

Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report
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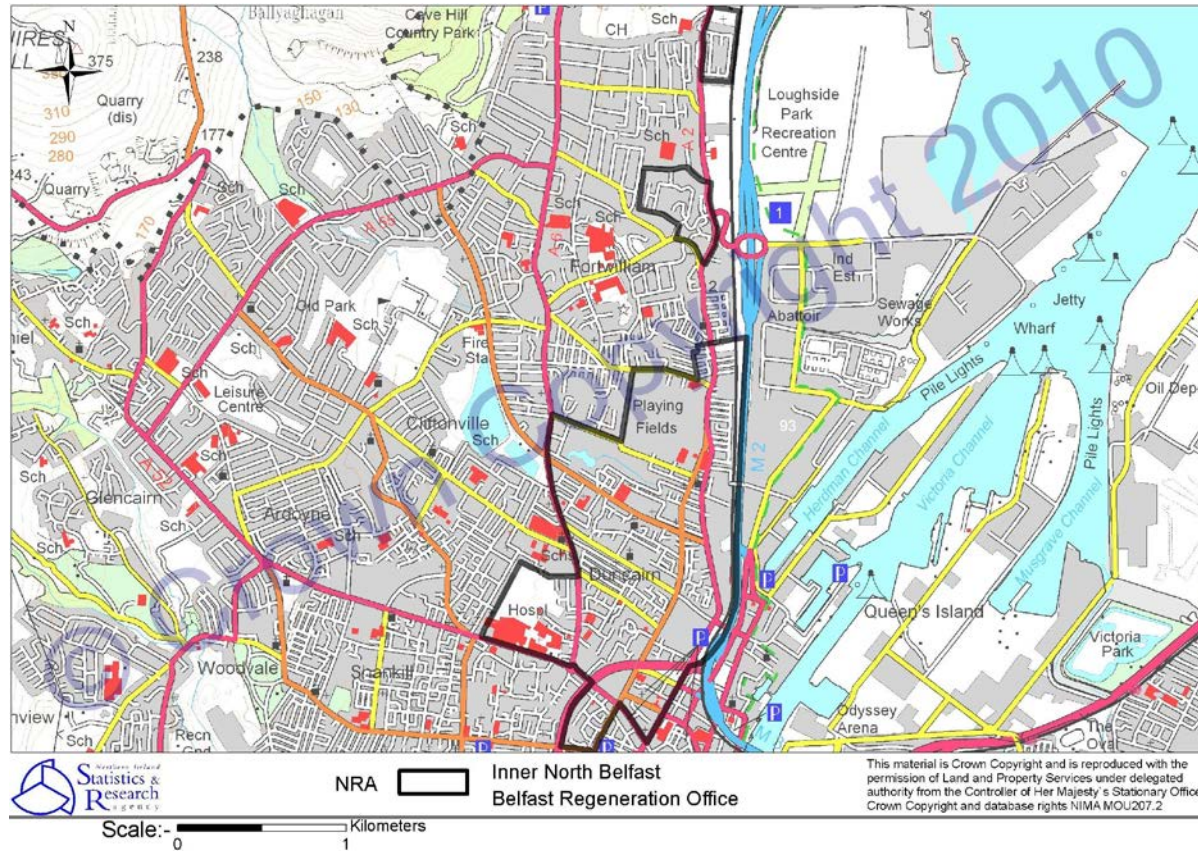
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Area Profile of Inner North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA)¹



¹ The figures in this Section are based on the 2001 Census Output Areas which approximate the Neighbourhood Renewal Area shown in the map above. Census Output Areas are the smallest geographic units for which official statistics can be produced whilst also protecting the confidentiality of individuals. For a copy of the Output Areas on which this profile is based click here: [Neighbourhood Renewal Area to Output Area lookup](#)

Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

About Neighbourhood Renewal:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme still aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established with representatives of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives. The socio economic statistics demonstrate some of the principal challenges facing the Inner North area; reflecting high levels of unemployment, low educational attainment, community health issues and the challenges facing young people in the area in addition to widespread physical blight and dereliction.

Background Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership:

The Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership emerged in late 2004 through informal meetings between representatives of Greater New Lodge Community Empowerment Partnership and Lower North Belfast Community Council. The Neighbourhood Partnership initially comprised of four representatives from each group. Representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust also became members. The original community balance, established at the end of 2004, was supplemented in April 2006 by a representative from Mount Vernon when this neighbourhood was added to the neighbourhood renewal area (NRA) by DSD.

Inner North Belfast NRA comprises mostly of Duncairn and New Lodge wards, and includes Carrick Hill, Newington, Duncairn, New Lodge, Mountcollyer, Gainsborough, Grove, Northwood, Mount Vernon and Shore Crescent. A number of main arterial routes run through the area and the M2 motorway acts as one of its boundaries. It should be noted that the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and its subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent subgroup Terms of Reference. There is a shared commitment of all participants through planning arrangements that provides the framework to ensure individual

respective plans are aligned to a sovereign plan and that resources and primary and mainstream activities are directed at achieving identified local outcomes and addressing priority needs.

The Partnership consists of a range of community and voluntary sector partners from across New Lodge, Carrick Hill, Tigers Bay, Shore Road and Mount Vernon, Belfast City Council, NIHE, and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. It is committed to delivering sustained improvement in Inner North Neighbourhoods as initially reflected in its 2006 Vision Framework and Action Plan.

The Partnership 3 sub-groups to assist in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes 4 strategic objectives of Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. They also assist local community organisations to coordinate actions that are beneficial for all communities living in the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA).

The development of annual Action Plan meant all members of the sub-groups involved in delivering Neighbourhood Renewal had a seat at the Partnership. After a review it was agreed that the Partnership move to establish a smaller more focused Partnership Management Committee that would provide overall direction to the work of the Partnership.

Each subgroup would then nominate at least one member to sit on the main Partnership Management Committee. Each sub group was to appoint a chairperson and a co-chair and engage with the appropriate statutory representatives to ensure representation on the subgroup.

The ongoing core aims of the sub groups were:

- To influence statutory agencies to focus their investments and resources on the delivery of public services where they will have most impact on improving the well-being and quality of life for those living and working in Inner North.
- To engage in effective working partnerships with key stakeholders from all relevant sectors to proactively deliver the identified priorities detailed in the Neighbourhood Action Plan.
- To maintain a Neighbourhood Partnership and related sub group structures that are representative of local regeneration stakeholders that will lead, coordinate and monitor implementation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan.

2018- 2019: Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Membership are:

Paul Roberts (Chairperson)	Community Representative Ashton Community Trust
Billy Hutchinson (Vice Chairperson)	Community Representative Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Jenny Oliver	Statutory Representative Belfast City Council
Vacant	Statutory Representative Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Liam Gunn Anthony McKenna	Statutory Representative Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Katrina Newell	Community Representative New Lodge Youth
Irene Sherry	Community Representative Ashton Community Trust
Andy Pearson	Statutory Representative Department for Communities – Community Engagement Division – Greater Shankill & North Team
Marcella McNeill	Statutory Representative Department for Communities – Community Engagement Division – Greater Shankill & North Team

Paul O'Neill

Community Representative
Ashton Community Trust

Brain Dunn

Community Representative
LCAP

Alan Quail

Community Representative
LCAP

2018-2019 INNER NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP SUBGROUPS: Listed Below

Physical and Economic
Sub Group & Social
and Renewal Sub
Group

Children and Young
People Sub Group

Health and
Wellbeing Sub
Group

The sub group members were :

Physical and Economic/ Social & Community Sub Group

Paul Roberts (Co-chair)
Billy Hutchinson
Pat Boyle
Paul O'Neill
Anthony McKenna
Stephen McCourt
Jenny Oliver
Maria Valente
Mark Hackett
Dean Elliot

Ashton Community Trust
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Ashton Community Trust
Ashton Community Trust
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Carrick Hill Residents Association
Belfast City Council
Star Neighbourhood Centre
Ashton Community Trust
New Beginnings

Tommy Whiteside	New Beginnings
Brain Dunn	LCAP
Alan Quail	Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Jill McDermott	Arts for All

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

The sub group are currently reviewing the potential for development sites across the partnership area. A number of meetings have been held to discuss the economic corridor and opportunities for employment. A list is currently being drafted of vacant sites/derelict land owned by DFC, BCC and NIHE.

Employability barriers have been discussed and representatives from DFC Universal Credit have attended the meeting to provide updated information. The need to ensure links are established with community planning and Place Shaping is seen as a priority.

Children and Young People Sub Group

Katrina Newell (Chair)	New Lodge Youth Centre
Stephen McCourt	Carrick Hill Residents Association
Meryvn Bell	SMILE Sure Start
Christine McKeown	Kinderkids Daycare
Maria Valente	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Sarah Murphy	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Marissa Conroy	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Edith McManus	Lower North Family Support Hub
Arlene Moody	Ashton Community Trust
Paul Dynes	New Lodge Youth Centre
Jan Costello	Duncairn Community Centre

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

The NR Action plan has been updated with achievements throughout the year. It was agreed that the priorities continue to be Family Support; Young people and community perception; educational underachievement; childcare provision; and access for all.

A number of issues have come to the fore front of discussions; Number of children on reduced hours within the school system. This has been raised with the Chief Executive of the Childrens' Commissioners Office. Locality planning and cross community projects continue to influence services across the area. Kinderkids childcare provision is adequate for the area. However the remit of the lead staff has changed dramatically due to the influence of the the Inner North Family Hub and needs within the area. The impact of Universal Credit Mitigation is starting to effect many families and the need for reliance on food banks has increased dramitically. Multi-cultural residents and refugees have been accommodated within the family hub and Kinderkids.

Health and Well Being Sub Group

Irene Sherry (Co-chair)	Bridge of Hope
Stephen McCourt	Carrick Hill Residents Association
Maria Valente	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Jo Murphy	Lighthouse
Karen Collins-Neill	New Life Counselling
Liddean McStravog	Cancer Lifeline
Geoff Kerr	174 Trust
Margaret Craig	Healthy North Belfast
Nicole Parker	LCAP
Carol Hamilton	LCAP
Alan Quail	Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Martina McIlkenny	PIPS

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

This group met for the first time this year in November 2019. The action plan was reviewed and agreed that it was fit for purpose with priorities set at Social and Community Renewal; Healthy Ageing; Mental Health; Suicide prevention; drugs and alcohol.

North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs Forum

Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership is one of a number Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships throughout North Belfast. The others are:

- Ballysillan and Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership
- Crumlin / Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
- Ligoniel Neighbourhood Partnership
- Rathcoole Neighbourhood Partnership

The North Belfast Health Forum

The North Belfast Health & Social Wellbeing Forum has been in existence from 1999 when North Belfast Partnership facilitated the coming together of interested individuals & groups to develop a cross-community partnership approach to addressing issues of health & social wellbeing throughout north Belfast.

The Forum continues to provide a platform to discuss health issues impacting north Belfast and prioritise areas of work which need to be addressed: members include representatives from across the community, voluntary and statutory sectors working in the field of health & wellbeing with the overarching aim of reducing life inequalities throughout the locality.

Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting eight projects within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Community Renewal/Social Renewal

1. 174 Trust – Afterschool Project

This year the Afterschool has been very successful again. This has been reflected in an increase of the number of children attending per day. Parents were given evaluation forms where we received very positive feedback on the service we provide. We have our own bus that enables us to pick up children from schools outside the catchment area as well as the local schools. Social Services gave us a very good report during their annual inspection, and our deputy Supervisor graduated with level 5 Play work qualifications.

The staff provided a varied programme of activities, developed around the 12 principles of play, as well as taking into account children's interests and requests. We also have been able to access facilitators during this year who have provided a wide range of activities:

Duncairn Health Partnership delivered a two week programme with the children on how to de-stress by using children's yoga, this included de-stress yoga sessions.

North Belfast Christmas Carnival sent two facilitators from the 'Beat' festival to complete workshops on Woodland mask making for the Christmas parade on the Shankill Road.

New Lodge Arts – Artists completed a number of workshops with the children again this year which have included lantern making for the Halloween parade in Alexander Park.

Jigsaw provided workshops to help children recognise and explore their emotions and how to express themselves along with their ideas using differing emotions. This was part of 'wellbeing' programme.

Resident outreach artist – We were provided with a facilitator from our own Duncairn Arts Centre to do workshops on Lego moving images and the children made their own films. These film workshops proved to be a huge hit with the children.

Part of our Afterschool programme allows for the children, especially those in key stage 2 to take part in the homework club, getting a quiet space to focus on homework and we use some volunteers from year's 11 & 12 in local schools to help the children.

We are very lucky as a childcare provider to have an enclosed back garden. Children are able to use this outside area for physical play. This year we accessed the help from The Prince's Trust who provided volunteers to create a new dimension to the garden space. They created a music wall from old household articles, a fairy garden and a dinosaur pond which has helped to further develop the children's imaginations and create more play opportunities. We ran a very successful summer scheme in July/August from 8.30a.m – 5.00p.m daily. Breakfast and snacks were provided and a varied programme of outings and activities were on offer.

As a childcare provider, we always strive to improve our service and this was recognised in our yearly Social Services inspection on the "Quality of care", in which we received no recommendations.

The 174 Trust is committed to providing quality and affordable childcare to enable parents to work or access training as a way back into the workplace



2. Carrick Hill Residents Association:

Carrick Hill Community Centre has enjoyed a great deal of community engagement and local support in this last year – from our young people in particular and volunteers. In-centre activity continues to rise across all area of service provision; children, youth, pre-schoolers, senior citizens, computer suite, cultural classes in history and language and with gym users. Among our most popular and well attended classes are our ladies fitness classes. Stretch & Tone, Zumba and Pilates are firm favourites with women using the centre in the evenings and these classes continue to feature in our weekly programme.

Our community centre has recently undergone a significant transformation to our shower and changing rooms areas. Although this was only completed a short time ago, it has already had a positive effect on our gym usage. The £60,000 to complete the work was funded from the Garfield Weston Anniversary.

One of our senior citizens groups; the Trinity new Lodge Senior Citizen's Group continue to meet every Tuesday night for their weekly dance. This group runs at a capacity of around 100 people and as well as enjoying their weekly dance, they enjoy several weekends away each year and seasonal party nights at Christmas and Halloween. Another senior citizens group, 'The Thursday Club' meet weekly for bingo and tea and in addition to this they participate in some additional services such as boccia, flower arranging, crocheting and outdoor trips. They have recently completed a programme through the Women's Resource and Development Agency designed to raise awareness regarding breast, cervical and bowel screening. This group also has a 'pamper' day coming up in October, when CHRA are providing chiropodists, alternative therapists & a hearing practitioners to check & delivering advice on hearing aids.

Children in the early years are a focus for Carrick Hill and SMILE Sure Start are one of our regular user groups within our centre and they offer a range of services for parents & toddlers from cross the SMILE geographical remit within the Carrick Hill area including parent and toddler sessions, song and rhyme times and parents are supported in accessing additional services such as speech and language therapy when needs be.

We have a strong relationship with the local statutory nursery school too at Stanhope Drive who use the centre three afternoons per week as part of their extended schools programme. Our afterschool's programme runs two afternoons per week where primary school aged children can get support in homework projects etc., particularly if their homework is IT based and they can avail of our internet suite. This will increase significantly over the coming months as the school holidays come to an end.

Our evening activities for children can range from arts and crafts, hip hop dancing and of course our Friday night kiddies disco is a fixed activity throughout the year. We have recently added kiddie's trampoline to our itinerary and are in talks with local sports coaches to deliver sessions in various sports to the young people in Carrick Hill.

Our youth project is growing in number and strength. Our youth worker, Kevin has engaged a new tranche of local young people this year again and continues to work with them on a variety of issues affecting them. Recently, these young people completed a programme of work with Mind skills Training and Coaching on mental health. We as a community are very proud of them, all too often our young people get a bad name but this singular project is testament to the commitment and passion, often untapped, in all of them.

These weekly programmes are complimented with seasonal and other programmes such as summer schemes, Christmas activities, days away and residential. All are welcome at Carrick Hill, we would love to see new people coming through our doors.

3. Star Neighbourhood Centre:

The Star Neighbourhood Centre is an organic and generic community organisation, based on the Duncairn Gardens interface in the New Lodge area of North Belfast.

We are a quality driven organisation where the focus is on our user requirements and where quality is demonstrated in our day-to-day operations.

We aim to respond to locally identified need through close engagement with the community, beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries. The services the Star offers are tailored to meet local need, e.g., opening hours and range of activities and programmes.

The Star works on a holistic basis within the neighbourhood, catering for pre-school age children to providing a services for older people. Given its 'position' within the community, the Star Neighbourhood Centre has the flexibility to be able to react to particular situations and respond to changing local needs as and when they arise.

Star Neighbourhood Centre provides a number of programmes, facilities and services to the Greater New Lodge community. These include:-

- Childcare social economy projects
- Out of Schools
- Family Support
- Youth projects
- Older Persons group
- Support for groups
- Volunteer development Projects
- Community inclusion events

The Centre acts as a local resource centre for the community. This includes offering services such as typing, photocopying, computer and internet access, telephone/fax and lending equipment. The Star also acts as a conduit to statutory and voluntary organisations for local people to access information of training, benefits, legislation, employment and acts as a "sign poster" to other community organisations and training providers within the area.

As well as the provision of services, the Star acts as a development catalyst for the area advocating and campaigning on behalf of the community to attract resources and drawing the attention of resource providers and policy makers to the needs of the Greater New Lodge area.

What we did 2018/19

- 40 Children availed of childcare places enabling parents to access work or training
- 170 people participated in community relations/inclusion projects
- 20 volunteers engaged in community development activities
- 140 children took part in holiday schemes
- 26 people took part in programmes to support and develop local parents
- 22 individual young people received up to 4 different OCN qualifications
- 25 people took part in suicide prevention programmes
- 38 people participated in programmes to promote a healthy lifestyle
- 27 residents participated in programmes to promote community safety
- 155 young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects

Highlights of the year

Women Involved in Community Transition

Participation in the Women involved in Community Transition programme saw the formation of a new group made up of women from NewLodge and Tigers bay. 12 women on the programme achieved accredited qualifications to and training to increase skills, built their confidence and increase their participation in their communities. Almost 500 woman from across the North of Ireland took part in the programme. At a special celebratory night awards were given for women who excelled personally through the programme. Out of 4 categories the Newlodge & Tigers bay group received 2

Delia Arbuckle - Future Leader Award: Anne Sloan -Overcoming Adversity Award

This was a great achievement and recognition for the women's group.

Beach Day

Just for one Day the carpark at the front of the Star was transformed into a beach. With tons of sand, buckets spades, paddling pools deck chairs ice cream and candy floss families got to experience a day at the beach in the heart of the Newlodge. Over 200 residents came along and enjoyed a great family day out

Supporting Families

2018/19 saw the introduction of a new summer project for children transitioning into primary school.

Eight children aged 4 years old enjoyed a fun packed programme of activities during July and August. Through play childcare staff incorporated themes around starting a new school and some of the changes that the children may experience. Parents also received information on what to expect and where to get further support if needed.





4. Mount Vernon Community Development Forum / Loughview Community Action Partnership(LCAP)

The Forum and Partnership is an umbrella group that seeks to address social and economic issues for residents from White City to Tigers Bay. They work collaboratively with other groups to address these social and economic issues within the Inner North Neighbourhood area. As such, thematic groups have been established that focus on issues for seniors, youth and health. Examples of this are; Ashton Community Trust, Northern Ireland Alternatives, Good Morning Belfast, Sure start and the CLARE project as well as a wide range of statutory agencies, which enables programme delivery such as training and employment services, and a wide range of other programmes including arts, sports and culture, health, seniors and environment and youth.

Highlights of the year

- 60 young people participated in Fingerprint learning project
- 72 people participated in community relations/inclusion projects
- 56 volunteers engaged in community development activities
- 32 people participated in conflict transformation training
- 22 people took part in programmes to support and develop local parents
- 28 individual young people received up to 4 different OCN qualifications
- 98 people participated in programmes to promote a healthy lifestyle
- 35 residents participated in programmes to promote community safety
- 121 young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects
- 24 Volunteers participated in Social Care projects with CLARE
- 14 people participated in job training
- 35 people participated in community Safety project

The highlights of the year in terms of the programme is supported by the seasonal events in Mount Vernon. The residents organised events at Easter, July, Halloween and Christmas. All of the events were well supported by residents.

Mount Vernon are planning and working on a Men's Shed. The group has attracted 12 participants and are meeting to plan the project. They are intending to be starting work on different projects by the end of January 2020. MVCDF, worked with Bryson and Groundwork NI to revamp the Poly-tunnel. The poly-tunnel as attracted a number of volunteers to work on environmental projects.

Two health events were held to highlight the health facilities that are available and the community Health response that exists to help people understand the Well-Being agenda and how to access the services.

Men's Health Event

This was held in Crusaders F.C., the venue was used to attract men. The event was well attended and very popular it attracted men who hadn't attended any health events before. The event consisted of stall that explained about what the organisation were delivering in relation to health and Well-being. The event had a Keynote speaker who was a GP and he spoke about three cancers in Men. The GP highlighted the importance

of early detection in combating cancer and explained what to look for and emphasised the importance of going to see a GP. He explained the statistics of early detection and how it saved Men's lives.

Older People's Health Event

The event was held in Fortwilliam and was well attended. The event was used to highlight the services that existed for older people. The event covered information on home safety, health services, community support and social isolation. Older people's organisations had stalls and delivered information that was useful for the participants. There were tasters held for instance Fingerprint Learning held a workshop on how to prevent dementia, CLARE held a workshop on reducing Social isolation and promoting independence and the PSNI did a workshop on home safety.

5. Arts for All



Arts for All was established to increase opportunities for artistic activity in communities that traditionally had limited engagement with the arts. Since its inception, and with the refurbishment of its cultural hub, the John Luke Gallery, the organisation has caused a rippling effect gently influencing and inviting groups to developed their own arts and cultural activities.



Economic Renewal



6. Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment

Ashton Community Trust Employment & Training Services is an initiative designed to help unemployed people overcome those issues that may be preventing them from finding and keeping a job. Its services are securely embedded in local communities where it has gained significant trust with local people. Its services are about empowering people and where people take responsibility for and ownership of their own lives. It offers a number of training services that are flexible around need, it involves a structured framework for clients to uncover barriers, explore ways of overcoming their barriers, accessing training, develop employability skills and secure employment.

Community ICT is part of this service it; Targets those who have not previously derived full benefit from learning, providing Essential Skills training in literacy and numeracy, as well as ICT training. Using one to one tuition, small group learning and group orientated sessions, the programme has enabled participants to acquire new and improved skills, and given them the opportunity to progress to jobs or to further education or vocational training both within the Ashton Community Trust and at other educational establishments. Essential skills support is designed to enable them to improve their overall quality of life, their personal development and their employment opportunities.

Activities this year have included

- 53 Participants achieving accredited qualifications in essential skills, communication, literacy and numeracy and ICT
- 3 Residents obtaining employment following participation in the training
- 113 Residents receiving careers advice and guidance
- 113 Residents receiving training in literacy, communication, numeracy, application of number and ICT
- 10 Gained formal ECDL essentials qualification

This training helps participants progress to further education, training or into employment.

7. Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids Day-Care

Throughout the year 18/19 Kinderkids day care operated 4 social economy childcare centres in North Belfast. Kinderkids provided childcare for 532 children, enabling 344 parents to remain in employment, commence employment and avail of training opportunities.

In addition to providing childcare to facilitate training and employment opportunities, Kinderkids supported 106 families through providing much needed childcare interventions. The project works in Partnership with Belfast Trust to facilitate childcare for children on the child protection register, at risk of going onto the register or requiring family support. The project offers early intervention family support to families experiencing difficulties within the community and accepts childcare referrals from the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub. The focus of Kinderkids Day care continues to be on quality delivery. In addition to the implementation of the Early Years Foundation Stage which tracks the children's outcomes, the project plans to commence the implementation of Solihull Approach in its infant rooms, the Solihull Approach is a universal emotional health tool which is based on an integration of well-established theories and has a strong emphasis on practice. In preparation for the commencement of Solihull in Kinderkids all Managers have been trained in the Solihull Approach. The project utilised opportunities from the Belfast City Council Upskilling Academies and have a number of staff upskilling to level 5 qualifications as well as level 3 in Play work.

The Head of childcare and Family Support at Ashton Chairs the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub of which Ashton is lead. This service receives and co-ordinates referrals that connect families to the services they need at a time when they need them. The Hub brings together organisations that deliver services to children/young people (0-18 years) and their parents/carers and this includes community, statutory and voluntary family support services. At present the Hub has 64 different agencies signed up deliver a huge range of services including 1-1 Family Support delivered in the home setting, mentoring for children and young people, counselling services, debt management and financial advice and social activities for children and young people.

During the reporting period April 2018-March 2019 the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub processed 248 referrals to deliver support to families in Lower North Belfast with these families receiving in total over 300 individual services. The Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub as part of the Belfast Family Support Hub network was delighted to receive the Lord Mayor's Award in recognition of its hard work and dedication to the community.

8. Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator is located within the Ashton Community Trust as lead partner for the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. The Coordinator supports the partnership and will support work on the agreed actions identified within the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The facilitate collaboration and joint working across the various initiatives relevant to the regeneration and renewal priorities across Inner North and promote best practice on joint outputs to achieve common outcomes.

The primary purpose of the post is still to continue to provide the Inner North Partnership and its subgroups; Children, Young People and Families; People and Communities; Spatial & Physical; and the Health and Wellbeing subgroup. With this dedicated resource and capacity to ensure that the following deliverables are met.

- Voluntary/community groups working in across Inner North are supported
- Better integration of Community Planning developments with the work of the INNRP and its stakeholders across Inner North
- Inner North N.R. Code of Practice and Guiding Principles is implemented;
- Inner North N.R. Action Plan is reviewed
- Inner North N.R. Information pack is reviewed and updated
- Inner North N.R. Partnership training and capacity needs are identified;
- Inner North N.R. Partnership membership is representative and effective;
- Regular meetings of Inner North Partnership and subgroups are held and administered with the ethos of being action orientated; and
- Inner North N.R. Annual report is drafted and produced.

This post has been vacant from March 2019.

Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership 2018/2019 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2018/19 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2018/19 total expenditure in the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	Funding Period	Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2018/19 Spend (as at 31/03/19)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL/ SOCIAL RENEWAL			
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator	1/04/2018 – 31/03/2019	£27,539.59	£24,819.20
174 Trust (Part funding of Deputy Co-ordinator Post)	01/04/2018- 31/03/2019	£10,862.08	£10,862.08
Carrick Hill Residents Association (FT Centre Co-ordinator, PT Finance/Admin Officer)	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019	£40,971.00	£40,630.04
Arts for All PT Admin Officer, Part-funding of Project Co- ordinator Post)	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019	£8612.28	£8612.26
Star Neighbourhood Centre (Centre Manager, Childcare Co-ordinator, Deputy Leader, 3 Youth Development Officers)	01/04/2018-31/03/2019	£118,569.36	£116,631.02
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum / Loughview Community Action Partnership (Community Development Worker)	01/04/2018-31/03/2019	£85,835.96	£82,815.96
		Allocation	Expenditure
Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure		£292,390.27	£284,370.56

Programme / Project	Funding Period	Funding amount (Project Allocation)	2018/19 spend (as at 31/03/2019)
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment (ICT Tutor, Essentials Skills Tutor)	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019	£34,069.60	£31,835.44
Ashton Community Trust _ Kinderkids Day-care (Head of Childcare & Family Support, Manager, 2 Childcare Assistants, PT Administrator)	01/04/2018- 31/03/2019	£106,984.55	£106984.55
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		Allocation	Expenditure
TOTALS		£141,054.15	£138,819.99

Programme / Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding amount (Project Allocation)	
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure		Allocation	Expenditure
TOTALS		0.00	0.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT		£0.00	£0.00

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2018/19 YEAR

Community Renewal Output Measures

Community Renewal Output Measures	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations programmes	CR2 – Number of people Participating in community bonding projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 -Number of people receiving training in community development skills/ capacity building	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7 - Number of community / voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported
PROJECT								
Carrick Hill Residents Association			16		8			
Arts for All	208		17					
Star Neighbourhood Centre	227		20					
174 Trust								
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids			6					
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP		16	25	38	78		6	
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment				2			25	
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator							19	
TOTALS	435	16	84	40	86		50	

PROJECT Social Renewal Output Measures	SR (ED) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places crated/safeguarded	SR (ED) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programmes	SR (ED) 6 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project.	SR (ED) 14 – Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(ED)17 – Type and number of accredited courses completed	SR (ED) 18 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from /being supported by the project	SR (ED) 33 - Number of young people involved in shared activity
Carrick Hill Residents Association		2		123		32	22
Arts for All			25	53			
Star Neighbourhood Centre	142	25				31	
174 Trust	18						
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids							
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP	14	12					
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment							
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator							
TOTAL	174	39	25	176		63	22

Social Renewal - Crime & Health Output Measures

Social Renewal Outputs Measures PROJECT	SR (c) 3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR (C) 6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR (H) 1 – Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (h) 2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives	SR (H) 4 - Number of health education/awareness initiatives provided /delivered	SR (H) 6 – Number of people participating in suicide prevention programmes
Carrick Hill Residents Association		92			11	
Arts for All						
Star Neighbourhood Centre	27	135	8			
174 Trust						
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids	56					
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP	33	98				
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment						
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator						
TOTAL	116	325	8		11	

Economic Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	ER2 – Number of residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER11 – Number of Social Economy Enterprises created/supported	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	Er15 – Number of FTE jobs safe -guarded
Carrick Hill Residents Association			21				1.60
Arts for All							1.8
Star Neighbourhood Centre			3		43		5.20
174 Trust			1				0.80
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids			10	8	294		4.6
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP			26				1
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment	3	97	1			40	2
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator							1
TOTAL	3	97	62	8	337	40	18

Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

In the 2018/19 financial year, **Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership** total overall spend was £ 423,190.55

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

Community Renewal/	
Social Renewal	£ 284,370.56
Economic Renewal	£ 138,819.99
Physical Renewal	£0.00

There are still 3 key future developments in the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area and these are detailed below:

Ulster University Greater Belfast Development

This development is still the most significant regeneration project in the North side of Belfast for a generation. It holds the potential for significant economic and social development for a part of the city which suffered badly during the years of unrest. This is a significant £250 million development, built around the existing campus in York Street. The construction has taken place in two stages and although it was hoped to have the full campus opened by September 2018, it was delayed due to the collapse of part of the building firm, Lagan Construction Group. It is now expected to be completed in 2022. The university acknowledges there will be challenges ahead in ensuring Belfast has the right infrastructure in place for a development of this scale. They are working in partnership with Belfast City Council and a number of government departments including DfC to ensure that concerns around student housing, car parking and public transport, public realm and community benefit are addressed. The University has engaged with the Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership and the local community to address a range of issues. Meetings are held on a regular basis.

York Street Interchange.

Transport NI and DRD have proposals, estimated at a cost of £120m - £165m, to provide a grade-separated junction at York Street that would provide direct links between Westlink, the M2 and M3 motorways and greatly improve access between these roads. Plans to improve the York

Street Interchange with Westlink are included in Department's Investment Delivery Plan for Roads. Proposed plans have raised concerns for residents particularly residing within the New Lodge and Carrick Hill area. Alternative plans have been submitted to the Department and Translink NI and presented at a public inquiry. Residents are still waiting for a positive response and reaction to their suggestions for improvement.

Building Successful Communities (2018-19)

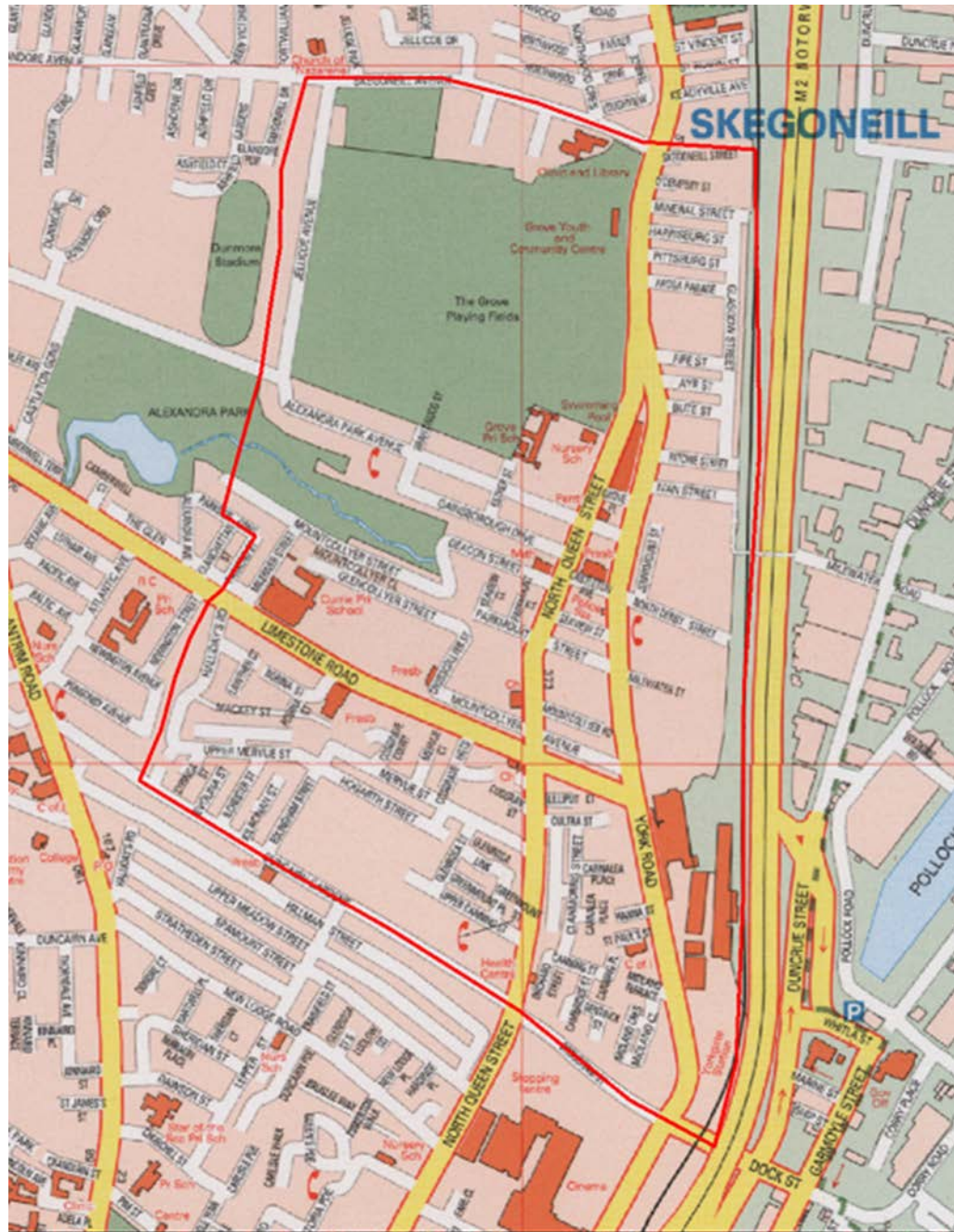
The overarching objective for Building Successful Communities (BSC) is to test a housing led regeneration approach in six pilot areas which are experiencing blight, physical and social dereliction and decline, in partnership with local communities and key statutory and voluntary and community sector organisations. External consultants worked closely with regeneration forums in six pilot areas to undertake needs and issues analysis; help with the development of Action/Regeneration Plans; and to provide expert support to ensure that the plans produced were deliverable.

The key regeneration objectives identified were to improve housing and infrastructure, deliver new social and affordable homes where possible and to unlock wider physical and social regeneration by providing a focus for environmental upgrading. Tigers Bay & Mountcollyer in the Inner North Belfast NRA is one of the six pilot areas.

A number of early interventions were initially funded. These included works at Curry Primary School, Duncairn Community Garden and an extension of Belfast City Council's renewing the Routes program. Feasibility studies looking at the former Grove Baths site and a wraparound school project at Curry Primary School were also funded.

The main catalyst projects for this area are a package of new housing developments alongside complimentary environmental improvements. The new development of 6 social houses at Halliday's Road was completed in October 2017. A complimentary environmental improvement scheme is currently being finalised with NIHE and this is expected to go on site shortly.

The construction of 20 social houses at Hogarth Street went on site in March 2018 and is expected to complete by December 2019. The Gainsborough Sites were disposed of by NIHE to a private developer with the contract agreed in December 2018. The developer's plans are for 79 new houses across the sites and planning applications are expected to be submitted in May 2019. Plans are also advanced for new LED lighting in the area. This will be funded through BSC pending budget approval.





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