

North West Portadown

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



About North West Portadown NR Partnership

The North West Portadown partnership was formally established in November 2005 and the North West Portadown Vision Framework and Action Plan were approved by the Department for Social Development in March 2007. The Partnership was set up to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

The Partnership currently comprises 18 members which include representatives from local community associations and local statutory organisations.



It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator based in Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. The Neighbourhood Renewal Area is based around the Corcrain Electoral ward and is based around the housing estates along the Garvaghy Road and Obins Street in North West Portadown and includes part of the Edgarstown estate. The area is within the 10% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland. Portadown is a town with a history of poor community relations and tensions are particularly high in the lead up to Orange Order

parades. The population of the town is split 80% Protestant 20% Catholic. Most of the Catholic population are concentrated in the North West part of the town, effectively isolated from the town centre by the Northway road. These factors have contributed to the development of an enclave community with a strong sense of identity and community spirit. In recent years a large number of migrants have moved into the area, mainly from Portugal and Eastern Europe. The Partnership comprises of members from the community, voluntary, private and statutory sectors as shown below.

North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Members

Name	Organisation
Margaret Connolly, Chairperson	Woodside Residents Association
Anthony Connolly	Woodside Residents Association
Breandan MacCionnaith	Drumcree Community Trust
Ciaran Tennyson	Drumcree Community Trust
Tony Gorrell	Obins Street Community Association
Suzanne Rankin	Obins Street Community Association
Derek Cooke, Vice Chairperson	Edgarstown Residents' Association
Sarah Holness	Edgarstown Residents' Association
Phyllis Millington	Bannside Community Development
John McCartan	Area Manager, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Donna Haughian	Acting Promoting Wellbeing Manager, Southern Health & Social Care Trust
Jim Cunningham	Community Development Officer, Southern Regional College (SRC)
Louise Henderson	NR Project Officer, Education Authority (EA)
Alex Clifford	Sport In The Community Co-ordinator, ACB&CBC

Name	Organisation
Greg McAleenan	Building Sustainable Communities Project Officer, ACB&CBC
Aideen Logue	NR Development Manager, Department for Communities (DfC)
Patricia McElduff	Community Development Officer, ACB&CBC
Caoilin Boyle	NR Co-ordinator, ACB&CBC
Alison Clenaghan	Community Services Manager, ACB&CBC

North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Organisations

- Department for Communities
- Obins Street Community Association
- Southern Regional College
- Edgarstown Residents Association
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Woodside Residents' Association
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Education Authority
- Southern Health and Social Care Trust
- Bannside Community Development
- Drumcree Community Trust



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A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal



**Code of Practice and Guiding
Principles
December 2012**

It should be noted that North West Portadown and associated subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

Our Vision for North West Portadown



By the year 2021 North West Portadown 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 affordance 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
- ▶ There is a peaceful society, at peace with itself and with its neighbours and where crime is a 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 and there is a strong community spirit and pride.

North West Portadown Partnership Projects

In the 2019/20 year, the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund supported 12 revenue projects and 2 capital projects in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area under the four strategic objectives:

- ▶ Social Renewal
- ▶ Community Renewal
- ▶ Economic Renewal
- ▶ Physical Renewal

The projects are listed on pages 9 to 32.

Community Renewal

1. Armagh and Craigavon – Technical Assistance

The project has provided a secretariat and coordination service which is key to the development of an effective Neighbourhood Renewal partnership, and development and delivery of the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.



The funding provided the ACB&CBC with the means to provide technical assistance and support to the four NR Partnership Boards in the Armagh, Brownlow, Lurgan and NW Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRA's).

This was for 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 has liaised 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 ACB& Technical Assistance

How much did we do?

During the financial year of 2019-2020, 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 two celebration events
- 6 residents gained qualification in OCN 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 availed of approximately 30 children. Hopefully, it will be delivered in September 2020.

Conflict Of Interest Training

- 11 members of the Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership availed of 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 ACB&CBC 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 members 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 coronavirus pandemic

How can we improve?

- Communication, attraction and persuasion
- A dedicated Facebook page is a priority in 20/21 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 NR 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 groups Facebook page with the NR officer details made available so that any resident can make contact.

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.

Course available through the Craigavon TOPS programme are:

- 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 Autism Awareness
- BTEC Nail and Beauty
- SAGE Payroll
- SIA Door Security

2. Craigavon – Southern Regional College – The Grow Project

This project provided training in horticulture skills and horticulture management. Participants in the project have been skilled up to grow and care for plants in their own gardens and then later act as horticulture advisors to the local community. The programme was promoted throughout the Craigavon Wide NRAs and 21 residents enrolled on the BTEC Level 2 in Horticulture programme. Residents attended information sessions and received careers advice relating to the horticultural industry and opportunities for paid and self-employment. The work based Horticulture programme was based in Portadown campus, Taghnaven Allotments, Lurgan and Drumarg Community House Armagh.

Staff who delivered the training are industry professionals and provided residents with careers advice on how to enter the industry as an employee or self-employed, the job opportunities available as well as providing practical skills training. Staff demonstrated how to develop business start-up plans and to cost potential jobs and the materials required. Residents reviewed case studies of how small, local horticultural businesses were developed, how and where they are marketed and the costs, materials and skills required to establish them.

As the programme developed, residents promoted the benefits of their work within their own communities. They distributed excess produce to neighbours and discussed how they grew them, the organic nature involved and the relatively low cost to produce. This generated more interest in both the programme and questions on how to do it themselves.

3. Southern Region – Southern Regional College – Oceans Project

The Offshore Career Employment and New Skills (OCEANS) Project delivered by the Southern Regional College allowed local residents to acquire skills for seeking and gaining entry to employment in the offshore industry. The residents were required to undertake essential skills learning and personal development training.

Depending on their abilities skills, training allowed them to gain employment on offshore renewable energies teams e.g. (a) deckhand, (b) roustabout (responsible for cleaning, painting, and helping out with anything and everything at all times) and (c) roughneck (typical entry-level position where you must be a jack-of-all-trades).

Social Renewal – Education

1. 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. In the North West Portadown area, the project was run within Drumcree College.



This priority has been achieved through providing pupils living in the Portadown 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 Portadown.

2. 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 St mary's Youth Club in Portadown working towards and successfully completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Youth People from Oasis Youth Club in Portadown, worked together to take ownership of an area within the centre. They created a space where they could socialise together instead of being out on the streets.

3. Education Authority – Count, Read, Succeed

This was a tailored programme designed to meet the needs of parents and children in the Craigavon wide Neighbourhood Renewal areas and complemented 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 focused on parental engagement (especially parents of underachieving pupils) to help raise educational achievement.

Participating Schools in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Primary Schools	Post Primary Schools
Ballyoran Primary School Portadown	St John the Baptist College, Portadown
Hart Memorial Primary School, Portadown	
Millington Primary School, Portadown	
Presentation Primary School, Portadown	
St John the Baptist Primary School, Portadown	

The schools decided which activities were provided to link together core in-school provision with this added value initiative both in school and at home. Each school designed their own welcome and induction session using the lessons learnt from the family learning programmes but with common elements including:

- Introduction to the school premises and how to approach the school for information
- The link between the parent and the classroom teacher, how, when and where to get feedback and advice on child's progress
- The requirements of the curriculum, homework expectations and use of the daily study log/homework diary
- Sources of additional support including the home/school liaison member of staff
- Access to a peer mentor or learning buddy if required.

Students participating in the Count, Read, Succeed project.





P6/7 Pupils from Presentation P.S., Ballyoran P.S., Hart Memorial P.S., Millington P.S. and St John the Baptist P.S. Receiving Certificates



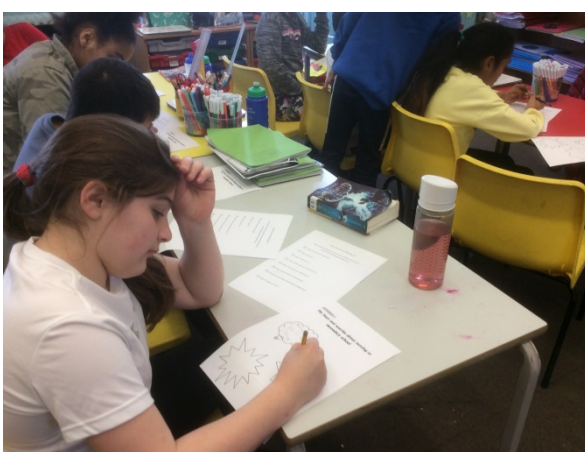
P6/7 pupils received certificates in the Peer Mentor programme for helped younger children in their schools with their reading.

4. Education Authority – Transitions Programme

This project aimed to provide assistance for pupils in transition from primary to secondary school and from Junior school to Senior school when young people can be vulnerable and more likely to become dis-engaged from education.

The Education Welfare Service, along with staff and pupils developed support materials and website www.movingforward.me, for use by a wide range of young people in the 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas in Craigavon.

Pupils in Millington Primary School, Presentation Primary School and St John the Baptist Primary School taking part in the Transitions Programme.



One 2 One Work

One to one work was carried out with pupils in Year 8 who had difficulty with the transition into post primary education and their attendance was becoming an issue. The Transition Officer worked with the pupil to identify and ease the issue and as a result attendance improved.

“As a school we saw the percentage attendance improve for these children and it was therefore definitely a proactive and positive method of working with children who have borderline attendance issues.” – Mr Leathem, St John the Baptist College.

5. Education Authority – Portadown Early Intervention Learning Mentor

This project provided the facility of a Learning Mentor in five Primary Schools in the NW Portadown NR area to support educational and behavioural needs at a young age. The mentoring plan targeted the specific needs of each individual pupil, working with the school and parents.

The schools involved with the project were:

1. Presentation Primary School
2. Ballyoran Primary School
3. St John the Baptist Primary School
4. Millington Primary School
5. Hart Memorial Primary School

The Learning Mentor worked across each of the schools, supporting specific children from the NRA in achieving their potential academically, social and emotional skills. This intervention was based upon a child centred model which promoted the development of emotionally literate schools that, in turn, support the development and learning of pupils. Some issues addressed included:

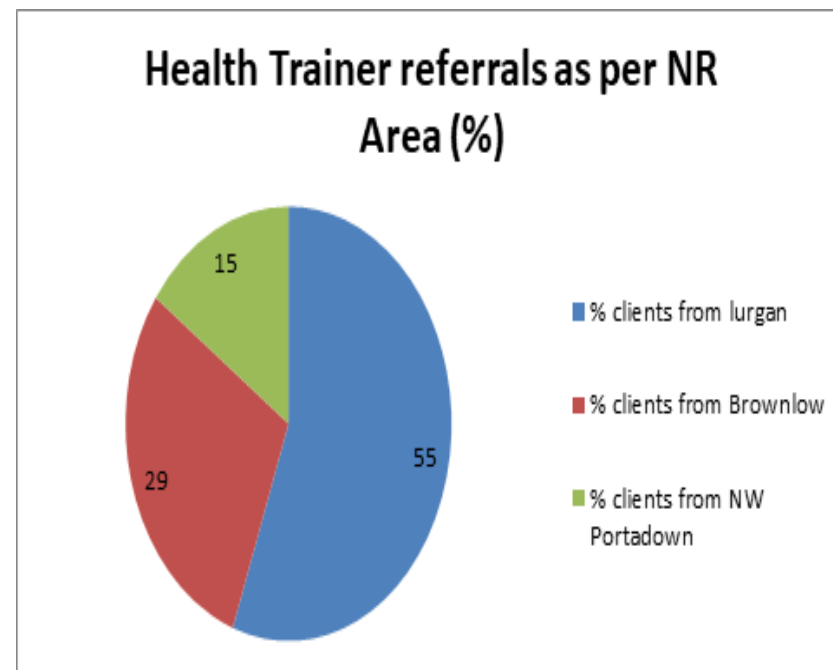
- Resilience
- Bereavement issues
- Anger
- Screen time
- Friendship building
- Coping strategies
- Self motivation
- Building confidence
- Empathy
- Focus and concentration

How Much Did We Do? - Pop Up Health Clinics

Pop ups where held across all 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas, a total of 28 in year. **412** health checks were completed and **83 people** were referred onto allied health professional for additional health care needs.



Pop Up Health Clinic promoting Stopping Smoking.



15 Health Trainer referrals in NW Portadown NR area in 2019/20.

Pop Up Health Clinics in Portadown:

- Carer's information event Portadown
- Portadown Library
- Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Community Network
- Men's carers group
- Portadown Health centre
- Clanrye Group Portadown

Verve Health Trainers



The Community Health Trainers have been successfully 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 areas.

Verve Network Members

The VERVE network continues to grow with a full range of health and wellbeing activities offered to a range of age groups and abilities in total 1082 people took part in a health and wellbeing activity in one of the VERVE network centres. List below are the community organisations and groups who took part in the 19/20 programme.



HEALTH TRAINER BASES & VERVE HEALTHY LIVING CENTRES

- The Fitzone Foundation, Legahory
- Edgarstown Residents Association, Portadown
- Drumellan Family Learning Complex, Brownlow
- Taghnevan Youth and Community Centre, Lurgan
- Drumcree Community Trust, Portadown
- Mount Zion House, Lurgan
- Clan na Gael, Lurgan
- Clann Eireann, Lurgan
- ABC Community Network, Portadown
- The Chrysalis Womens Centre, Craigavon
- Train To Be Smart, Centrepoint, Craigavon
- Drumbeg North and South Residents Association

If you would like to see a Health Trainer or find out about programmes at any of these bases then please call/email

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Email: verve.network@southerntrust.hscni.net

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HEALTH TRAINER ONE TO ONE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHING

SUPPORTING YOU TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES...

- Supporting you to **become more active**
- Supporting you to look after your **mental and emotional wellbeing**
- Supporting you to assess **how much alcohol is too much**
- Supporting you to **connect to services and activities**
- Supporting you to **make healthy eating choices**



Photos from around the Verve Network, North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area.



Stretching out at Drumcree Community Trust, both young and not as young enjoying some exercise.





Edgarstown Residents' Association Multi-generational Celebration Dinner

2. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Craigavon Sport in the Community

The project was developed by Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council and North West Portadown residents to provide targeted sporting activities which maximise usage of the facilities within the area which include the Churchill/Woodside Multi Use Games Area and the People's Park Portadown. It provided 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.

MUGA Sports Project

The MUGA Sports project is aimed at providing an organised and structured community led programme of coaching and competitive sporting opportunities for young people on each of the Neighbourhood Renewal funded Multi-Use Games Areas, through close consultation with local communities and sports clubs. Over the duration of the 2019/2020 programme we delivered to 9 venues in total to 830 participants and 11,620 participant visits by these.



Participants on the Churchill Multi Use Games Area.

Employability within Sports/Leisure Project

This project, involving 18 participants, aimed to use sport as a tool to help young people who are unemployed to develop their skills and confidence, thereby increasing their employability.

Health Initiatives

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 and preparation
- Qualifications for work including Essential Skills (if required)
- Work experience
- Getting a job
- Support in work
- Health and well-being support

Sports Festival

These community based festivals are organised by community representatives across the Borough. Funding received from the Department for Communities Neighbourhood Renewal funding will allow for much needed and valued support to be given which will see the inclusion of quality coaching and competitive opportunities for all within the local communities in a celebratory manner.

One particular festival was angling at the River Bann in Portadown which was with participants from North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal area.



Summer street soccer winners in their new tracksuits, team from Portadown





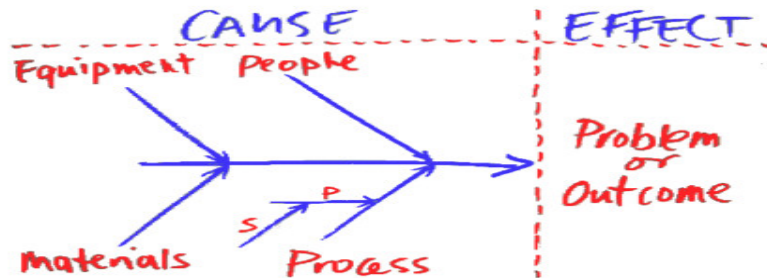
Some more of the participants from Portadown taking part in Street

Soccer.

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 various strands in 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 and Tanaghmore PS.

After schools programmes

Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Autism and Early Years.

Outreach sessions

Youth Justice Department Lurgan, Youth Annex and Assist Youth.

Health and wellbeing courses (individuals)

New You in 52, Fitzone and Monday Club

Health and wellbeing courses (family groups)

Splash/Sure Start, PIPS and Praxis Care

Community Fun Days

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

Uniform groups

5th/6th Dromore Beavers/Scouts and St Patrick's Guides

Health and Wellbeing groups

North Lurgan Ramblers and St Peters Running Club

Educational programmes

L.E.A.P – Community Sports Development, First Aid/CPR training – 5th/6th Dromore Scouts and Leave No Trace – All residents on Bushcraft programmes



National Campaigns

Love Parks Week and National Play Day

Collaborative activities/events

McMillian Cancer and Disability Sports

Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project – The Craigavon Cycling Programme



Health and wellbeing course

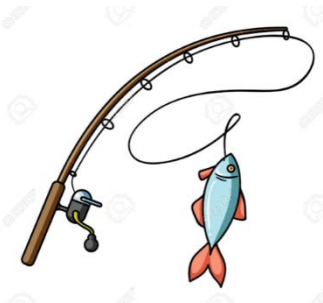
The New You in 52 is a year-long programme with a unique approach to fitness. It combines several of councils very successful health programmes i.e. C25K, Sofa to Saddle, Open Water Swimming. Under the support and supervision of the cycling officer and a fully qualified fitness instructor, the programme 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.



Craigavon Promoting Sustainable Communities Project – 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.



Physical Renewal

Two small capital projects were funded in 2019/20 in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

1. Education Authority – Post Primary Student Support Hubs

This project involved the refurbishment of existing student support hub rooms in 3 Craigavon Post Primary Schools (St. John the Baptist in North West Portadown). The rooms are used to provide additional support and provision for students who are struggling to deal with the demands of school life, social, emotional or behavioural difficulties which create a barrier to learning and result in them not being able to reach their full potential. The room will be staffed using school resources but this funding allowed the school to create an atmosphere within the space conducive to pupils' needs. The room will also be available for outside agencies who support students' learning, including Education Welfare Service, Family Support groups, PSNI, Prince's Trust, Youth organisations, Health Services and Counselling Services. The room will have more of a homely feel than a classroom and will allow the children/their parents to feel more relaxed.

2. Edgarstown Storage Facilities

This project involved the provision of external containers. As well as improving the appearance of the exterior of the Edgarstown Residents' Association Community house in Union Street, the extra storage has created a larger space in the Community house enabling the group to provide programmes for larger numbers, increasing the number of people benefiting from the Community house which was previously refurbished several years ago with Neighbourhood Renewal funding.



Before and after photos.

North West Portadown Partnership 2019/20 Expenditure by Strategic Objective

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 19/20 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 19/20 total expenditure in the North West Portadown Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount	2019/20 Spend
Community Renewal			
Armagh Craigavon ACB&CBC Technical Assistance	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£14,039.70	£12,655.59
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£14,039.70	£12,655.59
Social Renewal - Education			
EA – Inclusion in Education	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£22,702.47	£22,700.72
EA – Youth Engagement+	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£30,708.29	£30,345.74
EA – Count Read Succeed Plus	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£45,986.96	£45,592.64
EA – Early Intervention Learning Mentor	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£59,206.23	£59,206.23
EA – Transitions Programme	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£6,742.78	£6,674.62
Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure		£165,346.73	£164,519.95
Social Renewal – Health			
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£25,231.86	£24,318.78
Craigavon – Sport in the Community	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£11,436.28	£10,394.24
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£35,139.64	£35,139.64
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£71,807.78	£69,852.66
Physical Renewal			
Craigavon – EA – Post Primary Student Support Hubs	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£14,943.54	£14,943.54
Portadown – Edgarstown Storage Facilities	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£4,980.00	£4,980.00
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure		£19,923.54	£19,923.54
Economic Renewal			
Craigavon TOPS - Training Opportunities	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£25,919.23	£25,909.67

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount	2019/20 Spend
Southern Region – Oceans	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£6,941.53	£6,935.28
Southern Region – The Grow Project	01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020	£4,838.40	£4,832.86
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£37,699.16	£37,677.81
Grand Total		Total Allocation £288,893.37	Total Spend £284,706.01

Achievements of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding in 2019/20 Year

Economic Output Measures

Project	ER2 number of residents going into employment	ER3 Number of people accessing career advice	ER 4 Number of people receiving job specific training	ER 14 Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education
Armagh & Craigavon – The Grow Project			5	5
Southern Region – OCEANS		2	2	
Craigavon – TOPS (Training Opportunities)			52	14
Craigavon – Sport in the Community			5	

Social Renewal (Crime) Output Measures

Project	SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects.
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities	168
Craigavon – Sport in the Community	142

Social Renewal (Education) Output Measure

Project	SR(Ed) 2 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved.	SR(Ed) 3 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved.	SR(Ed) 5 (Tackling barriers to learning) – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes.	SR(Ed) 6 (Literacy & Numeracy) – Number of pupils benefitting directly from the project	SR(Ed) 8 (Closing the Performance Gap) – Number of pupils directly benefitting from project.	SR(Ed) 14 (Youth Services) – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project.	SR(Ed) 17 (Youth Services) – Type and number of accredited qualifications completed.	SR(Ed)25 (ICT) Number of pupils directly benefitting from project
Craigavon EA Inclusion in Education			50		94			
Craigavon EA Youth Engagement+						117	39	
Craigavon EA Count Read Succeed Plus			86	157				
Craigavon EA Transitions Programme	10				49			4
Portadown EA Early Intervention Learning Mentor					156			
Craigavon TOPS		38						

Social (Health) Output Measures

Project	SR(H) 1 Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle projects	SR (H) 2 Number of people attending health education/awareness initiatives.	SR(H) 3 Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service	SR (H) 4 Number of health education / awareness initiatives provided / delivered.	SR (H) 10 Number of people using existing sports facilities.
Craigavon – Health Improvement Project	3,333	360		16	
Craigavon – Sport in the Community	470			6	112
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities	1605				
Craigavon – The Grow Project	6				

Community Renewal/Physical Renewal Output Measures

Project	CR2 Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 Number of people volunteering for community development activities.	CR7 Number of community/voluntary groups supported	PR5 Number of buildings improved	PR6 Number of Community Facilities improved
Craigavon EA – Post Primary Student Support Hubs				1	
Portadown – Edgarstown Residents' Association Storage Facilities					1
Craigavon – Sport in the Community		2			
Craigavon – Building Sustainable Communities Project			8		
ACB&CBC Technical Assistance	29				

North West Portadown Partnership Conclusion

In the 2019/20 financial year, North West Portadown Partnership total overall spend was **£304,629.55**

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

Community Renewal	£12,655.59
Social Renewal (Education)	£164,519.95
Social Renewal (Health)	£69,852.66
Economic Renewal	£37,677.81
Physical Renewal	£19,923.54

Breakdown of Main Achievements for Total Expenditure

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

- ▶ 64 people received job specific training
- ▶ 577 pupils and young people directly benefited from Education programmes;
- ▶ 310 young people directly benefited from diversionary projects;
- ▶ 3333 people participated in healthy lifestyle projects.

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



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