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About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place' was published in June 2003 to close the gap between the quality of life for people in the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society. 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. The Strategy has four interlinking strategic objectives:

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

The Lurgan Partnership

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area, has a population of just over 9,080, and is based around the wards of Drumnamore, Church and Court. It is a divided town with north of the town being predominately nationalist and the south predominately loyalist, thus creating an environment for anti-social behaviour in certain areas.

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Partnership was established in 2007 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. It comprises 16 members from the community/voluntary, private and statutory sectors. It is defined as a non-constituted entity acting in an advisory role to the Department for Neighbourhood Renewal issues in the designated Neighbourhood Renewal area. It meets bi-monthly and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator based in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council.

The Partnership has signed up to and abides by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

The Lurgan Vision and Action Plan

The Partnership's vision for Lurgan is that by 2019 Lurgan will be a place where all of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:

- ***Living in affordable good quality housing;***
 - ***having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;***
 - ***having access to high standards of health care;***
 - ***enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;***
 - ***having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;***
 - ***enjoying the full range of civil liberties.***
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- There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.
 - Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
 - There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
 - There is accessibility for all local facilities and services.
 - Diversity is recognised and valued through accepting that everyone has a unique contribution to make to the life of the community.
 - There is strong community spirit and pride.
 - Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is also committed to the need to have due regard to the promotion of equality of opportunity.

- a) *between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;*
- b) *between men and women generally;*
- c) *between persons with a disability and persons without; and*
- d) *between persons with dependants and persons without.*

- Also, to have due regard for the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group.

It should be noted that Lurgan Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

Lurgan Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting **11** projects in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community Renewal

- 1. Craigavon - Technical Assistance** - provides a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and development and delivery of the Lurgan Action Plan. The funding will provide ACB&CBC with the means to provide technical assistance and support to the NR Partnership Boards in the Armagh, Brownlow, Lurgan and NW Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRA's). This will be the continued employment of Neighbourhood Renewal coordinators and associated administrative support and overheads. The coordinators are responsible for overseeing delivery and coordinating the implementation of Neighbourhood Renewal in the four NRA's and they will liaise with applicants, programme delivery agents and stakeholders to ensure projects are developed and delivered in accordance with the objectives of each of the NR action plans. The coordinators also report progress on the implementation of same.



Social Renewal – Education

1. **Craigavon – Education Authority - Youth Engagement +** works with young adults about to disengage from education or who have left education already i.e. young adults described as 'NEETs' – Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training. The programme offers local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives.



Young Lurgan people completed an OCN Level 1 in DJ skills

Young women participating in self-defence classes





A number of young people from the North Lurgan area organised and participated in a community clean-up

At Christmas time a number of young people organised a collection for the homeless and those in need within their own community



In relation to the XStream FM project the Mayor of ABC Council suggested that *“this was an important project in including vulnerable young people and accessing them to new transferable skills to assist them in their adult lives”*.

“My daughter attends the youth club around 5 nights a week and she is currently getting educational benefits from this as she has previously got her bronze YAA (Youth Achievement Award) and is currently completing her silver and her DOE (Duke of Edinburgh award). By doing this it has given my daughter opportunities that she would not have if this was not available for her and her friends” – **parent of a young person attending Clann Eireann’s Neighbourhood Renewal programmes**

2. **Craigavon – Education Authority - Count Read Succeed** - is a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area and will complement the schools’ central role by providing additional support through working with communities and parents and linking their children’s work back into the classroom. This programme will focus on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational standards through (a) school and community-based out of school hours’ learning, (b) in-school and out of school hours’ parental engagement and (c) ‘Twilight’ sessions to empower and capacity-build the teaching and classroom assistant workforce.



*“This year the uptake for the parents was very good. The parents involved were engaged and enthusiastic. The majority of parents reported that they found the training fun and informative” – **Lurgan Model P.S.***

*“Most of the pupils engaged in the programme are now more engaged in class and are more likely to take part in and contribute to class and group discussions” – **Lurgan Model P.S.***

*“Pupils are generally feeling less intimidate by Maths. Perceptions are altering from feelings of intimidation to realisation that maths can be fun” – **Tannaghmore P.S.***

*“Children are more willing and confident to answer oral activities in class” – **Dickson P.S.***

*“The sessions were highly interactive and practical. The children thoroughly enjoyed attending the sessions and looked forward to them. An environment was created in which the children were comfortable to ask questions and work through challenging problems in a relaxed atmosphere” – **St Francis P.S.***



Pupils participating in Numeracy games and Talking Partners ‘sequencing’ activity.



3. **Craigavon – Education Authority - Inclusion in Education** - provides mentoring to young people who are disaffected, not attending school and/or at risk of underperformance. It focuses on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents.

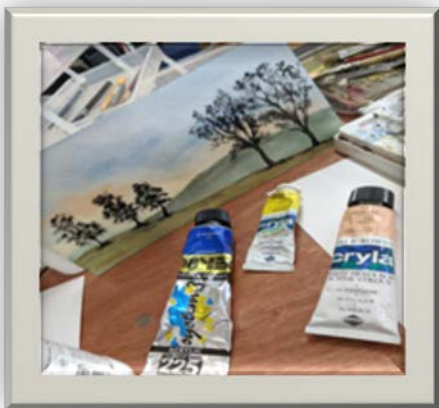
4. **Craigavon – Education Authority – Transitions Programme** – has been developed by young people working with the SELB Education Welfare Service. A website, www.movingforward.me, has been developed and made available for all Primary Schools in the NR area for P7 pupils in transition to post primary. It is also available for all post primary schools in the area for pupils in transition to different sectors and changing schools for various reasons, including as a result of school closure. The programme will help young people make the transition, by attempting to allay any fears and concerns they have through the sharing of experiences and learning of others. It will also aim to assist in the improvement of attendance levels, levels of educational attainment and general engagement in school.

Social Renewal – Health

1. **Craigavon Health Improvement Project** - has been designed by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust and North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership working in partnership with a wide range of bodies to maximise the services and deliver a range of health promotion initiatives, the 4 main themes being:

- Establish a network of healthy living centres in the Craigavon NRA – e Network
- Deliver healthy lifestyle programmes across the area
- Promotion of volunteering initiatives
- Delivery of family support and early intervention programmes

The Verve Healthy Living Programme continued to provide healthy lifestyle opportunities and motivational support with regards positive lifestyle and behaviour change to residents of the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.



Arts for Health programmes which were held across a number of Verve Centres. These are pictures of those who took part in the “Arts for Health” along with photos of the Art exhibition which took place in Mount Zion to celebrate the end of the project.

Participants from the Clan na Gael Verve centre taking part in the Cook – It programme organised by local Health Trainer Eileen



Couch 2 5K



A wet night in Lurgan didn't put off participants in the Couch 2 5k programme

- 2. Craigavon - Sport in the Community** - has been developed by Craigavon Borough Council and Lurgan residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of Multi Use Games Areas. It provides opportunities for residents to participate in sport and physical activity, gain qualifications and leader's awards, build relationships with people from other areas and backgrounds, encourage healthier, more active lifestyles and take part in positive activities as an alternative to anti-social behaviour. The programme has six main elements: -

MUGA Sports Programme

The MUGA Sports programme is aimed at providing an organised and structured community led programme of coaching and competitive sporting opportunities for young people on each of the DfC funded Multi-Use Games Areas, through close consultation with local communities and sports clubs.

Midnight and Junior Street Soccer

The Midnight and Junior Street Soccer project aims to provide a number of community youth diversionary soccer leagues held at various synthetic pitch venues throughout the three Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The format for the leagues will change from 6 week leagues at various stages throughout the year into a monthly league format.

DV8 Youth Sports Project

This Community Youth Diversion Project brings together a mixed group of youths aged 16-19 to engage in sport and physical activity. The project will increase awareness of the benefits of health and fitness, in terms of physical, social and emotional well-being and increase self-esteem and confidence in young people and increase employment and educational opportunities.

Kickback Project

This programme aims to use sport as a tool to help young people who are unemployed to develop their skills and confidence, thereby improving their employability. The programme, run over 28 weeks, aims to set up a Kickback team (20 people) within the Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

Sports Festival Events

This project aims to provide assistance and support to sports clubs, youth clubs or community groups in setting up or developing small community based sports events particularly throughout the summer months in the form of community fun days.

Health Initiatives

For the previous seven years the Council have supported several health initiatives in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas through coordination of physical activities including venue hire.



Midnight Street Soccer participant at Mourneview in Lurgan

Young people from Lurgan at the MUGA games



Kickback Project celebration event

3. Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project - this project is divided into three programmes:

The **Bushcraft Participation Programme** provided residents with an opportunity to take part in a unique outdoor residential experience. Each course consisted of a team building session, a 2 day residential camp and a follow up development session. The second element, the Marine Ranger Training Programme, targeted 8 residents aged 18 years and above who were long term unemployed. The programme combined periods of training and assessment with valuable work based placement within ACB&CB. The aim was to encourage the trainees to respect their local environment, highlight the opportunities on their door step and to create a positive outlook on local life styles.

The **Craigavon Cycling Programme**. This health and well-being sporting and leisure initiative, was divided into three elements - Cycling Participation, Cycle Training and Maintenance and the construction of a Pump Track. The primary aim was to introduce residents to organised cycling events and train them in cycle leader training, basic cycle maintenance training and first aid training. The construction of the pump track has left a lasting legacy for biking enthusiasts from the Craigavon and surrounding areas.

Craigavon Angling Programme - involved three elements - angling participation and lake and fishery management. Training was provided for local residents and on completion, permits and rod licences were provided. Local fishing clubs are assisted with items of equipment. Lake management involved weed cutting and removal and enhancements to existing fishing stands. The Fishery management element included survey of fish stock and stocking of the Craigavon lakes.



Under the support and supervision of fully qualified coaches and fitness instructors, 15 ladies participated in the New You in 52 programme, and enjoyed every aspect of the programme.

It proved challenging for everyone from time to time but the support and friendship of the group and the constant WhatsApp provide motivation and inspiration. In the cycling phase of the programme the group is clocked up the miles around Craigavon Lakes and the local roads.

B writes:

Joining the New You in 52 scheme has been the best decision ever. I have suffered from depression for the last 17 years, lacked confidence, low self-esteem and low motivation.

This group has given me the opportunity to take on new challenges at my own level and pace. The coaches have been amazing; they are support, advice and encouragement and most importantly friendship. My fitness level has increased so much that I was able to take part in the Belfast Marathon Relay with some of the group members. I now have the confidence to try new things. I take part in the city park run every Saturday morning and have joined a social running group in Craigavon called Fitzone. Honestly, this group has changed my life. I have been able to reduce my anti-depression medication for the first time in 17yrs and hopefully I will be able to come off them completely with the continuation of this group.

C writes:

Joining New you in 52 was one of the best things I have ever done. The group support we get from Brenda, Earl and the rest of the guys in the group is amazing. When I first joined the programme it was taking me over 60 minutes to walk the Parkrun and now I can run it in 45 minutes. I hated running when I joined, and I can't say I love it now but with the help and support of the rest of the team I do the Parkrun most weeks and I have joined a running. I really am enjoying the cycling and I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead with the swimming and triathlon training. And the icing on the cake is I have lost nearly 2 and ½ stone and have met a great bunch of people. So I would recommend this programme to anyone whatever their age, size or fitness.

Economic Renewal

1. **Craigavon – Southern Regional College - Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS)** – this project has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Southern Regional College to provide additional support in education and training for neighbourhood renewal residents. The programme provides mentoring support to those school pupils currently involved in the Schools Partnership Programme, additional mentoring to young people who progress from school to apprenticeship and other training programmes to develop and provide accredited training for young people who have dropped out. As a result of having taken part in the TOPS a total of 3 Lurgan residents found employment: one as a saw operative, one as a van driver and one as a forklift driver.



Nail and beauty students as part of the TOPS programme

2. **Craigavon - Southern Regional College - The Grow Project** - provides training in horticulture skills and horticulture management. Participants in the project are skilled up to grow and care for plants in their own gardens and then later act as horticulture advisors to the local community. It is hoped that in the long term local communities will establish social enterprises with allotments and outlets where locally produced fruit and vegetables are available for sale.

3. **Southern Region - Oceans Project** – the Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS) Project delivered by the Southern Regional College allows local residents to acquire skills for seeking and gaining entry to employment in the offshore industry. The residents will undertake essential skills learning and personal development and depending on their abilities skills which will allow them to gain employment on offshore renewable energies teams e.g. (a) deckhand, (b) roustabout (responsible for cleaning, painting, and helping out with anything and everything at all times) and (c) roughneck (typical entry-level position where you must be a jack-of-all-trades).

OCEANS students in National Maritime College of Ireland in Cork



Lurgan Partnership 18/19 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 18/19 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 18/19 total expenditure in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

| Programme/Project | CFF Funding Period | CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation) | Spend (as at 31/03/19) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| COMMUNITY RENEWAL | | | |
| Craigavon – ACB&CBC - Technical Assistance | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £14,039.70 | £13,625.54 |
| Total Community Renewal Expenditure | | £14,039.70 | £13,625.54 |

| Programme/Project | CFF Funding Period | CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation) | Spend (as at 31/03/19) |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION | | | |
| Craigavon - EA - Youth Engagement Plus | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £30,708.29 | £30,587.00 |
| Craigavon - EA - Count, Read, Succeed | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £45,986.96 | £45,494.50 |
| Craigavon - EA - Inclusion in Education | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £22,702.47 | £22,702.47 |
| Craigavon - EA – Transitions Programme | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £20,709.97 | £20,106.49 |
| Programme/Project | CFF Funding Period | CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation) | Spend (as at 31/03/19) |

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH | | | |
| Craigavon Health Improvement Project | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £25,456.86 | £25,456.86 |
| Craigavon Sport in the Community | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £36,729.74 | £36,729.74 |
| Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £43,283.33 | £43,283.33 |
| Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure | | £105,469.93 | £105,469.93 |

| Programme/Project | CFF Funding Period | CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation) | Spend (as at 31/03/19) |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ECONOMIC RENEWAL | | | |
| Craigavon – TOPS | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £26,406.05 | £26,405.38 |
| Armagh & Craigavon - The Grow Project | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £5,344.56 | £5,344.56 |
| Southern Regional College – Oceans Project | 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019 | £6,963.93 | £6,955.80 |
| Total Economic Renewal Expenditure | | £38,714.54 | £38,705.74 |

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|---------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| GRAND TOTALS | | £278,331.86 | £276,691.67 |
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ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2018/19 YEAR

Community/Other Output Measures

| PROJECT | CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects | CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities | CR7- Number of community/voluntary groups supported |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Craigavon Borough Council - Technical Assistance | 20 | | |
| Craigavon Sport in the Community | | 1 | |
| Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities | | | 11 |

Social (Crime) Output Measures

| PROJECT | SR(C)6 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Craigavon Sport in the Community | 482 |
| Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities | 180 |

Social (Education) Output Measures* post April 2014

| PROJECT | SR(Ed)2 Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved | SR(Ed)3 (Tackling barriers to learning)– Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved | SR(Ed)5 (Tackling barriers to learning)– Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes | SR(Ed)6 (Literacy and numeracy) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project | SR(Ed)8 (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from project | SR(Ed) 14 (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project. | SR(Ed) 17 (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications completed. | SR(Ed) 25 (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefitting from project |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Craigavon - EA - Inclusion in Education | | | 71 | | 71 | | | |
| Craigavon - EA - Youth Engagement Plus | | | | | | 80 | 11 | |
| Craigavon - EA - Transitions Programme | 22 | | | | 126 | | | 9 |
| Craigavon - EA - Count, Read Succeed Plus | | | 62 | 126 | | | | |
| Craigavon – SRC - TOPS | | 65 | | | | | | |

Social (Health) Output Measures

| PROJECT | SR(H)1 Numbers benefiting from Healthy lifestyle projects initiatives | SR(H) 2 Number of people attending Health Education/ Awareness initiatives | SR(H)3 Number of people accessing intervention/ treatment service | SR(H)4 Number of health education/ awareness initiatives provided/ delivered | SR(H)7 Number of new/ improved sports facilities provided | SR(H)10 Number of people using existing sports facilities |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Craigavon Health Improvement Project | | 3,334 | 209 | 16 | | |
| Craigavon Sport in the Community | 1,106 | | | 17 | | 380 |
| Southern Region – The Grow Project | 3 | | | | | |
| Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities | 1,926 | | | | | |

Economic 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 | ER14 Number of people trained who received an accredited qualification |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Craigavon – SRC - TOPS | 3 | | 29 | 14 |
| Craigavon – SRC - The Grow Project | | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Craigavon Sport in the Community | | | 24 | |
| Southern Region – SRC - Oceans Project | | 3 | 3 | |

Lurgan Partnership Conclusion

In the 2018/2019 financial year, Lurgan Partnership total overall spend was **£276,691.67**. This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Community Renewal | £13,625.54 |
| Social Renewal | £224,360.39 |
| Economic Renewal | £38,705.74 |

Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure

The main achievements in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2018/2019, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- 14 people received training and achieved an accredited qualification;
- 133 people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes;
- 3,035 benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle project initiatives;
- 3,334 people participated in health education/awareness initiatives;
- 662 young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects;
- 209 people benefitted from accessing intervention/treatment services;

Partnership members are content that the projects funded in this year are addressing key priorities identified in the Lurgan area.



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