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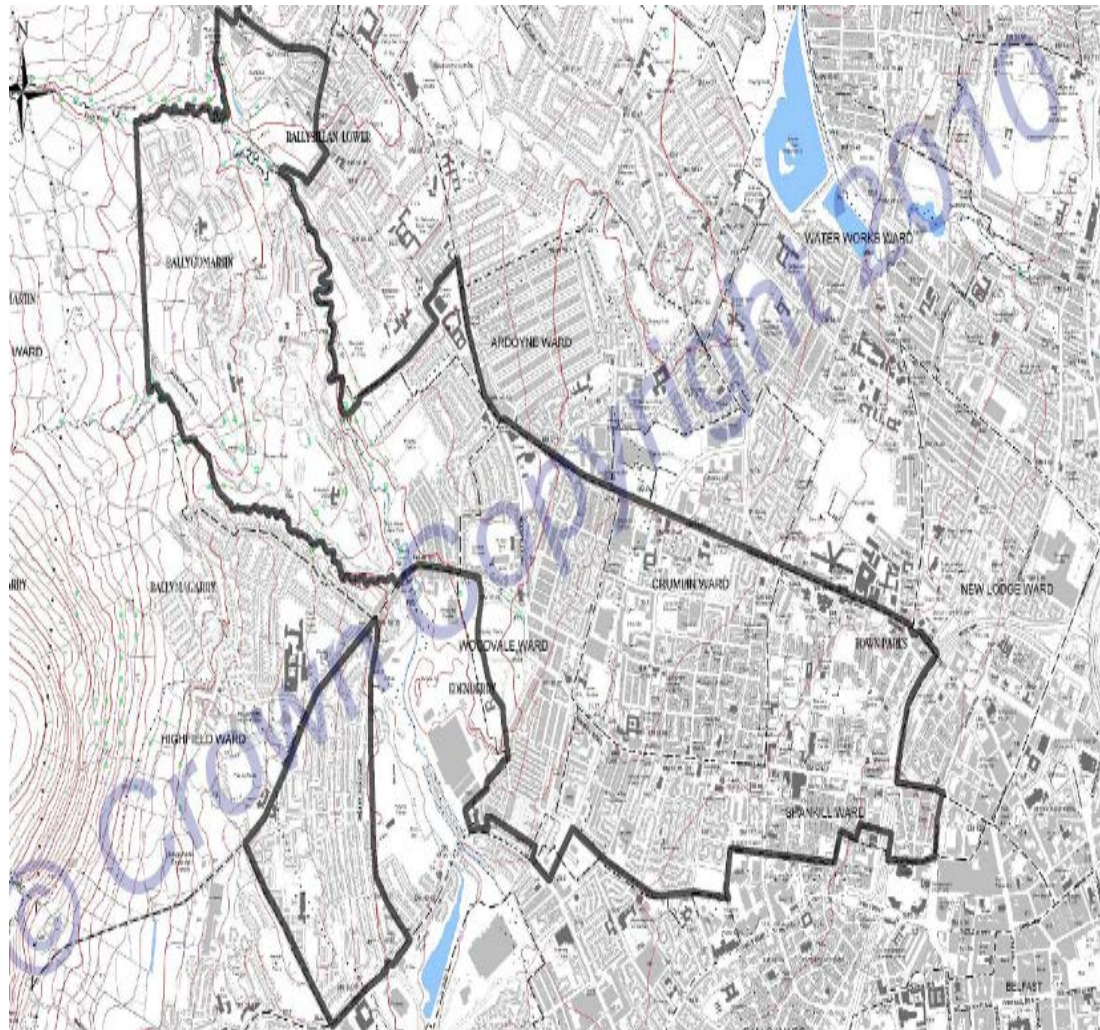
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Map of Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal area



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Introduction

Overview of Neighbourhood Renewal

In June 2003, The Stormont Government launched “People and Place – A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal It is a cross cutting initiative which seeks to bring together the work of all Government Departments in partnership with local communities. The Strategy, at that point was designed to target the 10% of wards throughout Northern Ireland that experienced the highest levels of deprivation. These communities were identified using the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure, the most accurate source of measuring poverty at that time. In all, 36 areas were targeted for intervention including 15 in the Belfast Area. This includes The Greater Shankill area, which had endured decades of economic decline, social dislocation and poor service delivery. Compounding these difficulties was the added external factors, including political instability and the underlying challenges presented by the economic climate. Whilst the implementation of Neighbourhood Renewal is the responsibility of the Department for Communities, it still remains a cross government strategy that works through locally based partnerships. These partnerships are made up of statutory agencies, political representatives and the private, community and voluntary sectors. The remit of each of these partnerships is to address social disadvantage and deprivation in their respective areas. Each partnership has therefore been designed to address four interlinking strategic objectives to tackle the complex, multi-dimensional nature of deprivation in an integrated way, namely:

- **Community Renewal:** to develop confident communities that are able and committed to change 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 neighbourhood 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.

Background to Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership encompasses the Neighbourhoods of Shankill, Glencairn, Highfield, Woodvale and Crumlin. In 2004, DSD put the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy out for public consultation. The Greater Shankill Community Convention met in full session to consider its response. This was a body established in 2002 to bring all aspects of the Greater Shankill together post the paramilitary feud of 2000. It welcomed the Government's stated long-term commitment to the renewal process and its intention to heed the voice of the community in designing its future and setting its priorities.

On 15 June 2005 the Convention set priority themes and established sub-Groups around them to engage in developing a Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for Greater Shankill and appointed the Greater Shankill Partnership to act as the NR Partnership for the area. The process took over two years and actively involved over three hundred people and sought to engage Statutory Agencies, Government Departments, Churches and schools and of-course community based groups. In 2008 the 1st NR action Plan for Gr Shankill was published. The Convention generally meets annually to reassess the action planning process and to review the ongoing work.

Benefits to Government and community from partnership working

Government Departments, Local Councils, schools and community partnerships are at the heart of our local communities. They share the same ambitions: to create prosperous places, enhance civic life and improve the quality of life for our residents. People across all these tiers are increasingly recognising the added value that greater partnership working between Government, councils, schools and community partnerships bring to the vital services they provide and the communities they serve, there are examples of us all working together: to strengthen local decision-making, improve engagement with residents, enhance and devolve services.

The need for partnership working has never been greater. Budgets are smaller, creating pressure on everyone to be more efficient and preventative and also encouraging us to support residents to help themselves, which is the core tenet of community development itself. However, the needs and expectations of residents have increased too. It is more important than ever that government and the community sector reflect communities' sense of 'place', and provide tailored, responsive services. In this context, the potential opportunities and impacts of partnership working should not be underestimated.

Greater Shankill Partnership Board



The Greater Shankill Partnership (GSP) is a community led regeneration agency in the Greater Shankill area of Belfast established in 1996. It brings together community, schools, churches, elected and private sector representatives, along with public sector officials. Its core business is to facilitate and co-ordinate regeneration efforts in the Greater Shankill area, at the heart of which is Neighbourhood Renewal. In 2005 it was appointed by the Greater Shankill Community Convention to act as the NR partnership for the area.

GSP is also used by various public agencies to test & input to their policies and proposals affecting the area. In this regard GSP provides a mechanism to gather and test community views and priorities, through the Community Convention process. GSP's operations and projects also seek to drive the community development and regeneration agenda for the area, ranging from Early Years and Sure Start, Integrated Services for Children and Young People, Health and Wellbeing, Arts, Culture and Tourism, the Children and Young People Zone and Neighbourhood Renewal. The GSP runs the Spectrum Centre, a centre for arts and culture. GSP has also acted as a Lead Body for TEO Social Investment Fund and currently the Communities in Transition Programme. The Belfast Area Partnerships connect GSP to Belfast's other area-based Partnerships across the city facilitating policy development, planning and joint initiatives to address deprivation in the City. GSP is playing an integral role in Community Planning in Belfast and serves at every level on the Belfast Community Planning Partnership and its Boards. In line with its core business of child 7 family support, GSP serves on the Belfast Outcomes Group for Children & Young People.

Greater Shankill Statistics

The following summary up-dated statistics of the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area are based on the latest available NISRA / NINIS data.

- The most recent (2018) population figure for Greater Shankill is 18,872; the population has risen every year since 2012. The most recent (2017) birth rate for the area is 14.7 per 1,000 of the population and is the lowest rate since 2010.
- Almost 1 in 3 (28%) children (under 15) in Greater Shankill live in a low-income household, in comparison to 19% of children in NI.
- 40% of the working age population in Greater Shankill are 'employment deprived', referring to the proportion of people excluded from work. The rate for Northern Ireland is 21%.
- Despite being in close proximity to a range of services, uptake of services is low in Greater Shankill. For example, 62% of Greater Shankill residents were registered with a dentist in 2018, compared to 66% of Northern Ireland.
- 61% of adults aged 25-64 in Greater Shankill had no or low levels of qualifications in 2017, compared to 36% of adults in Northern Ireland.
- 16.6% of people in Greater Shankill claim DLA (lowest rate in over 15 years). People in Greater Shankill are more than 2 times as likely to receive this benefit as people in non-NRAs.
- GCSE attainment is rising in Greater Shankill. In 2005, 1 in 4 people were leaving school with at least 5 GCSEs in Greater Shankill. In 2017, almost 3 in 4 were.
- 73.1% of school leavers in the Greater Shankill area in 2017 obtained at least 5 GCSEs (grade A-C). Although the figure for Greater Shankill is lower than non-NRAs (85%), the gap is reducing.
- From 2005 to 2017, the amount of school leavers obtaining at least 5 GCSEs in the Greater Shankill increased by 165%. The respective percentage increase for non-NRA areas is 28%.
- In 2017, 45.2% of school leavers in Greater Shankill obtained 5 GCSEs *including Math's and English*, compared to 18.9% in 2008.
- 50% of school leavers in Greater Shankill went on to higher / further education in 2017, compared to 80% of school leavers in non-NRA.
- 42% of school leavers in Greater Shankill in 2017 went into employment or training, compared to 17% in non-NRAs.
- School leavers in Greater Shankill are more than twice as likely (7.5%) as school leavers in non-NRAs to be unemployed after leaving school in 2017 (3%).
- In 2008, less than one in five of school leavers in Greater Shankill achieved at least 2 A levels – this has now increased to one in two school leavers.
- Crime rates in Greater Shankill have generally decreased in the last 10 years, but overall rates are double that seen in non-NRAs.

- Levels of anti-social behavior and domestic abuse are among 2 indicators of crime to significantly increase in Greater Shankill since 2003.
- In 2013-2017, the suicide rate for Greater Shankill was 31.6 (per 100,000 population), in comparison to 16.1 for Northern Ireland (almost double).

Below we outline some of the key initiatives in the Greater Shankill NR area in 2019/20.

Greater Shankill Children & Young People Zone

The Greater Shankill Children & Young People Zone has continued to lay solid foundations across developmental pathways to secure its mission of transforming the lives of children & young people (CYP) in its community by supporting them on their journey towards realising their full potential.

Conversations with young people



The spine of the Zone is one to one engagement with children & young people; this comes through a process of conversations to hear the 'story they want their life to be like'. Conversations focus on: learning about the CYP's life, their aspirations and plans for the future; helping them chart a path to realise these aspirations; and connecting the CYP to any support they may require to help them overcome recognised challenges and barriers they may face in trying to realise these aspirations. The zone designs with children & young people their pathway to get there and then supports them on their journey, one at a time, for as long as it takes.

To achieve this the Zone Team have trained 'Pathfinders' in the art and science of 'the conversation'. **90** of these 'conversations' have taken place to date. The Zone has also developed a 'conversation guidebook' which has gone through a number of replications as the series of conversations have taken place and the wider context has changed.

The Pathfinders have been drawn from existing staff in GSP, then widening to staff in local partner organisations. This process has been built into the work-plan of each person involved as a Pathfinder and so comes at no cost.

The 'conversations' are then anonymised and passed over to the Centre of Evidence for Social Innovation (CESI) in Queen's University Belfast who analyse the on-going conversations, pathways and support. CESI provide feedback on the emerging picture of change and the journey of each young person, proof of concept and ultimately an 'outcomes framework' which will inform Government policy in relation to children, young people and families. The model will also provide transferable learning for other place-based approaches. An international conference is currently being planned which will facilitate knowledge transfer regarding this process.

The next stage will be to develop the number of conversations and pathways, while exploring the models of sustained support for each child and young person. The question of who travels on the journey with the child, at different stages, is also being developed.

Youth Convention

On Thursday 30th January 2020 and Friday 31st January 2020, the Zone arranged a Youth Convention entitled 'Ur Journey Ur Voice', held at the Spectrum Centre. Thursday 30th January was reserved for young people. During Thursday's event, young people took part in interactive sports, gaming, old school games, spot prizes and had the opportunity to speak about issues that affected young people in Greater Shankill. Thursday's event was attended by approximately 300 young people.

Friday 31st January was reserved for adults who are involved in the lives of young people in Greater Shankill. The purpose of Friday was to report back on issues expressed by young people on the first day and discuss the way forward. Speakers included Professor Siobhan O'Neill (Ulster University), Ed Sipler (Health Development Specialist) and Dr Mark Browne (TEO). As a result of the Convention a strategy for the way forward is being prepared.

See link [Shankill Youth Convention Facebook page](#) Shankill Youth Convention day 1 and 2. For full report.



Research

The Agenda for the Convention on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January 2020 was informed by a survey that the Zone conducted with 507 young people in Greater Shankill. One of the main findings of this survey was that the main issues that young people experience were boredom, confidence & self-esteem, mental health and drugs & alcohol. Therefore, these were the issues that were dealt with most intensely during the convention.

The Zone has undertaken other research that has informed its work, such as a survey with 234 young people in Greater Shankill about their experience of 'lockdown'. Results of this survey have informed our post-lockdown approach regarding working with young people.

The Zone, in association with Integrated Services for Children & Young People also carried out a family survey with 63 families in the local area, to understand their experience of lockdown. Again, this has been useful in tailoring the Zone's work to issues expressed by local families and has informed the Belfast Outcomes Group in their Covid-19 approach.

Developing partnerships and resources for success

The Zone has been developing relationships with partners, who act as strategizing partners by inputting to the thinking, development and practice. They provide practical support for the Zone and directly for the children and young people on their journey. Both these roles will grow in significance as the Zone progresses. Key initial partners are:

Queen's University Belfast

Which has adopted the Zone as one of two 'Innovation Zones'. This has provided the Zone an entry point across the University, in which it is part of Queen's Social Charter. The Zone is involved in supporting the QUB 'Widening Participation Programme', opening pathways of opportunity for Greater Shankill pupils into university and has also served on a working group producing the 'Public Engagement with Research' recommendations, now adopted by QUB, aimed at making research more relevant to disadvantaged communities such as Shankill. CESI is the Zone's closest working relationship within QUB. CESI staff are analysing the 'conversations', measuring the change, developing an outcomes framework and providing a proof of concept for the Zone. Another programme saw the development of a 'Community Capacity Building Programme' through CESI, in partnership with the Zone and Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, which will build community leader's capacity in the use of evidence to inform their work.

The Ulster Orchestra



Another partner of the Zone is the Ulster Orchestra. The Ulster Orchestra began rehearsing in the Shankill's Spectrum Centre, hosting local schools in open rehearsals and have performed two concerts in the Spectrum Centre. Some of their players mentored Shankill children on a voluntary basis. Through the Zone the Ulster Orchestra are opening up musical pathways of opportunity for

children in the Greater Shankill area. One of the ways this is achieved is through 'Crescendo', a music programme in partnership with the Ulster Orchestra, CESI (QUB), Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Malvern Primary School, Wheatfield Primary School, Good Shepherd Primary School and Holy Evangelists Primary School. The Crescendo programme delivers musicianship and instrumental workshops to almost 600 P1, P2, P3 and P4 children across 4 schools.

Crescendo is measuring the impact of a music programme throughout pupils Primary school experience on outcomes in concentration, behaviour, resilience and well-being.

The culmination of the season will be a cross-community event in June which sees the children perform alongside the full Ulster Orchestra for their families and local community in the Ulster Hall.



PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Zone had co-sponsored a lecture and seminar by Prof. Sonia Blandford on social mobility entitled 'Born to Lose?' Over 100 people attended the event in the Shankill's Spectrum Centre. Developing from this is a Zone / PwC partnership resulting in PwC adopting Malvern Primary School and supporting the development of an action plan with the school which resulted in 100's of hours of volunteer staff time working with the children. Since PwC's 'adoption' of Malvern Primary School, both qualitative and quantitative evidence has shown the positive effects of this partnership and an expected increase in its enrolment.

PwC, alongside the Zone and Queen's University and local schools, have also been involved in planning the design of a CPD (Continuing Professional Development) programme. Meetings between all partners regarding CPD began in October 2019.

Ulster University

Is developing a new Campus in Belfast city centre close to the Shankill area. The Zone has been engaging with the University to capitalise on the investment and build the relevance of the campus to young people on the Shankill. As a result a 'Community Benefit Framework' was signed by the University, the Zone and some neighbouring communities and UU have agreed to become a strategizing partner with the Zone. The Zone is involved in the University's 'Widening Participation Programme' which will open pathways of opportunity for Shankill young people.

Belfast City Council.

The Zone engages with the BCC around their newly devolved Community Planning powers and ensured that addressing the well-being of children has been built into the BCC Belfast Agenda, which charts the way forward for the City over the next 20 years. Children's participation has become a key target for participation in Belfast City Council planning. This is not simply tokenism or the participation "box" being ticked through demonstrating they have involved children and young people in an activity, rather because they can provide evidence of change or improvement as a result of their participation.

Benefits of participation by children and young people

The term “participation” incorporates children’s involvement in every area of development – from commenting on environmental factors to contributing to city development. For children and young people to become involved, everyone needs to be able to work in a way which enables participation and ultimately affects change or improvement within the lives and community of children and young people. The CYP Zone has demonstrated the benefits of participation.

The Zone

Has made connections with a range of other groups but the partnerships above are the first established and will grow in significance over the next number of years. A communications strategy is being devised and will be implemented during 2020 / 21.



The Good Relations Initiative.

The Shankill Good Relations initiative has demonstrated a regard for people of different religious belief, political opinion, age and race. These concerns fit in with the shared and safe community aspects as outlined in ‘Together building a united community’. We believe everyone can live, learn and socialise together, free from prejudice and intolerance and where division does not restrict opportunities. We meet together, sometimes twice per week and visit other places twice per year for holidays. We ensure in our activities that everyone feels safe in moving around and are not inhibited by fears about safety.



The Shankill Good Relations initiative contributes to improving community relations and continuing the journey towards a shared and peaceful society. We promote good relations by acknowledging cultural diversity and respect for all traditions. Our participants are different in age, gender, religious belief, political opinion and abilities. We promote and uphold equality and diversity in how we plan, offer and provide our activities.



Over 80% of the 120 participants in The Good Relations Initiative are from the Greater Shankill area, it encompasses residents from West Circular, Highfield, Westland, Springfield, Crumlin Road and the Greater Shankill, as well as Springfield, Clonard and Turf Lodge.

It supports the delivery of good relations across Greater Shankill, including, the celebration of cultural diversity, challenging sectarianism, promoting the development of positive relationships between people from different backgrounds and creating shared space and marking key events. We run a community line dancing programme on Wednesday afternoon in the Shankill / Ardoyne Health partnership and on Friday Afternoons in the Residents Association in Upper Springfield. We also ran a line dancing class for beginners on Tuesday afternoons in the Spectrum Centre, funded by WISPA, but unfortunately WISPA could not continue their financial contribution to the payment of space. The Good relations Initiative is part of the Social bonding theory created by Travis Hirschi in 1969, it has four basic elements:



These are attachment, commitment, involvement in conventional activities, and lastly the common value system within our group. It is also part of the DfC's Community Renewal Programme. It seeks to develop confident communities and individuals that are able and committed to changing the quality of life in their areas. We also run day trips and two holiday trips per year for eighty plus people, which breaks down the loneliness and social isolation felt by many older people.

Under these activities we took over 50 participants to the North coast, 60 to Sligo and we began a line dancing learning programme for 10 people in the Spectrum centre.in May & June.

Community Convention

A Community Convention also met in June 2019 to consider the TEO Communities in Transition (CIT). This included a discussion around key themes for the Greater Shankill community - Health & Wellbeing, Community Development, Young People, Restorative Justice and Community Safety and Policing. Over sixty groups and a number of Government Departments were invited to the Convention and almost 100 people attended the event over two days. The event was instrumental in developing the content of the Executive Office's CIT programme for the Greater Shankill area. As a result, four 'strands' of the CIT programme are currently live in Greater Shankill. Greater Shankill Partnership delivers both the 'Capacity Building' and 'Arts & Culture' element of the CIT programme in Greater Shankill, while Alternatives and Extern deliver the 'Community Safety' and 'Health and Wellbeing' elements, respectively.

**GREATER SHANKILL
COMMUNITY
CONVENTION 2019**



Making Sense of
Communities in Transition

Presentation by Mark Browne
Deputy Permanent Secretary, TEO

Including a discussion on themes:

Health & Wellbeing	Community Development
Restorative Practice	Young People
Environment & Culture	Community Safety & Policing

Thurs 20th June
Spectrum Centre, Shankill Road
1-5pm
Light Lunch on arrival

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Shankill Alternatives



Alternatives offer a wide range of services that include, an Intensive Youth Support programme on a one to one basis for youth at risk. Youth development projects for young people. Mediation to resolve community conflict neighbourhood disputes, victim support for those affected by crime & anti-social behaviour and Employability & training programmes for those not in employment or education. Billy Drummond also chairs the Shankill Community Safety Network which meets in Farset Hostel once per month.

The 'Welcome to the Shankill Road' Mural, corner of Gardiner Street

It welcomes visitors in a varied selection of languages including Welsh, Spanish, German, Chinese and Arabic. Alternatives, said it was aimed at an "international audience" to convey a "positive and welcoming message". Billy Drummond of Alternatives said the mural was designed by young people and "aimed at an international audience who don't speak English".



The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme in Greater Shankill has demonstrated improved community relations by engaging in numerous cross community projects. Aspects of the work from youth groups, reimaging walls, good relations initiative, providing information on training and funding opportunities, demonstrate a growing confidence in contributing to a shared future. We also challenge sectarianism and racism by encouraging communication through joint days out, holidays and recreation. By building and developing trust we improve people's lives and contribute to community renewal. Some of the groups involved in this process through Neighbourhood Renewal funding include:

- Belfast Activity Centre
- Blackmountain Action Group

- Belfast Community Sports Development Network
- Ex-prisoners Interpretative Centre
- Hobbyhorse Playgroup
- Lower Shankill Community Association
- Northern Ireland Alternatives
- Respect programme
- Stadium Youth and Community Project
- Streetbeat
- Shankill Women's Centre
- West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society

Shankill Health Forum

When people think of health they often think in terms of being physically sick. But good health is about much more than this. Health is defined as: "A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."
(World Health Organisation)

The Shankill Health and Wellbeing Forum has a dual role as the Neighbourhood Renewal sub-group for Health and Wellbeing. It has four main priority action areas;

- To Promote Healthier Choices within communities
- To build on and develop Early Intervention Approaches that provide real opportunities for change
- To Promote Mental and Emotional Wellbeing
- To Connect, Communicate and Collaborate with all other interest groups and resource providers

Addressing health inequalities contributes to the people of Greater Shankill living longer, happier lives and having adequate access to necessary and appropriate services and to make links between activity on the ground and developments at a strategic level. Over the year the Shankill Health Forum provided a wealth of information which highlights the importance of,

- Healthy eating,
- Good exercise,
- Smoking cessation and reducing alcohol intake.

Annual review of the Shankill Health Forum



The Shankill Health Forum annual review this year was facilitated by Paul Hutchinson from Imagined Spaces. It was agreed that SHF is still creating opportunities for the local community and community groups to identify and address what they see as the main health and wellbeing issues in their community.

It was agreed that Health Priorities for 2019 / 2020 which could be linked to the Forum included:

- Mental Health – of all ages from the cradle to the grave. There is still a huge stigma attached to many issues around mental health, this includes:
- Suicide/Self-harm;

- Legacy issues;
- Transgenerational trauma / Social media- social isolation;
- All of the above linked to physical and emotional health care;
- Chronic disease, men's health were also named as priorities.

Mental health



SHF supported campaigns by the Participation and Practice of Rights project, through Stephanie Green in respect of their Mental Health Rights Group. Mental health is now a key priority in many communities, particularly as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, it affects people of all genders and ages. It is useful to look at what the constituency profiles reveal about the area. They paint a very stark picture particularly for mental health. Out of all the constituencies in Northern Ireland North Belfast has the highest rate of hospital admissions due to self-harm. While West Belfast has the second highest, North Belfast has the highest proportion estimated to be on prescribed mood and anxiety disorder drugs with West Belfast the second highest. West Belfast is the Constituency with the second highest rate of suicides.

In relation to disease and other health related issues the picture is not much better West Belfast has the highest rate of death due to cancer, respiratory disease and circulatory disease. North Belfast has the second highest rate of diagnosis of new cancers. West Belfast has the highest rate of teenage births, North Belfast has the second highest. However, good health relies on a whole range of other factors. Good health is about having a reason to get up in the morning, having something useful to do with your time, being happy where you live, having good friends, feeling good about yourself and having the ability to cope when times are hard. Without these things, we can become ill. It is the belief of Shankill Health Forum that the best way to improve the overall health of people living in the Greater Shankill area is to focus on prevention and so reduce the number of people getting sick in the first place. The best way is to help people understand how to look after their health is by good communication and information at the right time and to bring in initiatives which focus on prevention and early intervention.



The main development work around health and wellbeing is focussed on keeping health on the agenda both locally and at the level where decisions are being made. The Forum is made up of people from voluntary, community and statutory organisations working in the area. It is open to anyone who works or volunteers for a local group and who would like to play a role in tackling local health issues. The Forum provides an opportunity for local groups to link with other bodies whose job it is to address health issues e.g. DHSSPSNI, the Public Health Agency, Belfast City Council and the Belfast Trust. Connect the local experience into plans for the area Take part in consultations on health related proposals which impact on local people. If we want things to get any better it is important that our needs are included in the plans of those organisations that have the resources to bring about change for

example the Public Health Agency, the Belfast City Council and the Belfast Trust. The Forum supports programmes which tackle health issues across the lifespan from early years to parenting to older peoples' health. Other areas of work include the promotion of programmes which highlight good role models in the area and programmes that encourage resilience so that people are better able to cope with the ups and down of life.

The conclusion of the Health Forum Review was that participants re-confirmed their support and commitment to the Health Forum and re-stated the benefits of being part of the Forum and confirmed the mandate for meeting. It was agreed that the SHF was still a positive vehicle for:

- Sharing of information/Expertise/ Networking / Support network (personal self-care)
- Bringing back information to our organisations / Red-flags (community priorities)
- Talking about health (which was not that common 13 years ago)
- Partnership / Campaigns / Holistic health – everything is connected / Links into the Health Trust
- A conduit from providers to community – from community to providers
- Resource-sharing / Trying to avoid duplication of service provision / Compare and contrast services
- Consultations / Looking for gaps in the service / Funding opportunities (limited)
- Targets and definitions around health care provision/priorities / Training/support
- 'A valuable part of the role of community development health workers

Groups Participating included:

Name	Organisation
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Liam McAnoy	Neighbourhood Renewal
Paul Ferguson	WBACS
Trish Boyd	Shankill Women's Centre
Diane McMullan	Extern
Alex Mercer	Individual
Laurence Ferguson	Community Development Trust
Pol Brennan	Connected Community Care
Ann Meadows	Integrated Services
Jonny Lynas	Shankill Job Assist

Six of these groups are from The Greater Shankill and all others are involved in wider work processes that impact on the Shankill Health Forum

Shankill Community Safety Network

Community safety is a concept that is concerned with achieving a positive state of well-being among people within a specified geographical community. It is not simply about reducing and preventing injury and crime, it is about helping people to be and feel safe where they live, work or spend their leisure time and building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities.

The SCSN met 9 times this year on Wednesday afternoons in the Farset hotel. The organisations present included:

- Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Probation Board for Northern Ireland
- Youth Justice Agency
- Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
- Representatives of community organisations
- Political and religious representatives



The Shankill Community Safety Network, Shankill Health Forum and The Community Relations Initiative are meeting regularly and carrying out their agreed activities in relation to the NRAP. SCSN are being trained at the HYDRA Police Training centre in Antrim.

SCSN are also engaged in continued signposting of elderly residents' vulnerability in relation to Burglary and home safety as well as health promotion activities. We are also working on exposing the amount of used needles at interfaces in North and West Belfast. There is a disagreement in relation to 'responsibilities'. The PSNI say that Belfast City Council is responsible for removal of dirty needles, while the BCC say it is up to the PSNI to clear the area of 'users'.

Celebration of Literacy & Numeracy Project






You are cordially invited to
the Celebration Event of the

Social Investment Fund: West Belfast Numeracy & Literacy Project

With West Belfast Partnership Board and
Greater Shankill Partnership

Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 2pm in the
Innovation Factory, Springfield Rd, Belfast
Guest Speaker: Dr Mark Browne, The Executive Office

Please RSVP to stephanie@wbpb.org
By Tuesday 11th June 2019

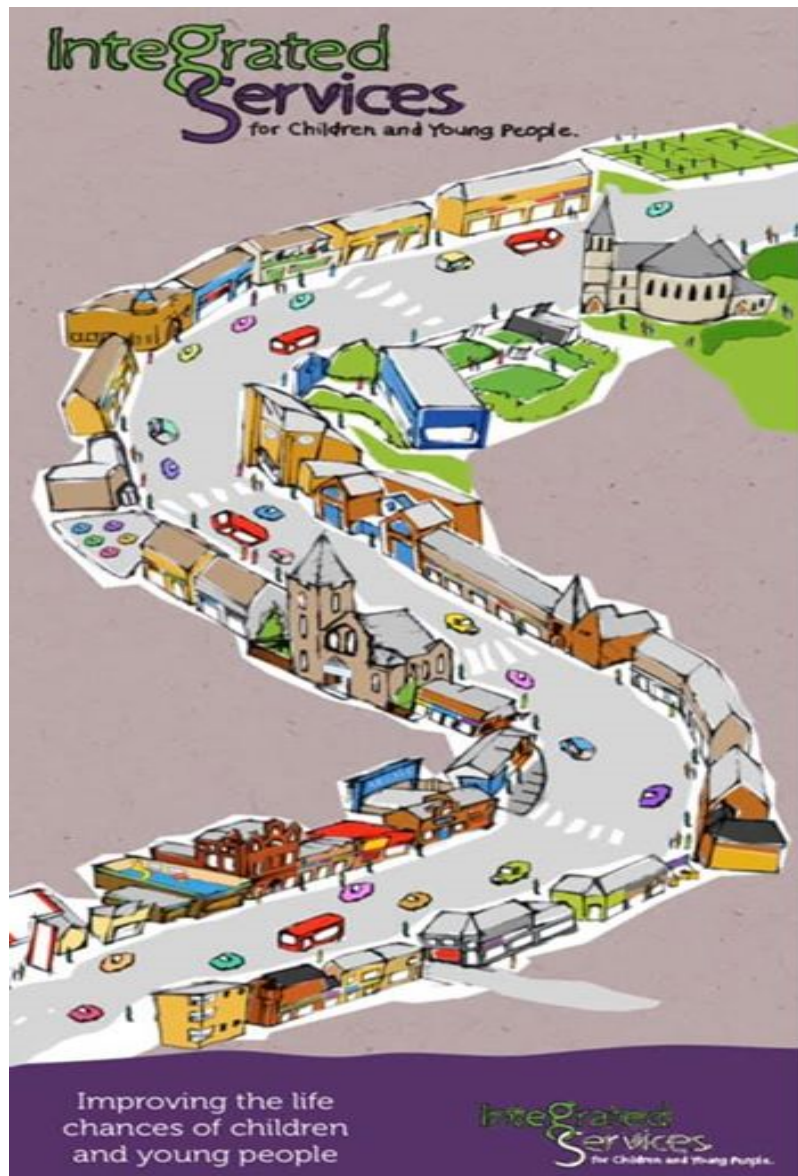
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Celebration of West Belfast & Shankill Numeracy and Literacy project. 18th June 2019 - Mark Brown Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Office of First & Deputy First Minister speaking at the Numeracy & Literacy Project



GSP was the lead partner for this project, which was part of the Strategic Investment Fund. The project supported over 144 young people through Key stage 2 in home based learning while over 2000 young people were supported within the West Belfast and Shankill areas. Summer transition programmes provided 1320 young people with support for Maths and English

Integrated Services for Children and Young People



Integrated Services for Children & Young People aim to improve the life chances of children & young people in the Greater Shankill area through a range of services. They support families with a broad range of issues; the family support team work with the whole family as well as offering specialist supports on a one to one basis in a confidential, friendly, non-judgmental and supportive manner. They can also provide adult & child counselling through the family support service. Youth mentoring is also available on a one to one basis. All Integrated Services workers are central to the operation and success of the Children and Young People Zone. ISCYP has been one of the signature programmes of the GSP since 2009 but has adapted and changed over the years. It is still central to providing high quality home based family support within the Greater Shankill area.

Building confident communities

Building confident communities that are committed to improving the quality of life in their areas and improving social conditions for people living in those areas.

The NR coordinator has supported all the subgroups to identify and support opportunities for education, training, funding and building relationships within and between communities.

We have engaged over 100 people in one day trips, week long residential, and weekly activities.

We have engaged in weekly and monthly meetings in Farset hotel, Spectrum Centre, with Residents Association and Family Hub community organisations, statutory and voluntary sector representatives, schools, churches and political representatives through the Health Forum, Community Safety Network and the Good Relations Initiative.

A range of people volunteer with our sub groups and the C&YP Zone,

In concluding this Annual Report

March 2020 saw the on-set of Covid-19. As the implications of Covid-19 and a lockdown emerged, GSP called together groups throughout the area on 18th March 2020 to begin organising a community response to the emergency to ensure that isolated residents would have an adequate supply of food, fuel and support. Over 50 people attended the summit and 16 groups committed to work together through-out the emergency, co-ordinated by GSP in its role as the NR Partnership. By 31st March a Help-Line was established and a Directory of Services was compiled to enable residents to be linked to relevant supports. Food distribution &

other necessities began and a soup kitchen was established in the Spectrum Café, organised by Framework & staffed by volunteers.

Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership 2019/20 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2019/20 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2019/20 total expenditure in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Community/Social Renewal Expenditure

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2019/20 Spend
*Belfast Activity Centre	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£98,479.93	£95,923.38
Blackmountain Action Group	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£59,397.04	£59,602.71
EPIC	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£109,973.88	£109,467.56
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£44,358.04	£43,749.79
Hobby Horse Playgroup	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£49,360.88	£49,239.74
Shankill Women's Centre	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£147,201.19	£142,976.80
Streetbeat Youth Project	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£67,778.82	£67,289.46
Extern	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£246,699.12	£233,323.51
**Northern Ireland Alternatives	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£290,771.90	£273,202.87
City Life/ Forthspring Intercommunity Group	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£81,321.19	£78,463.62
Lower Shankill Community Association – SCOPE	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£57,159.04	£53,032.37
West Kirk Community Project	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£15,400.19	£15,076.26
***Belfast Community Sports Development Network	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£40,402.60	£40,402.60
Greater Shankill Partnership	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£133,864.83	£131,044.64
Greater Shankill Partnership co-ordinator	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£15,415.89	£15,228.57
Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£1,457,790.21	£1,408,023.88

*Although based in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area the project delivers services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill

**The funding provided to Northern Ireland Alternatives relates to the delivery of services across four sites, Greater Shankill

alternatives, North Belfast Alternatives, South Belfast Alternatives and East Belfast Alternatives

***This project delivers services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill area

Economic Renewal Expenditure

Programme / Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding amount (Project Allocation)	2019/20 Spend
Farset Youth and Community Development – RESPECT	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£118,117.84	£117,869.29
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure			

Achievements of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding In 2019/20 Year

Community Renewal Output Measures – post 2011 (midterm review)

Project	CR1 – Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 – Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 – Number of projects improving community	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 – Number of enquiries and clients by category
Belfast Activity Centre	260		93				27				
Blackmountain Action Group	146			44							
EPIC	205	154	50		15		15	4			520
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society		31	30	40			4	2			
Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche		40	5								
Shankill Women's Centre	300										
Streetbeat Youth Project							8	5		470	
Extern (Supporting communities) ¹		27	44				22				

¹ The achievement of output measures by Extern relates to the delivery of services on a Citywide basis

Project	CR1 – Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 – Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 – Number of projects improving community	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 – Number of enquiries and clients by category
N I Alternatives ²		2406		380			145				
City Life/ Forthspring Intercommunity Group	747			53			2		1766		
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)	11		46	41	19		8				
Farsset RESPECT programme					21						
West Kirk Community Project	30		30			200					
Belfast Community Sports Development Network ³			44				11	3			
Greater Shankill Partnership	335	333					15	1	200		

² The achievement of output measures by Northern Ireland Alternatives relates to the delivery of services across four sites, Greater Shankill Alternatives; North Belfast Alternatives; South Belfast Alternatives and East Belfast Alternatives

³ The achievement of output measures by Belfast Community Sports Development Network relates to the delivery of services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill

Project	CR1 – Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 – Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 – Number of projects improving community	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 – Number of enquiries and clients by category
Greater Shankill Partnership Coordinator											
Totals	2034	2991	442	558	55	200	257	25	1966	470	520

Education Renewal Output Measures

Project	SR Ed 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places crated/safeguarded	SR ED 2 – number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR ED 3 – number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR 4 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (secondary)	SR5- Number of people attending parenting skills development programmes	SR Ed 7 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably improved	SR Ed 10 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project (Special Needs)	SR Ed 14 – Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SrR Ed 16 - Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs	SrR Ed 18 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from / being supported by the project	SR ED 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR Ed 22 - Increased number of people taking part in regular physical activity	SR Ed 27 - Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programmes	SR Ed 28 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (accredited)
Belfast Activity Centre								236		200				
Blackmountain Action Group						57								25
EPIC														
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society											70	50		
Hobby Horse Playgroup	38				15						12			
Shankill Women's Centre	116							37						
Streetbeat Youth Project								292						
Extern (Supporting Communities)									33	147	43	66		
N I Alternatives									199					
City Life / Forthspring Intercommunity Group	35							360						

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Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)														
Farest “RESPECT” programme													47	
West Kirk Community Project														
Belfast Community Sports Development Network												540		
Greater Shankill Partnership	46		1610		332				89					
Greater Shankill Partnership Coordinator														
Totals	233	0	1610	0	347	57	0	925	89	432	229	633	113	25

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures

Project	SR(H)1 – Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (H) 2 Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR (H) 3 – Number of people accessing intervention /treatment services	SR(H) 4 Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	SR(H) 6 – Number of people benefitting from suicide prevention programmes	SR (H)10–Number of people using improved sports facilities
Belfast Activity Centre	568					
Blackmountain Action Group		85		2	20	
EPIC						
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society						130
Hobby Horse Playgroup						
Shankill Women's Centre	140					
Streetbeat Youth Project				8		
Extern (Supporting Communities)		2434	469	202		
N I Alternatives						
City Life / Forthspring Intercommunity Group	111					
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)				8	27	
West Kirk Community Project	12				4	
Greater Shankill Partnership	111	152	104	2	57	
Greater Shankill Partnership Coordinator		100				
Totals	942	2771	573	222	108	130

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 attending community safety initiatives	SR1(C) 4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SRC 5 – number of people participating/attending crime prevention	SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary	SR (C) 7 Number of Victims of Crime	SR (C) 10 Number of people involved in the impact of interface issues
TOTALS	250	24	108	0	2226	2701	867	0

Physical Renewal Output Measures

Project	PR1 Area of land improved for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed and made ready for development	PR3 – Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR4 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR5 – Number of buildings improved	PR8 – Number of projects improving community facilities	PR10 – Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	PR11 – Number of people/ Volunteers involved in environmental improvement projects
Blackmountain Action Group								57
EPIC								
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society								
Shankill Women’s Centre								
Extern (Supporting Communities)								
N I Alternatives								265
Stadium Youth & Community Group / Forthspring Interecommunity Group								
Conway Street Youth Centre								
Welcome Community Facility (BCC)								
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society								
Farset Respect Project	1							
Lower Shankill Community Association								166
Northern Ireland Alternatives (Project)								
Greater Shankill Partnership	2			2			1	
Greater Shankill Partnership Coordinator								
Totals	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	488

Economic Renewal Output Measures

Project	ER2 - Number of NR residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER 13 - 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/created
Belfast Activity Centre				309			3
Blackmountain Action Group							2.6
EPIC							3
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society							1
Hobby Horse Playgroup			2				2.2
Shankill Women's Centre	9		117				5.1
Streetbeat Youth Project			43				3
Extern (Supporting Communities)				55			5
N I Alternatives						99	10
City Life / Forthspring Intercommunity Group			3				3.7
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)							2
Farset "RESPECT" programme							3.2
West Kirk Community Project							
Greater Shankill Partnership					48		2.9
Greater Shankill Partnership Coordinator							0.4
Belfast Community Sports Development Network							1
Totals	9	0	165	364	48	99	49.1

Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

In the 2019/20 financial year, **Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership** total overall spend was **£1,525,893.17**

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

Community Renewal/ Social Renewal	£1,408,023.88
Economic Renewal	£117,869.29
Physical Renewal	£0.00



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