

# Inner South

## Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report  
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Neighbourhood  
Partnership

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## **Inner South Belfast Make-Up**

The Inner South Belfast Partnership board is comprised of The Market Area, Lower Ormeau and Donegall Pass area. There are 4 sub committees within the partnership:

- Health and wellbeing
- Economic development
- Education and youth
- Sustainable communities and community relations

## **Background**

The Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership (ISBNP) was first established in June 2015 with the aim of maximising the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Programme within the three Inner City communities. This encompass Donegall Pass, Lower Ormeau Road and The Market Area.

The ISBNP has membership that is selected across the Public, Voluntary, Community and Private sector. This membership is also drawn from various elected representatives from Belfast City Council.

The Inner-City communities of Donegall Pass, Lower Ormeau Road and The Market have seen a rapid decline in terms of the industrial hub that was one located within the vicinity of these areas. They were ultimately relocated and began a mass majority of job losses and a surcharge in residential population movement away from the areas as a direct result of urban decline. The areas have ultimately seen an increase in population within recent years with the inclusion of ethnic minorities. As a direct result, the various action plans from each area interlace inclusion and job accessibility through access to increased resources for all communities.

## **Introduction: A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal.**

The Partnership is directly responsible within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area to deliver upon an action plan that directly encompasses a Neighbourhood Action Plan built around the idea of regeneration efforts for all communities involved.

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

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

The aims of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme are to reduce the social and economic inequalities which target the most deprived areas and make improvements through committing long term to communities. Done through the work of the partnership, the purpose is to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address issues that underlie the main causes of poverty and deprivation.

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

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

The ISBNP is invested within 5 key themes and as such has various sub-committees on these individual topics ensuring the direct and effective delivery of the ISBNP Action Plan. The sub-committees are: Economic Development, Sustainable Communities and Community Relations, Health & Wellbeing, and Education and Youth. The meetings occur fortnightly, taking a total of 10 weeks for

all sub-committees to have met once and within this the Executive Board will meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> week of the cycle. Annually, clocking up a total of 20 sub-committee meeting and 4 Executive Board meeting for the ISBNP.

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

The ISBNP particularly feels that a focus on maintaining the current levels of Neighbourhood Renewal funding, at the bare minimum, are key in meeting essential aspects of the strategic objectives set out by the Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal area. This funding will allow the completion of numerous projects aimed at improving the overall social and economic impact on the city. An example of this was the allocation of £125,908 of DSD funding to Donegall Pass Community Forum which seen the creation of five posts. It then allowed, off the back of this, a further £138,000 was leveraged to go towards the Donegall Pass Community Garden Project which allowed for green space in what was ultimately a built-up area of the city. Donegall Pass Community Forum also took the lead in administration of the CRI building.

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

The Lower Ormeau Road has had similar success with £100,876 provided to the Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group for the allocation to three full-time positions. A further £600,761 was then secured from numerous other funders and another £172,010 came from self-generated finance.

### **Aims And Objectives.**

Two main goals which co-exist:

- To ensure peoples quality of life is improved in the most deprived neighbourhoods by giving accessibility to the best possible services. This will in turn provide more opportunities, impacting directly the overall quality of communities and the residents within them.
- To improve the environmental and overall landscape of the most deprived neighbourhoods so they become more engaging places to live and work in.

## **Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy: 4 Objectives.**

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



## **Statement of Needs: Priorities.**

A new action plan has been created in 2020 which lays out targets to be achieved over the next 2 years, and a general consensus was that the continuation of the 5 key strategic sub-groupings would remain to correspond with the Partnerships main objective.

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

1. Sustainable Communities: Look at building a safe, strong, and attractive community that will be a hub for cultural and innovative action.
2. Economic Development: Looking at developing the overall economic expansion of the community with an underlying agenda to focus on work and skill development.
3. Community Relations: Building on and improving relations between each of the Inner-South Neighbourhoods and also increasing interaction within the individual communities.
4. Health and Wellbeing: The overall improvement of health and wellbeing within the retrospective areas.
5. Education and Youth: Giving equal opportunities through way of course access and skill development courses to increase the accessibility for both young and older residents towards education.

## Members of The Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership



Chairperson Elaine Mansfield



Vice chairperson Fionntan Hargey



Secretary Gerard Rice



Treasurer Natasha Brennan



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Heather Carey



Debbie Hamill



## **Multiple Deprivation Measures**

Multiple deprivation measures are calculated over 889 super output areas (SOA), within these areas there are sub-divisions of deprivation which include areas such as health and disability, education and training, employment, living environment, crime and disorder and accessibility to services. The Inner South Belfast communities are stretched over 6 super output areas comprising of Shaftsbury 1&2, and Botanic 1-4. In order to gain a fair representation of the Inner Souths ranking an overall average can be calculated across these output areas to give a much more accurate ranking of the Inner South communities in each of the relevant sub-groupings.

### **Health**

Over the whole of the Inner South Communities in terms of health and wellbeing the areas on average fall into the top 5% most deprived areas of Northern Ireland. The specific focus is relayed upon mental health, showing that between Donegall Pass, The Lower Ormeau Road and The Market Area are within the top 10% of mental health fatalities and addiction abuse in the whole of Northern Ireland.

This obviously feeds into the facts that these areas are known to lack the social, economic, and physical benefits in which the majority of other areas of Belfast may have. The overall decline of these areas including the relocation of major industrial infrastructure has also impacted upon the maintenance and development of these communities leading to the trends of bad mental health and addiction abuse.

### **Education**

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

### **Employment**

The employment deprivation domain identifies the amount of working age population excluded from work. When factoring in the SOAs within Inner South the fall within the top 15% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland. This section overlaps with education

as through a document compiled by the Market Area in January 2019 showed that “over half the residents cannot afford to access further or higher education”.

## **Living Environment**

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

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

## **Crime and Disorder**

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

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

## **Inner South: An Area of Deprivation.**

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

**Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership.**

**Member Organisations.**





## South Belfast Alternatives - An Introduction.

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

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

## **Programme and Support: An Insight. [April 2019 – March 2020]**

### **Community Safety**

SBA continued to support over 200 vulnerable residents and victims of ASB and crime through one-to-one support and mediation services. We provided crime prevention advice to over 250 residents as well as hosting community safety events in partnership with key statutory agencies – BCC, NIHE and PSNI. Good neighbour initiatives including the ICE project, delivered in partnership with ACT and YAP, provided befriending and practical support to over 100 beneficiaries during the winter months.

### **Community Relations**

SBA continued to work collaboratively with statutory agencies and worked in partnership with over 35 community / voluntary groups. SBA delivered over 30 community relations programmes with over 600 participants engaging in a variety of cross-community and cultural programmes such as 'Kick Off @ 3' (BME Football Tournament), Small Worlds (migration awareness) and For Your Freedom and Ours (Polish history). A key highlight was the cross-community cross-border PAYBAC programme delivered by YAP in partnership with PSNI and An Garda Síochána.

### **Young People**

Over 480 young people benefitted from engagement in prevention / intervention programmes including mindfulness, reimagining, mental health awareness as well as 3 x T: BUC programmes with LORAG, An Droichead and Ledley Hall, and Greater Village Regeneration Trust. SBA continued to deliver workshops and programmes in primary and post primary schools including anti-bullying, ASB, cultural and migration awareness and active citizenship.



## **Training & Development & Volunteering**

SBA has increased the social capital of our young people and adults through increased skills in volunteering, outreach and detached work, community development, community safety, good relations, active citizenship, and bespoke and accredited training. SBA delivered accredited OCN training in Restorative Practices Level 1 and Peer Mentoring Level 2. A significant highlight this year included the delivery of restorative programmes and accredited training to adult students in Hydebank Wood College. SBA provided opportunities and supported over 90 people involved in volunteering / community development roles. Volunteering

opportunities included: The ICE Project; Hungry Holidays, Halloween & Lantern workshops; Pensioners Christmas Dinner, bonfire management; reimaging and community clean-ups; and Coronavirus emergency response (see below).



## Alternatives Projects

### MACS

Mediation Advocacy & Community Support – continued to support victims and vulnerable residents and address issues of hate-crime, anti-racism and community tensions through mediation and the provision of services that promote a more welcoming and culturally diverse community. MACS delivered a variety of programmes including: Keyboard Project; One Punch; Ema workshops; arranged fighting; anti-bullying summer scheme workshops; social history programmes. (Funded by NIHE).

### YAP

The Youth Action Partnership (YAP) is a cross-community good relations participation programme delivered across the South Belfast Urban Village areas - Donegall Pass, the Market and Sandy Row. YAP is a partnership between Alternatives, St. Malachy's Youth Centre and The Charter Youth Club and has a weekly core membership of 35 young people. YAP has three key strands all underpinned by restorative principles: delivery of specific issue-based programmes; bespoke and accredited training and capacity building; and development of 'Community Champions' actively involved in each area. (Funded by Urban Villages).





## **LINCS**

A cross-community and ethnic minority localised engagement project for people aged 16+ using creative and innovative approaches that promote and celebrate culture, identity and new ways of living together. LINCS delivered / hosted a number of programmes with the Mornington Women' Group, Indian Women's Association and ArtsEkta including the Theatre of Witness, For Your Freedom and Ours (Polish history) and Shared Learning seminars. (Peace IV funded).

## **START**

An employability and personal development programme for 16-24 year olds who are not in employment, education or training. The programme supports young people to build their confidence and self-esteem, learn new skills and gain qualifications. START also has a support programme in secondary schools and AEP's helping young people transition into further education and gain the qualifications they need alongside mainstream education.

## **Recognition & Awards**

Belfast Mayor Deirdre Hargey hosted a civic celebration event for our YAP members and presented them with certificates of achievement as well as giving a tour of the City Hall including the councillor chamber. Young people stated this was a highlight of their year. In November 2019, YAP was announced 'Winner of the People's Vote – Urban Villages Ambassador Aisling Award 2019'. This was particularly special as it was voted for by the public and was accepted by the YAP coordinator Gareth Hughes on behalf of the entire team.

## **COVID-19 Emergency Response March 2020**

We ended the financial year by co-ordinating a localised emergency COVID-19 response, in partnership with ACT. Between the 17th – 30th March, with the help of 16 volunteers, we delivered over 170 emergency food and hygiene packs, 300 hand sanitizers and 800 face masks to older and vulnerable people, families, and key workers. Supported by Urban Villages, we provided 200 food vouchers to families and individuals in need. The sense of community spirit and co-ordinated partnership approach at this initial stage was greatly appreciated and the contribution of local businesses donating and local people volunteering was invaluable. We thank each one of them all for their efforts.



## **An Droichead Introduction**

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

## **Irish Language Classes**

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

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



**We run two residential weekends per year;**

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



## **The Inner South: Working Together.**

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

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

## **Mornington Community Project Introduction**

### **Nurturing Programme**

The programme has just completed its fourth year and has successfully established itself within the community as an important resource for local families. This year the project provided support for families to improve their circumstances through the Parenting Puzzle Course, family lunches and through one to one support from our trained Parent Group Leaders.; as well as providing a new bespoke Nurturing Wellbeing course and family fun days during the summer. Feedback continues to be very encouraging with all of our participants reporting improvements in wellbeing, family relationships and home environment. Our partnership with Sure Start enabled us to provide a crèche for some of our courses as well as developing a successful Parent and Toddler. A highlight of the year has been the involvement of previous participants as crèche leaders which enabled us to run the Parenting Puzzle Course.



### **Women's Project**

This was another busy year for the Women's project. Highlights included a Nurturing Wellbeing programme, A good Relation History Course and Crafts workshops. Alternatives have worked closely with this group and delivered very useful programmes.

### **Programme support**

Heather Carey has been actively involved in the Community Support Group and Forward South Partnership working hard to raise the relevant community issues from inner south. Establishing relationships, and networking extensively has resulted in Mornington playing an active role within the wider community. Heather has also been working on developing social enterprise ideas within

Mornington and the local area as well as developing the successful partnership with Queens. Phil Rankin has also been invaluable in supporting the Board and the development of the Tus Geal Initiative.

## Tus Geal

Tus Geal our out of school project with a Nurturing ethos, provided care to over 60 children throughout its third year; and included a very successful summer programme. This social enterprise partnership with An Droichead Cultural organisation allows us to respond to a need for local quality affordable childcare, while also providing jobs and enhancing Mornington's long term sustainability.

**EXPLORE**

**PLAY**

**DEVELOP**

**Tús Geal**

**AFTER SCHOOL DAYCARE**

Runs: Monday - Friday  
2pm to 6pm

**RUNS: TERM TIME & HOLIDAY TIME!**

**Tús Geal**

**Summer Scheme**

- 3x Trips A Week - Circus School - Sports Activities - Drama  
- Free Play - Cultural Awareness - Cinema... **and much more!**

**Tús Geal**  
In partnership with  
**mornington**  
community project

**AnDroichead**

## **Faith and Work/QUB Partnership**

This initiative in its' third successful year with Queen's Theology Department. Mornington has brought theology students from all backgrounds in Queens out into the community to meet with Community Projects in South Belfast. Students then completed an assignment on their chosen Project. The partnership was successful in giving students a hand-on experience of grass roots community work which they would never have had access to otherwise; while community organisations benefited from a fresh perspective from the students. We are currently evaluating the project and will continue to develop the relationship going forward. We would like to thank all those groups which supported us and provided a welcoming learning opportunity.

## **Networking**

We continue to be very active on the Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and have played an important role in the Economic Subgroup. We are also active on the Forward South Belfast Partnership board and supported the economic sub group (GET) until it ceased. We support and contribute to any Social Enterprise initiatives from City council, Housing Executive etc. We have also been active on the South Belfast Locality Planning group and Family Hub group, we well as the Inner South and Botanic Strategic Networking Forum.

## **Social Enterprise**

Café Rental: we regularly rent the café space as a pop-up café space at the weekends. Often producing international food options. An Droichead hosted a Tuesday pop up cafe called An Taephota. This provided a welcoming space to meet friends and develop the Irish language using a social enterprise model.

Vegan Meals - a vegan chef uses the kittens 2 days per week to prepare and package home delivery vegan meals. Again this has proved to be a very good partnership arrangement.

Long term Rental: All our office space is currently rented out, having recently secured a fourth long term tenant. We were pleased to welcome Surestart/Belfast Trust on-board as tenant and partners during 2019.

Tus Geal: Our out of school provision operates as a successful social enterprise providing spaces for 16 children daily and also holiday provision.



## Partnerships

Partnership working has been central to our success this year.

Our partnership with An Droichead on the social enterprise Tus Geal has been very successful to date. QUB/Mornington: Facilitated by Mornington this very successful pilot involved organisation from all backgrounds in South Belfast. Global Kitchen working with mark Humphry's to deliver programmes. South Belfast Foodbank Distribution Centre has continued operating 2 time slots a week. Foodbank since opening almost 5 years ago has distributed food to 29898 people and distributed 224006.9 kilos of food. Our partnership with South Belfast Sure start enabled us to provide a joint Nurturing Parenting Programme which was very successful and we now have a well-established Parent and toddler group.

# AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE

- Our service provides a **Nurturing and Child Centered Environment** with **Play Work Values** at the centre of delivery.
- We provide activities for children through the medium of **Irish and English**.
- We are a childcare service that allows parents and carers the opportunity to gain and **remain in employment** and **further your education** in the knowledge that your children are being cared for in a **stimulating environment**.

**HOURS**  
Monday to Friday  
*Term Time:* 2pm - 6pm  
*Holiday Daycare:* 9am - 6pm

**COSTS**  
*Local School Pickups:* £4 per day  
*After-schools:* £14 per day  
*Holiday Time Daycare:* Full Day £27

**SCHOOL PICKUPS Available**

**Tus Geal**  
117 Ormeau Road,  
Belfast, BT7 1SH

Phone Sorcha or Karen for more information  
**07928933178**

f Tus Geal Belfast

## **SIF**

Social Investment Fund has been secured to refurbish the office space at the front of the building and further develop the rest of the building including the second at the rear of the building. All of this will enhance our ability to deliver the 2 year old programme, provide us with more dedicated Family Nurturing Space and upgrade the social enterprise opportunities within the kitchen, cafe and office spaces. This will allow us to continue to expand programmes and to generate income to enhance sustainability. Work continues with Belfast City Council to get the project ready for build.

## **Strategic Planning Process: Mornington: A New Phase**

We have continued working with Philip Rankin to strengthen and develop the strategic direction of Mornington; especially in light of the refurbishment programme.

Our priorities for the coming year will be to complete the refurbishment, to continue to develop the Nurturing centre, to further establish Tus Geal and to consolidate and build on current activities including the Women's Group, developing partnerships within the local and wider community and other sectors; and focusing on developing programmes responding to identified community need.

## **Thanks**

We would like to express our thanks to our funders: Ardbarron for their continued support and belief in Mornington; the Social Investment Fund for capital costs, Brightstart, Belfast City Council Community Grants, DFA, Big Lottery Awards for All, Halifax, Ormeau Credit Union and individual donors for programme and running costs.

Thanks to our partners and Project delivery agents, to our staff and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. We really appreciate how they gave so generously of their time and expertise. And as always thanks to our Board members for their continued commitment and dedication to Mornington.





## **Market Development Association an Introduction**

The financial year 2019/2020 witnessed a number of exciting initiatives within the Market community, with the MDA at their heart. As well as providing day to day advice and support for residents, the MDA also continues to organise seasonal activities and education courses, through to set piece events. Among the highlights of 2018/2019 in the Market have been:

### **1. Community Transformative Initiative:**

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

1. Community Organising & Engagement
2. Education & Skills
3. Economic Development & Training

### **Strand 1: Community Organising & Engagement**

The bulk of this strand consisted of the development and carrying out of a community survey in January 2018 in which 11% of adult population in the area responded.

January 2019: Survey results launched in the film and document We Must Dissent: A Framework for Community Renewal. 200+ residents in attendance as well as 50 or so representatives from statutory agencies, charities, other community groups and political reps. After the launch we have continued organising residents and engaging statutory agencies and political reps.

### **Strand 2: Education & Skills**

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

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

### **Strand 3: Economic Development & Training**

This strand is the long term bedrock of the project, in that it allows both a key means of engagement (employment training) and the long term sustainability of community projects. The employability training ran from cost free support such as helping with CV's through to CSR cards for building sites and up to intensive 18 week Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer courses. The Economic Development aspect consisted of professional support for three nascent community business which seek to be established in the forthcoming Market Tunnels Project. Phase II commenced in July 2019 and has put over 60 through various training schemes in its first financial year.

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

### **Continuing development of CTI**

The first strand of the Framework to be developed is the Work strand in the form of the Rebuilding the Local Economy Programme. The first phase of this programme featured a series of workshop's looking at the Tunnels project, Market Travel Centre, an OCN Level 2 in Social Enterprise and training nights etc. The second phase was to commence early in 2020. Its aim is to equip residents with the skills and training to develop local social economy projects throughout the area which will create living wage employment, provide services and generate an income which can be reinvested in other training and education programmes. Below is a picture of some of the group who completed the OCN Level 2 in Social Enterprise. They hoped to go onto level 3 in 2020 but this was postponed.



## **Market Sure Start Funding Secured**

This year saw £20,000 funding secured for the Market Sure Start to upgrade their playground in Stewart Street. This money was secured by the MDA, Cllr Deirdre Hargey and Belfast City Council through a voluntary contribution from the Allstate Company.



### **Tunnels Project progress**

While the physical development of the Tunnels project has stalled due to the refusal grant access by the developer that owns the adjacent site on Stewart Street, the MDA has continued to make progress with group's three groups of residents who have completed business cases and training programmes to develop a gym, crèche, restaurant and social space in the tunnels. We also have updated architectural floor plans and designs for each of these projects. When the physical regeneration of the tunnels does start, residents are ready and waiting to hit the ground running.





## **Market Travel Centre**

In 2017 the MDA commissioned a feasibility study to look at the idea of developing a new type of tourist provision in Belfast city centre as part of our economic development and job creation remit. The feasibility study indicated that there was a strong need for a different type of affordable tourist accommodation along the lines of the European style 'Generator' model. The business case and economic appraisal for the project subsequently demonstrated both the demand and huge potential this project would have for the area. At a minimum a social enterprise travel centre in the area would create 25+ jobs, and generate a substantial income for reinvestment into the community; as well as this there are a number of spin-off projects that could be developed to compliment the centre and create further employment. With community zones now secured on the gas works site the MDA has been working hard throughout 2019/20 on the business plans for this project.

## **Road Safety and Yellow Lines campaign**

The MDA have been successful in lobbying the Housing Executive (who own the land beside the community centre) in resurfacing the road and putting down yellow lines so commuter parkers are not parking in residents' spaces or blocking access. In Catherine street, Stewart Street and Friendly Street we have lobbied the Department of Infrastructure for yellow lines. They have given work was carried out in 2020 after being signed off by a minister. With the Executive back up and running we have directly lobbied the new minister in place. Road Safety and Yellow Lines Update We also lobbied Belfast City Council to improve the signage in the car park, adding lines and making it easier for pedestrians and school to cross safely as it was a danger for those walking from the

Community Centre, Nursery and School through the car park to the Cromac Street crossing. This has greatly improved pedestrian safety while making drivers aware of the crossing.



### **Funding Success for the Women's Group**

In November 2019 The local Market Women's group have successfully secured £10,000 funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to run programmes and events to help grow the groups membership and assist with the general improvements around the community. There will be many opportunities to get involved in various exercising sessions, educational programmes, art & crafts and training sessions. The Covid crisis put a halt to a very successful start but it will resume in time as the funding is still in place.



## Campaigns Update

### Homes now campaign

In August 2017 a private developer was given planning permission by Council to build an office block on the large stretch of land, from Cromac Street to the playground and between the Market and the Gasworks. This land is zoned entirely for social housing, and would have been completely lost to the community if residents had not organised the Homes Now campaign. After an intense period of protest, lobbying, demonstrations and consultations, residents have secured a substantial portion of the site for social housing – at least 80 units – as well as other social uses, including social enterprise development in line with the community's Rebuilding the Local Economy programme. The largest housing development in the Market in a generation is imminent. A substantial body of work lies ahead for the MDA to build on the success of the Homes Now campaign.



Save the Market Sunshine Not Skyscrapers

In 2016 Belfast City Council gave planning permission to a private developer to build a series of skyscrapers on the vacant land on Stewart Street beside Central Station. This project would have completely overshadowed the Market, had a serious impact on resident's mental and physical health, further isolated us from the city centre and killed the Tunnels Project in its cradle. Residents organised the Save the Market campaign in opposition to this decision, and successfully overturned it in the Judicial Review Court in May 2018. Subsequent to the court case, the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) – an independent expert panel – carried out a review of the project and published a damning report which vindicated the residents' concerns. The MDA has kept up communication with all concerned parties and hopes to achieve the best possible outcome for our communities interests on this site.



## **Community festivals led by the MDA 2010/20**

### **Our Annual Summer Festival**

The week long summer festival ran between 3rd and 10th of August 2019 with many events and activities, suited to all ages. We kicked the festival off with a fun day in the playground, including bouncy castles, face-painting, balloon modellers, go karts, mini golf, food and refreshments and with a few drizzly showers here and there, it just added to the fun. That night, the girls got their skates on in their best PRIDE colours for the first roller disco in the Youth Centre followed by food and disco in the Community Centre - and not an injury in sight! The senior citizens enjoyed a roast lunch and some chair aerobics on Monday, followed by the big bingo night that evening with jackpot prizes to be won.



Throughout the week many children and families attended the days trips to Newcastle and to the cinema, where they had the choice of watching the new Lion King, Spider-Man or Toy Story films. As well as that, the teenagers enjoyed the water slides and obstacle courses at Let's Go Hydro. Finishing the week for the children was a trip to Tayto Park, with 150 people in attendance, and a range of activities to take part in - and many people brave enough to face the Cú Chulainn roller coaster.



The final trip of the festival was a bus trip to Derry for the adults, to enjoy a tour of the Bogside and the Museum of Free Derry, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bogside, with food and a few minerals to follow. As the events were happening throughout the week; Réalta na Cromóige were also running their annual festival football in the youth centre and Féile na hAbhann events ran alongside the festival.



### **Market Monster Mash**

The Halloween disco took place on the 29th October 2019, with the fancy dress being very competitive from little pumpkins to frightening masks in attendance, and even Eddie as a giant screeching gorilla providing many jump-scares throughout the night. The disco was complimented by games such as dunk the apples, slime activities and gruesome Bush Tucker trials with some children taking on the challenge of eating bugs and gross vomit-flavour sweets! For the lighthearted children, there was a set-up of arts and crafts for them to create their own masks and colouring in. In the other rooms, there was a frightening story telling activity and the spookily decorated main hall where the children danced the night away to Halloween classics such as Thriller and Monster Mash. Great fun was had by all, especially the staff cleaning the slime afterward!





## Market Christmas

The annual senior's dinner took place on the 10th December, with approximately 50 seniors attending. As usual, the voluntary chefs, Ryan, Jude and young Michael Catney from Réalta na Cromóige cooked the delicious three course turkey dinner, and the Women's Group volunteers waited on the senior's hand and foot! The singer entertained the crowd with a few golden oldies and classic Christmas favourites. The seniors thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with some putting Beyoncé to shame with their moves!



The Christmas Party took place on the 17th December, with over 150 people in attendance. There were bouncy castles, slides, even a giant inflatable snow globe for the festivities providing all the fun, whilst the Christmas music blared, in the main hall. The donuts van was parked up outside and the Santa Train transported the children round the yard whilst they ate their Dinky Donuts. The younger children enjoyed a quiet story in a smaller room before Santa arrived in his grotto to see them, along with a present! They could make some reindeer food and hot chocolate cones in preparation for the big man coming while they waited for their turn to see Santa. This wrapped up the MDA's events for 2019 and we would like to thank all those who got involved, attended and volunteered throughout all the events!



## **Pangur Ban An Introduction:**

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

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

Market Social History Project.

# Market

# 200



1820 - 2020

Two hundred years ago, between 1819 and 1820, the first worker houses started to be constructed at the site of the old Cromac Wood and land reclaimed from the River Lagan. Over time this development would grow to become one of Belfast's oldest and most vibrant working class communities: the Market. To mark this momentous event in our history, the Market Development Association and other community partners are coming together to run a yearlong bicentennial festival: Market 200. The time line and nature of events has been heavily effected by the pandemic but work did continue even if it does mean the celebrations will last a bit longer.

On Friday 22nd November we held our launch night in St George's Market. The festival was officially opened by Mayor of Belfast, John Finucane, who spoke about the importance of retaining local history and telling the story of working class communities. Also speaking at the event was local historian and Market man Jim O'Hagan who discussed the rich industrial and social history of the area. The night was concluded by local Sinn Féin rep Deirdre Hargey, who talked about the important contribution that working class communities like the Market have made to Belfast, and how it's important that communities like ours tell our history and our stories in our own words. The night was accompanied by musical contribution fom Pol MacAdaim.



## **Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group**

Lower Ormeau Residents Action group is a need's led community development organisation that manages Shaftesbury community and recreation centre as a community asset for the immediate lower Ormeau community and the wider community of Inner South Belfast. Our focus is to improve the overall wellbeing of our community, through education, health promotion, access to safe space, community safety and regeneration. The Lower Ormeau and Botanic areas in particular continue to house large numbers of minority ethnic families. The three post's supported by DFC will seek to embed the principles of cultural diversity across all service provision at LORAG by promoting and establishing Shaftesbury Community & Recreation Centre as an inclusive shared space. Staff will work with adults and young people, to promote interaction and social inclusion and will generate a greater understanding and working relationship, through the joint delivery of: health, sport; training, development, cross-cultural and cross-community activities and events, visits and activities in different settings and communities.

## **Children and Young People**

LORAG delivered a core educational and developmental project for 261 children aged 2-11 years old and 75 young people over 50 weeks with 17 sessions per week. The children and young people took part in various programmes from messy play, home work support, youth drop in to sports activities. The varied activity offers something for everyone and creates a pathway to further family support by developing relationships with the whole family.



Our holistic approach secures consistency for children as they attend from our First start early years programme to after schools to the youth project and has been particular success this year with teams working closely to increase cohesion in the transitions periods.



A major success for LORAG each year is our diversionary programmes which operate when other provision is closed or high tension periods and this includes 12<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August, Summer, Halloween and Easter programming. In total over 350 children and young people took part in diversionary activities that spanned over 125 sessions including over 60 trips, 2 residentials and various in centre activities.

The use of evening and weekend programming was another success in attracting young people to take part in developmental programmes and reducing anti social behaviour in the area. From initially building relationships through 5aside football or drop in sessions young people were able to progress to job support programmes, good relations programmes and OCN accreditation.



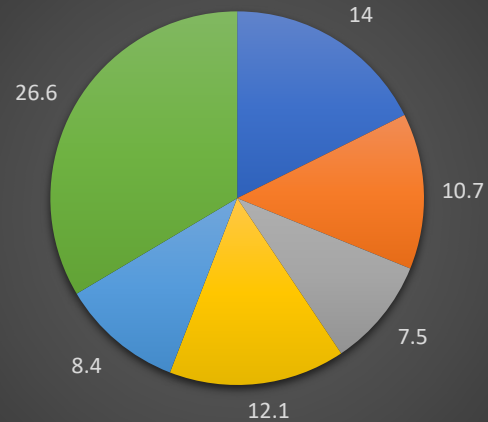


## Family Support

LORAG continues to co-ordinate the SB1 family support hub that received over 150 referrals from families searching for over 250 services to support early intervention needs. The hub meets monthly with 15 core members and 75 associate members of which all Inner South groups are involved.

The largest % of referrals were self referrals from families themselves highlighting the accessibility of the hub and there were also increasing referrals from schools, health visitors and GPS. The early intervention and support nature of the hub has shown success in over 90% of referrals engaging in and completing a requested service. Below is a table showing services and support types requested by families over this period.

## Supports Required for referrals



■ Other                      ■ Benefits/ Housing                      ■ ASD / ADHD  
■ Practical support                      ■ Mentoring for Young People                      ■ Family and parenting support

### Health and Wellbeing

The Inner South Health project has delivered a range of programmes throughout the 3 areas engaging with local groups and schools. Covering a wide range of support areas that are focused on key issues raised by local groups we have delivered yoga classes in Market community centre, Healthy Homes programmes in partnership with Surestart in Donegall Pass, Cook it with local Cheerleaders in Donegall Pass and mens health, womens fitness groups in LORAG.



Shaftesbury Talking Therapies supported 288 people throughout this period and delivered a total of 1557 sessions. This is an average of 130 sessions per month between 4 Counsellors. Our average monthly DNA rate was 4 per month (this is the number of missed appointments). We are really pleased with this figure which is down even more on last year and helps to prove the value for money of our service. In March we were forced to move our service online and deliver sessions via zoom and telephone. We have received really positive feedback regarding the remote counselling sessions and this is something we plan to continue to offer as an option for people in the future.

The key success of this year for the health project was the action plan review and co-production session that involved over 49 participants from statutory agencies, local community and voluntary sector groups and local residents from each area. These priorities will become the focus for improving health and wellbeing moving forward.



## Good Relations

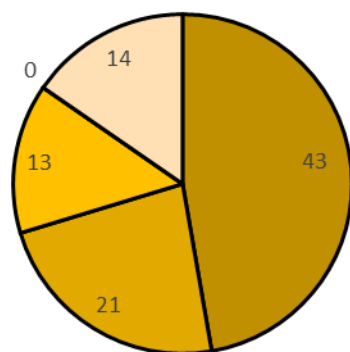
The project involved the delivery of varied programmes of activity to capitalise on good relations momentum, advance integration, and promote community belonging across a range of religious, ethnic and demographic groups across the Inner South area. It includes the facilitation and management of the cross community strategic forum, recruiting and develop volunteers to support good relation festivals and programmes, intercultural men and women's groups, distribution of two Neighbourhood Matters Newsletters to 2000 households, Building the Nations World Cup initiative, summer camps, and as an extension of Women's Group International Women's discussion panel was organised and delivered the same as Winter Lunch for a group of asylum seekers as a base for future Men's Group. Overall the project was a success.

Participants of the project were form many different backgrounds, different nationalities including people from host community, Lower Ormeau, Holyland, The Market, BAMERA communities including Sundanese, Somali, Eritrea, Syria and many others. Age of

participants involved in the project was between 18yo -70yo. Attendees in majority wouldn't engage normally outside of this programme. Integration and Good Relations programme is a long process in any community. This project was a good start of this process. Lots of subgroups and friendships started during the duration of the project. Action plan for the coming months and year was created; including walking groups, Hate crime OCN programme and community English classes. During the groups work, people realised how similar we are as human beings, and how many stories are similar. We all share the same emotions and have the similar worries. Groups session, both women and men gave a great platform for people to get to know each other, spend time together, share and be creative. Host community attendees were very welcoming and created fantastic space for new community members.

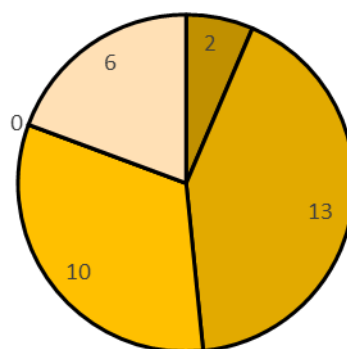
Some statistics: December 2019 – March 2020

Overall: All Programs



■ White ■ Black ■ Asian ■ Mixed ■ Other

World Cup



■ White ■ Black ■ Asian ■ Mixed ■ Other



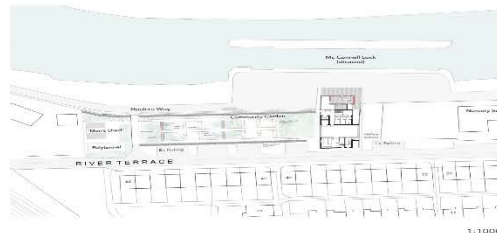
## **John Murray Lockhouse Development**

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

Belfast City Council have agreed to fund a community garden as part of the lockhouse development and we are working with Urban Villages to further a business case for core funding of the Lockhouse capital project.

JOHN MURRAY LOCKHOUSE

W2 Preferred Option - Option 4



Entrance / Gate /	External Stair
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WC / Services	Roof Deck /
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## Community Development

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

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

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

With the onset of COVID and threat to services LORAG are planning and ready to adapt service delivery to meet needs, however this does come with challenges and key considerations. The impact of this on our projects and staff team working will only further heighten our lack of space for the growing team and ensuring safe working space to deliver remote projects.

## **Donegall Pass Community Forum**

### **An Introduction**

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

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

There were 100 people who received a formal qualification through our Community Education & Training programmes these included:

- VTCT Level 2 Makeup
- Essential Skills Maths
- ICT
- ESOL
- Red Cross First Aid
- Community Relations Projects/events were delivered throughout the year these included:
- Halloween Pumpkin Carving (Family Event)
- Window Box Workshop (Family Event)
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshop (Adults)
- Reading Rooms Project (Senior Adults)



- Visits and trips to places of interest (Men Shed members)
- Bi-weekly Senior Lunch Club hosted (Seniors)
- Weekly Men Shed weekly meetings (Adults)





We had an increase in participants for Seniors Lunch Club also additional Committee Members, increase in participants on the entrepreneurship project and additional volunteers for the Community Garden Projects.





There was an increase also in individuals volunteering their time and skills by delivering the ESOL tuition and giving their time as models for the make-up and nail programmes. There was 156 participants who took part in the following capacity building programmes:

- Youth Make-up Taster Sessions
- Advanced Make-up Sessions
- Arts Workshops





We worked in partnership with PIPS Counselling service to deliver over 250 sessions to individuals in the area of Inner South Belfast. Over 300 Healthy life style participants took part in Complimentary Therapies, Seniors Healthy, Lunch Club, Men's Shed trips.



# MEN'S SHED

Meeting every Wednesday  
from 7-9pm

Donegall Pass  
Community Forum





Over 150 Senior residents also received Christmas Vouchers to help with extra expenditure of the festive period. Our Quarterly News Letter was printed and delivered to every household and business in the Donegall Pass Area which serves to keep residents updated on services available and ongoing issues and up to date information. A weekly advice service was delivered to residents who required welfare, housing and benefits advice.



DPCF has been represented at NIHE Housing meetings and assisted residents in addressing a number of issues as they arose. We also continued to attend develop meetings regarding Posnett Street site, PSNI Site and addressed ongoing issues regarding parking, Developers plans and issues of abandonment and dereliction.



## **Other Groups: Involvement in Inner South.**

### **Gems NI: an Introduction**

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

The 'Gasworks Employment Matching Service', which became the Belfast GEMS Project, was driven by a partnership-led approach to augmenting the then mainstream employability/employment initiatives. The over-arching aim was to enhance social inclusion and improve the local skills base and maximise the employment opportunities for people living in the Gasworks and Laganside areas. The Belfast GEMS project, supported through funding from Belfast City Council, Laganside Corporation, the Department for Employment and Learning, Belfast Regeneration Office, Halifax plc who, with East Belfast and South Belfast Partnerships established the Belfast GEMS Advisory Forum. Belfast GEMS went 'live' as project of South Belfast Partnership, on 15th January 2002, as a pilot project with initial funding support for 27 months.

### **Services**

- Co-Ment: Age range 16 – 24 and not currently in education, employment or training. It will deliver a person-centred mentoring programme focused on helping you to overcome any issues or needs within your learning, life, leisure or work zone and can help to prepare you for progressing with education, employment, training or career development. Your mentor will help develop your personal plan, support your activities and offer guidance and support as needed.
- CFSP (Community Family Support Programme): At CFSP you will get help and advice to address your needs and access to a range of positive opportunities. Family support workers will meet and speak to your family to help you find ways to tackle your own specific challenges and needs. The support provided on the programme is directly matched to your own needs and may include help with:
  - Self-confidence, motivation and social skills
  - Parenting skills
  - Encouraging better relationships within families
  - Improving your health
  - Money management and benefit advice

- Access to specialist support
  - Accessing training
  - Support to return to employment
- LLFW (Learning Language for Work): This program aims to enhance your employability skills, if your first language is not English. It can increase your knowledge of the local recruitment process; the language required and will increase your confidence for work. This is not a basic English course for beginners, but it will allow for the development of key knowledge and language to help you in your search for employment or training.
  - Belfast Works: GEMS NI have dedicated mentors to support your journey to employment and offers opportunities for personal development training, skills building for work via in house training courses. This programme can assist you with basic IT skills development and has specialist support embedded to help you overcome any issues you may have around health and wellbeing. This programme has an inclusive package of measures built purposely to support an entry into work. A calendar of training opportunities is available so you can plan any training or personal development needed and our expert mentors can help to ensure Belfast Works is just the job!

## **St. Malachys Youth Centre: An Introduction.**

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

### **Themes**

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

- Promoting environmental and community awareness.
- Reducing anti-social behaviour [extending opening hours]

## **Realta Na Cromoige: Introduction**

Realta Na Cromoige were founded in 2013 with the overarching commitment to community development both on and off the pitch. As well as the obvious interactions with the community on the pitch, the Realta players have continuously helped throughout the community with things such as the pensioners dinner in the Market Community Centre. Their chefs cooked the food and helped organise hampers then brought a large food donation to the Welcome Trust for the 2019 dinner.

After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Premier Division of the Belfast League in May 2019 the club made a successful application to join the Northern Amateur Football league in August. Both senior squads were competing up until March when Covid put stop to all club activities for months.

From September 2019 after starting in the new league the club went straight to development work by helping to organise the Building the Nations football tournament as part of the Inner South project Creating Cohesive Community program. With people taking part from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds the tournament went amazingly well over the months culminating in a final night in which participants were presented the trophies.

The tournament adds further to Friday night football camps the club had already been running for teenagers. Again everything was going brilliantly until the Covid crisis put halt to all action in March.



## **Inner South: Working Together.**

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

### **Sub Committees**

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

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

## **Economic Development**

- AN TAEPHOTA
- This is a Social Enterprise Community Cafe which supports and develops Irish Language in Belfast. It operates from 9am to 3pm on Tuesdays and services up to 150 people per day. The plan is to open another day per week in September.
- Café: An Droichead and Mornington > Do an additional day on top of what is already. Partnership makes it possible.
- Start up: BCC, Mornington and. food start-up businesses >> Testing food is problematic so need space, but few places have some up to standard (Mornington has) Look at how they can test food and use products.
- 80+ reskill in the last financial year [MDA]

- With GEMS: 3 main European social fund programmes:
- Community family support programme with an employability twist
- Belfast works [largest in the whole of NI]
- \*\*Restricted in that they only go up to level 1 standard.
- SIA at level 2 H&S care at level 2 [match funding no longer exists] BCC now is compared to the academy's model. Competitive recruitment process is extremely competitive >> Massive disconnect.
- Lockhouse. Lomag

## **Sustainable Communities And Community Relations**

- Anti-social behaviour, going into regeneration and going into good relations.
- Full action plan, description of the sub-committee.
- Good relations and ASB.
- Focus on Partnership.

## **Education And Young People**

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

Inner South Youth Audit was revised in March 2018 the report is a continuation of the ISNPB past young people's strategies and clearly evidences the advantages of partnership working with young people setting out their desire to see even greater youth partnerships for the times ahead.

The report provides a clear area profile, accurately mapping current youth provision across Inner South, identifies gaps and threats in provision. The 148 young people that took part in compiling the report told us what they want and, on many occasions, the young people were ahead of the sub-group particularly in seeking to develop greater partnership working with more opportunities for young peoples to come together.

The report goes on to identify outcomes for young people and seeks to set these within a boarder strategic fit providing a range of accurate statistical information to support youth providers in identifying additional resources.



Key actions from the report are compiled around: Safety, Health, Education, Employment, Access and Provision and are extensively set out within the report. The report concludes with four recommendations to be brought forward by current youth providers.

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

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

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

The subgroup has completed the actions as set out within the neighborhood action plan and will continue to develop new priorities given the need identified within the youth audit. The subgroup continues to support development of the South Belfast Family Support Hub which in this year has received 234 referrals for support from families, children and young people.

Another key piece of this group's work has focused around reaction to emerging community issues for young people and collectively designing supports to engage young people. A main example would be the collaborative Lagan walkway program. Youth workers engaged with statutory agencies and developed a program of diversionary activities and detached outreach support on weekends to help dissolve and support huge amounts of young people gathering on the Lagan walkway. Information was produced for both young people and parents and funding was obtained to support delivery from Belfast City Council.

## **Health**

The capacity building and direct interventions taken by Inner South Health have led to the development of a co-production approach for the follow on action plan and key programmes that will be developed to build on this foundation of health improvement.

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

Key achievements over the period include:

- Capacity Building
- Training:
  - 2 xTrained ASSIST
  - 3x Motivational Interviewing
  - 1 xGP Referral Level 3
  - 8 xRide Leader (Cycling)
  - 6x diabetes risk assessment
  - 6x Dementia Friendly
  - 5x Take 5 Tool
  - 8 x Aces / Resilience

Support for groups:

- Market womens group
- Realta Na Cromogie
- Older and Active group
- South Belfast Cheer
- St Malachys PS
- Scoil An Droichid PS
- Mary Magdalene Womens Group
- LORAG Health group
- Jog Belfast

### **Health Promotion Interventions and Campaigns**

- 29 Families completed Health promoting Homes program. Focusing on – Nutrition, Personal development and Physical activity

- 175 People received Brief intervention as part of Stop Smoking awareness campaign for Non-Smoking Day
- 80 men received Health checks and information on Mens Health week
- 20 Older people took part in Falls prevention program.
- 19 Women completed Choose to lose program.
- 39 Women took part in over 10 weeks of physical activity programs in partnership with WISPA
- Over 250 people completed 10-week Jog Belfast programs in Ormeau park and graduated onto Ormeau parkrun

## Funding Breakdown 2019/20

Theme	Amount
Physical Renewal	£144,192.96
Social Renewal	£155,497.90
Economic Renewal	£97,834.46
Community Renewal	£146,624,11 *
<b>Total</b>	<b>£544,149.43</b>

- Figure includes ½ of funding for Forward South Partnership and 1/3 of funding for NI Alternatives

## DFC funded groups targets

### Market Development Association

Objective	Achieved
To facilitate the ongoing use of the NR Action Plan as a working document by making it a mandatory item on the agenda for at least 26 NR Partnership meetings (exclusive of any additional meetings held), to ensure that it	Action plan used in 14 meetings

Objective	Achieved
continues to meet Departmental standards during the period:	
To facilitate an annual review of the NR Action Plan to ensure it continues to reflect the local evidence based priorities	1 Review carried out in full
To engage with all relevant statutory bodies and non-Government funding bodies to lever in additional funding to deliver on priorities identified within the NR Action Plan	1 large fund secured to pay for compilation of new action plan
To identify and promote 2 training /development measures within the NR Partnership to allow effective delivery of the priorities identified in the NR Action Plan	1 of the development measures was to create a new AP for the NR area. 2. ISBNP organised health and nutrition training for 15 H&W subgroup members through the PHA.
To facilitate at least 5 NRP meetings and 20 subgroups/working groups meetings per year and issue minutes of same to NRP at least 5 working days in advance of next scheduled meeting	6 board meetings 16 sub group meetings held
CR2 - Increase in community capacity/capital/cohesion	12000 people attending events
CR4 – Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	50
CR 5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	20
CR 7 – Number of community/voluntary groups supported	7

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
CR8 – Number of community relations project supported	4
CR 11 – Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area	100%
ER 6 – Number of people receiving non job specific training	65
ER 11 – Number of Social Economy enterprises created/supported	4
SR H 4 - Number of Health education / awareness initiatives provided throughout the year	4
PR 3 – Area of land improved and made ready for development	1
s PR 6 – Number of traffic calming schemes	2

### **An Droichead**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
CR1 : Number of people participating in community relations projects	38
CR3 : Number of people volunteering for community development activities	26
CR5 : Number of people receiving training in community skills development/capacity building	25
CR9 : Number of people involved in projects that promote shared spaces	28
ER2: Number of residents going in to employment	114

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
ER4: Number of people receiving job-specific training	8
ER13: Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	112
Early Years' SR(Ed) 1: Number of child-care/nursery school places created/safeguarded	70
SR(Ed) 5: Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes	60
SR(Ed)6: Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	278
SR(Ed)14 Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	33
PR5: Number of community facilities improved:	1
Engage to lever additional funding on action plan priorities	1
Engagement with NR Partnership and other local providers	1

### **LORAG**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	2950
CR4 (04/13)-Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	31

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	18
CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	1173
CR10 Number of people using existing community facilities	304890
ER 11 Number of social economy enterprise created / support	4
ER15 - Number of FTE Safeguarded	4
SR C 2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	8
SR C 6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	250
SR (ED) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programme	107
SR (ED) 6 - Number of pupils benefitting directly form the project	314
SR (ED) 7-Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	150
SR (ED14) Number of young people directly benefiting from project	65
SR (ED33) Number of young people involved in shared activity	23
SR (H) 1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	398
SR (H) 3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	625

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
PR 6 - Number of traffic calming schemes	1
PR 8 Number of projects improving community facilities	5

### **South Belfast Alternatives**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
1. ER15 – Number of FTE Jobs safeguarded	2
2. CR2 – Number of people participating in community relations projects.	600
3. CR4 – Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work.	93
4. CR7 – Number of community/voluntary groups supported	36
5. ER14 – Number of people achieving a formal qualification from participation in adult education.	24
6. SR C 6 – Number of young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary programmes.	484
7. SR (C) 7 – Number of victims of crime supported.	218
8. SR (Ed) 18 – Number of pupils who directly benefit from being supported by the Project.	48
9. PR 11 – Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects.	67



### Donegall Pass Community Forum

Objective	Achieved
ER6 Number of people receiving non job specific training	6
ER14: Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	100
CR1 Number of people participating in community relations projects	594
CR2 Number of People participating in community bonding projects	65
CR3 Number of people volunteering for community development activities	54
CR5 Number of people receiving training in community development/capacity building	156
CR7 Number of Voluntary Groups Supported	7
CR9 Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	620
CR11 Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area	80%
SR (H) 1 Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects	363
PR10 Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	2
PR7 – Number of traffic calming schemes	1
PR5 – number of buildings improved	1
Engage to lever additional funding on action plan priorities	1





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