Relations Projects

WCA has delivered the following programmes;

- Community Carol Service (80 people)
- St Patricks Events with Short Strand Community Forum (30)
- Christmas Tea Dance in partnership with EBM. (41)
- Community Carol Singing, members of community from Inner East (15)

Total number of people for the year = 288

ii) Enable 720 people to participate in Community Bonding Projects.

A total of 878 people participated during the year, in;

- Walkway Community Association
- Summer Scheme Family Days
- 4 x Seasonal Events (80 people/event,
- 1 x Large scale Community Event
- Christmas Event

iii) Assist 35 People to Engage in Unpaid Voluntary Work

WCA sustained the involvement of 30 homework club volunteers and recruited five new volunteers, one to the management committee of WCA, and four new volunteers to the homework club.

Total number of people for the year =- 35

iv) Enable 5 People to Receive Training in Community Development Skills/Capacity Building

The following were delivered

- Social media training through EBCDA CC, 2 staff members.

- Chair of WCA received training in chairing an organisation through EBCDA CC programme.

v. Total number of people in the year = 7

WCA supported 6 community groups in the reporting period, including

- Eastside Arts and
- East Team Detached Programme

v) Enable 460 People to Use Existing Community Facilities

WCA assisted the following to use the Walkway Community Centre;

- Ravenscroft Nursery (Apr-June) - 65 TLC (April – June) -18
 - Youth Clubs – 30 Women’s Group- 24 United Comm. Group – 26
 - Technique – 12 Young Mums – 16 (crèche + workers 12)
 - **Open Day – 350 Royal Wedding – 250 Inspire – 20**
 - Trinity Theatre Arts – 29 Happy Hookers – 18 Homework Club – 10
 - Summer Programme – 49/21/24/7 Fitness Freddie (April-June) – 28
- Centre also used by various groups for meetings, classes and training during the year, including 600 on large day events.

Total of people for the year = 1009

and...

vi) Raise the Percentage of Residents Who Say They are Aware of Community Facilities in the Area from 35% to 45%.

The WCA baseline in this regard was 969 people. Using leaflets and posters, this figure rose to 1089, an increase of 11%.

vii) Enable 5 people to receive job specific training

Training offered included;

- 2 staff social media training through EBCDA CC programme.
- 1 Chair received training in chairing a community organisation.

Total number of people for this year = 7

viii) Assist 10 People to Receive Non-Job Specific Training

WCA ensured that 19 people received training through the year, including in child protection.

ix) a. Assist 156 People to Benefit from Healthy Lifestyles Projects

WCA channelled the following interventions

- Women's Group contains a health and wellbeing element – 16 participating
- Health Open Day including health checks, information stands etc... to 80 people in conjunction with EBCDA Health Team
- Summer Scheme Football Tournament on new Community MUGA – 60 participants
- 18 women – Stress Management
- 2 staff members attended workers health event (EBCDA)
- 22 people attended Health Information Evening (EBCDA Health Team)

Total number of people for the year = 198

b. Assist Three People to Access Health Education/Awareness Initiatives

WCA held two health information evenings

Total number of people for this year = 8

x) Enable 107 People to participate/attend community safety events

WCA ensured that these groups availed of Crime Prevention events;

- Youth Group (45 people)
- Women's Group (8 people)
- Pensioners Group (8 people)
- Craft Group (20 people)
- Young Mum's (18 people)

The issues addressed at these events included;

- Happy Hookers – talk by PSNI on the issue of burglary especially at XMAS. (21 people)
- BCC Community Safety Officers spoke to groups about cold callers. (HH & Women's Group, staff and committee) (42 people)

- PSNI gave advice to staff and committee around telephone scams/internet scams. (14 people)

xi) Implement Three Crime Prevention Initiatives

To this end, WCA provided the following;

Crime prevention at Christmas, PSNI, (2 sessions)

Protect against scams PSNI. (2 sessions)

xii) EDUCATION:

a. Increase Provision and Support for 123 People, Early Year's children and Afterschool's Groups

WCA provided English and Maths learning in the following;

- Homework club (12 young people)
- Rugrats (10 children)
- Trinity (29 children)
- Education Programme (49 children)
- Ravers (10 children)
- Rockets (13 children)

Total children for the year = 123

b. Enhance measurable attainment for 16 Pupils

Measurable attainment was enhanced as follows;

- Homework Club (12 young people)
- Ravers (13 children)
- Total children for the year = 25

5.8 Willowfield Parish Community Association

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £29,495.92 for 2018-2019 financial year was awarded to Willowfield Parish Community Association to secure and sustain the following service delivery.

The Willowfield **'Soul Sisters Family Support Project'** is a community-based service using existing networks and venues to provide family support to people in the Inner East Belfast area. It particularly targets families in need who have not taken up or sustained uptake of other services which are available and issues for which there is a local shortage of provision or a growing need. The project also facilitates a number of programmes which help local families and parents in areas of parental development, health and education.

This year of the project has seen growth in the number of service users and also in complexity of issues presented by families using the service. This reinforces the need for this one on one, needs based, and family led model of working. Such methods we have found really help families (and therefore communities), develop healthy and ongoing internal relationships as well as being able to interact constructively with the statutory and voluntary agencies designed to support them also. As a result, many clients availing of the Family Support Service are beginning to show positive progress in dealing with the difficulties that they face and in interacting with the statutory organisation involved in their situation. The programmes we facilitate as part of the Soul Sisters project also significantly contribute to positive development in areas of physical and mental health and education. Families have also availed of other services within WPCA such as the Food store, children and youth programmes, CAP, Job Club, Willowfield Craft Class, Open House drop inn as well as other programmes and groups. The project continues to be informed and supported by the various relevant local networks such as Inner East Family hub.

Two-part time workers deliver the programme. The posts facilitate various services such as:

- Home visits to clients
- Accompanying clients to statutory or legal meetings where they feel unable to attend by themselves i.e. family court, social service meetings etc.
- Accompanying and supporting parents to be more proactive in their children's education through attending meetings at school with them and helping them play a more active role in their children's education.
- Supporting clients through emotional and sensitive personal/ family issues
- *Supporting clients to attend weekly appointments i.e. GP, CPN, support groups
- *Directly referring families to other support services in the local area ie counselling
- *Health lifestyle programmes for parents and children

- *Support via a listening ear and someone to meet regularly with clients
- *Food Store, to help families when in food poverty
- *Provide food hampers at Christmas
- *Help families' avail of furniture and domestic appliances through WPCA's Fresh Start furniture distribution ministry to help families on very low incomes
- *Social Inclusion and interaction - meeting up with other local parents, especially positive for mums and tots from an Ethnic minority background
- *Parents and Tots Summer Scheme- An opportunity for local parents and children from 0-4 to attend and participate in a fun interactive summer programme which also includes healthy break and lunch. As well as fun and educational crafts, activities and outings, local services also facilitate group activities, for example NI Libraries provide song and story time, Oral Health practitioners talk to parents and children about helping children develop good oral health.
- Tuesday Takeaway Project - a programme designed to tackle the issue of Holiday Hunger. Throughout August families benefit from a weekly food pack containing fresh fruit vegetables butcher vouchers and healthy recipes to assist them in making healthy dinners for their family. Families are invited to stay for a cuppa and to chat whilst the children play in the facilities. They also have the opportunity to watch and participate in cookery demonstrations and sample the meals at the end.
- Organise health and community relations events e.g. health days.
- 'Peaced Together' Programme- this programme consists of 10-weekly 2-hour sessions and its aim is to support women to deal with issues through a creative arts project, promoting emotional wellbeing, personal development and confidence.

Project objectives/ outputs

- Number of people participating in Community Relations events 145
Total number of beneficiaries 273
- Number of direct referrals to other support services 83
- Number of people engaged in parenting skills/ development programmes 75
- Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyles project 166

Total number of people for the 2018-19 financial year 597

5.9 Carew II Family Centre

Neighbourhood Renewal Investment of £88,020.44 for the financial year 2018/2019 was awarded to Carew II Family Centre to secure and sustain the following service delivery.

The aim of this project is to provide high quality, affordable and accessible childcare and family support services within the Inner East Belfast area which focuses on the following:

Crèche (both planned and respite)	0 – 1 year old
Mother/Father and Toddler(s)	1 – 3-year-old
Playgroup	3-year-old
Pre-school	3 – 4-year-old
After-school	5 – 11-year-old
Homework clubs	5 – 11-year-old (Primary)

The Project provides the children and their families with a designated and professional high-quality service, aimed at improving the child's opportunity to a secure start in life and accesses to learning and development from an early age. The centre has been able to identify children with complex needs and developmental delay conditions and works with parents in receiving additional help and services to meet their needs. The childcare services are an integral part of the success of the Centre providing much needed support for parents who may be in employment or training.

**** Unfortunately, due to the financial climate, the running of the Newtownards Road Women's Group Ltd has been difficult over the past few years and recent circumstances has led our Board to consider their options. As a regrettable outcome of this, the decision was taken not to recommence services at Carew II Family Centre from the 31st August 2019.

Our early years services will finish at the end of June and will not recommence September 2019. We will be running summer activities during the months of July & August and will use this time to celebrate our achievements over the past 25 years.

Newtownards Road Women's Group has been providing Childcare Services in the East Belfast area for the past twenty-five years and has contributed to many other activities in the local area since 1994. We are extremely proud of all that we have accomplished in these years and could not be more thankful to those who have believed in us and invested in the future of this service.

We have received funding for many years through Making Belfast Work, Department Social Development and Department for Communities and would like to thank the Department for Communities for investing in us for over 25 years, without which we would not have been able to provide our services during this time.

5.10 Open Door Project: East Belfast Community Counselling

Funded by the Department for Communities

East Belfast community counselling's Open Door project continues to grow and expand to deliver a much needed service in the local area, we continue to have outreach in Ashfield School and links with local community groups. The project employs a Youth Counsellor, Project Co-ordinator and admin support, all on a part-time basis, and is supported by a team of volunteer counsellors

The young people who are using this service are experiencing a range of issues, related to school and personal life. These include exam stress, divorce of parents, other stresses at home, issues with sexuality and depression.

This project also works with parents providing one-to-one support for these clients in dealing with the issues their children are experiencing, but also in order that they can deal with the wider family issues and circumstances.

The Open Door Project has provided drop-in support for parents and young people, as well as information on mental health for youth and community workers. The project saw 137 people for a total of 521 sessions of one to one support, with 91% showing an improvement in their mental health, as evidenced by Clinical Outcome Routine Evaluation forms completed at each session.

We continue to have a small waiting list for the service however we prioritise the most high risk group of young people.

Throughout the year we have referred young people and parents to;

CAHMS

Familyworks

Surestart

Cruse Bereavement

Parenting Ni

Ravine Project

MACS

Princes Trust

The counselling we provide for young people helps improve overall psychological functioning and ability to engage on a day to day basis, in both education and training, as well as other economic activities such as employment and volunteering. Young people attending address a range of issues,

including;

Anxiety

Depression

Relationship Issues

Self-Harm

Addiction

Bereavement

Eating Disorders

Family Breakdown

Bullying

Identity Issues

The Open Door Project works in schools and the community providing early intervention mental health support, without stigmatizing children, young people or families and at a point where they need it most. It effectively removes the emotional barriers to learning and prevents the downward spiral that can lead to low aspirations, poor educational achievement, truancy and exclusion from school. It can help improve children's classroom learning and academic progress and build resilience, providing them with brighter prospects and hopeful futures

It is estimated that around 50% of all people with health-related issues including depression, and low self-confidence contribute to difficulties in gaining and sustaining work. If parents can address their mental health difficulties they are statistically much more likely to come off sickness benefits, take control of their lives and find paid employment, thus becoming positive role models for their children. The Open-Door project aims to address the underlying issues and encourage through facilitation a process which helps both young people and their parents take control of their lives, we encourage those in service to set specific goals.

The project supports the delivery of services identified as thematic priorities and priority services in three key areas in The Mount, Island, Ballymacarrett and Woodstock. The project will support continued efforts in Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Community Renewal.

Open Door Project addresses some of the issues as highlighted by East Belfast Constituency Profile which outlines the high rate of self-harm, teenage pregnancy and educational underachievement which is prevalent in the area.

We are currently beginning to see the effects of changes in Personal Independent Plans and the implications this is having on families in the Inner East Belfast area

As well as addressing challenging issues such as suicidal ideation, the counselling service provides preventative counselling, helping to address issues before they get to a crisis stage. This will have a positive social impact directly on the community, improving social cohesion, educational achievement, employment opportunities and helping to facilitate sustainable communities. The service is delivered via an existing network of youth organisations, helping to increase accessibility to young people who would otherwise be difficult to reach.

The NRA plans have clearly highlighted the significant challenges that face the NRA. The depopulation of the area, the challenge of urban post-industrial/post conflict regeneration, the economic decline of traditional manufacturing base and educational attainment lower than other NRA's with similar demographics are serious hurdles in the rejuvenation of the NRA physically, socially, economically and educationally.

Mental Health – from 2005 - 2010 in East Belfast was recorded (NISRA) as the constituency with the 3rd highest standardised admission rate for self-harm constituency with the 4th highest number of anti-depressant drugs dispensed per head of population.

Recent statistics from NINIS show that East Belfast has one of the highest suicide rates in Northern Ireland – behind North Belfast and Foyle. Statistics from the Quality and Outcomes Framework, 2011, Disease Prevalence show that East Belfast has the 2nd highest raw prevalence per 1000 patients on the mental health register, classed as having a mental health condition (defined as patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychoses).

5.11 Eastside Partnership – Delivering Effective Regeneration Locally and City-Wide

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £136,626.86 for financial year 2018/2019 was awarded to the Eastside Partnership to sustain the current level of service delivery. Please see Eastside Partnership Annual Report for further information on how Eastside achieved all the desired outcomes for 2018/19 at Annex 1.

5.12 Eastside Partnership – Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator

Neighbourhood Renewal investment of £25,830 was awarded for the 2018/2019 financial year to Eastside Partnership for the Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator post. Please see Eastside Partnership annual report and Neighbourhood Renewal Quarterly report (Annex 2) for further information. Note, the Co-ordinator achieved all the desired Outcomes for 2018/19.

5.13 Breakdown of Funding

Total Funding of £771,218.56 was awarded to organisations covering 2 main themes :
Community Renewal and Social Renewal

Community Renewal Funding :

Organisation	2018/19 Funding awarded	2018/19 Total Expenditure
EBCDA Community Development programme	£304,070.86	£302,178.84
EBCDA Youth Development	£116,537.00	£98,393.19
Willowfield Parish Community Association – Soul Sisters Family Support	£29,382.09	£29,382.09
Eastside Partnership - Delivering Effective Regeneration Locally and Citywide	£136,625.71	£136,625.71
Eastside Partnership- Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator	£25,830.11	£25,830.11
Total	£612,445.77	£592,409.94

Social Renewal Funding :

Newtownards Road Women's Group – Carew II family and childcare services	£88,020.44	£88,020.44
Oasis Caring in action – Recall good morning south and east Belfast	£22,136.64	£22,136.64
East Belfast Community Counselling- Open Door Project	£48,615.11	£44,073.79
Total	£158,772.19	£154,230.87

Total Expenditure - £746,640.81

Community Expenditure - £464,634.66

Social Expenditure - £282,006.15

6. Conclusion

I was struck, as I collated the content of this report, by the immense amount of work that goes on in east Belfast with funding provided under the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. The projects supported address a barely limited range of community needs. All ages are engaged. Thousands of people in the area are, in some way, touched by the good work of the Neighbourhood Renewal Projects. Hundreds of people have taken part in community relationships and community bonding programmes. Hundreds of senior citizens, and youths, and women and children have been engaged in so many different types of recreational, developmental, peace-making and learning activities.

The eastern quarter of the City remains blighted by disadvantage and deprivation in several areas. A society cannot be regarded healthy while this remains the case. This is why Neighbourhood Renewal funding and the work that emerges from it is crucial. A responsible government and its civil service must look to expand the innovative and pain-staking programmes, ideas and potential developments that are embedded by Neighbourhood Renewal in east Belfast

There is, in short, no real way to quantify the cumulative impact of all the work outlined in this report. May it continue and increase.

Annex 1

Eastside Partnership - Delivering Effective regeneration Locally and City-wide

Progress Report March 2019

Name of organisation	EastSide Partnership
Full description of project	Delivering Effective Regeneration locally and citywide
Reference number	SE/CED/01/18
Trim Reference	CO1-17-25249
Period of report	October 2018 – March 2019
Project contact	

Reports due:

Period of report	Due
April 18 – September 18	15 th October 2018
October 18 – March 19	15 th April 2019

Section 1: Expenditure update

Expenditure Type	Annual expenditure profile	Expenditure to date
Running costs	35,674	35,674
Salary costs	100,952.86	100,952.86
Programme costs		
Other costs		
Total	136,626.86	136,626.86

Please comment on any potential overspend/underspend and how this is being managed:

n/a

Voluntary and Community organisations only

Has your organisation met your HMRC liabilities in respect of National Insurance payments? You should supply the most recent current 'Real Time' screen print.

If **yes** please confirm below and include the screen print if available – if **no** please provide an explanation

Yes, see attached

Section 2: Other funders update

Has your organisation received additional funding or had funding cut or withdrawn by other Funders within this monitoring period? Have you applied for any further funding for which you are awaiting a decision?

If **yes** please provide details – if **no** please write 'no' in the box below

No

Section 3: Progress on objectives/outputs

Note: At the next monitoring visit you will be asked to provide evidence to back up the achievement figures you provide

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical Renewal

- New links to Connswater Community Greenway/ development of EastSide Greenways

Project objectives/outputs

- **PR (1) Area of land improved for open space**

An improved physical environment will provide additional opportunities for leisure and recreation, improving health and adding to community cohesion and confidence.

Target (1)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Although the target has not yet been reached great progress has been made. The EastSide Greenways strategy will be launched during Summer 2019 to coincide with a CCGT rebrand to EastSide Greenways Trust. Conversations ongoing with relevant government departments to share the strategy and influence the development of further Greenway links. Belfast City Council and the Department for Infrastructure have agreed to invest in the development of the Bloomfield Walkway with consultation having taken place in March and works commencing in April 2019. The development of the Ballymacarrett Walkway is at business case stage (Urban Villages capital fund) with community engagement and consultation planned for May 2019.

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical Renewal

- New links to Connswater Community Greenway/ development of EastSide Greenways

Project objectives/outputs

- PR (10) Area of land improved for and made ready for shared space

An improved physical environment will provide additional opportunities for leisure and recreation, improving health and adding to community cohesion and confidence.

Target (1)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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Ongoing

Ongoing

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Although the target has not currently been achieved works are ongoing:

- The redevelopment of Orangefield Park playground is ongoing and will be complete by early Summer 2019.
- Plans to develop the Ballymacarrett site (at Connswater Community Centre) are at early stages and being discussed at the East Area Working Group with potential plans including private property development, play park and community facilities
- CCG Phase 3 works are near completion. This includes enhancement to landscape at C.S. Lewis Square, Flora Street Walkway, the Hollow and the entrance to Braniel. Maintenance of C.S. Lewis Square sculptures has been completed.

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical Renewal:

- Development proposals for Newtownards Road/ Connswater Street / Welland St site
- Key buildings at Hollywood Arches & Newtownards Road developed as funding permits
- Support for development of the Urban Village Masterplan

Project objectives/outputs

- **PR (4) Number of new builds**

New and improved buildings in the area will encourage new investors and enhance the value of existing buildings

Target (1)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

While we had a target of one new build this year this was not achieved. However, we have submitted a PAD for a new hotel (Holywood Arches/ C.S. Lewis Square), planning application for conversion of an empty retail unit to a craft brewery (Newtownards Road/ Holywood Arches) and have agreed in principle to purchase a site from DfC on which to construct an office at Holywood Arches (Connswater Street).

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical Renewal:

- Development proposals for Newtownards Road/ Connswater Street / Welland St site
- Key buildings at Holywood Arches & Newtownards Road developed as funding permits
- Support for development of the Urban Village Masterplan

Project objectives/outputs

- **PR (5) Number of buildings Improved**

New and improved buildings in the area will encourage new investors and enhance the value of existing buildings

Target (1)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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1

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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

We have purchased 2 retail buildings 442/4/6/8 Newtownards Rd with a view to improvement and leasing. 448 has been improved and a tenant is now in situ. A planning application has been lodged for 552/4/6 and we expect to improve and lease that this incoming year.

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical Renewal

Volunteers recruited for CCG Avoniel Community Garden, and emerging projects

Project objectives/outputs

- **PR (11) Number of people /volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects**

By promoting volunteering in these schemes peoples skills will be enhanced and more sustainable outcomes will be achieved.

Target (30)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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10

30

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- Community clean up day x 1 (5 volunteers)
- 5 new Greenway Leaders recruited; providing support at events and activities and carrying out community engagement along the Greenway route.

Project outcomes (for information)

Economic Renewal

Development of new businesses as part of the Hollywood Arches Development Plan

Project objectives/outputs

- **ER (8) Number of new business start ups**

By providing an updated framework and ideas for development the process for developing new businesses will be simpler and a more attractive option for potential investors

Target (2)

Achievement during this report period

1

Achievement this year to date

2

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

A new restaurant, Freight (formerly Pot Kettle Black), has started up in our container development and a new Pilates business has started at 448 Newtownards Rd.

Project outcomes (for information)

Economic Renewal

- Continued support for Landmark East and Avec
- Development of new Social Economy opportunities at Hollywood Arches

Project objectives/outputs

- **ER (11) Number of Social Economy Enterprises created/supported**

Promotion of the Social Economy model will increase the potential for development. Experience of existing SE businesses will be used to assist in marketing this option.

Target (2)

Achievement during this report period

2

Achievement this year to date

2

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Both Avec Solutions and Landmark East continue to trade profitably.

Project outcomes (for information)

Community Renewal

- CCG annual events programme
- EastSide Arts annual events programme including EastSide Arts & C.S. Lewis festivals
- EastSide Learning events
- Family support activities – Locality Planning and collaborative projects
- Early Years Network – facilitation of activity programme

Project objectives/outputs

- **CR (2) No of people participating in Community Bonding projects**

Opportunities will be provided for different communities and groups to come together to share interests; creating increased cohesion and collaboration in the NRA

Target (6000)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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430

6089

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- CCG events; Love Your Greenway programme (200), Walk Wednesdays (50).
- EastSide Learning events; Early Years Network Transition event (180),

Project outcomes (for information)

Community Renewal

- ESP volunteering opportunities – ESP events including CCG, EastSide Arts, EastSide Learning, EastSide Tourism, community gardening etc.
- Student placements/work placements

Project objectives/outputs

- **CR (4) No of people involved in unpaid voluntary work**

Voluntary work and student placements will support the delivery of projects that will both improve their individual skills and contribute to community and project development.

Target (70)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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76

76

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

We have a dedicated group of volunteers who participated in a range of volunteering activities across all projects during this period including EastSide Greeter programme, EastSide Sessions, CCG animation programme, EastSide Arts, EastSide Learning.

Project outcomes (for information)

Community Renewal

- Usage of Connswater Pocket park
- Usage of Pocket Park at ESVC
- Usage of CCG – events & general use
- Usage of C.S. Lewis Square
- Bridges Family Practice
- EastSide Visitor Centre
- Pedestrian/Cycling links to TQ
- Link to Comber Greenway
- Tourism & Heritage Trails

Project objectives/outputs

- **CR (6) No of people using new or improved community facilities**

By improving community facilities in the NRA and organising activities and events to support their continued use local residents will have increased access to and a better range of services.

Target (100,00+)

Achievement during this report period

42,796

Achievement this year to date

117,230

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Bridges Family Practice, 6761 registered patients

EastSide Visitor Centre- 33,465 visits

CCG usage- 2570 event participants

Project outcomes (for information)

Community Renewal

- ESP/ ESA/ ESL/ ESVC & CCG social media platforms – websites, facebook, twitter etc.
- Project launches and events
- Develop attractive publicity materials/press releases
- Promote the EastSide brand

Project objectives/outputs

- **CR (11) Residents are aware of community facilities/services in the area**

Using the EastSide brand; social media and producing attractive up to date information will widen knowledge of activities and opportunities and strengthen local identity.

Target (Ongoing)

Achievement during this report period

Achievement this year to date

Ongoing

Ongoing

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- All social media channels and websites are active and regularly updated.
- VisitEastSide.com website launched promoting tours, activities and attractions, places to eat, drink and stay as well as events taking place across EastSide.
- Project launches/ events in this period include- PARC Study/ CCG Evaluation launch, Hearsay programme launch, EastSide Urban Gallery launch
- Press releases developed for the above launches and issued to press
- Production of final evaluation reports for CCG, production of Hearsay schools toolkit, new EastSide Visitor Map, EastSide Destination Plan
- EastSide brand used in all publicity & marketing materials

Project outcomes (for information)

Social Renewal - *Tackling barriers to learning*

- Delivery of parenting programmes as part of SIF Education programme (6 programmes)
- Delivery of community based Family Learning activities designed to engage parents in their children’s learning

Project objectives/outputs

- **SR (Ed)5 Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programmes**

As over 60% of children’s learning takes place in the home environment; informed and active parents are the key to their children’s academic success.

Target (6 programmes & 600 parents involved in events and parenting programmes)

Achievement during this report period

3 programmes

310 parents

Achievement this year to date

6 programmes

863 parents

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- Parent Programmes (53 parents)
 1. Families Connect
 2. School Readiness
 3. Parenting your Teen
 4. Keeping Your Cool
- EastSide Learning/ Early Years Network events (220 parents)
- Family Learning Visits (37 parents/ families)

Project outcomes (for information)

Social Renewal - *Improving attainment in Literacy and Numeracy*

- Better Reading Partnership Training for teachers, classroom assistants and parents
- Deliver ABC Literacy Club interventions in 6 community venues
- Develop the network of homework and after-schools provision in the area.
- Better Reading Partnership support provided to children in school and community settings

Project objectives/outputs

- **SR (Ed)6 Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project**

Targeted intervention at an early stage has been proven to improve outcomes

Target (BRP Training - 30 & Literacy Support for Children – 480)

Achievement during this report period

BRP training- 12

Achievement this year to date

BRP- 55

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

More staff trained in Better Reading Partnership training than first anticipated and slightly less children taking part in literacy support programmes (although significant participation in Bug Club), figures below.

- 12 BRP trained staff
- 142 Receiving Hearsay support
- 142 ABC club
- 1370 Bug Club

Project outcomes (for information)

Social Renewal – *Closing the Performance Gap*

- Delivery of targeted initiatives as part of SIF Education programme inc. GCSE revision
- Raising aspiration – EastSide Learning activity

Project objectives/outputs

- **SR (Ed)8 Number of pupils directly benefitting from project**

Providing support for targeted pupils at crucial times i.e. GCSE will improve outcomes. Raising aspiration will encourage more young people to engage in education.

Target (600)

Achievement during this report period

200

Achievement this year to date

660

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- 200 Young people attending GCSE Twilight revision, Community Based Revision and Easter School

Project outcomes (for information)

Social Renewal Health

CCG related programme of physical activity events

Project objectives/outputs

- **SR (H) (1) Number of people benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle projects**

Promoting healthy lifestyles across a range of specialised projects will provide opportunities for different age groups and different interest groups to engage – increasing the likelihood that everyone can be involved.

Target (1000)

Achievement during this report period

288

Achievement this year to date

1006

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Walk Wednesdays (238)

Fitness Freddy x 1 sessions – 40 people

Walking Netball x 2 sessions – 10 people

Project outcomes (for information)

Community

A coherent and integrated approach to service delivery responsive to locally identified need

Project objectives/outputs

- **Deliver Initiatives in partnership with at least one other BAP.**

Target (8)

Achievement during this report period

4

Achievement this year to date

8

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

BAPs continues to meet regularly to discuss regeneration strategy and other matters and where appropriate ESP works in partnership with other projects initiated by a BAP but not necessarily managed directly.

Activity this period includes:

- Joint involvement on Belfast Community Planning Partnership (3 meetings)
- City Connections project with Failte Fierste Thiar

Project outcomes (for information)

Community

A coherent and integrated approach to service delivery responsive to locally identified need

Project objectives/outputs

- **Engage with the above on an ongoing basis to deliver better outcomes for deprived areas.**

Target (10)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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8	10
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- City Connections project with Failte Fierste Thiar (EastSide Tourism)- Glider publication (1), East/ West best practice visit (2), digital marketing workshop for local people (1), world host training for local people (2)

Project outcomes (for information)

Community

A coherent and integrated approach to service delivery responsive to locally identified need

Project objectives/outputs

- **Hold regular meetings that engage with a range of stakeholders through the following- ESP Board, ESP Group Operational Committee, Connswater Community Greenway, EastSide Arts, EastSide Tourism, EastSide Learning, Locality Planning, Early Years Network, Hollywood Arches Traders**

Target (30)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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18	30
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

ESP Board- December & March (2), ESA Board- October & Feb (2), CCG Trust- November & February (2), Landmark East/ Avec Board- November & February (2), EastSide Tourism Board - Sept 18, Nov 18, & Feb 19 (3) GOC- Feb (1), EastSide

Learning board- Oct, Nov & Feb (3), CCG Stakeholder Forum (1), BCC Living Here Board (2)

Project outcomes (for information)

Community

A coherent and integrated approach to service delivery responsive to locally identified need

Project objectives/outputs

- No of people participating in Community Bonding projects

Outputs:

- EastSide Arts Festival, CS Lewis Festival and CCG events programme
- Family support activities – Locality Planning and collaborative projects
- Early Years Network – facilitation of activity programme
- EastSide Learning events

Target (6000)

Achievement during this report period

580

Achievement this year to date

6239

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- EastSide Learning events; Reading Fair (400), Transitions event (180)

Project outcomes (for information)

Community

People in the area are contributing positively to community and society – community capacity, capital and cohesion is increased

Project objectives/outputs

- Involving volunteers in ESP sponsored events

Target (70)

Achievement during this report period

76

Achievement this year to date

76

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

We have a dedicated group of volunteers who participated in a range of volunteering activities across all projects during this period including EastSide Arts community arts programme, EastSide Greeters (new scheme), CCG animation programme, Recycle School Uniform stalls, EastSide Sessions.

We also have one current work placement.

Project outcomes (for information)

Economic

Economic activity is increased particularly in the most deprived neighbourhoods connecting them to the wider urban economy.

Project objectives/outputs

- No. of Meetings of Holywood Arches Steering Group

Target (4)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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2

3

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Only one further meeting was held in the reporting period and we are now discussing with Holywood Arches Business Association whether we can better coordinate or merge HABA and the steering group

Project outcomes (for information)

Economic

Economic activity is increased particularly in the most deprived neighbourhoods connecting them to the wider urban economy.

Project objectives/outputs

- No. of visitor events at CS Lewis Square & EastSide Visitor Centre

Target (100)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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14

102

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

EastSide Visitor Centre- Walk Wednesdays (6), Artful Ageing (4), EastSide Sessions (Music Gigs), EastSide Gallery Exhibition Launches (2)

Project outcomes (for information)

Economic

Economic activity is increased particularly in the most deprived neighbourhoods connecting them to the wider urban economy.

Project objectives/outputs

Continued support for Landmark East and Avec

- Landmark East and Avec continue to operate profitably

Target (Ongoing)

Achievement during this report period

Both continue to operate profitably

Achievement this year to date

Both continue to operate profitably

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Both continue to operate profitably.

Project outcomes (for information)

Economic

Economic activity is increased particularly in the most deprived neighbourhoods connecting them to the wider urban economy.

Project objectives/outputs

To assist in the delivery of economic development initiatives in East being progressed by Neighbourhood Partnerships

- **No. of economic development Initiatives delivered in the Inner East and Tullycarnet NRA's**

Target (2)

Achievement during this report period

Achievement this year to date

1

2

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Update on 'Employment East' was given at Inner East Neighbourhood Renewal partnership meeting.

Project outcomes (for information)

Social

Improved social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments.

Project objectives/outputs

To assist in the delivery of economic development initiatives in East being progressed by Neighbourhood Partnerships

To develop specific interventions designed to build trust where there are competing interests and improve relationships between groups.

- No. of ESP initiatives centered on a good relations, collaborative approach

Target (3)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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0	3
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Target achieved in previous reporting period.

Project outcomes (for information)

Social

Improved social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments.

Project objectives/outputs

Facilitate and manage new opportunities to develop a strategic approach to securing resources

- No. of joint funding initiatives supported

Target (3)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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2	3
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Joint approach with Failte Fierste Thiar to BCC re support and funding for local tourism. City Connections fund in place.

Project outcomes (for information)

Social

Improved social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments.

Project objectives/outputs

Support clusters of schools and community groups to raise the achievement of targeted underperforming pupils. Increased confidence & engagement of parents with schools and their children's learning.

- No. of programmes developed linking schools and community based education initiatives.
- No. of people engaged in parenting/ skills development programmes

Target (3 programmes/ 50 participants)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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4 programmes (continuation from previous period)	4 programmes
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	102 participants
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

4 programmes continued from previous period.

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical

The area has the appearance of a thriving community with vibrant places and accessible facilities.

Project objectives/outputs

Strategic place based interventions to support wider economic activity

- No of Landmark East led interventions across the area

Target (3)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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1	3
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Liaising with property owner and Queen St Studios for the latter to relocate to Hollywood Arches, which has now happened

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical

The area has the appearance of a thriving community with vibrant places and accessible facilities.

Project objectives/outputs

Well planned neighbourhoods and local areas, with accessible facilities and amenities

- No of joint planning meetings held to secure better neighbourhood planning i.e. CDT, UV Reference Group

Target (3)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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0

3

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Target achieved in previous reporting period.

Project outcomes (for information)

Physical

The area has the appearance of a thriving community with vibrant places and accessible facilities.

Project objectives/outputs

Address vacant and derelict land and property and preserve heritage/built environment for productive use.

- Support for meanwhile use – targeted sites within the NRA through the Urban Village Initiative and BCC LIF and SIF funding.

Target (2)

Achievement during this report period Achievement this year to date

1

2

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Working with The Holding Project and an informal Tiny House group to look at new meanwhile use for former garage site at 6 Bloomfield Avenue.

Section 4: NRP Action Plan (Neighbourhood Renewal only)

Priority/action in NRP Action Plan: Physical Renewal

Establishment of improved physical links with Titanic Quarter and the City Centre

Details of how the priority/action has been achieved

The EastSide Greenways strategy will be launched during Summer 2019 to coincide with a CCGT rebrand to EastSide Greenways Trust. Conversations ongoing with relevant government departments to share the strategy and influence the development of further Greenway links. Belfast City Council and the Department for Infrastructure have agreed to invest in the development of the Bloomfield Walkway with consultation having taken place in March and works commencing in April 2019. The development of the Ballymacarrett Walkway is at business case stage (Urban Villages capital fund) with community engagement and consultation planned for May 2019.

Priority/action in NRP Action Plan: Social Renewal

Consolidation and improvement of Primary School provision in the NRA

Details of how the priority/action has been achieved

The SIF Belfast East Education Programme is ongoing. Funding has been extended until end September 2019 (was due to end in April 2019). A number of programmes have taken place in schools, and in the community to foster positive relationships amongst stakeholders and also to provide additional support and resources to parents, children and young people to support their learning.

Priority/action in NRP Action Plan: Economic Renewal

Increased numbers of visits to the NRA

Details of how the priority/action has been achieved

EastSide Tourism and Connswater Community Greenway have all particularly impacted the increase in the number of visits to the NRA in this period:

- EastSide Visitor Centre- 33,465 visits
- CCG usage- 2570 event participants

Priority/action in NRP Action Plan: Community Renewal

Strengthen community infrastructure, community development and capacity to engage in the transition to Community Planning

Details of how the priority/action has been achieved

ESP is a member of the BCC Community Planning Partnership which has been set up to develop and implement the Belfast Agenda. ESP continues to contribute to consultation process via BAPs on the Belfast Agenda and Local Development Plan and at work area meetings.

Annex 2

Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator

Progress Report: March 2019

Name of organisation	EastSide Partnership
Full description of project	Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator ('NRC')
Reference number	SE/CED/21/18
Period of report	October 2018-March 2019
Project contact	Maurice Kinkead
Trim Container	CO1-17-25255

Reports due:

Period of report	Due
April 18 – September 18	15 th October 2018
October 18 – March 19	15 th April 2019

Section 1: Expenditure update

Expenditure Type	Annual expenditure profile	Expenditure to date
Running costs		
Salary costs	25,830.11	25,830.11
Programme costs		
Other costs		
Total	25,830.11	25,830.11

Please comment on any potential overspend/underspend and how this is being managed:

N/A

Voluntary and Community organisations only

Has your organisation met your HMRC liabilities in respect of National Insurance payments? You should supply the most recent current 'Real Time' screen print.

If **yes** please confirm below and include the screen print if available – if **no** please provide an explanation

Yes – see attached

Section 2: Other funders update

Has your organisation received additional funding or had funding cut or withdrawn by other Funders within this monitoring period? Have you applied for any further funding for which you are awaiting a decision?

If **yes** please provide details – if **no** please write ‘no’ in the box below

No other funding has been applied for or received linked to this project

Section 3: Progress on objectives/outputs

Note: At the next monitoring visit you will be asked to provide evidence to back up the achievement figures you provide

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Use of NR action plans at NP meeting**

Project objectives/outputs

To facilitate the use of the NR action plan as a working document by making it a mandatory item on the agenda for NP meetings.

Target (8)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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5

14

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

- a. Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership (IENP) Action Plan

The IENP Action Plan is a mandatory item in the Agenda for all IENP Meetings (5 in the reporting period). A digital copy of the Action Plan was distributed to IENP members prior to each meeting. Members are encouraged to use the Action Plan as a prompt for them to focus upon matters of shared concern, and as a means to shape their input to the meetings. Amendments to the Action Plan are proposed by members when they are aware of new elements of common interest. These proposals are distributed to members prior to the meetings and then are discussed and approved as appropriate.

Visiting speakers were invited on three occasions to IENP meetings when they were identified as pertinent and helpful in relation to a component of the Action Plan.

b. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP)

Meetings of Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership have been in abeyance since September 2019. Community Empowerment Department officers are aware of this abeyance and its causes.

Project outcomes (for information)

- **To facilitate an annual review of the NR action plan to ensure that it continues to reflect local evidence-based priorities**

Project objectives/outputs

- Review of NR action plan

Target (1)

Achievement during this report period Achievement this year to date

1

1

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

a. Inner East Neighbourhood Partnership (IENP) Action Plan

The Inner East Neighbourhood Action Plan underwent a ‘root and branch’ review in June during the last reporting period. The Action Plan, nonetheless, is under constant review as a ‘working document’. IENP members intermittently propose additions or amendments to the Action Plan, relating to developments in their spheres of work, or new information. These proposals are scrutinised by the IENP and approved, if appropriate, at following IENP meetings.

c. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership (TNP)

The Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan was reviewed in the last reporting period. It has received no attention since then as the Partnership has not met in this reporting period.

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Identify and promote training opportunities/development measures**

Project objectives/outputs

To identify and promote on-going training opportunities within the NP to allow for effective delivery of the priorities identified in the action plan.

Target (Ongoing)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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Ongoing	Ongoing
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

The NCR has continued to maintain full communication and engagement with East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) as it rolled-out a range of training to members of IENP and TNP. The NRC disseminated information about training to IENP and TNP members and their colleagues, at IENP meetings, by emails and in meetings with project workers. Training remains a fixed item in IENP meetings agendas in that the respective Action Plan priorities are fixed items also.

The 'inbox' of the NRC received regular alerts from training organisations outside East Belfast about training relevant to members and the Action Plans. The NRC matched available provision to Action Plan priorities and related groups and distributed information.

The identification and engagement of 'experts' from fields relevant to the NPs and their Action Plans ensured that members become fully aware of available resources and related priorities and policies.

Food Hygiene training was arranged for workers from a range of inner east Belfast organisations in relation to the Scaffolding Project's 'Holiday Hunger' programme.

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Facilitate NP meetings and subgroup meetings**

Project objectives/outputs

To facilitate at least 8 NP meetings and 8 subgroup meetings per year and issue minutes of previous meetings at least 5 working days in advance of next scheduled meeting in period.

Target (18)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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12

20

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator reminds NP members, at least one week in advance, of the date of the next meeting. The NCR also sends minutes which the NCR has recorded at the previous meeting and has acquired the consent of the Chair of the NP prior to distribute them. The NCR invites members to suggest items for the Agenda, and then sends an agenda for the next meeting.

The NRC organised the attendance of visiting speakers to the NP meetings. In the reporting period, officers from The Department of the Economy (Employability branch), and Department of the Economy (European Social Fund sector) attended the NP meetings. Information-sharing and the discussion of points of interest was

part of these visits. The NRC ensures that visitors are fully informed about all logistical matters prior to their visit.

When needed by the NP, the NCR organised sub-group meetings, drawing experts, duty-bearers and others to meet with NP members. In the reporting period, the NRC organised the formation of a Sirocco Waterside Working sub-group of the NP. The purposes of this sub-group have been to monitor and attempt to accrue benefits for local communities in relation to the development of the Sirocco site. The NRC organised 7 meetings for NP members with developers, designers and investors in the period. Developers and investors have committed to meeting with the sub-group fortnightly into the future.

The NRC proposed and organised the gathering of several NP members to develop a response to development proposals relating to Avoniel Leisure Centre. One meeting has been held in the reporting period.

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Update NPs on subgroup meetings**

Project objectives/outputs

To provide an update of relevant subgroup meetings to the NP at the next available meeting.

Target (4)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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5	11
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

The NRC reports on all sub-group meetings to the NP meeting. The NRC, for instance, reported on 7 Sirocco Waterside Working Group sub-group meetings to the NP meetings. These reports generate discussions at NP meetings. Decisions

and priorities coming to light during these discussions inform the input of sub-group members in sub-group members which follow.

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Provide and publish an annual report of activities undertaken**

Project objectives/outputs

By 30th April each year, to have produced and published an annual report of activities undertaken and outcomes achieved by NPs to date.

Target (2)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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1	1
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Meeting with CED**

Project objectives/outputs

To meet with CED to review activities undertaken and to report on progress towards achievement of key targets and outcomes in the period.

Target (2)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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Ongoing

Ongoing

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

The local C.E.D. officer regularly attends NP meetings, and where possible, related sub-group meetings. The officer, in this fashion, remains fully cognisant of the achievement by the NRC of agreed objectives and outputs.

Communication by email and phone has been maintained as needed.

Project outcomes (for information)

- **Identify and promote funding opportunities**

Project objectives/outputs

To identify and promote relevant funding opportunities to the NP to allow for effective delivery of the priorities identified in the action plan.

Target (Ongoing)

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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Ongoing

Ongoing

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

The NRC distributed emails relating to funding opportunities to NP members as appropriate.

The NRC attends a range of fora in the inner east Belfast area (Inner east Churches Forum, Inner east Community Forum, Youth Practitioners Forum, Community Development Café, Drug and Alcohol Forum, for instance). The NRC identified and disseminated funding opportunity information on relevant occasions.

The NRC has been active in identifying, applying for and managing funds relating to the Scaffolding Project during the reporting period. One instance concerned the acquisition and management of funds acquired for the organisation and delivery of a conference about disadvantage in inner east Belfast.