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## 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 and are representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

#### **About Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership was set up in 2007 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises Members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and is facilitated by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council through administration services with a Coordinator and Administrator funded by Department for Communities.

Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area includes Mullaghmore and Castleview, Strathroy, Campsie, O'Kane Park and Gallows Hill/Johnston Park Housing Estates and areas within the town centre.

The Partnership has three Subgroups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects, which aim to address the Programmes four strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. The Subgroups that currently meet bi-monthly include Health, Education and Economic and Community Development.

## Omagh NRP Members 2019-20

Name	Surname	Organisation	Status
Hazel	McGuigan	Campsie Residents Association (Vice Chairperson)	Community Representative
Rozella	Kelly	Culmore and O'Kane Park Community Association	Community Representative
Anna	McGonigle	Culmore and O'Kane Park Community Association	Community Representative
Ernie	Coburn	Gallows Hill Community Association	Community Representative
Alice	Duggan	Johnston Park Community Association	Community Representative
Aidan	Colgan	Mullaghmore and Castleview Community Association	Community Representative
Peggy	Colgan	Mullaghmore and Castleview Community Association	Community Representative
Mickey	Kelly	Strathroy Community Association	Community Representative
Cllr John	Donnelly	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Cllr Errol	Thompson	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Cllr Barry	McElduff	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Cllr AnneMarie	Fitzgerald	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Cllr Chris	Smyth	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Cllr Josephine	Deehan	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Cllr Stephen	Donnelly	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Elected Representative
Alison	McCullagh	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Brendan	Hegarty	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Kieran	McCroly	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Kevin	McShane	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Coleen	McBrien	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Government Representative
Carol	Follis	Community Safety Partnership	Statutory Representative
Elaine	Latimer	Police Service Northern Ireland	Statutory Representative
Scott	Fallis	Police Service Northern Ireland	Statutory Representative
Monica	MacIntyre	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Seamus	Byrne	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Leo	Owens	Department for Infrastructure	Statutory Representative
Edith	Bell	Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Statutory Representative

Name	Surname	Organisation	Status
Fionnuala	McKinney	Western Health and Social Care Trust	Statutory Representative
Priscilla	Magee	Western Health and Social Care Trust	Statutory Representative
Seamus	O'Neill	Northern Ireland Social Security Agency	Statutory Representative
Kathleen	McArdle	South West College	Statutory Representative
John	Donnelly	Education Authority	Statutory Representative
Darragh	O'Neill	Supporting Communities NI (Chairperson)	Voluntary Representative
Winnie	Kelly	Sure Start	Voluntary Representative
Alison	Spriggs	Home Start	Voluntary Representative
Conor	Keys	FOCUS	Voluntary Representative

## **Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Projects**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported six projects in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Areas during 2019/20 year as follows:

### **Strategic Objective: Community Renewal**

*“To develop confident communities who are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their area”.*

#### **NRA Employment of Coordinator, Technical Assistant and Associated Costs to 31/03/2020**

During 2019/20 the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator and the Technical Assistant continued in their role to work across the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal areas, coordinating and implementing the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan which focused on four key themes; social renewal, economic renewal, community renewal and physical renewal. Their role also addressed issues relating to anti-social behaviour, personal safety, alcohol abuse and the physical environment. The Coordinator continued to work with the Partnership and Subgroups to consider the development and implementation to create a more socially inclusive, empowered and sustainable community infrastructure.

Fundamental to the delivery of the Action Plan are the 6 Partnership meetings and 18 Subgroup meetings that took place during the course of the year, with delivery agents, stakeholders, elected representatives and community representatives. These ensure projects are developed and delivered in accordance with the needs of the area and the objectives of the plans. The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator also reports progress on the implementation of the plan to the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and any associated Working Groups.

The Action Plan was discussed and reviewed at each of the Subgroup meetings. It was amended and updated on a rolling basis as actions were successfully completed and new and outstanding actions identified. The action points from the Action Plan were an agenda item for discussion at each Partnership Board meeting to ensure that the Action Plan continued to meet Departmental standards and reflect local evidence-based priorities. As part of the annual review, the Action Plan was distributed to Members, all

comments noted and outstanding items listed for discussion at the relevant Sub-Committee meetings. The Action Plan was reviewed on 23 September 2019 and endorsed by the Partnership at the October 2019 meeting.

During 2019/20 the Co-ordinator role has facilitated:

- The comprehensive circulation of information regarding potential funding streams to organisations operating in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and signposting of services or initiatives beneficial to residents in the designated area.
- Support and assistance given to Neighbourhood Renewal's community groups including help with applications for funding from other bodies and capacity building.
- Networking: Guest Speakers from statutory bodies, voluntary agencies and non-Government funding organisations were invited to attend Sub-Committee and Partnership meetings to address Members and explain the services which they provide which may be of benefit to Neighbourhood Renewal Residents.
- The publication of two newsletters per annum. 1,600 copies were distributed of each edition to all Neighbourhood Renewal residents and around the Omagh area.
- The organisation of the delivery of training and development workshops to benefit Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Members, Residents' and Community Groups. The following training was delivered: Committee Good Governance and Roles Training, Campsie Group Omagh, 7 attendees on 28 May 2019, Impact awareness session in Omagh NIHE at HCN Meeting, 9 attendees on 5 September 2019 and Impact awareness session, Campsie Group, sent digitally to group members on 31 March 2020.
- Attendance at events and meetings to publicise and promote Neighbourhood Renewal and raise awareness of the needs of the area. For example attendance at regular meetings with community services within FODC, interagency meetings, Community Health engagement workshop in Strathroy (6 February 2020), FODC Poverty Conference (24 February 2020) and Celebrating Social enterprise with the Loaf Academy in Ulster American Folk Park (6 March 2020).
- Planning and coordination of the 6 Partnership meetings and 18 Subgroup meetings that took place during the course of the year with delivery agents, stakeholders, elected representatives and community representatives to ensure projects are developed and delivered in accordance with the needs of the area and the objectives of the plans. The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator also reports progress on the implementation of the plan to the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and any associated Working Groups.

- Ensuring that the Omagh Action Plan was discussed and reviewed at each of the Subgroup meetings and that it was amended and updated on a rolling basis as actions were successfully completed and new and outstanding actions identified. The Action Plan was reviewed and endorsed by the Partnership at the October Meeting.

**The following publications were delivered in 2019/20:**

Spring 2019 Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter – the newsletter contained an overview of the activities which had taken place in each of the five Neighbourhood Renewal Areas since the previous newsletter, a description of Workshops which Partnership Members and residents had attended, an update on the Neighbourhood Renewal Health Project, information from a variety of Neighbourhood Renewal Partners and Projects, educational advancement and volunteering opportunities and an invaluable matrix of Training Programmes and Health Providers available for Neighbourhood Renewal Residents to access. The newsletter also contained a questionnaire on the back cover to gather feedback from residents about their area.







Some excerpts from the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Spring Newsletter 2019

Winter 2019 Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter – the Newsletter contained an overview of the activities which had taken place in each of the five Neighbourhood Renewal Areas since the previous newsletter, a description of Workshops which Partnership Members and Residents had attended, an update on the Neighbourhood Renewal Health Project, information from a variety of Neighbourhood Renewal Partners and Projects, educational advancement opportunities and volunteering opportunities. This edition also included a ‘List of Useful Telephone Numbers’ to provide a convenient directory of services. Most importantly this newsletter contained three matrixes, one detailing Health services and programmes, one detailing Employment Support programmes and one detailing educational support for 0-25-year olds. Complimentary remarks were given by the Partnership on the quality and content of the newsletter and excellent feedback was received from organisations that featured in it.



Some excerpts from the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Winter Newsletter 2019

**The following workshop was delivered in 2020:**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council delivered a workshop during the 19/20 year on “Introducing Social Enterprise”. The NR Coordinator delivered the workshop in the Ulster American Folk Park and invited representatives from all the Enniskillen and Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal areas. Free bus transport was available from both Omagh and Enniskillen to the venue.

**Friday 6 March 2020:** NOW Group as part of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Enterprise week delivered Celebrating Social Enterprise with The Loaf Academy. The workshop explored the business model of Social Enterprise and how the NOW Group use

their successful Loaf Academy training programme which has been running since October 2019 for people with learning difficulties and autism in the local area. NOW Group are an award-winning social enterprise and charity and are also the facilitator of the JAM Card initiative. JAM Card allows people with a learning difficulty, autism or a communication barrier to tell others they need 'just a minute' discreetly and easily. Participants were able to have discussions with NOW Group Programme Manager Sean Hanna, along with 2 participants who have successfully completed their training with the Loaf Academy and have now both secured employment.



**Just a minute**

A second workshop – 'Introduction to Social Enterprise' was due to be delivered by Social Enterprise NI and the Arc Healthy Living Centre on 23 March 2020. Unfortunately, this was cancelled due to the social distancing measures in place because of Covid-19.

### **Campsie Community Hub Project**

Campsie Residents' Association continued to host successful events in their premises known as The Hub (located on 1-3 Campsie Drive), over the 2019/20 year. An action plan for delivery of activities and services was compiled incorporating all age groups. Activities to date have provided opportunities for cross and intercommunity interaction. The Hub is situated in the heart of Omagh town centre and offers a wide range of new programmes including gardening classes, arts and crafts, singing workshops, support groups, a back to school programme, youth groups, support for non-English Speakers and much more.

The modern facility was also available to hire at very competitive commercial and community rates. The Hub is a perfect central location for meetings, training, workshops, keep fit classes and conferences. This project provided avenues for the residents' association to roll out activities locally and further promote Neighbourhood Renewal.



Campsie residents enjoy activities such as mindfulness and arts and crafts

The Campsie Garden project continues to go from strength to strength, with residents growing fruit, vegetables and flowers which are then distributed throughout the Campsie area. In 2019, the Hub successfully gained £800 funding from “Live Here Love Here” to purchase equipment and materials, which enabled the residents to deliver gardening workshops and grow a more diverse range of organic produce. A further £500 funding was received from Community Cash to purchase further equipment and training. The flowers grown in the garden are put in baskets and hung throughout the Campsie neighbourhood for the enjoyment of all residents.



### Campsie Hub Engagement figures 2019/20

During the year a range of activities and programmes have taken place in the Campsie Community Hub including:

- Christmas hampers delivered to vulnerable residents.

- Campsie Craft Group (14 residents) made window boxes and donated to homes in Campsie in June 2019.
- Christmas Memories (4 weeks) delivered to 19 senior citizens in December 2019.
- Campsie Health Check event took place on 29 February 2020. A total of 20+ residents benefited from thyroid, blood sugar, blood pressure and hearing tests.
- Delivered a Back to School programme to 12 school children living in the area in August 2019.
- Weekly sewing workshops delivered to 17 participants.
- The Saturday Club (Mencap) continued to meet weekly (35+ attendees from throughout the Omagh area).
- Interagency meetings take place at the Hub each alternative month.
- The Western Health and Social Care Trust delivered 2 training workshops to 22 participants.
- Adoption UK information and support group meeting for 19 residents.
- National Citizen Service Youth Group weekly meetings for 17 young people.
- Good Relations Youth Group weekly meetings for 17 young people.
- Weekly English as a Second Language classes for 22 Syrian residents, with 7 volunteers from the Campsie area.
- Halloween party for 13 young people.
- First Aid training delivered on 16 August to 11 participants.
- Northern Ireland Childminding association monthly meetings.
- ASCERT training delivered on 10<sup>th</sup> July to 7 participants and on 13<sup>th</sup> February to 9 participants.
- 12 weeks 'Singing for your Health' delivered in May, June and July by the British Lung Foundation to 10 participants.
- Polytunnel Training delivered on 10 June to 7 participants.
- Committee Skills training delivered on 28 May by Supporting Communities to 7 participants.
- Painting on silk workshop funded by Fermanagh Omagh District Council delivered in November to 16 participants.
- Mindfulness training delivered in March to 15 participants, however, only one class was delivered before the Hub closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3 weeks 'Music for your Health' singing and drumming workshop delivered to 17 participants in February. Volunteering is at the heart of the success of the Campsie Hub. During 2019/20 a total of 16 volunteers with Campsie Residents Association assist in the Hub, with a further 8 residents volunteering in the garden. Campsie Residents Association Management Committee members also provide assistance when needed, for example during Estate Inspections. Volunteers continue to work with Campsie Hub and Campsie Residents Association due to good working relationships and for the better of the community.

Building the capacity of the Campsie Community Association also continues and during 2019/20 training on Good Governance, and Roles Training was delivered by Supporting Communities in May 2019 to 7 Members. An Impact Awareness training session was also delivered to Campsie Residents, however, due to the social distancing measures put in place because of Covid-19, this training was changed to an online delivery.

During 2019/20 the Hub had a total of 220 users, with a footfall of 1,052. The Hub provides a diverse range of programmes and activities catering for all ages, from young people attending the various youth groups and back to school programmes, to the elderly enjoying the arts and crafts workshops and volunteering in the community garden. The addition of the ESOL classes encourages immigrants to become involved in the community.

The Hub and all the activities on offer are available to all minorities. There are a significant number of immigrants living in the area and they are aware of the Hub and how they can become involved. Projects such as the Back to School Programme encouraged engagement from ethnic minorities and activities at the Hub build on this engagement to improve relations. The hub also holds weekly English as a Second language classes to over 20 Syrian residents, assisted by volunteers from the local community.

Campsie Residents' Association continue to liaise with the community police; they discuss and help address Anti-social behaviour and work closely with the PCSP. Community representatives will meet with the PSNI on a quarterly basis to discuss Anti-social behaviour.





## **Strategic Objective: Social Renewal - Education**

*“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”. To support these areas, advance educational attainments through education and training support mechanisms that will reduce the impact of underachievement in these communities.*

### **Strathroy Afterschool & Homework Club**

Strathroy Estate has now been in existence for over 29 years, but the demography of the residents continues to change on a yearly basis as residents have continued to move in and out of the estate. Some of the older residents and their families have now moved on and have been replaced with new families such as one parent families and foreign nationals, which now includes Syrian Refugees. These families have poor educational attainment and are currently reliant upon benefits and social housing, so there is an ongoing need for this project to continue within this Estate of the Omagh NRA. The Afterschool Club provides top quality play and learning opportunities in a warm, nurturing safe and child friendly environment for a total of 53 children registered during 2019/20. The Homework tutor assesses each child and sets baselines to ensure that the success of the intervention is able to be measured.

In 2019-20, 53 children attended the Club weekly which is a similar figure to that delivered in the previous year. The attendance of the children at the Club is measured in two ways, attendance at the club itself and then improvements in attendance at school because of their participation in the Club. During 2018/19 year the average attendance rate of the 53 children at both the Club and at Christ the King PS was 98%. It should be noted that in 2017/18 attendance rates achieved was 99% compared to only 80% in 2014/15. This school year it has been harder to measure but based on September to March figures attendance was 95.2% overall.

From 1 April 2020 until 26 June 2020 they interacted with all 53 children registered with the project on a daily basis. All activities organised, including garden visits and doorstep deliveries, were successful to the note of 100% as every family approached took up any opportunity offered.

The other elements of the project that are measured are:

- Children’s behaviour.
- Attainment in literacy and Numeracy for all P4 – P6 children.

- KS2 Level 4 results for all P7 children.

Behaviour is measured on a daily basis and if a child raises any cause for concern they are put on a monitoring assessment, which is measured until the child's behaviour issues are improved and no longer causing concern. Monitoring the children's behaviour at the homework club is having a positive impact on their behaviour at school and vice versa. These joint efforts are having an impact in the children's attendance and attainment along with addressing their social skills for life in school and at home. The Homework Club works alongside the school and parents in achieving this. During 2019/20 48 of all 53 children who attended the Club achieved an acceptable level (3) of behaviour when starting in September. The October to December and January to March reporting periods showed a steady increase in positive behaviour. All children and their families were supported during the year, through the Solihull programme principles and close links with parenting NI and local Surestart. They also work closely with the RISE team who assisted with referrals from the school.

Academically in September the majority of the children continued to progress steadily in their literacy and numeracy, while additional support was provided to the other children. It was anticipated, as an outcome for this project, that if children attended the Homework Club and help was provided to complete their homework, then their attendance at school would improve as a result, which then leads to the children achieving in the long term academically.

A longer-term outcome from a good attendance rate along with improvements in literacy and numeracy is a noted increase in the percentage of pupils resident in NRAs achieving a Level 4 in their Key Stage 2 assessments. It is evident at this time that without the help and support of Community based Homework Clubs this would not be achievable as school-based homework clubs do not see the same level of engagement from the young people.

The analysis of this data provided YTD shows all of these children have shown improvement in literacy and numeracy as reflected in the comments from their teachers. These comments clarify that the additional help provided by the Homework Club helps their confidence, behaviour, attitude and self-esteem, as well as the homework completion. Improvements in attendance directly impacts on attainment levels as well.

Lastly, yet very importantly, Strathroy Homework and Activity Club is assisted by 5 Volunteers. These volunteers are proving to be a very valuable asset to the homework club, their leaders and the children. Additionally they assist over the summer period by working with the Strathroy Summer Scheme and in the winter months in the youth club and senior citizens. This has provided continuity with the children, who have established a level of trust with these volunteers which is transferable between the school academic years at the end of summer and the beginning of September.

## Strathroy Afterschool & Homework Club Continued

In addition over the years some volunteers who have been engaged in the project have gone on to obtain qualifications at NVQ, GNVQ and Diploma level and gained employment in our own establishment and Surestart, as family support workers and playgroup leaders. We are delighted to say that one of our volunteers is now in the middle of preparing to move to Leeds to complete a degree in social work.

Included in the Afterschool's project is the Activities Club, which although no longer funded by DfC remains a part of this project, also delivers on indoor and outdoor activities that are both educational and fun. This allows the children time to focus on physical activity and play as part of their personal development. The Club promotes and supports the importance of play as a part of their overall programme and the benefits of this can be easily recognised in the development of the children's personalities, increased confidence and self-esteem. Working closely with lead agency Playboard and other individuals such as core kids NI, Relax kids and the youth club the overall approach is a holistic one involving parents, the community and children in decision making.



## **Omagh Learning Mentor**

The Learning Mentor provides one-to-one support for NRA students on a weekly basis to address their barriers to learning and success. The Learning Mentor predominately works with Year 12 students to support them in their upcoming GCSEs using a variety of strategies. In addition to providing one-to-one support to NRA students, the Learning Mentor also delivers large group initiatives to tackle those barriers which prevent students progressing as necessary in their learning. Students are referred to the Learning Mentor for a variety of reasons including attainment and academic support, attendance and behaviour.

### **Referrals**

To date, 26 NRA students have been referred to the Learning Mentor since the start of the 19/20 academic year. As identified in reflection of the previous report, students are often referred for more than one reason and are often hard to pigeonhole into one specific subheading, however, in 2019/20 a significant number of students were still predominately referred for academic support.

### **Performance**

#### **Objective 1 - Attendance**

Initially the Learning Mentor uses the attendance data of the previous academic year as a baseline to identify need for support with regards to attendance. Based on last year's attendance records and attendance records from September to November for a Year 8 pupil, 5 students did not achieve the 85% attendance rate. The Learning Mentor meets with Form Teachers, Heads of Year and Heads of Key Stages to identify the most effective way to support referred students. This year the Learning Mentor has organised meetings with students, their parents and Head of Year to address attendance. The Learning Mentor has also called to the homes of some students to support attendance.

According to attendance data from January 2020, 22 of the 26 students referred to the Learning Mentor had shown improvements their attendance, 4 did not achieve the target of 85% for a number of reasons. Examples include:

Pupil 1 will not achieve an 85% attendance rate as they are on a reduced timetable focusing on subjects they can aim to achieve, however, they did show an improvement in their attendance from the last academic year.

Another pupil did not achieve 85% attendance, a drop from the previous academic year, as anxiety and depression resulted in school refusal. The Learning Mentor worked closely with the mother of Pupil 2, the Head of Key Stage and the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) to identify a plan to ease the student back into school. The Learning Mentor made a number of house calls to ease the return to school. Prior to lockdown from Covid-19, the student had returned to school and attendance was improving.

## Objective 2 - Attainment in Year 12

Improving attainment is the main reason for referral for Year 12 students, a reflection of the pressures of the year. 14 of the 18 Year 12 students referred to the Learning Mentor have been referred predominately to support their attainment. Each pupil's Year 11 results from mock exams and/or GCSE modules will be used as a baseline to monitor the progression of Year 12 students.

The Learning Mentor works one-to-one with all Year 12 students to help them to achieve as much as possible to the best of their ability, however, some Year 12 students receive support to regulate emotions and behaviour in order to remain in school. Those referred for behaviour and/or emotional support will also have their attainment monitored. The Learning Mentor runs after school Study Skills sessions aimed predominately at Neighbourhood Renewal children 3 days a week to support improvement in attainment.

Year 12 pupils also attended a workshop delivered by High Performance (4/3/20) under the Learning Mentor scheme, focusing on Motivation and Excelling Under Pressure, as lack of motivation seemed to be a major issue among Year 12 pupils receiving support.

Data for Year 12 attainment data is limited at this time. 100% of Year 12 pupils who attended the High-Performance workshop found it useful and felt more motivated. Exam results before and after the workshop were supposed to be used to identify any improvements. The Learning Mentor delivered weekly Study Skills to a number of Year 12s to focus on their exams in January 2020, especially their English GCSE, 11 pupils (5 NR students) attended consistently over a 6-week period, 6 of 8 students who resat their English exam passed their module and 9 of the 11 students who sat the new English module passed. Results for NR students in the group are as follows:

Pupil	Original Exam Result	Unit 1 Resit	Unit 4
1	D	B	B
2	D	A	C
3	D	C	B
4	D	C	C
5	D	D	D

A number of NR pupils receiving one-to-one support also sat Science and Maths modules in January and February. A number of NR pupils passed exams with one obtaining an A in Science, an improvement from a C in their last module.

### **Objective 3 - Attainment across all Year groups**

Attainment was identified as one of the main reasons for referral for 20 of the 26 NR students referred to the Learning Mentor since September 2019. As identified in the previous academic year, students are often referred for more than one reason as issues are often interconnected (please refer to the table above). The Learning Mentor supports NR students to improve attainment through one-to-one weekly meetings and holds after-school Study Skills workshops aimed at NR students. The Learning Mentor has organised a number of different workshops to support attainment across all Year groups such as Study Skills workshops and Motivation and Excelling Under Exam Pressures workshops.

6 Year 11 NR students sat Science exams in February 2020, all 6 achieved grades A\*-C. The Learning Mentor helped to create and deliver a Transition Programme in September 2019 for Year 8 pupils. The Learning Mentor delivered Hope workshops and Study Skills workshops to 121 Year 8 pupils (13 NR students). In order to improve attainment across all Year groups the Learning Mentor created a Study Skills programme for Year 8 and Year 9 students. The Learning Mentor had carried out a student survey to identify needs of students, most had stated they did not know how to revise. Working with the Heads of Key Stages and Raising Standards team, the Learning Mentor also focused on the Year 11 students completing GCSE modules in January and February 2020. The Learning Mentor ran Study Skills workshops after school each week and organised a Motivation and Excel under Exam Pressure run by High Performance. 12 NR pupils across Years 10 and 13 benefitted from the workshops (3 to 4 March 2020).

10 NR students benefitted from the Talking Partners programme. Year 8 and Year 9 pupils received oral literacy support over the course of 10 weeks delivered by Year 14 pupils who received training funded by the Learning Mentor programme. The Learning Mentor used CAT4 data to baseline and identify NR students in need of support. Students were due to be retested at the end of March to see if any improvements were made but unfortunately this testing could not happen due to Covid-19.

### **Objective 4 - Social Skills and/or Pastoral Care**

Some students referred to the Learning Mentor experience a vast range of issues. Students require support for worry, exam pressures, anxiety, depression and regulating emotions. The Learning Mentor uses the Schools for Hope often and works closely with parents and Heads of Pastoral Care. The Talking Partners programme has also benefitted 10 NR students this year. It aims to develop oral literacy, benefitting attainment but studies also prove it helps students to verbally acknowledge and deal with feelings. Working closely with Heads of Pastoral Care within the schools this year and Heads of Key Stages has been imperative to protecting and supporting NR students.

The Learning Mentor continues to offer Pastoral Care and support to all pupils referred, yet it was apparent from the previous academic year that a number of NR students had a range of experiences impacting on mental health and emotional regulation, so the Learning Mentor sought training to provide holistic care. Training in this academic year has included:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences training (19 September 2019) delivered by the Education Welfare Service
- Connecting with Young Men and their Mental Health (3 October 2019) delivered by Western Health and Social Care
- Solihull Understanding Trauma (26 November 2019) delivered by Western Health and Social Care
- Building Resilience (5 December 2019) delivered by Western Health and Social Care
- Connection Suicide Awareness (22 January 2020)

The Learning Mentor also engaged in a 6-week training programme, Bloom, aimed at improving mental health among students aged from 14 to 18 years of age. This programme will be carried out in the next academic year. Students referred for emotional and/or behaviour reasons have shown improvements in the period from September 2019 to March 2020 based on Learning Mentor observations, teacher comments and how the individual student feels.

In order to address the pastoral needs of NR pupils across all year groups the Learning Mentor organised LearnSpark (3 February 2020 and 10 February 2020) to train up Year 11 and Year 13 students (13 NR students) to become Peer Mentors. The Learning Mentor worked with the Head of Raising Standards and Head of KS3 and KS4 to identify NR students who would benefit from Peer Mentoring. It was due to start at the end of March 2020 but could not happen due to Covid-19.

### **Objective 5 - Parental Engagement**

In order to improve parental engagement, the Learning Mentor actively supports communication with home on a one-to-one basis via phone calls, meetings and if necessary, home visits. However, this year the Learning Mentor has aimed to make a more widespread approach to engagement in education and school life among NR parents. The Learning Mentor has held 3 Parent and Student workshops across schools involved to aid confidence in helping children with schoolwork and engaging with their education. The Learning Mentor had planned to run more workshops in the run up to summer exams, especially with Year 8 pupils but unfortunately these had to be cancelled.

The Learning Mentor held a number of workshops to improve parental engagement:

- Study Together (9 September 2019) 65 parents of Year 8 students attended the workshop 11 of which were 11 NR parents. 98% of parents who attended said the information was excellent or good.
- Parents Supporting Learning workshop (11 September 2019) The Learning Mentor delivered a presentation to Year 8 parents outlining how they can support their child's education.
- Preparing for Christmas Exams (13 November 2019) the Learning Mentor delivered a workshop to Year 8 parents and students which required them to learn about and try different revision strategies together. Evaluations highlighted 100% of parents found the session useful and 100% stated they will support their child using the revision techniques used in the workshop.



## Strategic Objective: - Economic Renewal

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



### 1. Going Places with South West College – Omagh NRA

The Neighbourhood Renewal funding provided within this project enabled South West College to employ three Mentors who work together as a team across all of the four Neighbourhood Renewal areas in the West- namely Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Coalisland. Over time the project has evolved as identified need created the need for the provision of dedicated resource to those residents in NRA's who wished to continue or take up new opportunities that will give them the skills to make changes in their lives through informed choices and support of a mentor.

The Going Places project has continued to act as a steppingstone for Neighbourhood Renewal residents to access Education, Training or Employment. Although it is recognised that there are a number of training courses available in the area, most of these

only provide level 1 provision- this project focuses on Level 2 and above training provision to avoid duplication with other training courses and meets an identified gap in these Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

The project is funded to target and provide support to a specific target group of people, who without the additional support of one-to-one mentoring, throughout their training period, are at risk of not remaining on the programme and in not being able to gain transferable skills required for the World of Work.

Another unique feature of this project is the fact that there is no age limit restriction which is sometimes evident in other programmes. Prior to the introduction of the Going Places Project a lot of the current opportunities available, were being specifically targeted at the under 25 age bracket. Department for Communities Jobs & Benefits Offices have confirmed that this programme compliments existing college provision, by providing access to education and training, as Neighbourhood Renewal area residents are currently underrepresented in College enrolments in each of the four Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

The Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal element had 41 participants engaged in The Going Places Programme delivered by the South West College during 2019/20. The Omagh programme achieved the following outputs:

<b>2019 - 2020</b>	
Careers Advice	41
Mentoring	41
Vocational Tasters	31
Recognised Training Programme	2
Apprenticeships	1
Sustained Employment	7
Achieved an accredited qualification	23
Achieved a non-accredited qualification	31

The following are direct quotes from participants on the programme reflecting impact of the programme:

*"it is a great facility for anyone will or wanting to learn more or even to help them feel less isolated within their community through volunteering. The fact that the mentor is so supportive and knowledge and available at all times is brilliant.*

*Absolutely nothing that you ask is considered silly or stupid. I have achieved so much from my involvement in this programme and hope that it continues to assist and help residents from neighbourhood."*

*"I am living in this country now 15 years and I know I am still considered a migrant. I have always worked and following an accident at work I could no longer do my job. I have always been a provider and my children at school, and I want them to understand how important it is to feel that you are contributing to society. I was told by the community representative in my area that I should contact this number and they will be able to help me. So I shrugged and thought okay but I know it will be a waste of time as I have spoken with the JBO and recruitment agencies and I had not got anything. But I was amazed this person spoke to me and really listened to where my life was at, at this point in time. I left that meeting with hope and felt that when they said give me a ring or call in anytime if I have questions that they meant it. So I went home discussed things with my wife and the next day called back in to see the mentor." "We developed a plan and with their help and support I enrolled on two course IATA and Foundation Degree in Renewable studies. I couldn't believe it that this person had so much faith in me and was willing to help so much. I ended up setting on the IATA course and am loving it. It is testing my brain and it is challenging me but I know with the mentors support I will succeed and I will be able to get back into work in a new area which means I can provide for my family and given them good example."*

The Going Places project works collaboratively with various other organisations and delivering agents including Aspire, SUSE, College Connect, Craft Training Services, Omagh JBO, New Horizons and the Community & Family Support, within all the NRA areas so that people will gain lifelong skills and learning, which will contribute to the social economy in the areas where these residents reside.

The Mentors liaise with all community groups to create a strong collaborative process e.g. community meeting outreach work within communities delivering programme within the community, assisting other organisations with the sharing or social media advertising opportunities.

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## Strategic Objective: Social Renewal – Health

*'To enhance positive mental health and physical well-being within deprived neighbourhoods in Omagh'*

### 6. Omagh NR Health and Well Being Project

The Omagh Health and Well Being Project delivers a wide range of initiatives to improve the quality of life for residents in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The Omagh Health subgroup has agreed three overall outcomes for their Health Project:

- To enhance positive mental health and well-being and to contribute to the reduction of suicide rates within deprived neighbourhoods in Omagh.

- To contribute to a healthier, fitter community, equipped with the knowledge to make better lifestyle choices and to work towards the reduction of obesity and associated illness.
- To support the reduction in the number of adults and young people drinking above the recommended number of units and experimenting with any other substance use.

Neighbourhood Renewal funding has secured the employment of a NR Health Coordinator to work in the Omagh NRA's and provides running and programme costs for each of the five areas within the NRA boundary in the Omagh Area- namely Gallows Hill, Strathroy, Campsie, Mullaghmore and Castlevew and O'Kane Park .

The following outputs were achieved through the various health programmes delivered in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- 392 people have benefitted from healthy lifestyle programmes delivered at a Community level (there is 11 programmes unaccounted for due to Covid-19 lockdown cancelling and postponing programmes).
- 11 additional volunteers assisted at a community level throughout the year.
- 42 people attended health education/awareness initiatives (3 programmes cancelled and postponed due to Covid-19).
- 12 people benefited from healthy lifestyle collaborative programmes (cancelled halfway due to Covid-19).
- 10 additional health education/awareness initiatives were provided/delivered.
- 5 community/voluntary groups were supported by the Health Co-ordinator.

## **Gallows Hill**

The following programmes were delivered in Gallows Hill this year:

- Summer Scheme
- Boxercise
- Health Check day
- A Circuits class was due to be delivered but unfortunately due to Covid-19 the classes were cancelled.



Gallowshill summer scheme

## Strathroy

The following health related programmes were delivered in Strathroy this year:

- Strathroy Summer Scheme
- Core NI – including a session for parents
- Zumba
- 12-week Youth Drama Programme - Dramatize
- 6-week mindfulness course

## Personal Hygiene

Staff from the Strathroy Youth Club had noticed changes in hygiene amongst young people attending the Youth Club. Last year they introduced a programme to incorporate personal hygiene into day-to-day routines and the free use of sanitary products in the Community Centre to combat the growing issue of period poverty. This programme was incredibly successful and has continued throughout 2019/20. **CORE NI**

This programme was run over 2 months to give children positive experiences of physical activity and overall wellbeing through fun games and activities. At the start of the programme, some children lacked the confidence and self-esteem to participate. Throughout the programme the children grew in confidence as well as their fitness levels improving. Most importantly, the children all began to enjoy the programme and therefore engaged effectively. There was also encouragement of family involvement using the CORE Kids checklist, which is a tool that has 10 daily health habits that everyone can follow to educate themselves on nutrition, exercise and mindfulness. The programme was finished with the delivery of a session to parents, with 30 minutes spent on exercise and 30 mins spent on meditation. This ensured parents had a basic knowledge of the physical activity and wellbeing programme delivered to their children and were able to continue the activities outside the programme.

## Campsie

The following health related programmes were delivered in Campsie this year:

- Mindfulness (due to Covid-19 this course was interrupted)
- Youth Self Esteem sessions for children going back to school

- Take 5 training
- Health Check Day



Campsie back to school programme



### O’Kane Park

The following health related programmes were delivered in O’Kane Park this year:

- Responders programme (unfortunately due to the coronavirus crisis this course was interrupted)
- CKS Summer Scheme



- Senior Healthy cooking
- A mental Health coffee morning for AWARE was due to be held in March 2020 but was cancelled due to Covid – 19.

## MACCA


The following health linked programmes were delivered in MACCA this year:

- Summer Scheme
- Youth Art Programme
- Jiving lessons (only half the classes were delivered due to the covid-19 pandemic)
- Pilloxing
- Physical Activity Programme


**Music for your Health**

**6 Week Programme**

Singing and drumming workshops by Valarie Whitworth and Aidan Dunphy



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020  
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## Neighbourhood Renewal Health Co-ordinator

In addition to supporting the programmes organised by each of the community the Health Co-ordinator also supported, organised and delivered the following events:

- ASIST programme delivered on 14/15 January 2020
- Connections suicide awareness delivered on 22 January 2020
- Mental Health First Aid, delivered on 28 + 29 January 2020
- Promoting Health in Your Community on 28 January 2020
- SAFE TALK delivered on 5 February 2020
- Walk Leader Training delivered on 11 February 2020
- Health Check Day in Campsie
- Shared Decision-Making day
- Traveller Cultural Awareness
- Music for Your Health Programme – 3 weeks of this course was delivered, and 3 weeks were cancelled due to Covid-19
- A Health check day in Gallows hill was also cancelled due to Covid-19

## Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership 2019/2020 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 2018/19 total expenditure in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Area.*

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Amount at 01/04/2019	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/2020)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL</b>			
Omagh NRA Employment of Coordinator and Associated Costs	01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	£35,098.64	£31,574.73
Campsie Community Hub	01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	£10,210.21	£10,203.01
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£45,308.85</b>	<b>£41,777.74</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL - EDUCATION</b>			
Strathroy Afterschool & Homework Club	01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	£36,365.20	£36,365.20
Omagh Learning Mentor	01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	£50,407.00	£48,599.75
<b>Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure</b>		<b>£86,772.20</b>	<b>£84,964.95</b>
<b>SOCIAL RENEWAL - HEALTH</b>			
<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Amount at 01/04/2019</b>	<b>19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/2020)</b>

<b>Programme/Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Amount at 01/04/2019</b>	<b>19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/2020)</b>
Omagh NR Health & Well Being Project	01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	£39,500.00	£39,500.00
<b>Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure</b>		<b>£39,500.00</b>	<b>£39,500.00</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
Going Places with South West College – Omagh	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£28,168.01	£24,796.82
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£28,168.01</b>	<b>£24,796.82</b>
<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL</b>			
NIL			

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

### Community Renewal Output Measures 19/20 Annual Report

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4- Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7- Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8- Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 - Number of people using existing community facilities	CR11 - Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area
Campsie Community Hub				24	12					1052	
Strathroy Homework & Activity Club				5							

Omagh NR Health & Well Being Project				11			5				
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## Social Renewal - Education Output Measures 19/20 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(Ed) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR(Ed)2 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 4 - Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 7 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	SE(Ed) 9 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(Ed) 10 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 11 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position to ensure pupils reach full potential	SR(Ed) 12 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved
Strathroy Afterschool & Homework Club		53	15	50	20		38					
Omagh Learning Mentor				5				24		20		4

*SR(Ed)1–Early Years,SR(Ed)2–5–TacklingBarrierstoLearning,SR(Ed)6-7ImprovingAttainmentinLiteracyandNumeracy,SR(Ed)8-9-ClosingthePerformanceGap,SR(Ed)10-11-TacklingbarrierstoLearningSpecialEducationalNeeds,SR(Ed)12-13-TacklingbarrierstolearningEmotionalHealthandWellbeing,SR(Ed)14-17-YouthServices,SR(Ed)18-22-ExtendedSchools,SR(Ed)23-25–ICT,SR(Ed)26-28–TacklingBarrierstoLearningExtendedSchools,SR(Ed)29-35SharedEducation.*



## Social Renewal – Health Output Measures 19/20 Annual Report

PROJECT	<b>SR(H)1</b> - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	<b>SR(H)2</b> - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	<b>SR(H)3</b> - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	<b>SR(H)4</b> - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	<b>SR(H)5</b> - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	<b>SR(H)6</b> - Number of new /improved sports facilities provided	<b>SR(H)7</b> - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	<b>SR(H)8</b> - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	<b>SR(H)9</b> - Number of people using new sports facilities	<b>SR(H)10</b> - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
Omagh NR Health & Well Being Project	400	100		16						

*SR(H)2-4–Early Intervention.*

## Economic Renewal Output Measures 19/20 Annual Report

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs created	ER2 – Number of residents going into employment	ER3 – Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4- Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 – Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER7- Number of weeks (per participant) of non-job specific training provided	ER8- Number of new business start ups	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER10 - Number of people becoming self-employed	ER11 - Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported	ER12 - Number of new business start-up surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Going Places with South West College - Omagh	41	7	31	7		24								31	

## Social Renewal Crime Output Measures 19/20 Annual Report

PROJECT	<b>SR(C)1</b> - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	<b>SR(C)2</b> - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	<b>SR(C)3</b> - Number of people participating/attending	<b>SR(C)4</b> - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	<b>SR(C)5</b> - Number of people participating/attending	<b>SR(C)6</b> - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary	<b>SR(C)7</b> - Number of victims of crime	<b>SR(C)8</b> - Number of homes with increased security	<b>SR(C)9</b> - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	<b>SR(C)10</b> - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact
Campsie Community Hub						46				

## Omagh Partnership Conclusion-

In the 2019/2020 financial year, Omagh Partnership's total overall spend was **£191,039.51**

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

<b>Community Renewal</b>	<b>£41,777.74</b>
<b>Social Renewal</b>	<b>£124,464.95</b>
<b>Economic Renewal</b>	<b>£24,796.82</b>
<b>Physical Renewal</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

In addition, the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator supported various community organisations across the Neighbourhood Renewal areas gain the confidence and capacity to research various other funding organisations and to apply for support. Successful applications in the 19/20 financial year included:

- £1118 Funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for Oil and running costs for MACCA
- £353 Funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to run a summer scheme in MACCA (further funding from the Housing Executive and St. Vincent de Paul was accessed for the summer scheme also)
- Funding from the PCSP to have a pizza night for the young people in Culmore O'Kane (although this was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
- £550 from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for running costs in Campsie
- £500 from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for oil and electricity in Gallows hill
- £480 from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to run a painting on silk workshops for Campsie Residents Association
- £800 from Live Here, Love Here to purchase compost and materials for Campsie community garden
- £500 from Community Cash for further gardening materials and training for Campsie community garden
- £512 from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for a summer fun day in Culmore O'Kane
- £400 from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for a Christmas Community celebration in Culmore O'Kane

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

Under Community Renewal, the following organisations continued to be involved:

- Campsie Residents' Association
- Gallows Hill/Johnston Park Community Association
- Mullaghmore and Castleview Community Association (MACCA)
- Culmore/O'Kane Park Community Association (CKS)
- Strathroy Community Association
- Local Voluntary Organisations including Omagh Volunteer Centre, FOCUS, Supporting Communities NI and Action for Children.

The funding for the venue of Campsie Hub has enabled the group to go from strength to strength with activities planned for almost every day of the week including:

- Weekly sewing workshops
- Weekly support and ESOL classes for Syrian residents
- Weekly National Citizen Service youth group
- Singing workshops
- Mindfulness workshops for adults and young people

The Health and Well Being programme successfully ran throughout 2019/20 with a series of circuit classes and Boxercise sessions in Gallows Hill and CKS; pilloxing classes at MACCA; Health Check days across the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and a 'Singing for your Health' workshop delivered in Campsie. The Neighbourhood Renewal Health Coordinator delivered several successful workshops and training to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of NR residents. These included Connections Suicide Awareness and SAFE TALK training, as well as Walk Leader training, amongst others. Unfortunately, several health classes were only part delivered due to the social distancing restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The following Education Programmes ran during 2019/20:

- Strathroy Afterschool Club. During 19/20 a total of 53 children from the Strathroy NRA were registered and used this facility which exceeded the original target set by DFC when funding was initially awarded in April 2011.
- The Learning Mentor has worked successfully across the secondary schools, on a one to one basis, with pupils experiencing a range of barriers to education.

The Economic Renewal Project delivered the following during 2019/20:

- The Going Places Programme – all targets set by the Department for Communities were met for this programme

## Looking Forward

Consideration of the Measurement of Outcomes Report will show that some progress has been made in a number of areas in the Omagh NRA, however, there remains more work to be done to ensure that the communities do not fall back into old patterns of behaviours. Moving forward into 2020/21 the following areas remain to be progressed:

Under **Community Renewal** the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator will continue to work alongside Supporting Communities to discuss and identify continuing needs to help address capacity building and sustainability for the 5 Community Groups in the Omagh NRA. Additional training will be made available throughout the five areas.

The NR Coordinator will also continue to support the delivery of existing funded projects in accordance with Department for Communities guidelines and timescale. They will also:

- In response to community interest and need, continue to identify and assess potential projects that will be of benefit to Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal.
- Identify and highlight opportunities for additional funding to groups, also highlight to groups additional services and potential funding opportunities. Under **Economic Renewal** it is envisaged that Strathroy Enterprise Company Ltd will be in a position to submit final design plans for the additional six enterprise units in the near future. It is expected that the full project will cost £400,000 and Strathroy Enterprise Company will seek funding from other sources, for example Places and Spaces, Big Lottery and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to see delivery of this project.

Under **Social Renewal – Education** the Education Subgroup plan to re-engage with nursery schools, preschools and primary schools across the Omagh area to identify problems and learning disadvantages in young children and the steps which could be

taken to address these issues in a timely fashion. The education subgroup had invited Angela Mervyn from the West Belfast Partnership to be a guest speaker, however, the meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is hoped the subgroup will be able to meet with Ms Mervyn either in person or virtually sometime in 2020. The Education subgroup will also focus on identifying new needs and gaps in provisions due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the closure of schools in April 2020. The new normal of home-schooling has created an even greater divide between disadvantaged areas with the lack of digital devices, connectivity, and academic support from parents / guardians.

Under **Social Renewal – Health** it has been agreed that the Health Sub-Committee will seek to prioritise mental health of all ages, and the effects of isolation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The lockdown has also led to increased intake of alcohol and this will also be a priority. The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator will work with the Neighbourhood Renewal Health Coordinator to develop action plans to address continuing issues along with new issues developing because of The Covid-19 pandemic, the lockdown and the detrimental effects on residents physical and emotional wellbeing. Another focus of 2020/21 will be to work with the communities to support a proposal for a Healthy Living Centre in the Omagh area. The five NR communities have expressed a wish to work together, and to support each other in the delivery of the health programme.

Under **Physical Renewal** It is hoped the refurbishment and upgrading of the Mullaghmore and Castlevue (MACCA) Community Centre will be completed in 2020/21. The works are to be funded by the Department for Communities. The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator will also work closely with Campsie Residents Association to develop a plan for the possibility to acquire the old YMCA Hall as a new community Hub. A resurfacing project in Gallowshill is also proposed, and will go ahead if funding is secured, this is to be delivered by the Department for Infrastructure.

## Omagh NR Partnership Members 2020-21

Name	Surname	Organisation	Status
Hazel	McGuigan	Campsie Residents' Association (Chairperson)	Community Representative
Rozella	Kelly	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community Association	Community Representative
Anna	McGonigle	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community Association	Community Representative
Kathleen	Colton	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community Association	Community Representative
Bernie	Doherty	Culmore & O'Kane Park Community Association	Community Representative
Ernie	Coburn	Gallows Hill Community Association	Community Representative
Pat	McCauley	Gallows Hill Community Association	Community Representative
Marty	McColgan	Strathroy Community Association	Community Representative
Aidan	Colgan	Mullaghmore & Castleview Community Association	Community Representative
Peggy	Colgan	Mullaghmore & Castleview Community Association	Community Representative
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John	Donnelly	Education Authority	Statutory Representative
Julie	Donaghy	Education Authority	
Darragh	O'Neill	Supporting Communities NI	Voluntary Representative
Winnie	Kelly	Sure Start	Voluntary Representative

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Shauna	McMenamin	Action for Children	Voluntary Representative
Seamus	McElroy	CRAFT Omagh	Voluntary Representative
Patrick	Mcmahon	Omagh Boys and Girls Club, Station Centre	Voluntary Representative
Catherine	Conway	First Housing	Voluntary Representative
Catherine	McKnight	Toybox Early Years	Voluntary Representative
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