



Dungannon & Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report
2018/19

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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. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

About Coalisland & Dungannon Partnership -

Coalisland & Dungannon Partnership was set up in 2012 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and oversee the development and delivery of the local Action Plan. In 2018/19 the Partnership comprised of up to 30 members which included representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations including NIHE, PSNI, SH&SCT, Transport NI. It meets on a monthly basis (and as required) and its administration and facilitation is provided through a Coordinator who is based within the Mid Ulster District Council.

The Partnership has established 3 sub-groups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes' 4 strategic objectives-community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. They also assist the Partnership with the identification and delivery of projects and programmes in the Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The Coalisland and Dungannon Partnership and Subgroup members have all signed up to the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

The Annual Report seeks to provide a summary of the level of activity taking place annually within the Neighbourhood Renewal areas, and demonstrate, as far as is possible, impacts and benefits derived from the NR investment.

Coalisland and Dungannon NRP members 18/19

		Organisation	Status
Francie	Molloy MP	Partnership Chair	Elected Representative
Ann	Donaghy	Fairmount Residents Association	Voluntary & Community Rep
Barry	McGinley	Dungannon Youth Resource Centre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Bernadette	McAliskey	Belong An Tearman - STEP	Voluntary & Community Rep
Cllr Barry	Monteith	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Clement	Cuthbertson	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Denise	Mullan	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Dominic	Molloy	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Joe	O'Neill	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Kim	Ashton	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Malachy	Quinn	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Micky	Gillespie	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Niamh	Doris	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Robert	Colvin	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Walter	Cuddy	Councillor	Elected Representative
Colin	Ryan	PSNI	Statutory Representative
Colm	McDaid	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Rep
Denise	McNally	Dungannon West Renewal Ltd	Voluntary & Community Rep
Eddie	Richardson	Roads Service - Western Division	Statutory Representative
Fintan	McAliskey	STEP	Voluntary & Community Rep
Fr. Paul	Byrne	Coalisland Residents Assoc	Voluntary & Community Rep
Hugh	Quinn	PSNI	Statutory Representative
Jim	McQuaid	Dungannon Youth Resource Centre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Joanne	McDonald	CRAIC Arts Theatre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Joanne	Gibson	PSNI	Statutory Representative
John	Donnelly	Education Authority	Statutory Representative
JP	McCartan	PSNI	Statutory Representative
Leo	Quinn	Ogras	Voluntary & Community Rep

Lucia	Carolan	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Rep
Michael	Dallat	NIHE District Manager	Statutory Representative
Michael	McCrory	PCSP	Statutory Representative
Michael	McGoldrick	First Steps Women's Centre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Monica	MacIntyre	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Neil	Gillan	SH&SCT	Statutory Representative
Olive	Kirk	Milltown Area Community Association	Voluntary & Community Rep
Oliver	Corr	CRAIC Arts Theatre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Rev Andrew	Rawding	Clergy Forum / Rectory	Voluntary & Community Rep
Richard	Thornton	Coalisland Training Services	Voluntary & Community Rep

Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported 12 projects (2 of which are capital) in the 18/19 year across the Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. As noted above they are catalogued under the 4 strategic themes under NR as follows:-

Strategic Objective - Community Renewal

1. Dungannon & Coalisland Technical Assistance – Employment of Co-ordinator

Mid Ulster District Council lead the application to support the facilitation of the Partnership through the direct management of a NR funded Coordinator post. This post supports the Partnership in taking a lead in local planning, identification and implementation of agreed priorities and actions as set out in the agreed action plans- to tackle disadvantage and support the social, economic, community and physical development of the two local neighbourhood renewal areas. The Co-ordinator facilitates the delivery of the Action Plan for the Neighbourhood Partnership and relevant sub-committees are managed efficiently and effectively, providing support, guidance and monitoring. The Co-ordinator provided support on the ground to communities, assisting in developing projects and worked in partnership with community organisations and relevant statutory agencies to ensure delivery and monitoring of the Action Plan.

The Action Plan is a mandatory item on both Partnership and Sub-Committee agendas and the Coordinator facilitates a review of this document on an Annual basis.

During the 18/19 year the Co-ordinator role has been responsible for:

- Circulating information regarding alternative and potential funding streams to organisations operating in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas or signposting of services beneficial to partners and residents in the areas.
- Support and assistance to community groups including help with funding applications from other bodies.
Applications were made to MUDC grant programmes and also levered in other funding.

- Inviting guest speakers and other relevant stakeholders linked to the Programme along to speak at sub group and Partnership meetings on issues as required.
- Publication of Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter for circulation across both areas and informing all residents
- Identifying and provision of training and development workshops to benefit Neighbourhood Renewal Partners, as required.
- Networking and attendance at events and meetings to publicise and promote Neighbourhood Renewal and raise awareness of the needs of the areas.

The Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal newsletter issued in December 2018 and contained a brief description of a number of NR funded projects being delivered. The newsletter is an excellent way of publicising the work of the partnership and the work various partners did during that period to all the communities to help raise awareness and garner support for the work being done in the NRA's. The NR Coordinator post continues to act as a conduit between NR communities and DFC and the other stakeholders across the areas.

2. OGRAS – Disengaged Youth Programme

This project continues to engage vulnerable young people from Coalisland in youth development and social activity led by OGRAS Youth Club. Engagement focuses on supporting young people participate in positive activity. The base at Ogras provides for a range of activity to suit a range of needs. The Youth Club works closely with a range of agencies to seek to attract people to the Club including linking schools in the area. The range of activities the young people participate in includes; youth development work, drama, arts, sports and Irish language activities.

Up to 400 young people have benefited from this project during 18/19 which had the added outcome of developing 50+ of the young people into volunteering work within and for their community. Activities included Young Men and Young Women projects which addressed needs based issues as identified by the young people themselves, excursions, motivational nights and a citizenship programme with St Joseph's College Coalisland.

A measure of its success and a reflection of the impact this programme has had on young people within the Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal area over the past few years can be seen in the transformation of large numbers of young people engaged through this programme. This is clearly demonstrated in high numbers of youth progressing from being past participants of the programme to them securing roles as part-time members of staff who help deliver programme activity and support peer mentoring, most particularly including the summer scheme where over 300 young people participate over a 4 week period.

The engagement of young people in positive activity also contributes to their wider development in education, health and wellbeing and other engagement in their communities.

Recent activity carried out in 2018-19:

- A fun day to celebrate the St Patrick's Day holiday was held on Monday 18th March. 164 people attended this event which had activities with Bouncy castles, Balloon modelling, Face Painting and Irish traditional music. Seniors youth fun day had approx. 40 attending on the same evening with Bubble Football, Combat Archery and pizzas.
- Over 50 people engaged / involved in unpaid voluntary work in their community.
- A total of 435 young people engaged in and benefitted from youth inclusion / diversionary activities delivered by Ogras.
- Over 100 people received training in community development skills/capacity building.
- Outreach & Detached Work carried out by a joint partnership of Ogras and Breakthru continued on Friday nights, where young people who were in danger of engaging in risk seeking behaviours were encouraged and supported to take part in activities being carried out in the Ogras Centre.

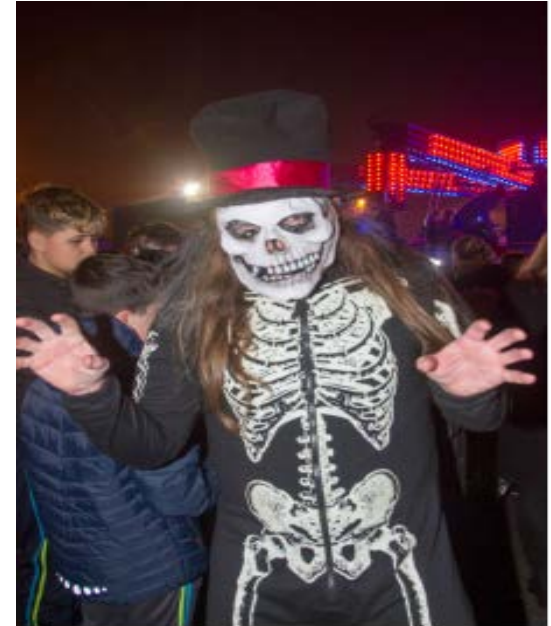
It is very clear, year on year, that the service provided by Ogras, and supporting organisations remains an integral element in ensuring that the young people in the Coalisland Area are given the best possible chance at access to opportunities to move beyond the confines placed on them by living in an area of high deprivation and poverty. Impact felt is clearly visible when talking directly to those young people directly involved in the programme who are confident that their lives would have been dramatically different had they not had Ogras to turn to.

3. Mid Ulster District Council - Halloween Diversionary Project

The Coalisland Halloween Project creates diversionary activities for young people in the Coalisland area in the days and weeks leading up to Halloween itself. This initiative follows on from a successful project since 2012 which was identified through a community needs consultation when the project was designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area, which according to police data, peaks in October and accounts for 40% of all recorded crime in the area. Working in collaboration with local community and voluntary groups this project has over time reduced anti-social behaviour in the town. The project is now led by a working group which was set up consisting of local sporting groups, local community / voluntary sector groups and is led by Mid Ulster Council. Anti-Social behaviour incidents in Coalisland have now fallen by 13.2% from 2012 and this group has transformed the Halloween period in Coalisland, from one which residents and families were fearing to one which they can now look forward to. While isolated incidents can occur at the event itself, working in tandem with PSNI the working group delivered a series of events for over 2000 people in 2018.

In 2018/19 over 2000 "little ghosts, goblins and their guardians descended on Coalisland on Halloween Day for a fun-filled Halloween event". Organised by Mid Ulster District Council, the Halloween shenanigans at Gortgonis kicked off at 6pm with an evening of entertainment and funfair rides at Gortgonis Park, with a wide range of local community and sporting organisations also delivering projects and programmes in the area in the weeks and days leading up to Halloween.

Coalisland Fianna GFC organised a basketball tournament, Brackaville GFC held arts and crafts sessions, Breakthru organised a trip to Jungle NI and also arts and craft sessions. OGRAS held a fun day on Halloween day and young people gave out apple tarts as part of their “random act of kindness” campaign. It has been reported that significantly high numbers of Community residents descended on Gortgonis this year for the fireworks extravaganza which lit up the sky in style on Halloween evening. As always the Fireworks display left all spectators mesmerised making it a thrilling night enjoyed by all as is seen in the pictures provided below:





Strategic Objective - Economic Renewal

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

4. Going Places with South West College – Coalisland / Dungannon NRA

This project involves the provision of dedicated services of three Mentors, who work together as a team, to cover all four Neighbourhood Renewal areas across the West, namely Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Coalisland.

The Going Places project has continued to act as a stepping stone for Neighbourhood Renewal residents to access Education, Training or Employment opportunities. Although it is recognised that there are a number of training courses available in the area, this project is funded to specifically target and provide support to a particular target group of people who, without the additional support of one-to-one mentoring, throughout their training period may mean that many of those who commence these opportunities fail to finish or complete. Figures to date for this project reflect successes in this area and this is also reflected in the number of new initiatives who are now including mentors as part of the delivery programme.

The uniqueness of this project is that contrary to other funded project this programme continues to focus on Level 2 and above training – thereby reducing any duplication with other training courses- this gap was identified by the NR Partnership and this project evolved to meet the need identified. Prior to the introduction of the Going Places Project a lot of the current opportunities available, were being specially targeted at the under 25 age bracket. This project is for those 16+ with no age limitation. The Department for Communities Jobs & Benefits Offices have confirmed that this programme compliments existing college provision, by providing access to education and training, as Neighbourhood Renewal area residents are currently under represented in College enrolments in each of the four Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

The Coalisland / Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Programme had 48 participants engaged in The Going Places Programme delivered by the South West College during 2018/19. The programme achieved the following overall outputs:

Going Places Programme at South West College 2018 - 2019

2018 -2019	
Careers Advice	124
Mentoring	124
Specific Training	78
Non- Specific Training	33
Formal Qualification	98

Employment	35
Volunteering	4

However these stats relate specifically to the NR areas detailed in this Annual Report:

Coalisland

2018 -2019	
Careers Advice	20
Mentoring	20
Specific Training	16
Non- Specific Training	1
Formal Qualification	17
Employment	6
Volunteering	0

Dungannon

2018 -2019	
Careers Advice	28
Mentoring	28
Specific Training	17
Non- Specific Training	6
Formal Qualification	23
Employment	15
Volunteering	0

Impact continues to be felt at a number of levels within the NR communities and the following testimonials have been provided to illustrate the value placed on the project by those who have participated in it:

“With all my children now at school I was keen to return to work, with support from the Going Places mentor I got help to complete application forms and gain the confidence to attend an interview. I am now working 5 mornings a week and am thoroughly enjoying being out meeting people and am in a much better routine. I would never have had the confidence to take this step on my own so many thanks to the Going Places Mentor”.

“Due to an accident and poor health I have been out of work for a number of years. With support and guidance and a sympathetic ear I was guided towards completing my CSR training and applying for work. I worked on my interview skills, regained my confidence, and am now back in full time work. This would not have happened without the numerous meetings with the Going Places mentor’.

“I was late applying for my chosen course at SWC but with the help of the mentor, I was accepted onto a business administration course. I got lots of encouragement and help and caught up with all outstanding work. The course involved a placement, which my mentor helped me find. I went for three weeks and had a fantastic time working and getting an insight into working in another country. At the beginning of the year, I never dreamt this was possible, how things can change. All this has happened because of Going Places”.

5. Coalisland Training Services – Community Education Programme

Need for this Programme continues to exist in the Coalisland area as there is no other local organisation who delivers similar courses or access to training/learning forum. Reports show Coalisland Training Services has again delivered a wide range of courses to the residents of Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Area during 2018/19.

In 2018/19, over 100 residents have attended a variety of courses with 99 receiving formal qualifications. These have included CSR, Level 2 Food Safety, Paediatric First Aid, Emergency First Aid at Work, and Defibrillator Training.

Over the year, 11 residents have gained employment and 7 residents have safeguarded their jobs as a result of attending courses including CSR, SAGE and Paediatric First Aid.

CTS continues to assess and meet the needs of the community, allowing progression and choice, for example in this year one resident who initially attended the Paediatric First Aid course is now enrolled on a Level 3 childcare course, which is nearing successful completion. This will allow the resident to successfully enter the workforce arena. Another 6 residents have availed of the iPad/ Smartphone training.

One senior citizen who was able to receive one to one training in the use of iPad was particularly grateful. He has extremely bad eyesight, had an iPad for over a year but because of his vision couldn't use it. The tutor was able to set the iPad up for him with easy links to internet and music. He said it has given him a new lease of life.

Residents have attended some courses for personal reasons; some to refresh their money management / communication skills for their own personal use but also to be able to help their children with homework. Some have admitted that they 'didn't bother' at school and were now glad to attend the small informal classes and be able to achieve Communication or Application of Number qualifications; a requirement for many jobs. CTS have had a case where a parent has attended these classes with their daughter along to help and support her too.

All residents who attended the range .There is also the positive social interaction on courses like Art, where the participants comment on the greater social inclusion this delivered to them, as many were no longer in work or out of work and had become disengaged from community activities and events. This involvement in learning a new skill not only kept their minds healthy, but also meant they did not feel isolated or lonely and overall felt it promoted good mental health and well -being for all involved.

Strategic Objective - Social Renewal – Education

6. Dungannon Social Renewal Education Programme

The Department for Communities NR funding provides funding to the Education Authority Southern Region to enable them, in turn, to deliver on identified need within the Action Plan. This Education project focuses on the Dungannon NRA. EA works alongside a number of stakeholders to deliver the following programmes to be delivered under this project;

Primary Attendance Matters

PAMS is an early intervention model to support pupils, parents and schools by focusing on ensuring attendance is linked to the curriculum and parents are aware of the impacts of non-attendance.

In 2018-19 the Primary 6 group was targeted and involved 109 pupils, with 47 demonstrating an improvement in attendance. In addition to this a Primary 1 class was targeted as they were displaying issues with attendance and a puppet show was used with this year group, - overall these interventions did show improved attendance.

STEP Numeracy and Literacy Programme

The STEP numeracy and literacy programme aims to improve young people’s (age 7 to 14) communication skills in English. The majority of children attending are from Eastern European backgrounds (Lithuanian, Poland, Russia and Bulgaria) and it targets the attainment of children in a language club, focusing on the development of both English and native languages and cultures. 40 children are currently in the programme and demonstrating improved attainment levels.

Feedback from parents has been very positive and they have benefitted from the opportunity to spend more time together, working together in a learning environment with their children

DELTA / Family Learning Programme

This programme is aimed at parents and skills development within the family at St. Patrick's primary school. The focus of the programme in 2018-19 was a school based language programme for pupils in Primary 1 and 2 classes displaying difficulties in communication. 25 pupils were identified as requiring speech and language therapy and parents were involved in the success of the programme, including a 'Bring your Parent to school day', monitoring of homework and ensuring attendance at therapy sessions.

Dungannon Youth Resource Centre

DYRC is a full time voluntary youth club in the centre of Dungannon and has over 400 members. The four week summer scheme funded under this project has become a mainstay of the summer for the youths within the Dungannon NRA. The first two weeks of the programme targeted young people in the 8 to 11-year age bracket by providing fun developmental programmes to improve young people's participation levels and reduce their risk of being socially excluded. In the second two weeks the summer programme facilitated 12 to 18 year olds with a similar aim but also to reduce their opportunities of taking part in less positive activity especially around the contentious period surrounding the July fortnight.

By taking part in these activities it gave young people an opportunity to try something new, step out of their comfort zone, improve their mental and physical wellbeing and be on a level playing field with most of the other young people they were with.

Other achievements of the Club over and above our core work includes supporting young people with mental health and wellbeing, the club completed delivery of Mental Ability Project which entailed yoga, mindfulness, dance, music and roller skating for approx. 50 youth members. 12 of the participants have setup a steering group and expressed their enthusiasm to remain with DYRC.

Young Men's programme

The theme of this project is to develop strategies in partnership with the young people to tackle the high rates of mental health, suicide and low self-esteem among youth in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. All the work that young men carried out this period was designed at improving their mental well-being with an eye on sharing the best parts of this with others.

Through engagement young men have been involved in workshops, residential, healthy eating, fitness activities, feel good sessions and time out for themselves. This has encouraged a more positive outlook on life and a better understanding of mental health.

Between the DYRC and the Young Men's programme, 236 young people benefitted including a large number of migrant communities new to the area.

Transition Project

The Transition Project is offered in a one off session or three week basis. The project aims to support P7 pupils with transfer related issues by enhancing the following:

- Develop new friendships and improve self esteem
- Ensure that pupils settle into new schools with less anxiety for themselves and parents
- Improve interest in school work and attainment
- Ensure the transition is successful by using mentors
- Ensure that curriculum continuity is achieved

This programme was delivered in Primate Dixon PS and St Patrick's PS, Dungannon. 230 pupils participated in the transition programme this year, all pupils enjoyed the sessions and the opportunity to meet with pupils in year 8 who had already made the transition to post primary. The pupils took the opportunity to explore issues and concerns they had about transferring to post primary and reduce some of the anxieties around transition.

7. Coalisland Social Renewal Education Programme

The Department for Communities NR funding provides funding to the Education Authority Southern Region to enable them, in turn, to deliver on identified need within the Action Plan. This project focuses delivery across the Coalisland NRA. EA works alongside a number of stakeholders to deliver the following programmes to be delivered under this project;

➤ **An Tearmann – Homework Club**

This project provides a homework club and additional learning skills for members of the travelling community and links this activity with improved attendance and achievement in school. Progress is evaluated weekly to check for development and used to identify learning success or to identify future learning needs of the children. The children are fully involved with their educational targets and encouraged in line, with Assessment for Learning, to evaluate their own progress. The club also looks to establish social and behavioural skills, providing acknowledgement of positive behaviour and good practice as well as improving motivation and respect.

The relationship with parents is excellent. Parents are enthusiastic about registering their children for homework help. They collect their children from school and then drop them off at homework support. They have a good relationship with the staff. This also creates an opportunity for parental support in other areas

During 2018-19 there were approximately 61 Traveller Children registered with An Tearmann Homework club with 22 children demonstrating improvements in behaviour. The club has also led to around 30 pupils showing an enhanced/improved attendance at school (minimum 85% attendance).

➤ **Cairde Uí Neill Adults Programme– Learning is Fun**

This project enables parents/grandparents/carers to develop their knowledge of the Irish language to allow them to interact with their child and support and encourage them with any problems which they may have whilst doing homework. The Structure of the Irish Language classes offered by Cairde Uí Neill are from Beginner through to Advanced and these levels allow parents and family members to enhance their own Irish language skills and to be able to assist their children.

There were 56 participants engaged throughout 2018-19, with at least 30 in regular attendance.

The classes continue to be a success story with large numbers participating and then engaging in other Irish language provision in Cookstown and linking to the Ulster University (UU) Diploma in Irish. There is also a steady trickle taking the further step of a BA Degree in Irish Language and Literature at the UU Belfast & Derry Campuses. The programme continues to provide support to Irish language development and allows those in deprived areas an opportunity to participate. Multi lingual language development also creates confidence and development of further skills and opportunities.

➤ **OGRAS - Summer Scheme (Youth Intervention)**

The aim of this project is to address the issues around community relations in helping manage the levels of anti-social behaviour over the summer months and to provide for children and young people an engagement in positive activities. The project also addresses a range of issues related to poverty including isolation through not being able to participate with peers, mental health, and summer hunger.

The programme has provided high numbers of young people with opportunities to participate in activities and go on trips with other young people during the long summer period. With many of these young people coming from a disadvantaged background this is their only "Summer Holiday" and a high point of the summer. Parents are appreciative of the opportunity offered their children during this scheme. A key benefit of the scheme is that the young people are provided with a healthy meal which addresses the growing issue of "Holiday Hunger" for those children/young people that are in receipt of free school meals during term time.

The summer scheme was delivered during July and August 2018 with the junior scheme (7-11 year olds) operating for 2 weeks in July and young people (age 12 upwards) running for 2 weeks in August.

376 young people participated in the Summer Scheme in 2018-19 with 46 volunteering to assist at the club while completing training in leadership skills also. These figures are roughly on a par with the 2017-18 figures which illustrates the enduring popularity of the project.

The programme has been so successful in addressing poverty for children and young people without stigma that it is identified as a model of good practice and the Council is currently looking at rolling it out to other areas across Mid Ulster that have pockets of poverty including Maghera.

8. Education Authority – Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Area Learning Mentor

DFC funded a full time Learning Mentor post who is employed on behalf of five Post-Primary Schools serving the Coalisland/Dungannon Area. The learning mentor works across each of the schools supporting specific children in achieving their unique potential: academically, socially and emotionally. The project primarily targets young people who live in Neighbourhood Renewal areas and those who have been identified by their schools as being at risk of underachievement in learning and development.

The learning mentor supports pupils and parents throughout the year. The programme is not only to work with the young people but to break down communication barriers between home and school, developing a positive link to help enhance the potential of those involved. This programme helps to develop the self-esteem and confidence of the young people who avail of it. Alongside this, programmes are held for parents in relation to how they can best support their child during assessment phases and examinations.

The achievements of the project in the 2018-19 year are as follows:

- 10 pupils availed of mentor support to improve attendance
- 39 pupils availed of mentor support to improve attainment
- 9 pupils availed of mentor support to improve behaviour
- 72 pupils attended 2 Peer Mentor workshops with Paul Gray – Learn Spark.
- Peer Mentoring was provided for 30 pupils in English, Maths and Science
- iStudy Programme was delivered to 53 Year 8s and 25 year 11 students
- 192 year 8 pupils attended a familiarisation Summer Scheme in St Joseph's College, St Pats College and St Joseph's Grammar
- A Grade Enhancement Programme run for St Pats Academy, whereby mentors work with students in English, Maths and Science.
- A workshop on 'Preparing for GCSE' assisted students in thinking about starting their GCSES and looking at how best to manage their time

Parenting skills programmes also assisted 119 people, with some feedback received from Parent listed below:

“Excellent – very informative to both parent and pupil with real skills that can be used.”

“Helpful. Informative. Encouraging. Straightforward. Positive. Encouraging.”

“We thought it was very informative and very welcoming that the child in Year 8 could be present too.”

9. St Joseph’s Vocational Project

The aim of the programme from the outset was to try to improve attendance among those participating, with pupils selected if they had an attendance record at 90% or below for the previous year. The programme also tackled behaviours and also opened the door to pupils to explore job specific training.

The programme commenced in September 2018, with 20 pupils initially taking part in the programme, and finished with 18 pupils still in the programme. The results of the programme show that 8 pupils have shown an improved attendance and 12 pupils have demonstrated improved behaviour. The pupils were also introduced to job specific training in the areas of Bricklaying, Electrical work, Hairdressing and Beauty.

Feedback from the project includes:

- ***A year 9 pupil who was invited to join the improving attendance programme this year. He has a number of behaviour issues ranging from disruption, homework, defiance, inadequate work and verbal abuse. He has a diagnosis for ADHD and he finds it difficult to engage in school and concentrate in a class setting. Teachers have reported a massive improvement in his behaviour and cooperation in class. As a result of the programme there has been a marked improvement in his overall behaviour and his self-esteem. This pupil engaged fully in the programme and benefitted greatly from the opportunity to participate in a more practical hands on environment.***
- ***A year 10 student who is very quiet and lacks confidence and self-esteem. She has found classwork difficult and would tend to shy away from participation in activities. This led to her attendance falling in year 9 and concerns were growing that this was due to her insecurities. Thanks to the programme this student has shown a marked increase in her confidence and speaks out more in class. She really enjoyed the programme and intends to continue in year 11 and 12 following a vocational pathway. This pupil has also improved their attendance by 6%***
- ***A Year 8 pupil is defined as a newcomer (a student whose native language is not English) and whose attendance had fallen to just above the threshold for referral to EWS. The pupil lacked in confidence due to language barriers and needed to build her self-esteem. As a result of joining the programme her attendance has increased by 6%. She has developed her relationships with other participants on the programme and has excelled academically.***

Strategic Objective - Social Renewal – Health

10. Coalisland and Dungannon NR Health and Social Well Being Programme

The Coalisland and Dungannon Health project is led by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust in conjunction with a health subgroup which meets on a regular basis to research, develop and monitor health needs in the NRA's and wider areas of Coalisland and Dungannon. The outcomes of the subgroup are adopted and formulated into the overall NR Action Plan on an ongoing basis.

The subgroup includes representation from Statutory, Community and voluntary agencies to include: Mid Ulster District Council, DFC, SHSCT, Carers Trust, Fairmount Park and Union Place Residents Association, Coalisland Residents & Community Forum Living Well Living Longer, Ógras, Dungannon Youth Resource Centre, Breakthru, LiLAC, Niamh Louise Foundation. The Subgroup supports effective partnership working between agencies and the community, developing a targeted health action plan which is linked into the overall Neighbourhood renewal action plan for the area.

The need for these programmes in the NRAs are stark, with the programmes designed to offset the health realities experienced by people living in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, some examples of which are listed below:

- Drug related deaths in Dungannon NRA are three times higher than non-NRA areas
- Deaths of under-75s in Coalisland NRA is more than double the non-NRA average
- Deaths from suicide is four times more likely in Coalisland NRA than the non-NRA average
- Births to teenage mothers in both NRAs are substantially higher than non-NRA levels

The programme has worked with various agencies to deliver outcomes including:

- 597 people have benefitted from Healthy Lifestyle activities
- 381 people attended Health Education/awareness initiatives
- 551 people benefitted from accessing intervention/treatment services
- 10 Health Education awareness initiatives were provided

The programme also offers other programmes to improve the general health of the populations of the NRAs, including gambling counselling, therapies, cancer screening, first aid and many more. The number of users availing of the programme has grown

The work of some of the more prominent elements of the programme are illustrated below.

Men's Shed project - Social inclusion project

South Tyrone Men's shed has approximately 10 core men using the shed daily and another 15 have participating in programmes. The range of programmes delivered included a Men's Health Event, Boccia, Pharmacy programme, Christmas Wreath Making and in partnership with Mid Ulster Council Wood Carving and Pottery information sessions.

The Men's Shed project assists in the offsetting the problem of isolation among older gentlemen, with many of the men using the project being there as much for social interaction as much as learning new skills.

Breakthru

Over the course of the year Breakthru has delivered programmes across the Neighbourhood Renewal areas engaging young people covering the following areas:

- YMAX programmes
- PEAR programmes
- Drugs and Alcohol awareness
- Outreach work
- Diversionary activities
- Gambling awareness

LILAC

Lilac provided over 270 complementary therapy treatments to clients within the Dungannon and Coalisland NRAs to clients suffering from long term chronic health conditions. The benefits of alternative therapies have been reinforced and support by SHSCT and GP's with numbers of referrals increasing. This intervention helps reduce reliance of medication and promotes well-being through alternative options, offering those in need greater choice and control over their illness.

Strategic Objective - Physical Renewal

11. First Steps Women's Centre – Renovation of Derelict Space

First Steps Women's Centre were successful in achieving funding from DfC Neighbourhood Renewal along with other private funders for the renovation of derelict space within the centre into productive use for the delivery of services to the community.

Key project elements were to renovate the derelict and vacant space in the current premises to enlarge and enhance provision/services to the Community.

Work on the centre commenced on 29th January 2018, proceeding according to budget and timescale with the official launch taking place on 28th June 2018 and the building was completed and fully operational 30th June 2018.

In its first year FSWC has provided excellent benefits to the community, including:

- 267 women have benefitted from attending wellbeing courses and healthy lifestyle programmes
- 690 people and 60 children have used the new facilities
- 140 direct referrals to other support services
- Introduced a Benefits Checker service which has helped members of the community claim £69,797.00 of benefits
- 128 parents have used the on-site crèche to look after their children

FSWC were also able to increase the numbers of courses for the community and provide space and resources for other community organisations.

The Centre has more than doubled in size from 2,000 sq. metres to 4,400 sq. metres and new facilities include:

- Onsite Crèche
- 3 Purpose built Training Rooms
- 1 Conference Room
- Kitchen
- New toilets and house-keeping store.
- Social Space

Some photographs of the finished product are shown below:

First Steps Women's Centre Crèche moved into their new bespoke Crèche in June 2018. The total crèche places allocated from April 2018 to June 2019 were 102 with 80 enrolments taking place in September 2018, with the remainder occurring throughout the year.



New Computer Suite



New Social Area



Ladies from the Drumming Class Enjoying the Coffee Morning



September 2018 - Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £1,034



Christmas Coffee Morning



International Women's Day Event

In 2018-19 FSWC decided to hold a fundraising Coffee Morning for two local charities, St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) and The Vineyard Church - as part of International Women's Day. £570 was raised - £285 for each charity



(Left) Darragh Shields, St Vincent de Paul (SVP) receives a cheque from FSWC staff Marion Murphy and Michael McGoldrick.
(Right) Sharon Cummings, The Vineyard Church receives a cheque raised at International Women's Day celebrations.

Great interest has been shown in the finished building:



Patsy McGlone MLA visited the Centre on 24th July 2018.



Arlene Foster MLA with Frances Burton (deputy Chair Mid-Ulster Council) visited the Centre on Thursday 23rd August 2018.

12. Capital Development – Dungannon United Youth (DUY)

Capital Development Funding was secured via Mid Ulster District Council from the Department for Communities and will see a purpose-built community and leisure facility constructed on an area of unused land and a temporary changing room portacabin, which is no longer fit for purpose, replaced. Dungannon United Youth will reap the benefits of this investment as work commenced this year on a new £750,000 community and sports hub at the club's ground.

The new facilities will provide a shared space incorporating a recreation building for a wide range of sports for all age groups, changing area and wellbeing room, community meeting room, child play area and refreshments facilities.

Chair of Mid Ulster District Council in 2018-19, Councillor Sean McPeake, welcomed the start of the work:

“I’m delighted that the Council has been able to support a project like this which will create a hub for community and sports activity in the Dungannon area and generate significant social value and community impact.

“Without this funding, the current building would soon be unusable. Now not only will the Dungannon United Youth benefit from the new premises, but so too will local residents and other community and sporting organisations in the area. I look forward to following the progress of this project and viewing the new facilities upon completion.”

Below is a photograph of the first sod cutting. This project will complete in October 2019 and full details will be provided in the next annual report to demonstrate the full benefits felt from this welcome investment.



Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership 2018 – 2019 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 17/18 total expenditure in the Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF amount at 01/04/2018	18/19 Spend (as at 31/03/19)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Coalisland and Dungannon Employment of Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£39,588.36	£38,915.63
Disengaged Youth Programme in Coalisland	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£39,879.59	£39,602.93
Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Event	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£1,823.09	£1,823.09
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£81,291.04	£80,341.65

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2018	18/19 Spend (as at 31/03/19)
SOCIAL RENEWAL - EDUCATION			
Dungannon Social Renewal Education Programme	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£51,033.40	£51,033.40
Coalisland Social Renewal Education Programme	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£54,336.75	£54,336.75
St. Joseph's Vocational Project	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£26,500.00	£26,500.00
Dungannon and Coalisland Learning Mentor	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£39,588.36	£38,915.63
Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure		£171,458.51	£170,785.78

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2018	18/19 Spend (as at 31/03/19)
SOCIAL RENEWAL HEALTH			
Coalisland & Dungannon NR Health and Social Wellbeing Programme	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£68,969.70	£68,800.35
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£68,969.70	£68,800.35

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2018	18/19 Spend (as at 31/03/19)
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Going Places with South West College	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£116,946.00	£96,760.15
Coalisland Community Education Programme	01/04/2018 – 31/03/2018	£29,349.95	£29,349.95
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£146,295.95	£126,110.10

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL
FUNDING IN 2018/2019 YEAR**

Community Renewal Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 - Number of people using existing community facilities	CR11 - Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area
Disengaged Youth Programme in Coalisland	740	450		70	112			5			
Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Event		2000		80							
Social Renewal Education Programme Coalisland NRA				46							
First Step's Women's Centre – Refurbishment						690					

Economic Renewal Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs created	ER2 – Number of residents going into employment	ER3 – Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 – Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER7 - Number of weeks (per participant) of non-job specific training provided	ER8 - Number of new business start ups	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER10 - Number of people becoming self-employed	ER11 - Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported	ER12 - Number of new business start-up surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Going Places with South West College		35	124	78		33								98	
Coalisland Community Education Programme		11		51		66								99	7
St. Joseph's Vocational Project				18											
First Step's Women's Centre – Refurbishment													128		

Social Renewal Education Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(Ed) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR(Ed)2 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 4 - Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 7 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	SE(Ed) 9 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(Ed) 10 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 11 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position to ensure pupils reach full potential	SR(Ed) 12 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 13 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 15 - Number of young people experiencing improvements against baseline position of assessed needs	SR(Ed) 16 - Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 18 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from /being supported by the project	SR(Ed) 19 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 21 - Impact on enhanced learning environment	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity	SR(Ed)23 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in ICT related subject)	SR(Ed)24 - Number of residents in an area who obtain a (ICT-related) qualification on completion of formal training	SR(Ed)25 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	
Dungannon Social Renewal Education Programme			40		25	365								236												
Coalisland Social Renewal Education Programme				22	56		20					30		376												
St Joseph's Vocational Project		8		12				18																		
Coalisland/Dungannon Learning Mentor		10	39	9		256																				

SR(Ed) 1 – Early Years, **SR(Ed) 2 – 5** - *Tackling Barriers to Learning*, **SR(Ed) 6-7** *Improving Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy*, **SR(Ed) 8-9** - *Closing the Performance Gap*, **SR(Ed) 10-11** - *Tackling barriers to Learning Special Educational Needs*, **SR(Ed) 12-13** - *Tackling barriers to learning Emotional Health and Wellbeing*, **SR(Ed) 14-17** - *Youth Services*, **SR(Ed) 18-22** - *Extended Schools*, **SR(Ed) 23-25** - *ICT*

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	SR(H)4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR(H)5 - Number of people benefiting from new or improved	SR(H)6 - Number of people participating in suicide prevention	SR(H)7 - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	SR(H)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities	SR(H)9 - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved
Coalisland / Dungannon Health Project	597	381	551	10					
First Steps Women's Centre – Refurbishment		267							

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures to be used for 18/19 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending	SR(C)4 - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR(C)5 - Number of people participating/attending	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary	SR(C)7 - Number of victims of crime	SR(C)8 - Number of homes with increased security	SR(C)9 - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact
Disengaged Youth Programme in Coalisland RW/NR3/CLD50B						435				
Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Event – CLD58B						300				

Coalisland and Dungannon Partnership Conclusion

In the 18/19 financial year, *Coalisland & Dungannon* Partnership total overall spend was **£446,037.88**

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

Community Renewal	£80,341.65
Social Renewal (Education)	£170,785.78
Social Renewal (Health)	£68,800.35
Economic Renewal	£126,110.10

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Coalisland & Dungannon Partnership was set up in 2012 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations including NIHE, PSNI, SH&SCT, Transport NI. It meets on a monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a Coordinator with Mid Ulster Council.

The Partnership established 3 sub-groups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. They also assist the Partnership with the identification and delivery of projects and programmes in the Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

As a Partnership there has been many successes that have been widely documented as per projects above e.g. Halloween in Coalisland etc. and we have also been successful with leveraging in other funding to our areas e.g. MUDC Grants, International Fund for Ireland (IFI). All of the above has meant added value has been linked to the Neighbourhood Renewal funding drawn down by the NR Partnership through Department for Communities to bring additional benefits to the NRA communities.

The NR programme has benefited the residents through the establishment of a co-ordinated approach to statutory delivery mechanisms. The NR programme through its structures brings together a wide range of statutory bodies who share ideas and best practice from other areas. For example, the Education programme has benefited from the key worker working across many NR areas. Best practice projects are shared across the areas and rolled out where funding permits.

During the 2017/2018 financial year First Steps Women's Centre received £78,209.23 for the refurbishment of their premises. The outcomes of this refurbishment are now being realised in a more accessible building with open space, training rooms and a permanent crèche. The funding has allowed First Steps Women's Centre to increase their membership and to offer a greater range of training classes. The new crèche facilities are also being used by 128 parents, removing one of the barriers for working or lone parents to access training courses. In the 2019/2020 year funding has been secured from Department for Communities for a major Capital Build at Dungannon United Youth to provide state new facilities for the area and community in general at a cost of close to £750,000. Completion for this project is anticipated in October 2019.

Recent deprivation statistics show that super output areas falling under the NRA have improved and are no longer within the top 10% deprived areas in NI. Ballysaggart Super Output Area in Dungannon has fallen out of the top 10% to almost 27%. Whilst there are many factors that have led to this it is not beyond the realms of possibility that the programme has had a significant impact in improving lives and reducing poverty in the NRA through the delivery of many programmes aimed at reducing inequalities, improving educational attainment and promoting healthy lifestyle programmes.

Priorities for 19/20 are to ensure funding continues for all the current projects and efforts are made to plan for sustainability beyond the lifetime of NRA funding. There remains a need to put greater focus on recognition of the impact these projects have had in the two NRA's over the past decade or so and consider how best this impact can be captured. Ensuring that the projects are sustained in some way is crucial for the Partnership leading in to next year. There needs to be a concerted effort for groups to either have an exit strategy or a plan on how project will be sustained and delivered for the benefit of the NRA residents.

Another priority is also to ensure that the Partnership remains a strong group in the vacuum of knowing whether or not the powers will ever transfer from Central Government to Councils. Whilst this does not hamper the role of the Partnership there is still some ambiguity as to when or if powers will transfer, which is somewhat unsettling for many partners engaged in the process. MUDC are continuing to prepare the ground to enable any possible transfer to be seamless in that the local community are least affected by any potential changes in the delivery of a poverty/deprivation programme. Community Planning remains the priority focus for delivery over the next year and ahead.

Attendance at sub group and partnership meetings has seen a decline in 2018/2019, particularly at community level. It has been challenging trying to encourage members to attend sub group and Partnership meetings and 2019/20 will see letters being issued to all members to ascertain whether they wish to remain on the partnership and sub groups. DFC will work with the NR Coordinator to reengage with communities at local level and hopefully this will promote some reinvigorated efforts to engage as it is hoped that the structures in place will not fall in the possible last few years of the Programme.

Success of the NR Partnership in the 2018/19 year was largely a result of the diligent work and commitment of those engaged in the NR process from both statutory and community and voluntary organisations with input from Councillors and external stakeholders. In the years ahead it is hoped that we can continue to build connections through the NR Partnership and stand out as a good example of collaborative working.



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