

# Lurgan

## Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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### About Neighbourhood Renewal



The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 'People and Place' was published in June 2003 to close the gap between the quality of life for people in the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. The Strategy has four interlinking strategic objectives:

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

- **Physical Renewal** – to help create attractive, safe and sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods

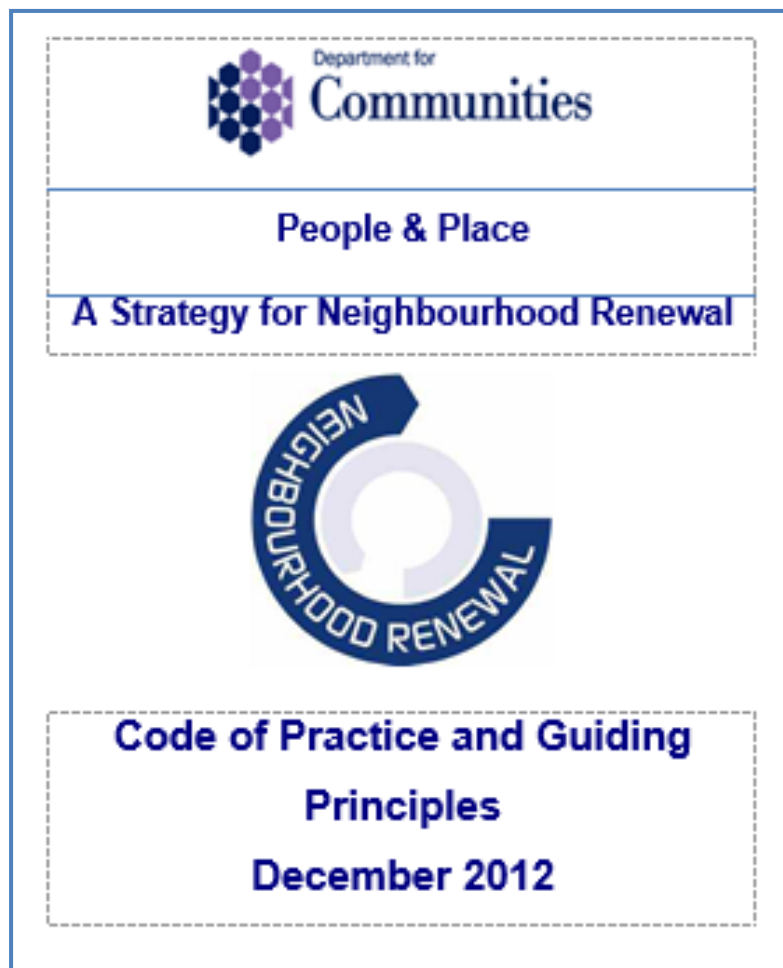
### **The Lurgan Partnership**

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



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

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



### Lurgan NR Partnership Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Bernie Marshall	Community Development Officer (Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)
Caoilin Boyle	NR Coordinator (Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)
Alison Clenaghan	Community Services Manager (Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)
Greg McAleenan	Sustainable Communities Project Officer (Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)
Roisin O'Hagan	Sport in the Community (Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)
Alex Clifford	Sport in the Community (Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)
Donna Haughian	Brownlow Health & Social Services Centre
Brendan Osborne	Department for Communities
Anita Waite	Department for Communities
Michael Tallon	Kilwilkie/Lurgan Tarry Residents Association
Johnny Mercer	Mourneview & Grey Estates Community Association
Mark Tipping – Chairperson	Mourneview & Grey Estates Community Association
Brian Mills	PSNI
Jim Cunningham	Southern Regional College
Louise Henderson	Education Authority
Kevin McLaughlin	Victoria Street & Surrounding Areas Action Group
Denise Hegarty	Victoria Street & Surrounding Areas Action Group
Pauline Beattie	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Aislinn Doran	Lurgan Women's Group
Nicole Hatchell	Lurgan Women's Group
Janeen Daly	Lurgan Women's Group (Reserve)

The Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is made up of:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACB&CBC)
- Brownlow Health and Social Service Centre
- Department for Communities (DfC)
- Victoria Street and Surrounding Area Action Group
- Mountview and Grey Community Association
- Kilwilkie/Lurgan Tarry Residents Association
- Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)
- Southern Regional College (SRC)
- Education Authority (EA)
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
- Lurgan women's Group

## The Partnership's Vision for Lurgan

The Partnership's vision for Lurgan is that by 2020 Lurgan will be a place where all of the people living here have the quality of life to which they aspire; this will include:

- *Living in affordable good quality housing;*
  - *having access to suitable education, training and employment opportunities;*
  - *having access to high standards of health care;*
  - *enjoying a range of cultural, social, leisure and recreational pursuits;*
  - *having access to a variety of appropriate community facilities;*
  - *enjoying the full range of civil liberties.*
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- There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is minimal.
  - Those who are vulnerable or weak are cared for and where the values of shared responsibility, mutual support and self-help are practised.
  - There is a safe, clean and welcoming environment with everyone accepting their share of responsibility for that environment.
  - There is accessibility for all local facilities and services.
  - Diversity is recognised and valued through accepting that everyone has a unique contribution to make to the life of the community.
  - There is strong community spirit and pride.
  - Committed to the need to have due regard to the promotion of equality of opportunity.
    - a) *between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;*
    - b) *between men and women generally;*
    - c) *between persons with a disability and persons without; and between persons with dependants and persons without.*
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- Also, to have due regard for the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group.



## Lurgan Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting **11** projects in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area and also supported 1 capital project in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area during 2019/20.

## Community Renewal



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

## Key Performance Measurement

### Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Technical Assistance

#### *How Much Did We Do?*

During the financial year of 2019/20, a significant amount of Neighbourhood Renewal activity took place, regardless of the fact there was limited funding for any revenue or capital projects. This involved much cross departmental work and utilising funding from other sources and statutory bodies.

#### Play in the Community Programme

- Over 300 children were directly engaged in free and traditional play
- 44 play sessions delivered by Playboard
- Over 1300 residents and their children enjoyed 2 celebration events
- 6 residents gained qualification in ONC level 2 Outdoor Play and Learning

#### Gambling Initiative

- 20 residents gained OCN Level 1 in Problem Gambling
- Literature circulated to a wide selection of locations to identify signs of problem gambling

#### Crimestoppers Events

- 2 residents provided with a Crimestoppers evening with PCSP

#### Youth Providers – Youth Space Initiative

- 15 young people completed OCN Level 2 training in Event Management and Barista Training
- 20 young people visited youth facilities in Ballymena and Belfast
- 140 young people attended a social event in Armagh for social interaction and use of interactive survey/consultation

#### Fishing Programme

- A fishing programme has been secured through the Building Sustainable Communities programme. This will be available to approximately 30 children. Hopefully, it will be delivered in September 2020

#### Conflict of Interest Training

- 11 members of the Armagh Neighbourhood Partnership available for Conflict of Interest training

#### Covid-19 Community Response

Thousands of residents who are in a vulnerable position have been supported in so many different ways in the start of this pandemic

- Twice weekly food parcels

- Hot dinners
- Volunteers bringing essential supplies
- Windows being cleaned
- Flowers being delivered

The list is endless.

### *How Well Did We Do It?*

The lack of funding does impact on how much can be done for the residents, however utilising different resources and funding sources has aided Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to deliver the above programmes and training.

### What We Did Well?

- Engagement and working cross departmentally within council, with other statutory bodies and with community groups
- Commitment and dedication of council staff with attention to detail, precise planning and organisation
- The perseverance and enthusiasm of Partnership member of bringing issues forward
- Listening to the Partnership members and identifying key issues from the Action Plan
- Providing continuous support to those who need assistance with applications and/or sign-posting and most recently with the corona virus pandemic

### How can We Improve?

- Communication, attraction and persuasion
- A dedicated Facebook page is a priority in 2020/21 so that we can be more efficient, up to date and purposeful
- Reaching out to all members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Area and not just those community representatives attending meetings
- Ensuring another call for members is communicated throughout social media so that everyone is fairly represented

### *Is Anyone Better Off?*

- All children in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area offered traditional play to enjoy and learn going back to basics
- The physical and mental wellbeing of over 300 children has improved
- Parents of those children encouraged and confident to go back to traditional play
- Providing healthy, safe and professional extra-curricular activity for children of all capabilities

- The physical and mental wellbeing of over 300 children have improved
- Various qualifications gained for residents and Partnership members
- Qualifications have improved the confidence and potential to improve the careers of residents
- Qualifications have given members the confidence to conduct meetings in the appropriate way
- Increased awareness of Problem Gambling
- All residents have information and access to help if gambling becomes a problem
- Fishing Programme arranged to begin 2020/21, this will reduce anti-social behaviour
- Youth Space Initiative has reduced anxiety and improved confidence for those teenagers who took part
- All community reps are contacted on a weekly basis to make them aware of the support that is available to them. In the absence of our own
- Facebook page, contact has been made with each community group. Facebook page with the Neighbourhood Renewal officer details made available so that any residents can make contact

## Social Renewal – Education

### 1. Craigavon – Education Authority - Youth Engagement:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Engagement project aimed to work with young adults who were about to disengage from education or who had left education already. The programme offered local support through their school, youth centres, health centres and specialised partners through a range of personal development, education, training and life coaching or counselling activities to help them improve their current and future lives. The project included 3 themes: youth engagement; educational attainment/pre-employment support and health and well-being with close partnership working between the Department for Communities, Education Authority Youth Service; Education Authority Social Inclusion Unit and Southern Health & Social Care Trust.

Young people from Clann Eireann Youth Club in Lurgan participated in a Peer Leadership programme. They then utilised their new skills by hosting a range of activities for younger members of the club. “By participating in the process, the young people were given a chance to start on a pathway to becoming future youth workers and being part of the indigenous leadership that the area needs.” (Clann Eireann Youth Club Staff Member.)



## 2. Craigavon – Education Authority - Count Read Succeed

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



### Participating Primary Schools in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area

- Lurgan Model Primary School
- Tannaghmore Primary School
- Carrick Primary School
- Dickson Primary School
- St Francis Primary School

### Participating Post Primary School

- St Ronan's College

### 3. Craigavon – Education Authority - Inclusion in Education

This project provided mentoring to young people who were disengaged and /or not attending school. It focused on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and involvement of parents.

This priority has been achieved through providing pupils living in the Lurgan NRA access to additional support systems and courses which related to where the pupils were at academically and therefore make the school environment more enjoyable and provide them with opportunities to succeed.

These alternatives better equipped the pupils to gain more qualifications, increase their personal and social development and leave them better placed to gain and maintain steady employment or progress into further education.

A number of methods were used to engage parents in the child's post-primary education which included one to one meetings, study support workshops and apps aimed at improving communication.

As part of this project in the 2019/20 funding period a total of 50 parents engaged in the child's post-primary education in Lurgan.



### 4. Craigavon – Education Authority – Transitions Programme

Has been developed by young people working with the SELB Education Welfare Service. A website, [www.movingforward.me](http://www.movingforward.me), has been developed and made available for all Primary Schools in the NR area for P7 pupils in transition to post primary. It is also

available for all post primary schools in the area for pupils in transition to different sectors and changing schools for various reasons, including as a result of school closure. The programme will help young people make the transition, by attempting to allay any fears and concerns they have through the sharing of experiences and learning of others. It will also aim to assist in the improvement of attendance levels, levels of educational attainment and general engagement in school.

*“We as a class found this programme very beneficial to helping our pupils face up to the challenges of moving to second level education. This programme was delivered in a professional, child – centred way. It answered many of the questions that my pupils wanted.”*

Gerard O’ Hagan  
Lurgan Model







Tannaghmore Primary School



Carrick Primary School



Study Programme completed by St Ronan's College

# Social Renewal – Health

## 1. SH&SCT Craigavon Health Improvement Project

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

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

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

Two editions of the FUSE newsletter were produced and delivered into homes across the Lurgan NR area. The newsletters included up to date information on a range of health programmes and activities that were been delivered across the network of VERVE centres along with case studies of the work undertaken by the Health Trainers.



Newsletters also included information on a range of health issues and regional campaigns. The easy read format of the newsletter tackled issues of health literacy and sought to improve people's understanding of what services were available in their local community, provide advice and support on how to access these services and further empowered those who normally don't engage to take part in a number of health screening opportunities which were available across the NR area.

Several pop-up health clinics were held across the Lurgan NR Area, including Lurgan Jobs & Benefits Office, Tesco, Salvation Army and Lurgan Library. Numerous health-checks were completed which saw people referred onto allied health professional for additional health care needs.



The Community Health Trainers were successful in supporting individuals and groups of people within the community to make small changes to improve their health and wellbeing with the aim of decreasing the health inequality gaps experienced by residents who live and work in Neighbourhood Renewal area.

The VERVE network continued to grow with a full range of health and wellbeing activities offered to a range of age groups and abilities, with people taking part in a health and wellbeing activities in one of the VERVE network centres. Lurgan community organisations and groups who took part in the 19/20 programme included:

- Taghnevan Youth and Community Centre
- Mount Zion House
- Clan na Gael GAA Club
- Clann Eireann GAA Club



Members of the Clan Na Gael Friendly Club keeping fit and active



Verve Network member Clan Na Gael providing Heart Start and CPR training in the community



COOK IT – getting the men involved

## 2. Craigavon – ACB&CBC Sport in the Community

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

### MUGA Sports Programme

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



Kids for North Lurgan taking part in the MUGA Project



### **Midnight and Junior Street Soccer**

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



Bubble football at Centrepoint Lurgan as part of the Street Soccer programme. Although it's hard to tell this is a group of boys from North Lurgan.

### **DV8 Youth Sports Project**

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

### **Kickback Project**

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

### **Sports Festival Events**

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

## Health Initiatives

During 2019/20 the Sport in the Community Programme supported the STRIDE programme at Usel by providing physical activity and sports sessions. STRIDE helps people living with a disability or health condition into work and is available right across Northern Ireland. Last year Usel supported 60% of participants into work through assistance with:

- Job Searching
- CV Completion and Updating
- Job Applications
- Interview Skills & Preparation
- Qualifications for Work including Essential Skills (if required)
- Work Experience
- Getting a Job
- Support In Work
- Health and Well-being Support

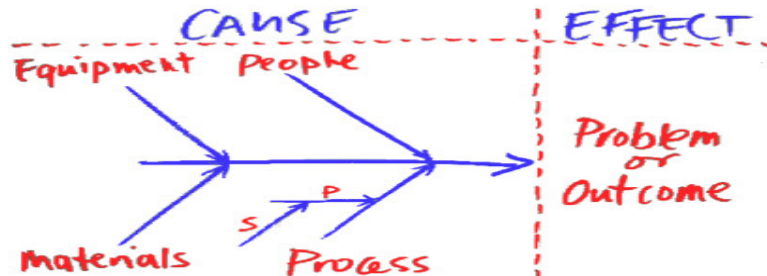


Local residents trying their hand at archery

## Craigavon Sport in the Community – Key Performance Measurement

*How much did we do?*

We successfully delivered 37 initiatives to approximately 3,364 participants



*How well did we do it?*

We did this successfully even though some programmes were not completed due to Covid-19 related issues within Quarter 4. Throughout the programme we worked with a wide range of stakeholders to try and identify key community issues and address those needs through the power of sport and physical activity. This ensured that local people can participate in community life, foster better relationships between local residents. Better access to improved community/leisure facilities and perceived insufficient provision of social, play and sports facilities; perceived insufficient sports, arts and drama projects for local people. The provision of transport ensured young people had sufficient access to programmes, including youth activities and outreach work, which included healthy living advice and support services (e.g. advice about drugs and alcohol and the dangers of addiction).

*Is anyone better off?*

Throughout the 2019-2020 programme we have worked with a range of different individuals who have received physical activity and sporting opportunities, helping build cross community participation within interface areas and providing job skills training and volunteering opportunities making participants more employable.



### **3. ACB&CBC - Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project**

There are several strands to this project:

#### **Bushcraft**

The core activities included learning about nature and wildlife (handling reptiles i.e. snakes), how to grow fruit and vegetables (community garden), how to forage for wild food and cook outdoors. Many groups experienced building shelters and camping while others learnt lifesaving skills of first aid and CPR. Activity sessions included archery, angling, team building etc.

#### **Cycling, health and wellbeing**

Core activities included cycling in Parks, Forests and on the roads, walking in the ABC area and the Mourne Mountains, while others swam in the Lakes and the Lough. Residents partook in multi-discipline events i.e. Craigavon Watersports Centre triathlon.

Over 30 organisations benefitted from the programme and detailed below are types and examples of organisations who have availed of the programme:

#### **Schools**

St John PS, Harts PS, Lough Road Learning, Richmond PS, Lismore, St Anthony's PS, St Teresa's PS, Tannaghmore PS.

#### **After schools programmes**

ABC Autism, Early Years

#### **Outreach sessions**

Youth Justice Department, Lurgan Youth Annex Assist Youth

#### **Health and Wellbeing Courses (Individuals)**

New You in 52, Fitzzone, Monday Club

#### **Health and Wellbeing Courses (Family groups)**

Splash/Sure Start, PIPS, Praxis Care

#### **Community Fun Days**

Clann Eireann Family Xmas Event, Shankill Fun Day, Peoples Park.

**Uniform groups**

5th/6th Dromore Beavers/scouts, St Patrick's Guides

**Health and Wellbeing groups**

North Lurgan Ramblers, St Peters Running Club

**Educational programmes**

L.E.A.P – Community Sports Development, First Aid/CPR training – 5th/6<sup>th</sup> Dromore Scouts, Leave No Trace



All residents on Bushcraft programmes

**National Campaigns**

Love Parks Week, National Play Day

**Collaborative activities/events**

McMillian Cancer, Disability Sports

**Health and Wellbeing Course**

The New You in 52 is a year-long programme with a unique approach to fitness. It combines several of councils very successful health programmes i.e. C25K, Sofa to Saddle, Open Water Swimming. Under the support and supervision of the cycling officer and a fully qualified fitness instructor, the programme offered 20 people, predominately ladies the opportunity to improve their health, while making new friends, learning new skills and enjoying the benefits of exercising outdoors. The programme achieved all the aims and objectives and the ladies are still regularly participating in sport.



### **Loughroad Learning Centre**

Cycling Programme - the sessions saw the Lurgan based group travel to four different cycling venues across the borough. The officer noticed that as the weeks went by the group required less instruction and adhered to the Responsible Biker's guidelines. The group received a bike maintenance session and many went on to repair their own bikes. The groups' physical fitness improved.

### **Community Garden**

A Bushcraft community garden was created following a well-attended Permaculture Gathering, the first of its kind at the Centre. The garden allowed the team to teach residents how to grow vegetables and once grown allows them to take the food home. Workshops on composting, organic gardening and sustainable crafts were also delivered. The transfer of skills and knowledge has had a very positive impact on the community.



### McMillan Cancer Fun Day

A number cancer patients took part in cycling activities as part of a fun day. For most, the thought of getting on to a bike was daunting, but with the support from fellow attendees and help and motivation from the Cycling Officer, all participants cycled for 30 minutes. The session broke down barriers to physical activity and pathed the way for further activities and the road to recovery.

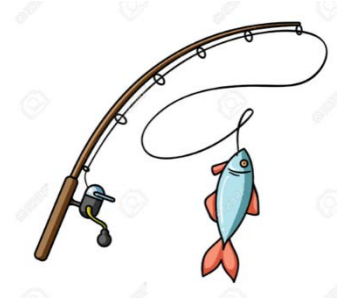


## **Craigavon Angling Programme**

This element of the programme involved three strands - angling participation and lake and fishery management. Training was provided for local residents and on completion, permits and rod licences were provided.

Local fishing clubs are assisted with items of equipment. Lake management involved weed cutting and removal and enhancements to existing fishing stands.

The Fishery management element included survey of fish stock and stocking of the Craigavon lakes.



## **Key Performance Measurement – Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project**

### *How much did we do?*

The programme achieved 84% of its overall target for people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects/initiatives, with 4,816 residents benefitting from the programme. Unfortunately several sessions were cancelled due to Covid-19. Over 30 organisations benefitted from the programme.

### *How well did we do it?*

All sessions were delivered on time, achieved anticipated attendance levels, maintained high teaching standard (following National Governing Body standards when applicable), and were innovative and developmental with staff often going the extra mile to ensure that residents benefitted from the experience. The programme complied with governance laid down by DfC and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. All health and safety procedures were followed and no incidents, sporting or otherwise were reported.

### *Is anyone better off?*

The project is unique, as all sessions are delivered outdoors. It is extensively reported that time spent outside in parks, forests etc, has a positive impact on one's health and wellbeing, improving physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and social health. Time spent with friends, family and or social groups, rather than time on computer games, mobiles etc., while learning a new activity, improving one's health or just having fun is extremely beneficial. All participants on the programme will have benefitted from time outdoors.

## **Economic Renewal**

### **1. Craigavon – Southern Regional College - Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS)**

This project was developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Southern Regional College to provide additional support in education and training for Neighbourhood Renewal residents. The programme provided mentoring support to those school pupils who were involved in the Schools Partnership Programme, additional mentoring to young people who progressed from school to apprenticeship and other training programmes to develop and provide accredited training for young people who have dropped out.

This programme aimed to,

- Support 14-16 year olds pupils on SRC's School Partnership Programme with mentors to help pupils realise their potential and encourage higher GCSE passes.
- Better equip post 16 students with mentors to provide additional training with specific specialised skills through to help them access suitable employment opportunities and to achieve a qualification on completion of their formal training. SRC mentors were deployed to classes to help pupils with their work.
- Better train residents living in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas with industry focused skills through participation in training to help them access suitable employment opportunities.

#### **TOPs Craigavon Courses 2019/20**

- Bookkeeping
- Category C Lorry Licence
- CSR
- FAQ First Aid
- Level 2 Award food Hygiene
- RITTB Forklift Licence
- HEIGHTS Its Plant Certificate
- L2 Certificate in Computerised Bookkeeping
- L2 in Autism Awareness
- BTEC Nail and Beauty
- Sage Payroll
- SIA Door Security

## Key Performance Measurement – Southern Regional College – Training Opportunities Programme (TOPs)

### *How much did we do?*

Through the SRC's Schools Partnership Programme, 112 Occupational Studies pupils who are living in NRAs are receiving extra support in their work from mentors. Additional training provision is provided through the Faculty of Building Technology and engineering for 44 apprentices from NRAs. Over 80 local residents in the Craigavon NRAs had the opportunity to avail of industry based vocational training and over 80 residents achieved professional qualifications and licences. The residents were provided with support in transport.

### *How well did we do it?*

The programme targeted social need and the hard to reach by helping:

- 80 residents from NRAs overcome barriers to learning by offering convenient learning environments, transport to learning and mentors
- 80 residents from NRAs gain industry and professional qualifications and 2 of them to gain employment
- 112 local school pupils from NRAs have the extra support to achieve qualifications in Occupational Studies and essential skills
- 44 young people from NRAs have the extra support to achieve their apprenticeships in the areas of construction and engineering

The programme is reducing economic inactivity in the NRAs of Craigavon and the college has strengthened partnerships in the local area.



### *Is anyone better off?*

- Local residents
- Local school children and young people
- Local businesses
- Local community as a whole
- Stakeholders



## 2. Craigavon - Southern Regional College - The Grow Project

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

The Grow project was completed by 6 residents from the Lurgan NRA and they all achieved a Level 2 qualification in Horticultural Management.

Throughout the duration of the GROW project residents have promoted the benefits of the programme within their own local communities. They have shared excess produce with neighbours and discussed the processes involved, helping others to begin in growing their own produce. This has further helped promote a healthier lifestyle in their own communities.



A Lurgan resident who participated in the Grow project commented, *“The Grow project has been very beneficial to me at home in the garden and also with personal well-being. I find it is ideal to relax and learn things. I also think it is great that I can achieve a qualification to help build my CV.”*

## 2. Southern Region – Southern Regional College Oceans Project

This has been developed in consultation with members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and the Southern Regional College the project aims to improve community well-being, skills and environment through targeting residents interested in working in UK and Irish coastal waters.

The project provides accredited training in essential skills and a gateway to employability particularly in the maritime / offshore industry. The project gives basic safety induction and emergency and safety training as well as essential life skills.

It entails the completion of an essential skills qualification, a 5 day residential of STCW 95 training:

- 51hrs flexible learning plan in one of the following subjects; Information Technology, English or Numeracy. Mentors were available to assist participants on an one to one basis and in class with tutors;
- STCW Personal Survival Techniques – 1 day;
- STCW Fire Fighting – 2.5 days;
- STCW Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities – ½ day;
- STCW Elementary First Aid – 1 day;
- Employability sessions
- The residents were equipped/trained with specific specialised skills through participation in a project leading to industry recognised qualifications to help them access suitable employment opportunities.



Oceans students, including 2 from Lurgan, in the 'Firefighting' class

## Key Performance Measurement – Southern Regional College – Oceans Project

*How much did we do?*

12 residents from the Armagh, Craigavon and Newry NRAs had the opportunity to avail of maritime and other industry based vocational training and 12 residents achieved professional qualifications and licences. The residents were provided with support in transport, accommodation and mentoring. The residents achieved the following qualifications/licences:

- ✓ City and Guilds certificate in Essential skills ICT
- ✓ STCW95 maritime Licence
- ✓ Careers Development training
- ✓ Manual Handling
- ✓ HEIGHTs Training

College staff attended NR Partnership meetings in the Armagh, Craigavon and Newry NRAs and worked directly with partners in identifying local educational needs and opportunities.

*How well did we do it?*

The programme targeted social need and the hard to reach by assisting 12 residents from Armagh, Craigavon and Newry NRAs:

- Overcome barriers to learning by offering convenient learning environments, transport to learning, accommodation and catering and mentors
- Gain industry and professional qualifications and 2 of the residents to gain employment

The programme is reducing economic inactivity in the NRAs of Armagh, Craigavon and Newry and also through the college, strengthened partnerships in the local areas.

*Is anyone better off?*

- 2 residents gained employment

- Local school children and young people
- Local businesses
- Local community as a whole
- Stakeholders



## **Physical Renewal**

### **1. Post Primary Student Support Hub - St. Ronan's College**

This project involved the creation of a dedicated a Student Support Hub in St Ronan's College to act as a safe, calming and nurturing space which can be used for a focused intervention for pupils who are underachieving due social, emotional or behavioural difficulties which create a barrier to learning and result in them not being able to reach their full potential.

The project involved:

- flooring, painting and decorating the rooms;
- supplying items of kitchen equipment (toaster, sink, fridge, freezer, plates, cutlery);
- provision of furniture items (blinds, chairs, tables, sofas, study units and storage);
- supply of heaters;
- provision of technology equipment (computer, i-Pad, projector);
- supply of sensory and stress toys and games

## Lurgan 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 Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

### Community Renewal Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/2020)
Craigavon – ACB&CBC – Technical Assistance	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£14,039.70	£12,655.59
<b>Total Community Expenditure</b>		<b>£14,039.70</b>	<b>£12,655.59</b>

### Social Renewal – Education Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/2020)
Craigavon – EA – Youth Engagement Plus	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£30,708.29	£30,345.74
Craigavon – EA – Count, Read, Succeed	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£45,879.96	£45,592.64
Craigavon – EA – Inclusion in Education	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£22,702.47	£22,700.72
Craigavon – EA – Transitions Programme	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£20,709.97	£20,500.61
<b>Total Social Renewal – Education Expenditure</b>		<b>£120,000.69</b>	<b>£119,139.71</b>

### Social Renewal – Health Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	Spend (as at 31/03/2020)
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£25,231.86	£24,318.78
Craigavon Sport in the Community	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£35,125.71	£31,925.15
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£35,139.64	£35,139.64
<b>Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£95,497.21</b>	<b>£91,383.57</b>

**Economic Renewal Expenditure 2019/20**

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)</b>	<b>Spend (as at 31/03/2020)</b>
Craigavon – TOPs	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£25,919.23	£25,909.67
Armagh & Craigavon – The Grow Project	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£4,838.40	£4,832.86
Southern Regional College – Oceans Project	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£6,941.53	£6,935.28
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£37,699.16</b>	<b>£37,677.81</b>

**Physical Renewal Expenditure 2019/20**

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)</b>	<b>Spend (as at 31/03/2020)</b>
Lurgan – Post Primary Student Support Hub – St. Ronan's College	01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£14,943.54	£14,943.54
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£14,943.54</b>	<b>£14,943.54</b>

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)</b>	<b>Spend (as at 31/03/2020)</b>
<b>Grand Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£282,180.30</b>	<b>£275,800.22</b>

## Achievements of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding In 2019/20 Year

### Community/Other Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects</b>	<b>CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities</b>	<b>CR7- Number of community/ voluntary groups supported</b>
Craigavon Borough Council - Technical Assistance	<b>21</b>		
Craigavon Sport in the Community		<b>2</b>	
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities			<b>8</b>

### Social (Crime) Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>SR(C)6 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects</b>
Craigavon Sport in the Community	<b>436</b>
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities	<b>168</b>



**Social (Education) Output Measures\* post April 2014**

Project	<b>SR(Ed)2</b> Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably	<b>SR(Ed)3</b> (Tackling barriers to learning)– Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably	<b>SR(Ed)5</b> (Tackling barriers to learning)– Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development	<b>SR(ED)6</b> (Literacy and numeracy) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	<b>SR(Ed)8</b> (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	<b>SR(Ed) 14</b> (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project.	<b>SR(Ed) 17</b> (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications completed.	<b>SR(Ed) 25</b> (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefitting from project
Craigavon - EA - Inclusion in Education			<b>50</b>		<b>94</b>			
Craigavon - EA - Youth Engagement Plus						<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>	
Craigavon - EA - Transitions Programme	<b>32</b>				<b>149</b>			<b>8</b>
Craigavon - EA - Count, Read Succeed Plus			<b>87</b>	<b>158</b>				
Craigavon – SRC - TOPS		<b>37</b>						

## Social (Health) Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>SR(H)1</b> Numbers benefiting from Healthy lifestyle projects initiatives	<b>SR(H) 2</b> Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	<b>SR(H)3</b> Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service	<b>SR(H)4</b> Number of health education/awareness initiatives provided/delivered	<b>SR(H)7</b> Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	<b>SR(H)10</b> Number of people using existing sports facilities
Craigavon Health Improvement Project	<b>3,333</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>17</b>			
Craigavon Sport in the Community	<b>1,146</b>			<b>16</b>		<b>343</b>
Southern Region – The Grow Project	<b>6</b>					
Craigavon Building Sustainable Communities	<b>1,605</b>					

### Economic Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>ER2</b> Number of residents going into employment	<b>ER3</b> number of people accessing Careers advice	<b>ER4</b> Number of people receiving job specific training	<b>ER14</b> Number of people trained who received an accredited qualification
Craigavon – SRC - TOPS	<b>1</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>
Craigavon – SRC - The Grow Project			<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Craigavon Sport in the Community			<b>14</b>	
Southern Region – SRC - Oceans Project	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

### Physical Output Measures

<b>Project</b>	<b>PR5 No of buildings improved</b>
Post Primary Student Support Hub - St. Ronan's College	<b>1</b>

## **Lurgan Partnership Conclusion**

In the 2019/20 financial year, Lurgan Partnership total overall spend was **£275,800.22**. This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

<b>Community Renewal</b>	<b>£12,655.59</b>
<b>Social Renewal</b>	<b>£210,523.28</b>
<b>Economic Renewal</b>	<b>£37,677.81</b>
<b>Physical Renewal</b>	<b>£14,943.54</b>

### **Breakdown of main achievements for total expenditure**

The main achievements in the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal area in 2019/2020, as a result of Neighbourhood Renewal funded projects:

- 21 people received training and achieved an accredited qualification;
- 137 people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes;
- 6,090 benefitting from Healthy Lifestyle project initiatives;
- 361 people participated in health education/awareness initiatives;
- 604 young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects;
- 75 people receiving job specific training;
- 1 building improved

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



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