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Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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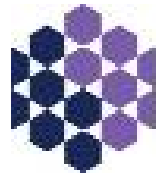
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About Neighbourhood Renewal

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, working 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 Coalisland & Dungannon Partnership

Coalisland & Dungannon Partnership was set up in 2012 to take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and oversee the development and delivery of the local Action Plan. In 2019/20 the Partnership comprised of up to 30 members which included representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations including NIHE, PSNI, SH&SCT, Transport NI. It meets on a monthly basis (or as required) and its administration and facilitation is provided through a Coordinator who is based within the Mid Ulster District Council.

The Partnership has established 3 sub-groups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes' 4 strategic objectives-community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. They also assist the Partnership with the identification and delivery of projects and programmes in the Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The Coalisland and Dungannon Partnership and Subgroup members have all signed up to the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

The Annual Report seeks to provide a summary of the level of activity taking place annually within the Neighbourhood Renewal areas, and demonstrate, as far as is possible, impacts and benefits derived from the NR investment.

Coalisland and Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Members 2019 to 2020

First Name	Surname	Organisation	Status
Francie	Molloy MP	Partnership Chair	Elected Representative
Ann	Donaghy	Fairmount Residents Association	Voluntary & Community Rep
Barry	McGinley	Dungannon Youth Resource Centre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Bernadette	McAliskey	Belong An Tearman - STEP	Voluntary & Community Rep
Cllr Barry	Monteith	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Clement	Cuthbertson	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Denise	Mullan	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Dominic	Molloy	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Joe	O'Neill	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Kim	Ashton	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Malachy	Quinn	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Dan	Kerr	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Niamh	Doris	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Robert	Colvin	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Ronan	McGinley	Councillor	Elected Representative
Cllr Walter	Cuddy	Councillor	Elected Representative
Colin	Ryan	PSNI	Statutory Representative
Colm	McDaid	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Rep
Denise	McNally	Dungannon West Renewal Ltd	Voluntary & Community Rep
Eddie	Richardson	Roads Service - Western Division	Statutory Representative
Fintan	McAliskey	STEP	Voluntary & Community Rep
Fr. Paul	Byrne	Coalisland Residents Association	Voluntary & Community Rep
Hugh	Quinn	PSNI	Statutory Representative
Jim	McQuaid	Dungannon Youth Resource Centre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Joanne	McDonald	CRAIC Arts Theatre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Joanne	Gibson	PSNI	Statutory Representative
John	Donnelly	Education Authority	Statutory Representative
JP	McCartan	PSNI	Statutory Representative
Leo	Quinn	Ogras	Voluntary & Community Rep
Lucia	Carolan	Supporting Communities	Voluntary & Community Rep
Margaret	Bradley	NIHE	Statutory Representative

First Name	Surname	Organisation	Status
Michael	Dallat	NIHE District Manager	Statutory Representative
Michael	McCrory	PCSP	Statutory Representative
Michael	McGoldrick	First Steps Women's Centre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Monica	MacIntyre	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Mary	Coney	Department for Communities	Statutory Representative
Neil	Gillan	SH&SCT	Statutory Representative
Olive	Kirk	Milltown Area Community Association	Voluntary & Community Rep
Oliver	Corr	CRAIC Arts Theatre	Voluntary & Community Rep
Rev Andrew	Rawding	Clergy Forum / Rectory	Voluntary & Community Rep
Richard	Thornton	Coalisland Training Services	Voluntary & Community Rep

Coalisland and Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported 12 projects (2 of which are capital) in the 2019/20 year across the Coalisland and Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. As noted above they are catalogued under the 4 strategic themes under NR as follows.

Strategic Objective - Community Renewal

‘To develop confident communities which are able and committed to improving the quality of life in the most disadvantaged areas’

1. Dungannon and Coalisland Technical Assistance – Employment of Co-ordinator

Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) lead the application to support the facilitation of the Partnership through the direct management of a NR funded Coordinator post. This post supports the Partnership in taking a lead in local planning, identification and implementation of agreed priorities and actions as set out in the agreed action plans - to tackle disadvantage and support the social, economic, community and physical development of the two local neighbourhood renewal areas. The Co-ordinator facilitates the delivery of the Action Plan for the Neighbourhood Partnership and relevant sub-committees are managed efficiently and effectively, providing support, guidance and monitoring. The Co-ordinator provided support on the ground to communities, assisting in developing projects and worked in partnership with community organisations and relevant statutory agencies to ensure delivery and monitoring of the Action Plan.

The Action Plan is a mandatory item on both Partnership and Sub-Committee agendas and the Coordinator facilitates a review of this document on an Annual basis.

During the 2019/20 year the Co-ordinator role has been responsible for:

- Circulating information regarding alternative and potential funding streams to organisations operating in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas and signposting of services beneficial to partners and residents in the areas.
- Support and assistance to community groups including help with funding applications from other bodies.
- Applications were made to MUDC grant programmes and also levered in other funding. Table below details Community & Voluntary Sector groups across a range of MUDC grant programmes who have secured funding to deliver activity/benefit people living within the Dungannon & Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal areas, securing over £70k additional funding in support.

No.	Organisation	Project Description	Category 1	Category 1	Category 1	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 3	Category 3	Category 3	DOA	Total
			S.Community D	Small, A,C &H	Venue	Strategic A	Small Sport	Strateg	Good Relation	Festival	Sports Capital		
1	Aodh Ruadh LGFC	Youth Football Blitz								£840			£840
1	Brackaville Owen Roes GFC	Sister Act arts Festival 2019(clf)								£840			£840
1	Castle Hill Theatre Group	Performance - The						£1,080					£1,080
1	Coalisland & District Developm	Coalisland			£2,000								£2,000
3	Coalisland Clonoe CCE	Coalisland Clonoe		£1,200						£960	£2,500		£4,660
1	Craic theatre	Accessible Arts For				£20,000							£20,000
2	Dungannon Area All Stars	September		£1,200						£840			£2,040
1	Dungannon Football Club tradin	Developing Players					£1,200						£1,200
1	Dungannon Gaelic Forum	St Patrick's Day						£6,000					£6,000
1	Dungannon Gateway Club	20 Year Anniversary								£660			£660
2	Dungannon Thomas Clarkes Gf	Strength &					£1,160				£4,000		£5,160
2	Dungannon United Youth	New Training Facility					£1,200				£5,000		£6,200
1	Dungannon west recycled Teen	Cultural and historical		£720									£720
1	Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club	Halloween community event(GR)							£1,080				£1,080
1	First Steps Women's Centre	Money Management	£5,000										£5,000
1	Friends of Bapper	Bapper's Gig							£1,080				£1,080
1	Haven Coalisland	Féile Charn Tóchair								£830			£830
1	Island Wheelers Cycling Club	Island Wheeler					£1,050						£1,050
1	Milltown Area Community Assoc	Milltown Moving		£710									£710
1	Milltown Area Super Adults Club	Keeping Super		£710									£710
1	Na Fianna Runners	Sports Venue									£4,000		£4,000
1	Naomh Treasa Camogie Club	Indoor and Outdoor					£1,170						£1,170
1	St Annes Table Tennis Club	St Anne's Table					£600						£600
1	Willowbank	Your Rights Your	£3,000										£3,000
Total			£8,000	£4,540	£2,000	£20,000	£6,380	£6,000	£3,240	£4,970	£13,000	£2,500	£70,630

- Inviting guest speakers and other relevant stakeholders linked to the Programme along to speak at sub group and Partnership meetings on issues as required and as noted below.

Presentations at NR Meetings April 2019- March 2020

Partnership

1. Gortgonis Leisure & Community Hub Update 30/5/2019
2. Coalisland Public Realm Scheme & Gortgonis Leisure & Community Health & Wellbeing Hub Update 22/8/2019
3. Mid-Ulster Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy 23/1/2020
4. The Onside Project/ Housing Executive Onside/Disability Action 23/1/2020

Capital

1. Thomas Clarkes GFC 17/1/2020

Health

1. Start 360 11/4/2019
 2. Diabetes Prevention Programme 12/9/2019
 3. Carers Trust 29/1/2020
- Identifying and provision of training and development workshops to benefit Neighbourhood Renewal Partners, as required.
 - Networking and attendance at events and meetings to publicise and promote Neighbourhood Renewal and raise awareness of the needs of the areas as noted below:

Meeting/Events NR Co-ordinator attended to promote and raise awareness on the programme in Dungannon & Coalisland NR areas

- Dungannon Inter-Agency Forum 20/04/2019 – 2/09/2019 – 13/01/2020
- Coalisland Inter-Agency Forum 4/05/2019 – 24/07/2019 – 15/01/20
- SHSCT Health Sync Hub – 10/06/2019
- CRAIC Gambling Awareness Project Launch – 20/06/2019
- Newell Store Health Event – 20/06/2019
- Friends to Talk Initiative – 31/07/2019
- SUSE – 9/08/2019 – 6/09/2019 – 6/12/2019
- Start 360 Initiative – 17/09/2019
- MACAP Initiative – 18/09/2019
- Coalisland Halloween / Town Centre Events – 18/09/2019 – 8/10/2019 – 22/10/2019 – 31/10/2019
- Community Planning Cross Thematic Event – 30/09/2019
- Coalisland National Autism Society Project – 4/10/2019 – 12/11/2019
- SHSCT CD Staff Update meeting - 9/10/2019
- Libraries NI Afterschool Project – 25/11/2019
- SHSCT Health Inequalities Workshop – 26/11/2019
- CYPSP Planning Update Meeting – 16/01/2020
- FSWC Jobs Fair – 20/01/2020
- MUDC Grant Aid Clinic – 11/02/2020
- Cook It Project - 12/02/2020

Publication of Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter for circulation across both areas and informing all residents. The Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter issued in October 2019 and contained a brief description of a number of NR funded projects being delivered. The Newsletter is an excellent way of publicising the work of the partnership and the work various partners did during that period to all the communities to help raise awareness and gather support for the work being done in the NRA's.

The NR Coordinator post continues to act as a conduit between NR communities and DFC and the other stakeholders across the areas.

Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects by DFC in 2019/2020

COALISLAND TRAINING SERVICES

Neighbourhood Renewal is pleased about funding many community improvements that include training and skills development and bring the area to a better place. It is pleased to see the results of the training and skills development that has been funded by the DFC. The training and skills development that has been funded by the DFC is a great example of the work that has been done in the area. The training and skills development that has been funded by the DFC is a great example of the work that has been done in the area.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

OTS Ltd delivered vocational training to 22 pupils from 14 Junior's College. The programme was to improve attendance, tackle cancellations and improve vocational training. The boys got the opportunity to learn how to paint and decorate a table-top. They were able to use the skills they learned in the classroom to create a table-top for a local charity. They were able to use the skills they learned in the classroom to create a table-top for a local charity.

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Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects by DFC in 2019/2020

Dungannon Youth Resource Centre Summer 2019

DYRC is a full time voluntary youth club in the centre of Dungannon and has over 400 members. The club was awarded funding from the DFC to support the club to improve the quality of the summer programme. The club was awarded funding from the DFC to support the club to improve the quality of the summer programme. The club was awarded funding from the DFC to support the club to improve the quality of the summer programme.

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Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects by DFC in 2019/2020

Health & Wellbeing

The Coalisland and Dungannon Health project is led by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust in conjunction with a health subgroup which meets on a bi-monthly basis to monitor health needs in the NRA's and wider areas of Coalisland and Dungannon. The subgroup includes representation from Mid Ulster District Council, Department for Communities, Healthcare Health & Social Care Trust, Coalisland Residents & Community Forum, Ogras, Dungannon Youth Resource Centre, LILAC. The subgroup supports effective partnership working between agencies and the community, developing a targeted health action plan which is linked into the overall Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan for the area. Listed below are the projects ongoing at present.

LILAC Complementary Health Programme

Lilac provided over 270 complementary therapy treatments to clients within the Dungannon and Coalisland Neighbourhood. This intervention helps reduce reliance on medication and promotes well-being through alternative options, offering those in need greater choice and control over their illness. The benefits of alternative therapies have been enhanced and supported by GMSOT and GPs with numbers of referrals increasing.

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2. OGRAS – Disengaged Youth Programme

This project continues to engage vulnerable young people from Coalisland in youth development and social activity led by OGRAS Youth Club. Engagement focuses on supporting young people participating in positive activity. The base at Ogras provides for a range of activity to suit a range of needs. The Youth Club works closely with a range of agencies to seek to attract people to the Club including linking schools in the area. The range of activities the young people participate in includes; youth development work, drama, arts, sports and Irish language activities.

Up to 400 young people have benefited from this project during 19/20, which had the added outcome of developing 50+ of the young people into volunteering work within and for their community. Activities included Young Men and Young Women projects which addressed needs based issues as identified by the young people themselves, excursions, motivational nights and a citizenship programme with St Joseph's College Coalisland. World Mental Health Project + Resilience Programme.

A measure of its success and a reflection of the impact this programme has had on young people within the Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal area over the past few years can be seen in the transformation of large numbers of young people engaged through this programme. This is clearly demonstrated in the high numbers of youth progressing from being past participants of the programme to them securing roles as part-time members of staff who help deliver programme activity and support peer mentoring, most particularly including the summer scheme where over 400 young people participate over a 4 week period.

The engagement of young people in positive activity also contributes to their wider development in education, health and wellbeing and other engagement in their communities.

Recent activity carried out in 2019-20:

- A fun day with a pirate themed treasure hunt was held, 350 people attended this event which had activities with Bouncy castles, Balloon modelling, Face Painting and Photo booth.
- Over 50 people engaged/were involved in unpaid voluntary work in their community.
- A total of 515 young people engaged in and benefitted from youth inclusion/diversionary activities delivered by Ogras.
- Over 100 people received training in community development skills/capacity building.
- Outreach & Detached Work carried out by Ogras continued on Friday and Saturday nights, where young people who were in danger of engaging in risk seeking behaviours were encouraged and supported to take part in activities being carried out in the Ogras Centre.

It is very clear, year on year, that the service provided by Ogras and supporting organisations remains an integral element in ensuring that the young people in the Coalisland Area are given the best possible chance to access opportunities to move beyond the confines placed on them by living in an area of high deprivation and poverty. Impact felt is clearly visible when talking directly to those young people involved in the programme who are confident that their lives would have been dramatically different had they not had Ogras to turn to.



3. Mid Ulster District Council - Halloween Diversionsary Project

The Coalisland Halloween Project creates diversionary activities for young people in the Coalisland area in the days and weeks leading up to Halloween itself. This initiative follows on from a successful project since 2012 which was identified through a community needs consultation when the project was designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area, which according to police data, peaks in October and accounts for 40% of all recorded crime in the area. Working in collaboration with local community and voluntary groups this project has over time reduced anti-social behaviour in the town. The project is now led by a working group which was set up consisting of local sporting groups, local community/voluntary sector groups and is led by Mid Ulster Council. Anti-Social behaviour incidents in Coalisland have now fallen by 13.2% from 2012 and this group has transformed the Halloween period in Coalisland, from one which residents and families were fearing to one which they can now look forward to. While isolated incidents can occur at the event itself, working in tandem with PSNI the working group delivered a series of events for over 2500 people in 2019, where no reported incidents were recorded by PSNI.

In 2019 over 2500 little zombies, ghosts and goblins and their guardians descended on Coalisland on Halloween Day for a fun-filled Halloween event. Organised by Mid Ulster District Council, the Halloween shenanigans at Gortgonis kicked off at 6pm with an evening of entertainment and funfair rides at Gortgonis Park, with a wide range of local community and sporting organisations also delivering projects and programmes in the area in the weeks and days leading up to Halloween.

Coalisland Fianna GFC organised a family evening and magic show, Brackaville GFC held a spooky stories evening, Krafty Kidz had a zombie arts and crafts sessions ending with a spooky zombie parade displaying their artful skills.



OGRAS held a 5 day Spooky Trail, which had 300 people through the trail and a fun day on Halloween day where 180 youths attended as well as the 50 young people who baked and gave out apple tarts as part of their 'random act of kindness' campaign.





It has been reported that significantly high numbers of Community residents descended on Gortgonis on 31 October 2019 for the fireworks extravaganza which lit up the sky in style on Halloween evening, despite the rainy start. As always the Fireworks display left all spectators awestruck making it a thrilling night enjoyed by all.

Strategic Objective - Economic Renewal

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

4. Going Places with South West College – Coalisland / Dungannon NRA

This project involves the provision of dedicated services of three Mentors, who work together as a team, to cover all four Neighbourhood Renewal areas across the West, namely Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Coalisland.

The Going Places project has continued to act as a stepping stone for Neighbourhood Renewal residents to access Education, Training or Employment opportunities. Although it is recognised that there are a number of training courses available in the area, this project is funded to specifically target and provide support to a particular target group of people, who without the additional support of one-to-one mentoring throughout their training period, may commence these opportunities but fail to finish or complete. Figures to date for this project reflect successes in this area and this is also evident in the number of new initiatives including mentors as part of the delivery programme.

The uniqueness of this project is that contrary to other funded projects this programme continues to focus on Level 2 and above training, thereby reducing any duplication with other training courses, this gap was identified by the NR Partnership and this project evolved to meet the need identified. Prior to the introduction of the Going Places Project a lot of the current opportunities available, were being specially targeted at the under 25 age bracket. This project is for those aged 16 and over, with no age limitation. The 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 under represented in College enrolments in each of the four Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

The Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Programme had 40 participants engaged in The Going Places Programme delivered by the South West College during 2019/2020. The programme achieved the following overall outputs.

Targets against Outcomes 2019/20 for Going Places Project, Coalisland 12 & Dungannon 10

GOING PLACES O/E/D	Target	Actual	DGN/Coal	OMA	EKN
Participants Engaged	120	120	41	41	39
Vocational Tasters	65	66	15	31	20
Recognised Accredited or Non-Accredited Qualifications	80	119	41	41	39
Recognised Training Programme NVQ Level 1 or 2 Qualification	10	19	13	3	3
Apprenticeship Programme leading to recognised NVQ Level 3	10	3	3	1	0
Sustained Employment	20	2	0	2	0
50 out of the 120 to have achieved a Recognised Accredited Qualification	50	86	38	24	25
50 out of the 120 to have achieved a Recognised Non-Accredited Qualification	50	67	16	31	20
Access to Careers Advice	100	120	41	41	39
FE		77	25	29	23
2nd Year returners		22	5	9	8



Going Places residents giving complimentary therapies at a carers event held in Benburb.

Impact continues to be felt at a number of levels within the NR communities and the following testimonials have been provided to illustrate the value placed on the project by those who have participated in it:

"I enrolled on a course at SWC last September and by October I was about to give up until I spoke to my mentor. She supported me through some difficult times and made me realise that anything was possible if I really wanted it. So I took this on board and with continued support I overcome all the obstacles which I thought were hindering me. I realised that getting a qualification was important to so I focused on the positives and continued with my course. It was difficult at times and I felt like throwing in the towel but stuck it out and am now in the final stages. I hope to progress to the next level in September and I know this would not have been possible without the continued support throughout the year from my mentor"

"I took part in a vocational taster last summer which gave me an insight into what the course was going to be like. I enrolled and got a placement which gave me the practical experience to help me complete my assessments. My mentor helped me get this placement and supported and visited me while I was attending it. The practical tasks were hard at times but the mentor made me realise the benefits I was gaining. I have just completed my course and my placement has now turned into a part time job thanks to all the support I received from the Going Place mentor.

5. Coalisland Training Services – Community Education Programme

CTS Ltd have delivered a wide range of courses to the residents of Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal area during 2019/20.

In 2019/2020, almost 150 residents have attended a variety of courses with 85 receiving formal qualifications. These have included CSR, Level 2 Food Safety, Paediatric First Aid, Emergency First Aid at Work, Defibrillator Training, Computerised Accounts, Level 2 Communication and Application of Number.

Over the year, 10 residents have gained employment; 7 as a result of completing the CSR course and 3 as result of completing the SAGE course. This alone will have had major financial impact on 10 families and the individuals, as well as increasing self-worth and self-confidence. Another 3 have gained recognised qualifications in Computerised Accounts which will help and allow them to gain employment. CTS continues to remain in contact with these residents regarding possible career opportunities or job vacancies.

Another 5 residents have been able to secure jobs by attending courses i.e. CSR and Computerised Accounts. Two residents who attended the Paediatric First Aid course were also interested in a childcare course, enrolled for a Level 3 childcare course and one has successfully achieved the qualification, while the other is still current.

CTS always tries to offer courses that are requested by the residents. In the last few years we had dropped ESOL but demand was back this year and we had 10 residents who completed the 10 week introductory course. This year we were approached by a number of women from the CNR area who requested a DIY course for them. They wanted to be independent, able to carry out minor household repairs themselves rather than bringing in someone, usually a man- to do this for them. So we ran this course and the ladies learnt basic skills including putting up curtain rails, tieback hooks, replacing broken tiles, cleaning out washing machine filters and some joinery skills in making birdhouses. Some of those who completed course evaluations said 'Thank you for the opportunity.... The classes were very enjoyable.... It has given us new skills' 'It was great to get out of the house and learn new skills but I have also made new friends and we will be keeping in touch.'

This project has had a major impact on upskilling and developing job skills that will be of great benefit to the participants. Residents have attended some courses for personal reasons; some to refresh their money management or communication skills for their own benefit but also to be able to help their children with homework. This year we had 3 residents who took the decision to sit the official City and Guilds exam and have gained Level 2 Essential Skills in Communication and Application of Number. One resident said ' I always hated Maths at school and just messed around at school- this was different, not like school- the class was small and the tutor was great and now I have a maths qualification'.

All residents who attended the range of courses on offer were given guidance and support on pathways available to them for further education and training in the local area. There is also the positive social interaction on courses like DIY where the participants comment on the greater social inclusion as they have previously become disengaged from community activities and events.

Strategic Objective - Social Renewal – Education

‘To support Coalisland and Dungannon disadvantaged areas advance education attainments through education and training support mechanisms that will reduce the impact of under achievement in these communities’

6. Dungannon Social Renewal Education Programme

The Department for Communities NR funding provides funding to the Education Authority Southern Region to enable them, in turn, to deliver on identified need within the Action Plan. This Education project focuses on the Dungannon NRA. The Education Authority works alongside a number of stakeholders to deliver the following programmes to be delivered under this project.

Primary Attendance Matters

Primary Attendance Matters (PAMS) is an early intervention initiative that aims to support Parents, Schools and young people. Through its delivery we try develop an awareness in parents and children of the need to attend school regularly so as to ensure that all children will get the full benefit of their education experience.

The focus is on ensuring attendance is linked to the Curriculum and that Parents are aware of the impacts of non-attendance.

The PAMS programme has evolved in response to issues raised by the teachers involved. In 19/20 the programme focused on 1 year group in St Patrick’s PS Dungannon. Primarily the P6 year group was targeted and this involved 140+ pupils. As a result of the programme 94 pupils demonstrated an improvement in attendance.

In addition to this core programme a Primary 1 class was targeted as they had started to demonstrate some issues with attendance, the puppet show was used with this year group and attendance issues have reduced as a result.

In 19/20 we had more than 100+ Parents/Carers/Grandparents with 100+ P1 Children involved in the PAM’s Puppetry Programme in the school. This has led to a decrease in the number of referrals to EWS services for St Patricks PS. The Puppet show is now embedded into the Transition Web Page under Resources and is promoted across the region as an intervention. Overall this year 94 pupils had demonstrated improved attendance when compared to their baseline attendance. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we were unable to carry out an end of year assessment.

STEP Numeracy and Literacy Programme

The STEP numeracy and literacy programme aims to improve young peoples' (age 7 to 14) communication skills in English. Most children attending are from Eastern European backgrounds (Lithuanian, Poland, Russia and Bulgaria) and it targets the attainment of children in a language club, focusing on the development of both English and native languages and cultures. 40 children are currently in the programme and demonstrating improved attainment levels.

Feedback from parents has been very positive and they have benefitted from the opportunity to spend more time together, working in a learning environment with their children.

The project sits within and provides added value to the larger STEP Saturday Language Club which caters for 150 children in total. NR funds ensures access additional support for those children those from NR area and experiencing greater educational disadvantage.

DELTA / Family Learning Programme - Speech & Language Intervention Programme

The 2019-2020 programme was used to deliver a school based Speech & Language Programme to Primary 1 & 2 pupils in St Patrick's PS, Dungannon who have been identified as presenting with speech and language and communication difficulties. Staff identified 27 pupils who were referred to the programme and 4 initial assessments were carried out among P2 pupils and 9 P2 reviews were conducted. The majority of the pupils accessing the support this year were from bi-lingual backgrounds and while it is generally expected that these children will have an anticipated delay in their acquisition of English, this bespoke intervention programme targeted children identified as presenting with SLCN which are considered to be over and beyond the typical delays associated with bilingualism, placing these children at risk of educational underachievement in the foundation state. This programme has also been used to support pupils from minority groups such as traveller pupils whose difficulties in relation to communication development and underachievement are well documented.

- 18 sessions of speech and language therapy sessions were delivered both on an individual and small group basis.
- 13 P1 pupils and 13 P2 pupils have received direct S&L support including home school followup programmes.
- The pupil's attendance for all children was recorded at 95%.
- Improved communication skills have led to improved social interaction for all pupils involved. All pupils have demonstrated improved behaviour in terms of attention and concentration.

Dungannon Youth Resource Centre Summer Scheme

DYRC is a full time voluntary youth club in the centre of Dungannon and it has over 400 members, 192 youth took part in the 2019 Summer Scheme which mostly took place in DYRC, ran by the staff and volunteers. On a few occasions we brought in external facilitators for activities that were different and that added value to the program. External visits included the cinema, The Jungle, Surfworld and AWOL Adventure. These are all value for money per young person and give them ample time to enjoy something that is usually different to their normal day living. Some of these activities they will hopefully get a taste for and can go off and utilise them on their own. This will alleviate isolation and steer them away from less desirable activity.

Laughter is the best medicine. On a number of occasions during the summer scheme I was able to stop and listen to all the laughter around me. Creating a program of activities that allows this to happen is a vital part of any child's summer and every child deserves a summer of fun and laughter. A lot of the time these activities were outdoors or old school activities so these will be key for future programs.

The registration at parent evening was better this year and allows staff to become more familiar with parents and ask questions that they may have. It also helps that the young people to know staff have a connection with their parents/career.

Our volunteers contributed a lot this year which was invaluable. They felt a great sense of achievement in their role and through their enthusiasm and determination became great role models for the young people attending. One of the volunteers stated that "Through time I have gained an interest in volunteering as I have looked up to have previously volunteered. This made it seem really interesting to try out". We had 13 volunteers for the Summer Scheme this year. 10 of these have continued to volunteer with us and through them we have gained 4 more volunteers to date. So directly from our summer scheme we have 14 new volunteers.

We continue to improve diversity within our centre and help young people have respect for people seen as different. As with previous summer schemes the religious mix has improved with juniors and this is now happening a lot more in our seniors. Like-wise the mix in ethnicity is improving in all programs within the centre.



Young Men's programme

The theme of this project is to develop strategies in partnership with the young people to tackle the high rates of mental health, suicide and low self-esteem among youth in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. All the work that young men carried out this period was designed at improving their mental well-being with an eye on sharing the best parts of this with others.

Through engagement young men have been involved in workshops, residential, healthy eating, fitness activities, feel good sessions and time out for themselves. This has encouraged a more positive outlook on life and a better understanding of mental health.

This period for Our Mental Ability Project was focused on promoting mental health with Dungannon Youth Resource Centre. Our youth steering group wanted to try and reach out to as many of our members as possible. They linked positive actions and activity to mental health and encouraged their peers in the youth centre to have a better understanding of the outcomes associated with this positive behaviour.

The build-up was to our Mental Mania week in March which included training to stimulate both body and mind. The steering group enlisted the help of trainers they had seen before through school or youth projects with the aim of:

- Keeping connected to our mental health
- Keeping active
- Promoting resilience through fun and interacting
- Learning about yourself
- Constant reminders on mental health

To keep connected we completed training on mental health and wellbeing with 35 young people. We connected resilience to everyday living and why we may need to build our resilience for future events. Young people are more confident about looking after their mental health, talking about it and helping others think about why it's important.

To keep active and link activity to our mental well-being we completed a number of exercises over residential, within the centre and on excursions. We find value in taking part in activities while linking it to mental health and make the connection that bit easier to make. One young man who was on his first residential with us said he had saw residential activities in the past but just thought it was everyone getting away for the craic. He now understands why we do this and how using these opportunities can have much more of an impact than just going and taking part in something. During the residential we discussed a variety of issues with him and the reason why he hadn't taken part before was because of the fear of the unknown and stepping outside his comfort zone. We explored this with other young people and it turns out a lot of them had seen the laughter and enjoyment from other residential and thought they would not fit into that sort of thing. On this occasion we enjoyed proving that they fit in perfect.

All of our training and activities promoted resilience building among young people. To be able to link participation in outdoor events and our training is a vital asset. On one of our residential excursions we had a session on looking out for signs of low mental health in peers. We witnessed young people put this into action a few months later by using the tools we gave them to promote resilience for themselves.

Everyone is different and for some specific cases we brought in some outside help to work one on one with young people. Young people involved in our project discovered new ideas that work for them like getting outside at night even if it is winter time. Some young people improved their confidence by just understanding how they can have more fun and while they were at it they were improving their mental health. We also completed an OCN in leadership as part of our mental health week. Along with having a good understanding of mental health they developed their leaderships skills which helps them become better advocates of positive mental health for their peers.

Transition Project

This Transition Programme aims to:

- Develop new friendships and improve self- esteem.
- Ensure that pupils settle into new schools with less anxiety for themselves and parents.
- Improve interest in school work and attainment.
- Ensure the transition is successful by using mentors.
- Ensure that curriculum continuity is achieved.

In the 9 years to date of the programme, in excess of 1,300 pupils across Coalisland and Dungannon have taken part in the Transition projects. This Programme has developed stronger resilience amongst the participants and has encouraged pupils to seek advice in their new schools. The support offered by the past pupils in this program has proved invaluable and it's clear that young people listen more to the experiences of their peers as opposed to other forums. This year 225+ pupils benefitted from their participation in the Transition programme, 100+ P1 pupils involved with puppetry.

A further outcome from this project was the creation of the Transition DVD which involved a range of schools from across Dungannon and Coalisland in filming and production. This DVD has now been translated into 5 different languages. The Programme offered by EWS EA has enabled direct work with Migrant Families, Section 75 and NRA Pupils to promote attendance and attainment across Coalisland/Dungannon Areas.

The work has furthered our aim to significantly reduce the social and emotional stress of pupils in Transition from Primary to Post Primary and to further support Year 8 pupils. The ongoing work in Summer Programmes has enabled us to develop strong working relationships with Parents - reducing barriers to enablement. We have continued to work with colleagues in Health, via Family Support Hub model and to engage with partner voluntary groups in the locality, especially Youth Services. It has again enabled EWS/School/Community to develop packages of support to enable our employees/Parents of the future to embrace education/attendance and develop knowledge around the correlation of success based on School attendance. We have again sought to remove barriers and have engaged with parents who remained reluctant by further promoting the workings of all projects in the locality. The Transition Project is offered in a one off session or three week programme model of delivery. The project aims to support P7 pupils with transfer related issues. This programme was delivered in Primate Dixon PS, Coalisland and St Patrick's PS, Dungannon. 225+ pupils participated in the transition programme this year.

All pupils enjoyed the sessions and the opportunity to meet with pupils in year 8 who had already made the transition to post primary. The pupils took the opportunity to explore issues and concerns they had about transferring to post primary and reduce some of the anxieties around transition.

7. Coalisland Social Renewal Education Programme

The Department for Communities NR funding provides funding to the Education Authority Southern Region to enable them, in turn, to deliver on identified need within the Action Plan. This project focuses delivery across the Coalisland NRA. EA works alongside a number of stakeholders to deliver the following programmes to be delivered under this project.

Cairde Uí Neill Adults Programme– Learning is Fun

This project enables parents/grandparents/carers to develop their knowledge of the Irish language to allow them to interact with their child and support and encourage them with any problems which they may have whilst doing homework. The Structure of the Irish Language classes offered by Cairde Ui Neill are from Beginner through to Advanced and these levels allow parents and family members to enhance their own Irish language skills and to be able to assist their children.

During 2019-2020 there were 60 pupils engaged on the programme of which 42 are parents as new starters. The classes continue to be a success story with large numbers participating with students who are in the process of studying for their Irish Diploma's. This year one of the Tutors who was a pupil with Cairde Uí Neill and was unemployed at the time received his Irish Diploma but due to his achievement he will now be coming back to teach our beginners class. We run the Sceim on Fhainne which is the Fhanine class where teachers can test for different levels of Irish and Students are awarded the appropriate Fhainne. A one day intensive Irish Language course has been run along-side the ongoing classes, the attendance is on average 10 Students.

It has given parents the confidence & ability to help their children with homework tasks and given them a sense of pride. It has also instilled pride in the students who have went on to achieve higher education in the Irish Language, it has also made an awareness in the community for those who wish to enhance the Irish Language.

To date the classes have had 18 students successfully complete their diploma's with 6 of these having gone on to do degrees. We also have 3 parents now back as teachers. The "Fun through Learning" projects have propelled to such high levels beyond our expectations since commencement. The children and adults have gained more confidence and it has been noted by the principal of Gael Scoil Ui Neill that a lot parents and guardians are able to converse in Irish with the school teachers and principal with regards to their children's education. The programme continues to provide support to Irish language development and provides those in deprived areas with an opportunity to participate. Multi lingual language development also creates confidence and development of further skills and opportunities. The photos show some of the students attending class and receiving their certificates.



Primate Dixon Parenting Programme

We have witnessed steadily increasing need for early intervention support programmes for the youngest children in recent years. Reasons for this are varied but certainly among them are levels of social, financial and other disadvantage, as well as a huge range of pressures on and within families.

The acquisition of early language skills, talking and listening, are absolutely critical to children's successful learning path development. In January 2017, we were able to put in place Speech and Language Therapy within school through the use of Extended Schools funding. This was an immediately successful initiative. A fully-qualified Speech and Language Therapist was engaged to support this programme within school. Children in need of support were identified through a process of consultation with school SENCO, classroom teacher, SL therapist and very importantly parents. These included children in our Nursery and Primary 1 year groups, a total cohort of around 125 children, of whom around 1 in 3 children need support at varying but including intensive levels. Additional funding made available through NRT in September has enabled the very significant extension of this support programme in very valuable ways, including numbers of children to whom this could be made available and the length, frequency and depth of support.

At that time, September 2019, teachers identified a need for screening across 50 children.

Following this support programmes were put in place for 21 Nursery children, from a cohort of 54 Nursery children, around 40% of this group. Additionally, programmes were put in place for 15 Primary 1 children, around 21% of this year group. Programmes were also put in place for 7 other children from Primary 2 to Primary 7.

Support sessions that have been provided include 1-to-1 intensive activity, parent meetings and information sessions as well as home support programmes. Close working with teaching and support staff also enabled the continuance and reinforcement of activity work within classrooms. This has also had the very valuable spin-off effect of increasing the knowledge base and upskilling of school staff.

Prior to September 2019, sessions took place weekly over periods on six weeks and the successful acquisition of NRT funding enabled this to increase to a doubling of the six-week blocks.

An Tearmann – Homework Club

This project provides a homework club and additional learning skills for members of the travelling community and links this activity with improved attendance and achievement in school. Progress is evaluated weekly to check for development and used to identify learning success or to identify future learning needs of the children. The children are fully involved with their educational targets and encouraged in line, with Assessment for Learning, to evaluate their own progress. The club also looks to establish social and behavioural skills, providing acknowledgement of positive behaviour and good practice as well as improving motivation and respect.

The relationship with parents is excellent. Parents are enthusiastic about registering their children for homework help. They collect their children from school and then drop them off at homework support. They have a good relationship with the staff. This also creates an opportunity for parental support in other areas.

During 2019/20 there were approximately 60 Traveller Children registered with An Tearmann Homework club, with 40 children demonstrating improvements in behaviour. The club has also led to around 30 pupils showing an enhanced/improved attendance at school (minimum 85% attendance).

OGRAS - Summer Scheme (Youth Intervention)

The aim of this project is to address the issues around community relations in helping manage the levels of anti-social behaviour over the summer months and to provide for children and young people with engagement in positive activities. The project also addresses a range of issues related to poverty including isolation through not being able to participate with peers, mental health, and summer hunger.

The programme has provided high numbers of young people with opportunities to participate in activities and go on trips with other young people during the long summer period. With many of these young people coming from a disadvantaged background this is their only "Summer Holiday" and a high point of the summer. Parents are appreciative of the opportunity offered to their children during this scheme. A key benefit of the scheme is that the young people are provided with a healthy meal which addresses the growing issue of "Holiday Hunger" for those children/young people that are in receipt of free school meals during term time.

The summer scheme was delivered during July and August 2019 with the junior scheme (7 to 11 year olds) operating for 2 weeks in July and young people (age 12 upwards) running for 1 week in August with daily attendance of 200+ young people.

420 young people participated in the Summer Scheme in 2019/20 with 46 volunteering to assist at the club while completing training in leadership skills also. These figures are roughly on a par with the 2017/18 figures which illustrates the enduring popularity of the project.

The programme has been so successful in addressing poverty for children and young people without stigma that it is identified as a model of good practice and the Council is currently looking at rolling it out to other areas across Mid Ulster that have pockets of poverty including Maghera.



8. Education Authority – Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Area Learning Mentor

DFC funded a full time Learning Mentor post who is employed on behalf of five Post-Primary Schools serving the Coalisland/Dungannon Area. The learning mentor works across each of the schools supporting specific children in achieving their unique potential: academically, socially and emotionally. The project primarily targets young people who live in Neighbourhood Renewal areas and those who have been identified by their schools as being at risk of underachievement in learning and development.

The Learning Mentor supports pupils and parents throughout the year. The programme is not only to work with the young people but to break down communication barriers between home and school, developing a positive link to help enhance the potential of those involved. This programme helps to develop the self-esteem and confidence of the young people who avail of it. Alongside this, programmes are held for parents in relation to how they can best support their child during assessment phases and examinations.

The NR Area Learning Mentor delivered during 2019 to January 2020 the following:

- One-to-One Mentoring

- Staff training – Developing study skills in the classroom (Integrated College Dungannon)
- Polish and Portuguese Language Club – 6 week session in Term 1 and 6 weeks in Term 2
- Familiarisation Summer Scheme in St Joseph’s College, St Pats College and St Joseph’s Grammar
- Peer mentoring provided in English, Maths and Science
- Learning to Learn Pupil Workshops
- Mentor support to improve attendance, punctuality, attainment and behaviour.
- A Grade Enhancement Programme run for St Pats Academy, whereby mentors work with students in English, Maths and Science.
- A workshop on ‘Preparing for GCSE’ assisted students in thinking about starting their GCSES and looking at how best to manage their time.
- Learning Together Workshops: parents and pupils working together to develop good study habits that can be implemented at home (St Joseph’s College, St Joseph’s Grammar & Integrated College Dungannon).

9. St Joseph’s Vocational Project



The Improving Attendance Programme is aimed at pupils whose school attendance has fallen below the expected 90%. The majority of the pupils selected for the programme fell below this percentage with the exception of a few, who were selected for pastoral reasons.

This year 20 pupils were included in the programme, 10 girls and 10 boys, with room allocated for possible changes. Consent was given by parents/guardians/carers. The programme was continually assessed and evaluated with changes in pupil personnel when necessary. The idea behind this programme is to encourage pupils to improve their attendance and performance in school by offering them practical activities as opposed to academic subjects they are presently studying. A lot of these students would find the academic learning difficult and through this programme the pupils were able to engage in practical activities which they may choose to pursue as a possible career option.

A lot of the pupils would be prone to having low self-esteem and lack in confidence. This may also be a reflection of the learning needs of these pupils. The reasons for poor attendance for these specific students vary from social and emotional difficulties, behaviour problems and disengagement with school curriculum. Upon identification of pupils, parents/guardians were then consulted about inclusion of their sons/daughters in the programme. Records have been retained for further consultation including information about the programme, medical conditions of those entering the programme and Coalisland Training Services rules and procedures. We have parental consent records, details of attendance, both in school and records kept by the Coalisland Training Services.

The recruitment process for the Improving Attendance Programme 2019/20 involved DATA from the year 8 and 9 cohort of 2018/19, this was collected and analysis of the following aspects was conducted and consultation was made with the following members of staff.

Staff involved included the Leader of Pastoral Care and Community, the Attendance and Lesson Monitor Co-ordinator and the Head of Upper Key Stage 3 who is in charge of Year 9 and 10. The Year 8 and 9 pupil attendance from the 2018/19 academic year to identify student with a low percentage attendance. The staff involved worked on the needs of the pupils and the knowledge they had of the pupils and how it would enhance/improve their attendance, behaviour and opportunities for future work. A number of pastoral issues were noted with regards self-esteem, building confidence and resilience, giving these pupils the opportunity to enhance their potential for the working world.

Pupils attended Coalisland Training Services (CTS) with boys involved in bricklaying, plastering and pavement laying activities while girls learned about hairdressing and beauty therapy. All of the pupils attended on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.25pm. Two members of our school staff accompanied and attended the programme with the pupils, one Classroom Assistant and another supervisor. This has been invaluable to improve discipline and to report back progress. Also, these members of staff were an onsite support to the pupils for all their needs.

Attendance this year was fairly consistent once we ironed out who was going to attend the programme and this was also helped by the members of staff being present to encourage and support the students. The programme was continuously monitored with feedback from pupils and staff on a weekly basis. Photographs, are provided to show some of the activities in progress.

12 students whose school attendance improved throughout the school Year 2019/20 as a direct result of attending the CTS Programme which shows a significant impact that this programme has had on the students, especially those who wish to follow a vocational pathway. Throughout the last school year, a number of these students were also open to Education Welfare Services and required school based intervention to help with improving Tracking Marks. Through these interventions they would have additional help with numeracy and literacy. It is evident from the improvement in attendance for some that due to the impact of this programme they did not need to be referred this year.



Eight of the Year 10 students who joined the programme are interested in continuing on with CTS in Vocational Programme in Year 11 and 12, with a view to pursuing a career.

Strategic Objective - Social Renewal – Health

‘To enhance positive mental health and physical well-being within deprived neighbourhoods in Coalisland and Dungannon’

10. Coalisland and Dungannon NR Health and Social Well Being Programme

The Coalisland and Dungannon Health project is led by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust in conjunction with a health subgroup which meets on a regular basis to research, develop and monitor health needs in the NRA's and wider areas of Coalisland and Dungannon. The outcomes of the subgroup are adopted and formulated into the overall NR Action Plan on an ongoing basis.

The subgroup includes representation from Statutory, Community and Voluntary Agencies to include: Mid Ulster District Council, DFC, SHSCT, Start 360, Carers Trust, Coalisland Residents & Community Forum, Ógras, Dungannon Youth Resource Centre and Lilac. The Subgroup supports effective partnership working between agencies and the community, developing a targeted health action plan which is linked into the overall Neighbourhood renewal action plan for the area.

The need for these programmes in the NRAs are stark, with the programmes designed to offset the health realities experienced by people living in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, some examples of which are listed below:

- Drug related deaths in Dungannon NRA are three times higher than non-NRA areas.
- Deaths of under-75s in Coalisland NRA is more than double the non-NRA average.
- Deaths from suicide is four times more likely in Coalisland NRA than the non-NRA average.
- Births to teenage mothers in both NRAs are substantially higher than non-NRA levels.

The programme has worked with various agencies to deliver outcomes including:

- 267 people will have accessed intervention/treatment services.
- 224 people benefitted from Healthy lifestyles projects enjoying a range of interventions.
- 11 Health Education awareness initiatives were provided.

The programme also offers other programmes to improve the general health of the populations of the NRAs, including gambling counselling, therapies, cancer screening, first aid and many more. The number of users availing of the programme has grown

South Tyrone Men's Shed Project - Social inclusion project

South Tyrone Men's Shed has approximately 15 core men using the shed daily and another 30 participating in programmes. The Men's Shed project assists in the offsetting of the problem of isolation among older gentlemen, with many of the men using the project being there as much for social interaction as learning new skills.

LILAC

Lilac provided over 420 complementary therapy treatments to clients within the Dungannon and Coalisland NRAs to clients suffering from long term chronic health conditions. The benefits of alternative therapies have been reinforced and support by SHSCT and GPs with the numbers of referrals increasing. This intervention helps reduce reliance on medication and promotes well - being through alternative options, offering those in need greater choice and control over their illness.

Coalisland Men's Shed

Coalisland Men's Shed group were awarded £6,500 of DfC NR funding to purchase essential equipment for the facility. Coalisland Men's Shed group is a friendly and welcoming meeting place where men can come together and undertake a variety of activities. It is open to all men regardless of age, background or ability and is a place where you can share skills and knowledge with others, learn new skills and develop your old ones. It is a place where men can meet to socialise and have a project to work on whilst contributing to the community. Men can pursue hobbies and interests or just meet for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. The Men's Shed located on the Old Pit, Coalisland.



Strategic Objective - Physical Renewal

'To help create an attractive, safe, sustainable environment in the neighbourhood'

11. Capital Development – Dungannon United Youth (DUY)

Capital Development Funding was secured via Mid Ulster District Council from the Department for Communities for Dungannon United Youth Community Sports Hub. The project, led by Mid Ulster District Council on behalf of Dungannon United Youth and with support from the Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, has created a more fit for purpose shared community facility that will work to enhance and promote health and well-being opportunities for local people. The official opening of the new Community Sports Hub took place on Saturday 26th October 2019. The newly constructed building provides space for four changing rooms, a referee's room, a physio room, a fitness suite and a new community meeting room with a coffee dock area overlooking the Black Lough, which provides a relaxing backdrop for those using the facility.

At the opening event, Arthur Scott, Director for Engaged Communities Group, DfC, said: "The Department is confident that this new facility will offer increased opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity, not only for the young people involved in the Club, but also for members of the local community of all ages, abilities and gender. The Hub will provide the community with greater health options, including education, and I would encourage everyone to avail of the new community facilities that this new build will offer to all residents."

Deputy Chair of the Council, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, praised the Club's vision and said: "We now have a truly top class, vibrant and inclusive suite of facilities here which will be enjoyed by the current generation and those who follow. All praise to Joe McAree and his team for their vision, ambition and commitment to delivering this hub - and to the Department for Communities and the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership for recognising how valuable and impactful their investment will be in addressing a sporting and a social need."

Speaking on behalf of Dungannon United Youth Joe McAree commented: "As Club Chairperson of Dungannon United Youth I am absolutely delighted that we have reached another milestone in the history of our club. I can remember well when I signed the first lease in 1998, the lease stated that the leasee would spend a minimum of £200,000 upgrading the site. That figure was a little scary at the time but I needn't have worried as we have went on to spend £1.7 million on this site. That was done with the help of grants and a lot of hard work from a lot of volunteers."

On this occasion the grant was secured from the Department for Communities with support from the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Mid Ulster District Council and it goes without saying that our most sincere thanks go to all of them. Without these organisations this project would never have happened and I have no doubt that this new Community Sports Hub will help us build on the success we already have achieved. Also we cannot forget the great job O'Hanlon Bros Contractors have done in creating this state of the art building”

Chair of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, Francie Molloy MP commented: “I welcome the conclusion of the new build for Dungannon United Youth and the community around Dungannon. This is a great project and I commend Joe McAree and his team for the work and the vision to deliver this new facility. This is just one of the many projects which the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership has delivered for the community through funding from Department for Communities.”



L to R: Clement Cuthbertson, MUDC Vice Chair, Dixie Robinson, DUY Director, Joe McAree, DUY Director, Arthur Scott, Director for Engaged Communities Group, DfC, Rodney McAree, DUY Director, Francie Molloy MP, Chair Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.



L to R: cutting of ribbon, Adrian Logan MC, Joe McAree, DUY Director, Clement Cuthbertson, MUDC Vice Chair, Arthur Scott, Director for Engaged Communities Group, DfC and Francie Molloy MP, Chair of CNR DNR Partnership.



Terrance Donnelly, Donnelly Bros Sponsor, Joe McAree, DUY Director, Clement Cuthbertson, MUDC Vice Chair, Arthur Scott, Director for Engaged Communities Group, DfC, Mary Coney, DfC Officer and Francie Molloy MP, Chair of CNR DNR Partnership.



Molloy MP, Chair of CNR DNR Partnership. Dennis O'Neill, McKeown & Shields, Aidan Shields, McKeown & Shields, Joe McAree, DUY Director, Arthur Scott, DfC Director for Engaged Communities Group, Mary Coney, DfC CED West Office, Omagh, Tony O'Neill, O'Hanlon Bros Contractors, Clement Cuthbertson, MUDC Vice Chair and Adrian Logan, MC.



Various sporting clubs from the surrounding area in attendance of DUY official opening.



Past and present members of DUY along with invitees who attended the official opening on Saturday 26th October 2019.

Capital Development – St Joseph’s College Digital Hub

The Digital Technology Hub will make an existing classroom into a multi-functional digital technology hub style classroom. It will allow the pupils of St Joseph’s College to experience learning and teaching Computer Science, primarily coding in creative space designed specifically for coding and exploring collaboratively. The design of the room is based on the space the pupils experience in PwC when they attended and won the Hive Academy in February 2018. It will also allow St Joseph’s college the opportunity, through the Extended Schools project to offer Computer Science classes for the community. This would be beneficial as it will allow parents and others in the greater Coalisland area the opportunity to experience and learn about this new subject that the pupils have on their timetable and it will allow for some adults to learn some basic Computer Science and coding that they may need for their return to work.

The new Digital Technology Hub in St Joseph’s College will allow for a higher standard of Computer Science delivery in both the curriculum and extra curriculum. Research from PwC and our own contact with local industry through careers talks and industrial visits, Digital Technology is an area that has been identified as a skill set needed for 21st century employment. Our aim is to provide learning experiences for our students that prepares them for the world of work. It is also our goal through our Extended Schools to offer a programme to the community in an environment that is industrial standard, innovative and creative.

The introduction of the iPad initiative has given our students an insight into the skills needed for work in the modern workplace. This new Digital Hub will allow more creative and cooperative thinking for the whole Coalisland community.

This project will create a facility for the whole Coalisland community in its only post primary school and be the first such facility to offer the technology and environment for learning that is equivalent to industry standards.

Coalisland & Dungannon NRP 2019- 2020 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 Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

Community Renewal Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF amount at 01/04/2019	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Coalisland and Dungannon Employment of Neighbourhood Renewal Co-coordinator	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£39,588.36	£35,189.67
Disengaged Youth Programme in Coalisland	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£39,879.59	£38,777.31
Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Event	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£1,823.09	£1,823.09
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£81,291.04	£75,790.07

Social Renewal – Education Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2019	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20))
Dungannon Social Renewal Education Programme	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£51,033.40	£51,033.40
Coalisland Social Renewal Education Programme	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£61,219.90	£61,219.90
St. Joseph's Vocational Project	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£26,500.00	£26,500.00
Dungannon and Coalisland Learning Mentor	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£73,503.36	£69,965.16
Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure		£212,256.66	£208,718.46

Social Renewal – Health Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2019	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Coalisland & Dungannon NR Health and Social Wellbeing Programme	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£43,181.32	£36,560.29
Total Social Renewal Health Expenditure		£43,181.32	£36,560.29

Economic Renewal Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2019	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Going Places with South West College – Coalisland & Dungannon	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£56,336.02	£49,593.64
Coalisland Community Education Programme	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£28,999.55	£28,999.54
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£85,335.56	£78,593.18

Physical Renewal Expenditure 2019/20

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Project	CFF amount at 01/04/2019	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Dungannon Utd Youth Community Hub and Changing Pavillion	12/11/2018 – 04/10/2019	£739,805.31	£728,708.23
St Joseph's Digital Hub	01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	£31,708.29	0.00
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure		£771,513.60	£728,708.23

Achievements Of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding In 2019/2020 Year

Community Renewal Output Measures to be used for 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
Disengaged Youth Programme in Coalisland	1,724	886		50	163						
Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Event	2,500			60							
Social Renewal Education Programme Coalisland NRA				42							

Social Renewal Education Output Measures to be used for 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 benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 7 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	SE(Ed) 9 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM)	SR(Ed) 10 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 11 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 12 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 13 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 15 - Number of young people experiencing improvements against baseline	SR(Ed) 16 - Number of young people having access to specialist support to address	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 18 - Number of pupils directly benefiting from /being supported by the project	SR(Ed) 19 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to	SR(Ed) 21 - Impact on enhanced learning	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical	SR(Ed)23 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in ICT)	SR(Ed)24 - Number of residents in an area who obtain a (ICT-related) qualification on	SR(Ed)25 - Number of pupils directly benefiting
Dungannon Social Renewal Education Programme		100			27	35						225	42												
Coalisland Social Renewal Education Programme					75																				
St Joseph's Vocational Project		9		13						19															
Coalisland/ Dungannon Learning Mentor		8	30	9	67	265																			

SR(Ed) 1 – Early Years, **SR(Ed) 2 – 5** - *Tackling Barriers to Learning*, **SR(Ed) 6-7** *Improving Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy*, **SR(Ed) 8-9** - *Closing the Performance Gap*, **SR(Ed) 10-11** - *Tackling barriers to Learning Special Educational Needs*, **SR(Ed) 12-13** - *Tackling barriers to learning Emotional Health and Wellbeing*, **SR(Ed) 14-17** - *Youth Services*, **SR(Ed) 18-22** - *Extended Schools*, **SR(Ed) 23-25** - *ICT*

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

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 services	SR(H)4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR(H)5 - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	SR(H)6 - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR(H)7 - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	SR(H)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities	SR(H)9 - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
Coalisland / Dungannon Health Project	224		267	6					

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

Project	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending	SR(C)4 - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR(C)5 - Number of people participating/attending	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary	SR(C)7 - Number of victims of crime	SR(C)8 - Number of homes with increased security	SR(C)9 - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact
Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Event						415				
Social Renewal Education Programme Coalisland NRA						350				
Social Renewal Education Programme Dungannon NRA						192				

Physical Renewal Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

Project	PR1 - Area of land improved for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed for open space	PR3 - Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR3 - Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR5 - Number of community facilities improved	PR6 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR7 – Number of trees planted	PR8 – Number of projects improving community facilities	PR9 - Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR10 - Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	PR11 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects
Dungannon United Youth Community Hub and Changing Facility					1			1			
St. Joseph's Digital Hub								1			

Coalisland and Dungannon Partnership Conclusion

In the 19/20 financial year, *Coalisland & Dungannon* Partnership total overall spend was **£1,128,370.23**

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

Community Renewal	£75,790.07
Social Renewal (Education)	£208,718.46
Social Renewal (Health)	£36,560.29
Economic Renewal	£78,593.18
Physical Renewal	£728,708.23

Summary and Forward (2020/21) Planning

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure in 2019/20

As a Partnership there has been many successes that have been widely documented as per projects above e.g. Halloween in Coalisland etc. and we have also been successful with leveraging in other funding to our areas e.g. MUDC grants and potential significant capital commitment to the Gortgonis Project. All of the above has meant added value has been linked to the Neighbourhood Renewal funding drawn down by the NR Partnership through Department for Communities to bring additional benefits to the NRA communities.

The NR programme has benefited the residents through the establishment of a co-ordinated approach to statutory delivery mechanisms. The NR programme through its structures brings together a wide range of statutory bodies who share ideas and best practice from other areas. For example, the Education programme has benefited from the key worker working across many NR areas. Best practice projects are shared across the areas and rolled out where funding permits.

During the 2019/2020 financial year Dungannon United Youth in Partnership with MUDC secured almost £1m in NR capital funding to deliver a state of the art Community Hub facility at their site at Mullaghnanagh. The outcomes of this new facility are now being realised in a modern state of the art building that will meet the needs of the community for many generations. The funding has allowed DUY to expand their core youth programming and facility offering to the wider community as hub to engage a wide range of activities and initiatives addressing a wide level of community need.

Recent deprivation statistics show that super output areas falling under the NRA have improved and are no longer within the top 10% deprived areas in NI. Ballysaggart Super Output Area in Dungannon has fallen out of the top 10% to almost 27%. Whilst there are many factors that have led to this it is not beyond the realms of possibility that the programme has had a significant impact in improving lives and reducing poverty in the NRA through the delivery of many programmes aimed at reducing inequalities, improving educational attainment and promoting healthy lifestyle programmes. Demographic factors are potentially another contributing factor given the significant migrant population that have settled in the area and as mainly economic migrants may not engage in mainstream statistical count recording.

In looking forward priorities for 20/21 are to ensure funding continues for all the current projects and efforts are made to plan for sustainability beyond the lifetime of NRA funding. There remains a need to put greater focus on recognition of the impact these projects have had in the two NRA's over the past decade or so and consider how best this impact can be captured. Ensuring that the projects are sustained in some way is crucial for the Partnership leading in to next year. There needs to be a concerted effort for groups to either have an exit strategy or a plan on how projects will be sustained and delivered for the benefit of the NRA residents.

It is also a role for Partnership to support the delivery of the MUDC Community Plan and ensure it remains as a priority focus for delivery over the next year and ahead.

Attendance at sub group and partnership meetings has seen a decline in 2019/2020, particularly at community level. It has been challenging trying to encourage members to attend sub group and Partnership meetings and 2020/21 will see letters being issued to all members to ascertain whether they wish to remain on the partnership and sub groups as an effort to increase participation numbers. DFC will work with the NR Coordinator to reengage with communities at local level and hopefully this will promote some reinvigorated efforts to engage as it is hoped that the structures in place will not fall in the possible last few years of the Programme.

Success of the NR Partnership in the 2019/20 year was largely a result of the diligent work and commitment of those engaged in the NR process from both statutory and community and voluntary organisations with input from Councillors and external stakeholders. In the years ahead it is hoped that we can continue to build connections through the NR Partnership and stand out as a good example of collaborative working.

The onset of the Covid 19 Pandemic is another major challenge for all of the partners involved in the NR Programme with lockdown, social distancing and the impact in the community resulting in looking at new way of programme and service delivery. This by far represents the greatest single issue in terms of impact on people's lives for now and the immediate future, aside from the health consequences but also the resulting economic shock and its impact in terms of rising unemployment, increases in poverty and the recognised greater all round negative outcomes for areas of high deprivation.

Coalisland and Dungannon NRP Members 2020-21

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Barry	McGinley	Dungannon Youth Resource Centre
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Cllr Clement	Cuthbertson	Councillor
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Cllr Dominic	Molloy	Councillor
Cllr Joe	O'Neill	Councillor
Cllr Kim	Ashton	Councillor
Cllr Malachy	Quinn	Councillor
Cllr Robert	Calvan	Councillor
Cllr Ronan	McGinley	Councillor
Cllr Robert	Colvin	Councillor
Cllr Walter	Cuddy	Councillor
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Geraldine	McVeigh	South West College
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Joanne	Gibson	PSNI

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Lucia	Carolan	Supporting Communities (NI)
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Pat	McDonagh	Community Rep
Paul	McCreedy	Town Development Manager
Philip	Clarke	Community Development Manger
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