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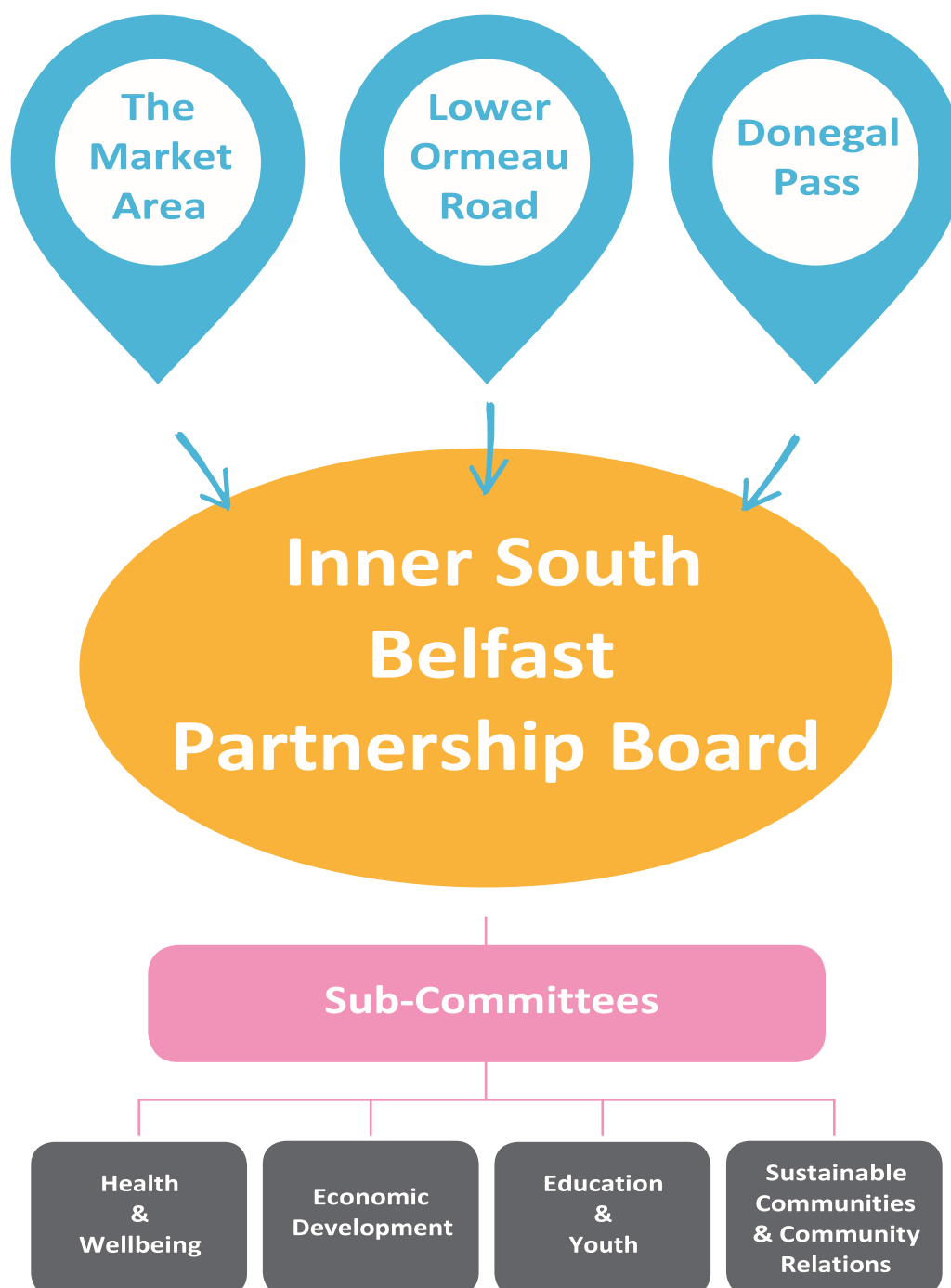


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Inner South Belfast Make-Up



Background

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Introduction

A strategy for neighbourhood renewal

The Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership (ISBNP) was first established in June 2015 with the aim of m The Partnership is directly responsible within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area to deliver upon an action plan that directly encompasses a Neighbourhood Action Plan built around the idea of regeneration efforts for all communities involved.

In June 2003, Government launched People and Place: A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal. This entailed a move away from short- term project led interventions towards a long-term programme-based scheme centred around initiatives to tackle deprivation and close the gap on the quality of life. Neighbourhood Renewal is a crossgovernmental strategy which aims to correlate the work of all government departments with local people in partnership to challenge disadvantage and deprivation in aspects of everyday life. In line with the Nobel Multiple Deprivation Measure, communities within the most deprived 10% were identified across Northern Ireland. This resulted in 36 areas being targeted for intervention, amongst these 15 were situated within Belfast.

Neighbourhood Partnerships were established off the back of these findings in order to be a driver for implementation around areas of local planning. Each individual Partnership developed long-term action plans that centred around the goal of improving the quality of life and increase accessibility for each of the residents living within the areas. This insured equal footing in terms of granting availability of services and opportunities to all within the Inner South Neighbourhoods.

The aims of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme are to reduce the social and economic inequalities which target the most deprived areas and make improvements through committing long term to communities.

Introduction

A strategy for neighbourhood renewal

Done through the work of the partnership, the purpose is to identify and prioritise needs and coordinate interventions designed to address issues that underlie the main causes of poverty and deprivation.

The Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership, aided by the South Belfast Partnership Board, undergoes an election process by-annually with the last being in May 2018 where a new ISBNP board was elected. In December 2013 the ISBNP constitution was formally introduced and adopted by the board. The Board is comprised of nine community representatives, three from each community, as well as various representative from statutory agencies and bodies usually consisting of one political representative from each of the political parties within the Botanic Area.

The Executive Board is made up of a Chair Person, a Secretary, a Treasurer, as well as the Chair Persons of each of the five individual sub-committees. Additional to this, A Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator provides secretarial support to the Chair Person as well as the Partnership.

The ISBNP is invested within 5 key themes and as such has various sub-committees on these individual topics ensuring the direct and effective delivery of the ISBNP Action Plan. The sub-committees are: Economic Development, Sustainable Communities, Health & Wellbeing, and Education and Youth. The meetings occur fortnightly, taking a total of 10 weeks for all sub-committees to have met once and within this the Executive Board will meet on the 12th week of the cycle. Annually, clocking up a total of 20 subcommittee meeting and 4 Executive Board meeting for the ISBNP.

The individual organisations that make-up the ISBNP are invested in providing essential frontline services in the most deprived areas of InnerSouth Belfast. They work to provide much needed strategic leadership to ensure each Neighbourhood is afforded equal opportunities and services as the next.

The ISBNP particularly feels that a focus on maintaining the current levels of Neighbourhood Renewal funding, at the bare minimum, are key in meeting essential aspects of the strategic objectives set out by the Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal area. This funding will allow the

completion of numerous projects aimed at improving the overall social and economic impact on the city. An example of this was the allocation of £125,908 of DSD funding to Donegall Pass Community Forum which seen the creation of five posts. It then allowed, off the back of this, a further £138,000 was leveraged to go towards the Donegall Pass Community Garden Project which allowed for green space in what was ultimately a built-up area of the city. Donegall Pass Community Forum also took the lead in administration of the CRI building.

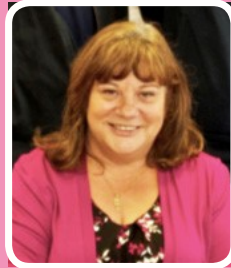
Similarly, an allocation of £73,053 of DSD funding allowed the creation of three posts in the Market Development Association (MDA) which allowed the organisation to secure a further £147,961 for the regeneration of the Market Area. As well as this, the imminent development of the tunnels project secured £1.4M funding at both assembly and council level which will serve as a major economic expansion for the area.

The Lower Ormeau Road has had similar success with £100,876 provided to the Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group for the allocation to three full-time positions. A further £600,761 was then secured from numerous other funders and another £172,010 came from self-generated finance. Maximising the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Programme within the three Inner City communities. This encompass Donegall Pass, Lower Ormeau Road and The Market Area.

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Members Of The Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership



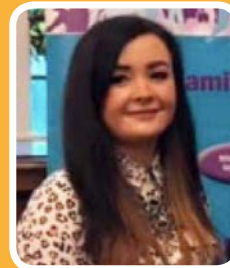
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Two main goals which co-exist:

To ensure peoples quality of life is improved in the most deprived neighbourhoods by giving accessibility to the best possible services. This will in turn provide more opportunities, impacting directly the overall quality of communities and the residents within them.

To improve the environmental and overall landscape of the most deprived neighbourhoods so they become more engaging places to live and work in.

Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy: 4 Objectives

- **Community Renewal:** Commit to improving the quality of life within their selected areas.
- **Economic Renewal:** Commit to the development of economic development within deprived neighbourhood and work on the connectivity to the wider Urban economy.
- **Social Renewal:** Improvement of the social conditions for the people living within the most deprived neighbourhoods and increase co-ordination between those and public services which will overall see the creation of a safer environment.
- **Physical Renewal:** Creating a more attractive and safer environment that is sustainable long term within the most deprived neighbourhoods.

Statement Of Needs: Priorities

An action plan review has been carried out over the past year [2018-19], and a general consensus was that the continuation of the 5 key strategic sub-groupings would remain to correspond with the Partnerships main objective.

The Sub-Committee's then formed around the heading of these sub groupings to deliver on the action plan.

1. Sustainable Communities 2. Economic Development

Look at building a safe, strong, and attractive community that will be a hub for cultural and innovative action.

Looking at developing the overall economic expansion of the community with an underlying agenda to focus on work and skill development.

3. Community Relations

Building on and improving relations between each of the Inner-South Neighbourhoods and also increasing interaction within the individual communities.

4. Health and Wellbeing 5. Education and Youth

The overall improvement of health and wellbeing within the retrospective areas.

Giving equal opportunities through way of course access and skill development courses to increase the accessibility for both young and older residents towards education.

Multiple Deprivation Measures

Multiple deprivation measures are calculated over 889 super output areas (SOA), within these areas there are sub-divisions of deprivation which include areas such as health and disability, education and training, employment, living environment, crime and disorder and accessibility to services.

The Inner South Belfast communities are stretched over 6 super output areas comprising of Shaftsbury 1&2, and Botanic 1-4. In order to gain a fair representation of the Inner Souths ranking an overall average can be calculated across these output areas to give a much more accurate ranking of the Inner South communities in each of the relevant sub-groupings.

EDUCATION

Education also falls within the top 5% of the most deprived across all the super output areas in NI. Showing evidence of a major demise within levels of higher education and educational outcomes. The reasoning varies between financial difficulties, lack of opportunities and/or a disability that inhibits an advancement throughout education.

EMPLOYMENT

The employment deprivation domain identifies the amount of working age population excluded from work. When factoring in the SOAs within Inner South the fall within the top 15% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland. This section overlaps with education as through a document compiled by the Market Area in January 2019 showed that “over half the residents cannot afford to access further or higher education”.

LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Living environment encompasses short fallings within housing, access to suitable housing and outside physical environment. Out of the 100 most deprived SOA, 53 are located within Belfast accounting for 30% the highest population of LGDs. An unsurprising 8 out of the top 10 are also within Belfast and the ranking number 1 and 2 most deprived is Botanic 2 and Botanic 1, both of which are located within the Inner South. When you factor in the other SOA located within the Inner south it places it top of the highest deprived SOA in Northern Ireland.

This also only takes into account individual statistics and does not include children and young people. If we consider the individual section of housing within the living environment category, the housing list only compiles individuals and not family’s therefore leading to the conclusion that if they were factored in the numbers would dramatically increase across the Inner South.

CRIME AND DISORDER

Crime and disorder identifies the levels of crime/disorder recorded within each individual SOAs. Out of the top 10 most deprived SOAs in this section, 5 are located within Belfast with Botanic 3 ranking 4th. Factoring in the rest of the Inner South positions it within the top 10%.

This is unsurprising with the make-up of the Inner South being Inner City communities, many commuters passing through will undoubtedly lead to a higher concentration of crime. When looking into the crime map provided online by the PSNI, only 20% of all reported crime are located within the residential areas of Donegall Pass, The Lower Ormeau Road and The Market.

INNER SOUTH: AN AREA OF DEPRIVATION.

This leaves overall the Inner South collectively sitting at the top 12% most deprived area within the whole of NI. This including not only the specific highlighted sections above but also the other sections unmentioned including the Income deprivation domain and the Access to Services domain.

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Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership. Member Organisations.





~~SOUTH BELFAST~~ ALTERNATIVES An Introduction

South Belfast Alternatives (SBA) is a community based restorative justice organisation that aims to promote and develop non-violent community responses to issues of crime and anti-social behaviour. SBA adopts a holistic approach to supporting communities by providing a wide range of services & programmes designed to meet the needs of all parties involved namely:

- Intensive Youth Support
- Victim Support
- Family Support
- Youth Prevention, Intervention & Diversionary Programmes
- Good Relations
- Mediation
- Training & Development

Programme And Support: An Insight April 2018 – March 2019

COMMUNITY SAFETY

SBA has delivered 25 community safety programmes and events and provided crime prevention advice to over 300 residents. SBA continued to support over 160 vulnerable residents and victims of ASB and crime through one-to-one support as well as good neighbour initiatives including the ICE project in partnership with ACT with over 50 residents benefiting from befriending and practical support during the winter months.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Over 400 young people benefited from engagement in prevention/intervention programmes and over 200 young people attended the One Punch/ Consequences of Arranged Fighting workshops. SBA continued to deliver workshops and programmes in primary and post primary schools including Donegall Road Primary, Blythefield Primary, Taughmonagh Primary, Lagan College, Breda Academy and Malone College.

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COMMUNITY RENEWAL AND EDUCATION

SBA delivered over 20 community relations projects and supported over 100 people involved in volunteering / community development roles. SBA has also hosted a range of international visitors from universities and institutions from the US, Israel, Palestine and Scandinavia. SBA continues to work collaboratively and has worked in partnership with over 30 community / voluntary groups and statutory agencies (NIHE, BCC & PSNI) including the South Belfast ACT Initiative, Donegall Pass Community Centre, Mary Magdalene Church, LORAG, An Droichead, St. Malachy's Youth Centre, MDA and South Belfast Roundtable. SBA delivered accredited and bespoke training programmes to over 70 parents and 20 young people completed OCN training including Peer Mentoring and Level 3 First Aid.

MACS

Mediation Advocacy & Community Support – continues to support victims and vulnerable residents and address issues of hate-crime, anti-racism and community tensions through mediation and the provision of services that promote a more welcoming and culturally diverse community. MACS delivered a variety of programmes including: Keyboard Project; One Punch; E-ma workshops; arranged fighting; anti-bullying summer scheme workshops; social history programmes; T: BUC; Let's Celebrate Donegall Pass; Pensioners Christmas Dinner. (Funded by NIHE).

YAP

The Youth Action Partnership (YAP) is a youth advocacy and participation programme delivered across the South Belfast Urban Village areas - Donegall Pass, the Market and Sandy Row. YAP has three strands: bespoke and accredited training and capacity building, delivery of specific issue-based programmes in each area and development of 'Community Champions' actively involved in each area. YAP is underpinned by restorative principles and a good relations ethos. (Funded by Urban Villages).



OCN Level 1 qualification in 'Communication Skills for the Individual.

Youth Advocacy Project P.I.P.O.P (People in Places of Power) – YAP developed an Advocacy programme to enable young people to engage with 'People in Places of Power'. The majority of YAP members have had little-to-no engagement with key institutions and view them as 'unapproachable'. The aim was to give marginalised young people the opportunity to tour specific places and speak directly with people of influence.

These visits included:

- Northern Ireland Policing Board – Hosted by Debbie Watters, Vice Chair of Policing Board.
- Stormont – Hosted by Claire Bailey, Leader of Green Party.
- City Hall – Hosted by Debbie Hammill Independent PCSP member, PSCP Chair Cllr Brian Heading and Deputy Lord Mayor Emmet McDonough.

ADDITIONAL

In terms of additionality across the Inner South, SBA has increased the social capital of our young people and adults through increased skills in volunteering, outreach and detached work, community development, community safety, good relations, bespoke and accredited training and active citizenship.



Tell the Peelers on the Dealers Campaign (Partnership with South Belfast ACT, Alternatives and PSNI)

- Campaign to encourage the community to report issues and incidents to the PSNI.
- Leaflet, poster and educational workshops.

Addressing Local Issues: Arranged Fighting. (Partnership with Alternatives, South Belfast ACT, St. Malachy's Youth Centre and LORAG)

- Following a number of arranged fights in the area, several intercommunity meetings were convened by Alternatives with the PSNI and key community representatives: Alternatives, South Belfast ACT, LORAG, and St Malachys Youth Centre. As a result of the partnership, we established a communication network across the three areas and a number of educational workshops with the community and targeted schools work to address the dangers and consequences of arranged fighting, One Punch Campaign and an interface programme examining physical and nonphysical interfaces.



LGBTQ Awareness Programme

(Delivered in partnership with MDA and Alternatives)

- To create awareness of support for LGBTQ young people.
- Look at language used by and for LGBTQ young people.
- Services for LGBTQ young people to avail of.

T:BUC

(Partnership with Alternatives, LORAG and Roma community)

October 2018 seen young people from Alternatives and LORAG take part in the annual TBUC programme for the fifth consecutive year.

The aim of this programme is to develop positive relationships and understanding of different cultures and religions and this was achieved through various cultural visits and activities including:

- Halloween Fright Night at Jungle NI
- Mural Tour of the Shankill and Falls areas
- Sub-Cultures workshops
- Mini Golf & Go-Karting
- A residential at YMCA Greenhill



DONEGALL PASS COMMUNITY FORUM An Introduction



Formed in 1996, Donegall Pass Community Forum is the primary representative body for the Inner city 'urban village' that is Donegall Pass.

It aims to develop the Forum as an effective network for community groups and others working for the benefit of the area — and to raise awareness of the needs of the community and attract investment and resources to meet those needs.

Events

Donegall Pass Community Forum (DGCF) held their annual Halloween Event in October 2019. The event was combined with the first Community Market event and was attended by approximately 90 people.

They also hold an Annual Winter Wonderland Event, held on Wednesday 5th December it was combined with the Community Christmas Tree Switch on due to the tree being moved to the Community Garden. This contained a number of children's activities including a petting zoo, craft workshops and market stalls which seen an attendance of approximately 160 people. DGCF also delivered a Saturday morning festive wreath making workshop using natural foraged materials.

As well as this, Chinese New Year was celebrated with a Craft event. 25 people attended a mono print/artwork session and members of the Chinese community cooked traditional food and also gave a short talk about Chinese New Year traditions.



Events

WOMENS REGENERATION PROJECT



The Markets Women's group hosted the cross-community planning evening before the core group of 14 participated in the study visit to Edinburgh in March. The group was made up of women from Donegall Pass, The Markets and Sandy Row and they visited The Grassmarket Community Project. DPCF attended and received a guided tour and background by their CEO. The project is based in the heart of Edinburgh and helps vulnerable people who have been homeless and/or suffer from mental health problems to get back on their feet. They use training and education programmes to support peoples' health recovery, give them purpose and help them develop to their full potential. Lunch was provided at their community café followed by a chat with their resident carpenter who runs the woodwork and tartan social enterprises. The feedback was positive

and described as an interesting and enjoyable experience, hearing about the innovative ideas around the three enterprises allowed the project to be self-sustaining and award winning.



OTHER EVENTS

A Celebration of Achievement and Awards evening was held on Tuesday 26th March. This gave an opportunity to present certificates to people who had participated in training/ education programmes and volunteered their time for various projects. The night was really well attended and supported.



Donegall Pass Community Garden was a part of the Belfast in Bloom application to the Britain in Bloom competition. Although we didn't win Britain in Bloom the community garden received three prizes at the Belfast in Bloom awards. We won Best Community Street and Best Community Garden and Noreen Gravelle won the Volunteers of the Year Award.

DGCF's garden volunteers hosted employees from the Department for Communities for a day of volunteering in the garden. 15 people helped with the heavy lifting and more physical jobs that some volunteers found difficult. The day was organised by Business in the Community and was enjoyed by everyone who took part.

Projects

CAMERA CLUB

The camera club continues to meet bi-monthly and is a good opportunity for socialising and members participated in visits to areas of interest in and around Belfast and North Down. The group have also been exchanging ideas and learning more about digital photo-shop and printing techniques.



COMMUNITY ARTS HUB

This is a small group of self-motivated arts and crafts lovers who participated in the Christmas Winter Wonderland by preparing and producing photos and homemade jewellery that were offered for sale from a market stall.

PENSIONERS

The Pensioners lunch runs every other Tuesday and is well attended by a core group of 8-10 people. DGCF were awarded a donation from the Black Santa Appeal to run lunches and facilitate a summer trip. They also deliver annual Christmas Vouchers to over 120 houses in the area.

Projects

Supporting Developing Groups



COMMUNITY GARDEN AND VOLUNTEERS

20 people volunteered their time towards the maintenance/upkeep of the garden and provided help at community events such as the Halloween event, Christmas Wreath making craft event, Department for Communities volunteering day and the Annual Christmas Winter Wonderland. They have also helped with the intergenerational project.

MEN'S SHED

The Men's Shed continues to meet on a weekly basis. Funding secured through Volunteer Now allowed for a Fishing Trip to the North Coast. The Youth Hostel Association Northern Ireland (YHANI) contributed a free overnight stay for Men's Shed

in Bushmills to run alongside it. The Sheddies also tied in a visit to Portstewart and Limavady Men's Sheds which gave them an insight into different activities they could do. The Sheddies have also made planters for members of the public and other organisations. DGCF recently secured a Belfast City Council Small Grants award for a Men's Shed Project involving 3 training work-shops in partnership with North Belfast Men's Shed.



Intergenerational Project

Funded by Urban Villages the "How Does Your Garden Grow" project facilitated an intergenerational project between 3 sheltered accommodations and 3 primary schools in Donegall Pass, Sandy Row and The Market. The project was a great success and is being run again this year.

ADVICE SERVICE

The Welfare Advice service is provided in partnership with Bcda and is available one morning every week by drop-in or appointment. .

PIPS COUNSELLING

Pips Suicide prevention service is delivered through DPCF as drop in or by appointment. There are 12 sessions available per week and there is a current waiting list for South Belfast.

GEMS NI

DPCF continues to develop and nurture links with skill sectors to ensure that employment opportunities are available. We work in partnership with Gems in order to provide outreach careers advice in the Donegall Pass area and signpost individuals to Gems and other appropriate agencies who can offer support in job seeking skills, CV building and interview skills.

Gems NI also deliver a suite of training that includes Basic ICT, Word Processing, Health and Social Care, Childcare, and Personal Development.

Training, Education & Health

The following accredited and non-accredited training has been delivered this year;

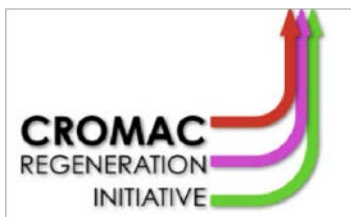
- VTCT Level 3 Indian Head Massage
- VCT Level 2 Nail Technology
- OCN Level 2 Holistic Therapies
- Essentials Skills Maths, English and ICT
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (non-accredited)
- UR City 2 Youth Nail Taster Sessions (non-accredited)

In November 2018 DPCF became a VTCT Approved Centre and learners have achieved professional Level 2 and 3 qualifications in Indian Head Massage and Nail Technology. Further progression is planned as they have secured funding for a further Nail Technology, a Level 2 Make-up course and a Level 3 Swedish Massage course. There has also been interest from participants to complete a business start-up programme and this will be planned for 2019/20. The ESOL programme was introduced as there was a clear need for English in the area. The programme is delivered by three volunteer teachers and is well attended.

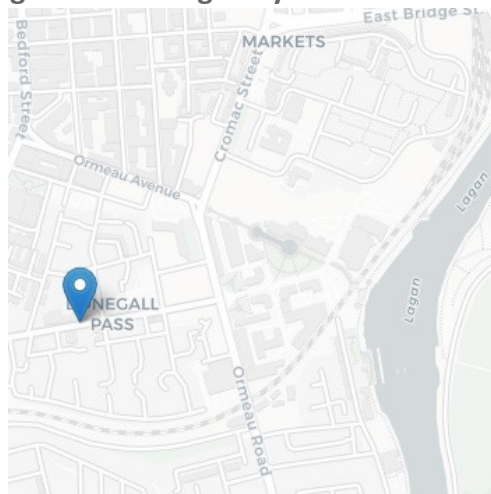
ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES

The Alternative Therapies programme is funded by Urban Villages and has been very successful and 100% of users reported that they feel better.

Inner South: Working Together



Cromac Regeneration Initiative, this is a cross community CIC developed by DPCF, MDA and Lorag. The voluntary directors meet once every month to discuss matters relating to the jointly owned building that is managed by DPCF.



AN DROICHEAD Introduction



- An Droichead now employs 35 people on a daily basis and provides 96 childcare places in day care, nursery and afterschool services.
- An Droichead and Mornington Community Project deliver an afterschool service called Tús Geal (Irish for 'Bright Start') which provides a further 16 places.
- An Droichead is now looking to further extend their facilities and has begun reviewing the business case for a new cultural and educational centre that has been part of the local action plan for a number of years

Irish Language Classes



An Droichead run an adult Irish language education programme. We have 14 available levels to choose from ranging from complete beginners to a language richness course for fluent Irish speakers. As a recognised centre for conducting exams with CCEA, we also offer GCSE, AS and A Level Irish. Our weekly classes run over three evenings: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday, 7.00-9.00. There are three semesters in an academic year with ten weeks tuition in each semester. A semester costs £50.00 or £25.00 for registered An Droichead members.

We have a number of weekends Accelerated Learning Courses each year, where individual receive 10 hours tuition over two days. These courses have a range of levels available, Beginners to Advanced and are a fantastic way to lay a foundation for anyone considering learning Irish for the first time or also as a revision course for people attending our evening classes. These weekend courses are also great refresher courses for individual that haven't studied Irish in a while and would like to make return to Irish language classes. A weekend course at An Droichead costs £30.00 or £15.00 for registered An Droichead members. Price includes lunch and childcare if required.





WE RUN TWO RESIDENTIAL WEEKENDS PER YEAR

1. A weekend to a “Gaeltacht” region in Donegal where participants experiences the Irish language first hand from native speakers. The trip costs £100 or £50.00 to registered An Droichead members. Price include two-night B&B with one evening meal in Teach Jack and a programme of events during your stay.
2. A traditional Irish language and cultural experienced at the Ulster Folk Museum, Cultra. Participants will get the opportunity to attend Irish classes, to enjoy traditional Irish music and dance inside historic dwellings within the museum. Prices for this weekend vary depending what activities you opt for but the full board weekend experience costs £100 or £250 for registered An Droichead members.

Inner South: Working Together

An Droichead operate a community bi-lingual café every Tuesday at Mornington Community Project called ‘An Taephota’ (The Teapot). The café open 10.00-14.00 each week and provides a space for people to speak and hear the Irish language in an informal session. This is essential for language acquisition and creates a space of normalisation of the Irish language for the people of South Belfast. We welcome everyone from the South Belfast community to call in to the café for a cuppa or one of our freshly baked scones or mini pavlovas. We served only the freshest food and our prices are reasonable to help make the café accessible to everyone.

We have a membership scheme. This is a fundraising initiative An Droichead has developed, to raise funds that will help us further develop our events and services, and to give something back to those people who are generous enough to make a contribution to our organisation. We have produced a membership card that will get members special discounts and offers with some of our partners, as well as 50% off the cost of all An Droichead courses, trips and events. We are asking in return for a monthly donation, by direct debit, of £10 per month. We’re looking forward to building up the membership fund so that we can add to what’s available here for the Irish speaking community of south Belfast and for anyone interested in education or Irish culture.

RÉALTA NA CROMOIGE

Introduction



Réalta Na Cromoige were founded in 2013 with the overarching commitment to community development both on and off the pitch. As well as the obvious interactions with the community on the pitch, the Realta players have continuously helped throughout the community with things such as the pensioners dinner in the Market Community Centre. They served food and organised a choir and as well as this over the Christmas period they raised funds to construct hampers which were then in turn donated to the Welcome homeless centre and spread also to the Bryson house family appeal.

In partnership with the MDA, Realta organised and facilitated a number of football training nights throughout the Summer of 2018 as part of the overall MDA summer scheme with similar plans set for the Summer ahead [2019].

They promote taking ownership of the community and its maintenance through allowing the young people to take a sense of pride in their area, which in turn has decreased the overall anti-social behaviour.

After winning division 1 of the Belfast League in 2017/18 Réalta moved into the Premier Division in the 2018/19 season. Although frustrated by lack of silverware this year the lads can still hold their heads high after finishing 2nd place by just 2 points behind the winners, not bad for our first season in the top flight!

For the past lot of months, Realta have been running a mid-night soccer program for teenagers on Friday evenings which have been a great success. We are attracting between 20 to 40 young people with ages ranging from 14 to 19 years old.

Inner South: Working Together



Being situated in Inner South we are pleased to see a diverse group from varying ethnic background and religions playing football and forming friendships in the Hub of Shaftsbury Recreation Centre. We are currently preparing for a series of Summer programs in partnership with the two main Community Organisation in Ormeau Market and Botanic Wards, LORAG and the Market Development Association. Each summer Realta provides voluntary opportunities to help run a series of events and Tournaments including a Summer Football program of training and cups, 11 a side tournament to raise awareness and donations for local mental health charity, refugee World Cup tournament among others.

All the hard work over the past 6 years has paid of this season, with a successful application to join the Northern Amateur Football League. This is a huge step forward for na Cumann as we move from playing in the local B&DFL to the 6-county wide NAFL.



MORNINGTON COMMUNITY PROJECT An Introduction

The Mornington Community Project is based on the lower Ormeau Road.

Their vision is to ensure a neighbourly community that is healthy, resilient and self-assured.

Foodbank



Foodbank started in Mornington almost 5 years ago. At that point many people questioned the need for it in Belfast, but research had shown that there was a growing number of people struggling 'to put bread on the table' 5 years later:

- They have distributed 116 tonnes of food.
- Fed 16,000 people.
- Provided 4 foodbank sessions per week in South Belfast.
- Organized 60 volunteers each week to provide the service.



Mornington frequently speak with the food stock coordinator Brenda to see what the food situation was - last week they distributed 1 ton of food using half of what they had collected at Tesco the week before. The demand is increasing at a level that is very difficult to maintain.

Nurturing Family Program

Mornington provided 3 programs over the year June 2018 to June 2019.

These programs worked with some of the most vulnerable parents in South Belfast. It provided the skills necessary to become a more resilient, positive, encouraging and decisive parent. It empowers parents to tackle the issues that life throws up for a family caught in the 'social, economic and emotional poverty gap found in Inner South Belfast. One of our program coordinators, an ex – teacher, says that every teacher in N Ireland should do this course and learn these skills to pass them on to parents.'

Global Kitchen

Mornington provided three 10-week programmes from March 2018 to March 2019.

These programmes provided training in hospitality, food hygiene and the creation of recipes from all over the world. The classes were made up of asylum seekers, refugees and local long-term unemployed. A number of participants are now preparing food and exploring setting up their own small street food business.

Inner South: Working Together

TÚS GEAL

A partnership between Mornington and An Droichead providing After School and School Holiday care. This has been a very positive year with the 16 places fully used. A very successful summer scheme was delivered with both children and parents benefiting.

AN TAEPHOTA

This is a Social Enterprise Community Cafe which supports and develops Irish Language in Belfast. It operates from 9am to 3pm on Tuesdays and services up to 150 people per day. The plan is to open another day per week in September. This is a Mornington and An Droichead new initiative this year.

An Droichead also use space to teach Irish Language classes and hope to develop this.

Alternatives and Mornington have partnered in delivering programmes to the Cross-Community Women's Group during the past year. This has been very well received and plans are being put in place to continue this partnership.

SURESTART

SureStart has been delivering a 2-year-old programme each morning for children from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Ormeau Business Park and City Council are developing start up food initiatives and using Mornington's Catering Kitchen as a food testing site.

QUEENS

Mornington has helped in the delivery of a 12-week QUB module on Church, Ministry and Society during the Spring Term. They visited all the Inner South Projects; the students have had follow up visits and gave presentations in Queens at the end of the module. Sending special thanks to all the site leaders for their support, encouragement, presentations and help. This has been a life changing experience for these students and a number of them are now volunteering in the area.

Social Enterprise Renting of Space

- Long term renting space is fully occupied.
- Short term office and meeting room renting has 70% usage.
- Kitchen and Cafe space has social enterprise initiatives 5 days per week for community use pop up cafes and food preparation initiatives.

SIF

Mornington have received SIF funding to add a second storey to the building, this is currently with the design team at present.



MARKET DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION An Introduction

The financial year 2018/2019 witnessed a number of exciting initiatives within the Market community, with the MDA at their heart. As well as providing day to day advice and support for residents, the MDA also continues to organise seasonal activities and education courses, through to set piece events. Our work over the last year culminated in winning the prestigious Pride of Place award for the best community group in Ireland. Among the highlights of 2018/2019 in the Market have been:

Community Transformative Initiative:

The CTI is a three-strand project, with each strand complimenting the other two. The three strands are:

1. COMMUNITY ORGANISING & ENGAGEMENT
2. EDUCATION & SKILLS
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Strand 1: Community Organising & Engagement

The bulk of this strand consisted of the development and carrying out of a community survey. This was done in the following manner:

- April-May 2017: x3 workshops with PPR for discussion and design of community survey with residents. 25 residents in attendance.
- August 2017: Activist training workshop with PPR for engaging and organising residents via the survey. 15 residents in attendance.
- October 2017 – January 2018: residents conducted a door-to-door survey around the area, calling to every house at least once. 11% of the adult population of the area responded, and the age and gender demographic breakdown reflect official statistics. The sampling is considered robust and representative. 226 residents responded.
- March – April 2018: Residents attended 3 workshops at which they were briefed on the survey results, followed by a discussion. At these meetings residents proceeded to prioritise the results, set Human Rights Indicators (HRI) to monitor progress on them. 50 residents in attendance.

Annual Report 2019

- May – December 2018: working groups assembled with residents to work on each of the six themes identified in the HRI. Research also carried out on each of the survey results to situate them within their wider social, economic and historical context. From December 2018 – January 2019 we also produced a short film with residents to illustrate and communicate the survey results.
- January 2019: Survey results launched in the film and document *We Must Dissent: A Framework for Community Renewal*. 200+ residents in attendance as well as 50 or so representatives from statutory agencies, charities, other community groups and political reps. After the launch we have continued organising residents and engaging statutory agencies and political reps.

Strand 2: Education & Skills

The education strand complimented strand 1 and consisted of education courses and skills training on the following:

- Political Economy Courses
- Media Training & Engagement Courses
- Activist Training

Strand 3: Economic Development & Training

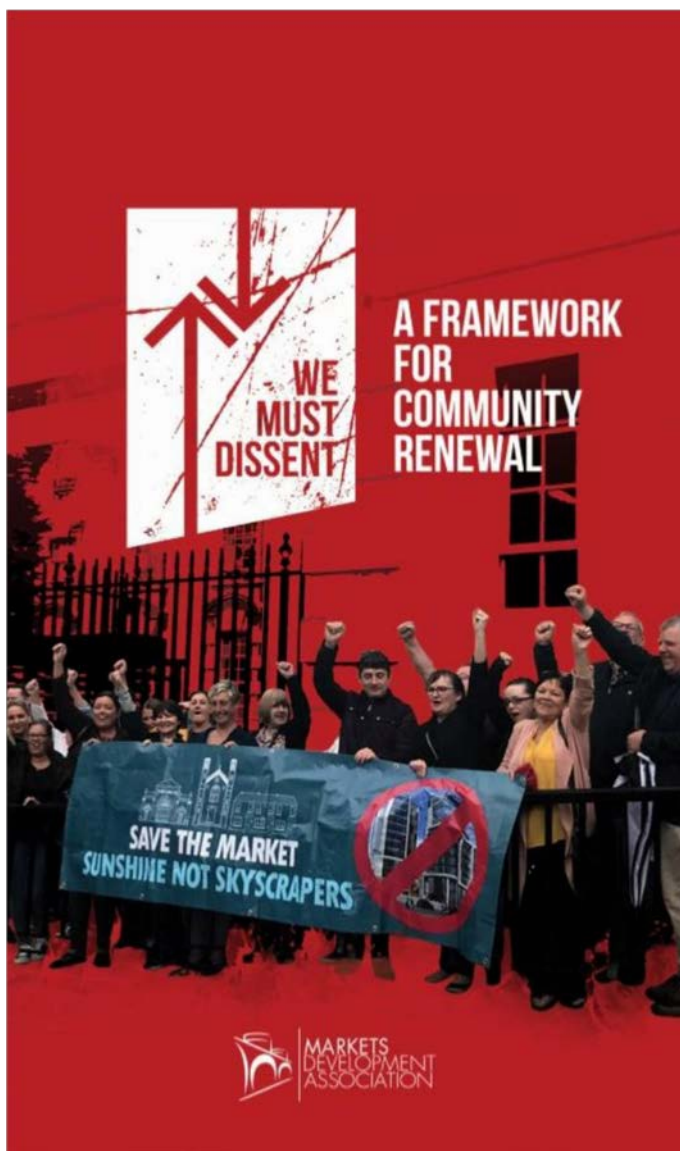
This strand is the long-term bedrock of the project, in that it allows both a key means of engagement (employment training) and the long-term sustainability of community projects. The employability training ran from cost free support such as helping with CV's through to CSR cards for building sites and up to intensive 18-week Fitness Instructor/ Personal Trainer courses. The Economic Development aspect consisted of professional support for three nascent community business which seek to be established in the forthcoming Market Tunnels Project. This consisted of a QS report an architectural design for a gym, crèche and restaurant/social space in the Tunnels. We also commissioned a feasibility study for a backpacker hostel in year one, and have since developed this into a full business case and economic appraisal. The results of the feasibility study showed that the proposal was a massive gap in the current tourism offering in Belfast, that it could create at a minimum 20 jobs when established and would generate a substantial profit to be reinvested in the community when established. 120+ residents availed of training over the last two years of the CTI, and it is hoped that each can be tied into economic development projects in the time ahead.

The complimentary and interlocking nature of the project is demonstrated by the following: a resident made aware of the training available as a result of being surveyed completed the Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer course via the CTI. They were then linked into the working group hoping to bring the Tunnels gym to fruition and to the working group on the health HRI. In the interim between completing said training and the opening of the Tunnels Gym the working group has put together a 6-week men's health programme, with the aim being to engage firstly those who completed the survey and identified health as a concern. This illustrates the difference in the CTI: it has allowed the Market community to take a long term, strategic approach and equipped it with the resources to do it in the here and now, meeting short (FI/PT training), medium (health programmes), and long term (community gym) goals, creating greater community cohesion in the short to medium term and community sustainability in the medium to long term.

We Must Dissent

Bringing together the results of the 2018 Market Community Survey and the Human Rights Indicators set by residents to address issues which detrimentally impact their quality of life - homelessness, unemployment, low qualifications, addiction, road safety and commercial overdevelopment - *We Must Dissent: A Framework for Community Renewal* sets out how the community can begin addressing the issues and bring about real change for the betterment of all. To compliment the publication of *We Must Dissent: A Framework for Community Renewal*, residents also produced a short film they have produced highlighting the issues.

We Must Dissent (cont'd.)



Brady, Chairwoman of the Market Development Association noted that We Must Dissent “Lays out the key issues for residents as identified by the community survey, it matches these issues against human rights, and presents government with solutions to start addressing them.

We Must Dissent is not the solution to all of our problems, but it is a good, solid start. To residents, it is our call to action to get involved in the place where you live, take ownership of it and play your part. For decision makers, it’s our call to you to show respect for who we are, to listen to residents, and most importantly to act on what we have to say”

Residents have now formed working groups around the key themes of Overdevelopment, Road Safety, Housing, Health, Education and Work, and are continuing to lobby strenuously on this.

Launched in St Malachy’s Youth Centre on Thursday 24th January, hundreds of Market residents packed into the main hall for the launch of We Must Dissent:

A Framework for Community Renewal. Joined by senior representatives from Belfast City Council, Department for Communities and Housing Executive, residents listened as Professor Colin Harvey of Queen’s University welcomed “an excellent report addressing the issues and providing solutions to the problems identified across a range of areas.” Harvey went on to note that there is “A crisis at the moment in this society, a crisis at the moment in this city, there’s a crisis at the moment across the North, there’s a crisis of human rights and equality, and it’s a crisis that needs to be urgently addressed. And if that crisis is going to be addressed effectively then it is going to rely on the sort of work that has been done and is evident in a report like this.”

The keynote speaker on the night, Mayor of Belfast Deirdre Hargey, praised the report, stating that:

“I welcome the Market Development Association adopting a human rights based approach, because this is the focus that we need to retain in the time ahead: to say that people do have a right to a home; that people do have a right to live in an environment that has clean air and where air pollution is reduced; people do have a right to live in an area where they are not dying ten years before the average of other areas of this city; people do have the right to an education. This human rights-based approach is critical, and I am encouraging government departments and statutory agencies and others to adopt the same approach, because when the Good Friday Agreement was signed 21 years ago equality and human rights were at its heart.”

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Pride of Place



The MDA won the prestigious Pride of Place award for the best community group in Ireland in November 2018 in Cork City Hall. In the judge's citation of the award, it was noted that "The judges were very impressed with the commitment and vision of this Association. They have developed a local plan with the aim to establish the area into a place where people would want to live, work and socialise. The plan is centred on the well-being of all residents and threaded throughout is its way of life of connectivity. The Association has four full time staff and a team of volunteers and their plan is currently going through the consultation process. This is a superb example of local empowerment and initiative to encourage economic development and employment."

PANGUR BAN An Introduction



Pangur Ban is a literary and cultural society founded in May 2014. They aim to provide educational insights into working class life through educational talks and book clubs with each set book giving an overall insight into different aspects of history and social classes.

It's a committee run organisation that has ran various successful projects over the years and perhaps the most notable being the 1916 centenary project. This included educational talks, song and story nights, residentials to Dublin and concluded with a play which successfully sold out two nights at the Waterfront hall.

Market Social History Project Oral History Archive

Over the past year Pangur Ban has launched the Market social history project which includes the main section: An Oral History Archive. A successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund seen 50k awarded which also included the allocation of a part-time Oral History Coordinator role.

It launched on the 5th of September 2018 and had speakers such as Belfast's Mayor at the time Deirdre Hargey and live music. It aims to record and document the rich and vibrant history of the market.

Bun Rang



**INTERESTED
IN LEARNING
IRISH?**

Come along to the launch of
Bun Rang (Beginners) Classes
**On Saturday, 15th June
At 10.30am
in Market SureStart**

- Children & families welcome
- Breakfast will be provided
- Childcare may be available on request

**Call 028 90 312272
For further information**



Pangur Ban have also been running beginner Irish language classes, they have restarted the course over as many people who we're unavailable first time around have shown an interest, so the demand is there.

LORAG -LOWER ORMEAU RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP An Introduction

Lower Ormeau Residents Action group is a need's led community development organisation that manages Shaftesbury community and recreation centre as a community asset for the immediate lower Ormeau community and the wider community of Inner South Belfast. Our focus is to improve the overall wellbeing of our community, through education, health promotion, access to safe space, community safety and regeneration. The Lower Ormeau and Botanic areas in particular continue to house large numbers of minority ethnic families. The three post's supported by DFC will seek to embed the principles of cultural development, cross-cultural and crosscommunity activities and events, visits and activities in different settings and communities.



diversity across all service provision at LORAG by promoting and establishing Shaftesbury Community & Recreation Centre as an inclusive shared space. Staff will work with adults and young people, to promote interaction and social inclusion and will generate a greater understanding and working relationship, through the joint delivery of: health, sport; training,

A core function of the staff team is to contribute to regeneration efforts locally, with a specific focus during 2019-2020 on securing the capital funds required to develop the John Murray Lockhouse. In doing so, the staff will fulfil their strategic function as key enablers and catalysts for enhanced services and opportunities for local people. The John Murray Lockhouse development will deliver employment opportunities, leisure, tourism and an additional income generating stream to better support the long-term viability of Shaftesbury Community & Recreation Centre.

Inner Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plan

LORAG and core staff have played an active role alongside DFC and all relevant stakeholders regarding the development of the Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plan, we therefore understand the key issues and priorities to be addressed. LORAG will continue to chair the Neighbourhood Partnership and the sub-groups for the delivery of Improving Health & Wellbeing and Raising Educational Attainment and Engaging Young People.

Community Development



Strategic community development is at the core of all our projects and in this period, we attended and supported the following initiatives and groups to better support the development of services and partnerships in the Inner South area

- Chair of the Inner South NRP Children & Young People Raising Educational Achievement Sub group
- Chair of the Inner South NRP Health Sub Group
- Director of the Regional Healthy Living Centre Alliance
- Member of the South Belfast Partnership Board
- Member of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group
- Member of the Belfast Outcomes Group
- Secretary of the Inner South Neighbourhood Partnership Board
- Joint Chair of the South Belfast Housing Community Network
- Member of the Board South Belfast Surestart
- Lead agency of the Strategic Networking Forum



Community Development (cont.'d)

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LORAG's participation in these strategic groups and partnerships act as vital community development tool in the delivery of services to the Lower Ormeau and wider South Belfast community. LORAG and indeed the Shaftesbury Community and Recreation Centre is a hub for community and social issues in this area.

LORAG provides key support in space, services, capacity building and training for a range of local smaller groups with the aim of building capacity to deliver key services within the area and building the quality and confidence of volunteers and their governing procedures.

These groups in 2018/19 have included

- Sports clubs – Réalta na Cromóige, Albion Star, Kelvin Youth FC, St Georges Boxing club • St Malachys Preschool playgroup • BME organisations – NICRAS, EMSONI, RRCANI

Key Events

Over each year Shaftesbury hosts 4 key Intercultural community cultural sharing events that bring our very diverse community together to celebrate our similarities and differences. This is led by the staff team and a key team of local volunteers who co-produce the events to meet the current needs of the community, this year the events were a massive success with – St Patrick's day intercultural event, Summer Intercultural event, Autumn fest (Halloween) and Winter fest. We had attendances of over 800 people combined and a wide range of diverse backgrounds of families, children and young people.

Children & Families

Botanic 5 SOA is ranked in top 5% and Shaftesbury 2 SOA in the top 8% most deprived in NI for education, skills and training (2017). 50% of the catchment area records less than 85% attendance at primary school. The target area has a higher than average % of children with English as a second language. Botanic & Shaftesbury have particularly high levels of children who are statemented SEN at stage 1-4 (39% and 57.40% against NI average of 18.90%). The parliamentary constituency average of South Belfast for % of children living in poverty is 18%, Botanic and Shaftesbury record more than double at 46% and 57% respectively (Belfast Locality Monitoring Report).

The area has particularly high population of minority ethnic families, with ongoing challenges both in terms of cultural and cross community integration, young people are often caught up in anti-social behaviour as well as hate and race related incidents.

LORAG's services are offered through a holistic and trauma informed practice approach with families being supported at the earliest point, right through their journey with us, this year we delivered:

- Home visit support to 52 families
- Play therapy to 32 individual children and their parents
- 528 afterschool sessions to 261 children
- 15 children to complete migrant awareness training

We also have a key focus on homework support and education, each week 20 children receive dedicated homework support, and we have developed 1-1 sport for key stage 1 and 2 literacy and numeracy difficulties with 12 children over this period benefiting from that support.



NINIS statistics evidence that 19.8%, 35.6% and 68.1% of the Botanic, Ballynafeigh and Shaftesbury population between the age of 16 and 74 have little or no qualifications (2009/2010; NI average = 58.9%).

Furthermore, 37.5%, 35.6% and 68.1% of the post primary population for the same areas have free school meal entitlements (NI average = 18.0%).

The project has delivered a range of programmes to better support young people and their families to stay within mainstream educational services

- 5 drop-in sessions per week designed for hard to reach young people – 40 young people to attend per session, total number of young people to register 70
- 2 young people's personal development courses – 12 young people to attend per session total 24
- 4 young people's drug & alcohol awareness session – 12 young people to attend per session total 48
- 1 young people's 'Mind Ur Mate' suicide awareness raising programmes – 15 young people attending per session total 30
- 3 Homework support session per week – 10 young people per session total

The project staff had a key focus of developing diversionary activities and working in partnership with other groups to address emerging community safety issues. LORAG worked with a range of key providers including Alternatives, Doyle Youth club, St John Vianney, BCC and others to develop and deliver a minimum of 3 interventions to try and address these key community safety concerns.

- Inner South youth providers meetings held
- Intervention programmes delivered with 60 participants
- Crime prevention programmes delivered

LORAG - LOWER ORMEAU RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP



OTHER GROUPS: INVOLVEMENT IN INNER SOUTH.

GEMS NI: An Introduction

In 1998 the Council commissioned a study which looked at the Belfast Gasworks regeneration programme and how this could bring employment opportunities to the people living in the communities and neighbourhoods contiguous to the Gasworks site.

The 'Gasworks Employment Matching Service', which became the Belfast GEMS Project, was driven by a partnershiped approach to augmenting the then mainstream employability/employment initiatives. The over-arching aim was to enhance social inclusion and improve the

local skills base and maximise the employment opportunities for people living in the Gasworks and Laganside areas. The Belfast GEMS project, supported through funding from Belfast City Council, Laganside Corporation, the Department for Employment and Learning, Belfast Regeneration Office, Halifax plc who, with East Belfast and South Belfast Partnerships established the Belfast GEMS Advisory Forum. Belfast GEMS went 'live' as project of South Belfast Partnership, on 15th January 2002, as a pilot project with initial funding support for 27 months

Services

Co-Ment:

Age range 16 – 24 and not currently in education, employment or training. It will deliver a person-centred mentoring programme focused on helping you to overcome any issues or needs within your learning, life, leisure or work zone and can help to prepare you for progressing with education, employment, training or career development. Your mentor will help develop your personal plan, support your activities and offer guidance and support as needed.

CFSP (Community Family Support Programme)

At CFSP you will get help and advice to address your needs and access to a range of positive opportunities. Family support workers will meet and speak to your family to help you find ways to tackle your own specific challenges and needs. The support provided on the programme is directly matched to your own needs and may include help with:

- Self-confidence, motivation and social skills
- Parenting skills
- Encouraging better relationships within families
- Improving your health

- Money management and benefit advice
- Access to specialist support
- Accessing training
- Support to return to employment

LLFW (Learning Language for Work):

This program aims to enhance your employability skills, if your first language is not English. It can increase your knowledge of the local recruitment process; the language required and will increase your confidence for work. This is not a basic English course for beginners, but it will allow for the development of key knowledge and language to help you in your search for employment or training.

Belfast Works:

GEMS NI have dedicated mentors to support your journey to employment and offers opportunities for personal development training, skills building for work via in house training courses. This programme can assist you with basic IT skills development and has specialist support embedded to help you overcome any issues you may have around health and wellbeing. This programme has an inclusive package of measures built purposely to support an entry into work. A calendar of training opportunities is available so you can plan any training or personal development needed and our expert mentors can help to ensure Belfast Works is just the job!

ST. MALACHYS YOUTH CENTRE

An Introduction

St. Malachy's Youth Centre aims to promote the personal, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of young people aged 6-25 years. The centre is a hub for young people within the area and runs various needs led programmes throughout the years.

Themes

- Addressing low educational attainment within the area.
- Improving social mobility
- Creating a safe space.
- Raising aspirations.
- Creating greater access to opportunities.
- Enhancement of employability and training.
- Promotion of health and wellbeing.
- Reduction of risk-taking behaviour.
- Reducing anti-social behaviour [extending opening hours].

SUB COMMITTEES

The Inner South executive board is made up of members from organisations located within Donegall Pass, The Lower Ormeau Road and The Market. Out of this, various sub-committees were established in order to tackle issues within the areas and they are chaired by an elected member of the executive board.

These Sub-committees meet bi-weekly with an agenda tailored to any pressing issues or ongoing work they are each undertaking. As such, each grouping then assembles an action plan to tackle issues which they update and amend depending on the progress made. These Sub-Committees include: Education and Young People, Health and Wellbeing, Economic Development and Sustainable Communities/ Community Relations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year this team focused on two main areas - *Accessing Employment and Enterprise/Social Enterprise*

1. ACCESSING EMPLOYMENT

The Economics team recognised that there are high levels of unemployed and under employed people living with Inner South Belfast. The partnership is working to identify and where possible lobby/represent these people to increase their opportunities for training and employment. Over the past year we have;

- Encouraged links with GEMS, People First and other training agencies.
- Supported a jobs fair in MCAD
- Attempted to engage with local traders through the Donegal Pass Forum initiative.
- Maintained links with the Gasworks through our links with Patricia McNeil

2. ENTERPRISE AND SOCIAL ECONOMY

The Economics team recognises in Inner South that support is needed to encourage new local business start-ups or business diversification. Support is also needed for the establishment of social economy projects across Inner South.

Over the past year we have;

- Met with the Housing Executive social Investment fund team and the team from City council.
- Stayed informed about new Enterprise initiatives from Patricia McNeil from The Gasworks

As a result of our actions we can report on a number of new developments within Inner South

1. LORAG's plans for the Lockhouse Development and it continues to grow its Social Enterprise model in the Health and Fitness sector
2. An Droichead and Mornington's Afterschool initiative, Tús Geal is growing from strength to strength. It is the first bi lingual Afterschool's facility in Northern Ireland.
3. An Droichead and Mornington have started an Irish Café; An Taephota. Hopefully another day will happen over the next year.
4. Mornington has linked with BCC and The Gas Works to provide space for food start up and testing of new recipes.
5. Pop up Cafes are also being supported.
6. MDA has helped support 80 plus people through training programmes
7. GEMS is offering 3 major programmes through the European Social Fund. Examples include - A Community Family Support Programme, Belfast Works and SIA up to level 1.
8. CRI continues as a viable social enterprise
9. The Donegal Pass Community Garden continues to flourish

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Following a number of arranged fights between youths, meetings between the PSNI and key community representatives; Alternatives, South Belfast ACT, LORAG and St Malachys Youth Centre. As a result of this, a communication network across the 3 areas was established, and a number of educational workshops with the community and targeted schools work to address the dangers and consequences of arranged fighting, One Punch Campaign and an interface programme examining physical and non-physical interfaces.

Over 400 young people benefitted from engagement in prevention/intervention programmes and over 200 young people attended the One Punch/Consequences of arranged fighting workshops.

In the past lot of months, Réalta na Cromóige have organised a midnight soccer program for local teenagers, between ages 14-19 on a Friday Night. This program is attracting up to 40 young people at the weekend in aims to prevent anti-social behaviour.

HOUSING



Homes now campaign – as part of the We Must Dissent project, a community survey was taken by residents showed that 86% of people agreed that there is a lack of decent and affordable housing in the Market. Since then, a resident led campaign has met with local representatives, Belfast City Council and Northern Ireland Housing executive demanding that all necessary steps are immediately taken to solve the homeless crisis by building homes on the Gasworks; that all other land zoned for housing in the area is safeguarded for that purpose; and that a housing strategy is developed to ensure the long term sustainability of the community.



REGENERATION & CONNECTIVITY

An Droichead – the centre currently employs 35 people with childcare provision to 96 children between day-care, nursery and afterschool services. An extra 16 afterschool places are delivered through Tús Geal, a partnership between Mornington and An Droichead. An Droichead has now begun reviewing a business case for a new cultural and educational centre to extend their facilities, which has been a part of the action plan for a number of years. The centre has launched a membership scheme, to provide discounts and offers to members but in the long run, to add to their services and create more opportunities to the Irish speaking community in South Belfast.

SCOIL AN DROICHID

The school planned for development of a bigger school to meet their needs and in recent weeks the plans for a new school on the ULIDIA playing fields site South Parade passed at Belfast City Council, City Hall.

JOHN MURRAY LOCKHOUSE

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MARKET REGENERATION PLAN

The Market Tunnels Project – the aims of the Lanyon Place tunnels project are to create employment opportunities, generate an income to support the long-term plans of the area but also to promote connectivity between the area and the city centre/ waterfront by opening the 8 tunnels and making use of them through retail, light industrial, office and leisure. A planning application for a 14-storey office block on the small Stewart Street site was submitted to council in 2015, which would completely block the tunnels from the area and its sole purpose to reconnect the community, and overpower and dominate the community. The community launched a resident led campaign when a resident took out a judicial review against the decision to grant planning permission; the Save The Market campaign. The campaign took to the street with posters, leaflets and banners, organised educational events and solidarity actions from the commencement of the Judicial Review in November 2017 to May 2018, when planning permission was officially quashed by Justice McCloskey on 31st May 2018. In November 2018, the Ministerial Advisory Group released a report which also lacerated the proposals and concluded by recommending



the site for mixed use development as the optimal way forward.

In terms of regeneration and connectivity, with the Gasworks northern fringe being zoned for Social Housing and commercial development, a feasibility study for a backpackers hostel on the site was commenced by the Markets Development Association, the Homes Now Campaign continue to work toward the social housing and in doing so plans have been made to create new entrances with the Lagan Towpath to create more connectivity between the Market and the Lower



Ormeau Road

EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE

The Inner South Education and Youth subgroup has a membership of a range of statutory, community and voluntary partners. It is mainly fueled by the community partners who have carried out a range of key work pieces over this period.

Inner South Youth Audit was revised in March 2018 the report is a continuation of the ISNPB past young people's strategies and clearly evidences the advantages of partnership working with young people setting out their desire to see even greater youth partnerships for the times ahead. The report provides a clear area profile, accurately mapping current youth provision across Inner South, identifies gaps and threats in provision. The 148 young people that took part in compiling the report told us what they want and, on many occasions, the young people were ahead of the sub-group particularly in seeking to develop greater partnership working with more opportunities for young peoples to come together.

The report goes on to identify outcomes for young people and seeks to set these within a boarder strategic fit providing a range of accurate statistical information to support youth providers in identifying additional resources. Key actions from the report are compiled around: Safety, Health, Education, Employment, Access and Provision and are extensively set out within the report. The report concludes with four recommendations to be brought forward by current youth providers.



In seeking to take these recommendations forward an application was submitted under Ur City 2 that provided addition funding of £5000 which was divided amongst 11 of the Inner South providers.

In moving forward in the coming year ISNPB priorities for the Education and Youth action plan are:

- The ongoing development and implementation of the Inner South Youth strategy
- Support and development of Youth facilities
- Youth integration and engagement
- Assessing gaps in youth provision and addressing these
- Create and sustain linkages with Primary and secondary education
- Develop and sustain informal education pathways

The subgroup has completed the actions as set out within the neighborhood action plan and will continue to develop new priorities given the need identified within the youth audit. The subgroup continues to support development of the South Belfast Family Support Hub which in this year has received 204 referrals for support from families, children and young people.

Another key piece of this groups work has focused around reaction to emerging community issues for young people and collectively designing supports to engage young people. A main example would be the collaborative Lagan walkway program. Youth workers engaged with statutory agencies and developed a program of diversionary activities and detached outreach support on weekends to help dissolve and

HEALTH



The Inner South health subgroup has recently completed its action plan for 2016-2019, over the three-year period there has been a huge amount of work completed with groups across the three core areas. The capacity building and direct interventions have led to the development of a co-production approach for the follow-on action plan and key programs that will be developed to build on this foundation of health improvement.

The subgroup comprises of a range of statutory, voluntary and community partners that review the work of the Inner South Healthy living partnership and support the steering of this partnership project to deliver for the needs of each community.



Key achievements over the period include:

CAPACITY BUILDING

Support For Groups

- Market women's group
- Réalta Na Cromóige
- Older and Active group
- South Belfast Cheer
- St Malachys Ps
- Scoil An Droichid PS
- Mary Magdalene Women's Group
- LORAG Health group
- Jog Belfast

Training

- 2 x trained ASSIST
- 3 x Motivational Interviewing
- 1 x GP Referral Level 3
- 8 x Ride Leader (Cycling)
- 6 x diabetes risk assessment
- 6 x Dementia Friendly
- 5 x Take 5 Tool
- 8 x Aces / Resilience



HEALTH PROMOTION INTERVENTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

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FUNDING BREAKDOWN 2018/19

ORGANISATIONS

MARKET DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Regeneration
 Coordinator

FUNDING

£59,357.44
 £24,826.56

DONEGALL PASS COMMUNITY FORUM

Training & Education
 Community Development

£96,549.90
 £56,981.60

LORAG

£98,596.79

AN DROICHEAD

£55,945.04

FORWARD SOUTH

Figures is 50% of total funding for South Belfast

£49,691.19

SOUTH BELFAST ALTERNATIVES

SOUTH BELFAST DfC, Urban Villages, NIHE, MEDF

ALTERNATIVES

DfC, Urban Villages, NIHE, MEDF

£127,000.00

An Droichead Ltd

Output	Total
(CR1) community relations projects	35
(CR3) community development activities	35
(CR4) voluntary work	35
(CR5) capacity building, and	35
(CR9) projects that promote shared space	35
ER2: Number of residents going in to employment.	24
ER4: Number of people receiving job-specific training.	8
ER6: Number of people receiving non job-specific training eg. first aid.	45
ER13: Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment.	112
ER15: Number of FTE jobs safeguarded	2
Early Years' SR(Ed) 1: Number of child-care/nursery school places created/ safeguarded.	112
SR(Ed) 5: Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes.	75
SR(Ed)6: Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project.	182
SR(Ed)8: Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project.	182
SR(Ed)10: Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project.	182
SR(H)2: Number of people attending health education/awareness initiatives.	25
PR1: Area of land improved for open space.	0
PR5: Number of community facilities improved.	1
PR10: Area of land improved and made ready for shared space.	0
PR11: Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental projects.	32

Donegall Pass Community Development

Output	Total
CR1 - Number of people participating in Community relations projects	583
CR2 - Number of people participating in Community bonding projects.	178
CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development projects.	213
CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development/ capacity building Increase in community capacity, Improvement in Community Relations	352
CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	3042
CR7 - Number of voluntary groups	11
CR8 - Number of community relations projects	23

CR9- Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	1293
CR11- Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area	75
CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category.	10
ER3 Numbers of people accessing careers advice.	38
ER11 Number of Social economy enterprises created supported.	5
SR(Ed)1 Number of child-care/nursery school places created/safeguarded.	12
SR (H) 1 Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects.	415
SR (H) 2 Number of people attending Health Education Awareness Initiatives.	523
SR(H)3 Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services.	260
PR10 Area of land improved and made ready for shared space.	2
CR1 Number of people participating in community relations projects.	2091
CR2: 5 groups of people participating in community bonding projects.	2341
CR3: 30 people volunteering for community development activities.	50
CR4: 40 people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work.	50
CR5: 30 people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building.	95
CR7: 5 community/voluntary groups supported.	8
CR8: 5 community relations projects supported.	5
CR9 50 people involved in projects that promote shared space.	45
CR11: 85% of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/ services in their area.	85
PR 3 Area of land improved and made ready for development.	8
PR 3 Area of land improved and made ready for development.	9
PR 5 Number of community facilities improved.	3
ER 3: 100 people accessing careers advice.	103
ER 11: Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported.	2
SR (Ed) 1: Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded.	30
SR (H) 1: Number of people benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	209
SR (H) 2: Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/ delivered.	5
SR (H) 1: Continue to participate ISBNP Health and Wellbeing Subgroup.	6
SR (H) 1: Support the three area health project, including facilitation and recruitment of participants.	6
SR (H) 2: support and facilitate the Inner South Family Support Programme.	4
SR (ED) 14: administrate and facilitate MDA summer intervention and youth diversionary project & Market Summer Festival.	695

ER 6: Source training and education opportunities for residents and staff.	1
ER 6: Facilitate/Deliver Essential Skills Programmes in ICT, Literacy & Numeracy.	1

Donegall Pass Education

Output	Total
ER4: Number of people receiving job specific training.	34
ER14: Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education.	21
ER 3 Number of people accessing careers advice.	45
ER6 Number of people receiving non job specific training.	46
ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment. 20 new childcare places to be created.	36
ER8 Number of new business start ups.	2
ER9 Number of new /existing businesses requiring and or receiving support.	14
ER11 Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported	5
ER9 Number of new /existing businesses requiring and or receiving support.	4
CR1 Number of people participating in community relations projects.	33

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Output	Total
CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects.	800
CR2 (04/13)-Number of people participating in community bonding projects.	800
CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	18
CR4 (04/13)-Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work.	18
CR7 (04/13)-Number of community/voluntary groups supported	12
CR8 (04/13)-Number of community relations projects supported	2
CR13 (04/13)-Total Number of Beneficiaries (including family members)	230376
ER15 (04/13)-Number of FTE Safeguarded	25
SR C 6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects	18
PR 4 - Number of building improved	1
PR 5 Number of community facilities improved	1
PR 8 Number of projects improving in community facilities	3
Other	2
SR C 2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	1
SR C 4 - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	4
Other	4

CR4 (04/13)-Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work.	177
CR7 (04/13)-Number of community/voluntary groups supported	12
SR (ED) 1 – Number of child – care/nursery school places created/safeguarded	48
SR (ED) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programme	72
SR (ED) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programme	50
SR (ED) 7 (04/13)-Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	260
CR10 (04/13)-Number of people using existing community facilities	260
SR (ED)1 – Number of child-care /nursery school places created/safeguarded	48
SR (H) 4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided /delivered	96

Market Development Association

Output	Total
CR4: Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work.	50
PR 11: Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects.	610
ER3 Number of people accessing careers advice	76
ER11 Number of social economy enterprises created/supported	4
ER13 Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment.	0
CR1 Number of people in projects that promote shared space.	4
CR2 Number of people participating in community bonding projects.	950
CR8 Number of community relations projects supported.	2
CR9 Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space.	2
CR5-Number of people receiving training in community development/ capacity building.	69
CR2- Number of people participating in community bonding projects.	950
CR2- Number of people participating in community bonding projects.	283
ER9 Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	33
PR3 – Area of land improved and made ready for development.	3
PR5 – number of buildings improved.	2
PR7 – Number of traffic calming schemes.	1
PR11 – Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects.	583

ISBNP Co-Ordinator

Output	Total
CR1 -Number participating in community relations projects.	4
SR (Ed) 29 - Number of schools/youth organisations sharing facilities	12
ER 2 – Number of residents going into employment	109
PR1- Area of land improved for open space.	3
PR6 – Number of community facilities improved	1
Other - Regeneration plans for the Lagan River & Waterway. LORAG have bought Lagan Lockhouse and are conducting feasibility study for future use.	5



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