

Neighbourhood Renewal Annual Report and Update	9th August 2016
To: Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Julie Welsh - Head of Community & Culture Louise Scullion – Community Development Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1. Provide Council with a summary of the 2015-16 Annual Reports for Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) Programmes in the Limavady and Coleraine areas;**
- 2. Provide an update on Neighbourhood Renewal / Tackling Deprivation moving forward;**
- 3. Invite nomination of Council representation to sit on Coleraine and Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Boards.**

Background

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme is to reduce the social and economic inequalities affecting the most deprived areas. Neighbourhoods in the most deprived 10% of wards across Northern Ireland receive support and in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, these are:

- Ballysally & Millburn Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.
- Churchlands Neighbourhood Renewal Area (The Heights & Killowen).
- Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area (covers Coolesan, Roeside and Greystone).

Since the legislation which would have extended regeneration and community development powers to Councils did not proceed as planned for April 2015, Department for Communities (DfC), formerly DSD, continued to provide Technical Assistance funding to Council to employ full time Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinators in both Coleraine and Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The projects in these areas in receipt of NR funding continue to receive their funding directly from DfC.

The role of Council through the Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinators is to facilitate the NR Partnership Boards and Working Groups and to provide a co-ordinating role and support for collaboration among stakeholders and leveraging in of additional funding.

2015-16 Annual Reports

Coleraine: The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund supported **12 projects** in the **Coleraine NR Areas** under the themes of community, social, economic and physical renewal with a total spend of **£752,553** in the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report is attached at Annex A; this is issued in draft format subject to Ministerial approval. Some of the headline achievements for the projects for the year are as follows:

- 503 adults achieved accredited qualifications.
- 786 pupils benefitted from the projects.
- 56 voluntary and community groups were supported.
- 3802 people participated in health initiatives.
- 436 people were involved in parenting programmes.

Limavady: There were a total of **7 projects** which received funding directly from DfC in **Limavady NR area** under the themes of community, social, economic and physical renewal with a total spend of **£283,439** in the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report is attached at Annex B; this is issued in draft format subject to Ministerial approval. Some of the headline achievements for the projects for the year are as follows:

- 84 residents obtained a qualification on completion of formal training.
- 86 people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes.
- 242 pupils directly benefitted from the projects.
- 610 people participated in health initiatives.
- 549 people participated in community safety initiatives.
- 1026 people used community development facilities.

The future of Neighbourhood Renewal in Causeway Coast and Glens

For 2016-17, a reduced grant amount has been awarded to Council for NR Technical Assistance by the Department for Communities, and the funding for Limavady and Coleraine has been combined in one letter of offer. This has resulted in a reduction from 5 days to 3 days per week for the 2 Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinators who are based in Limavady and Coleraine. The reduced offer of grant assistance of £64,320 for 2016-17 represents a 33% reduction in the combined offers of grants assistance that were provided in 2015-16 to both Coleraine and Limavady.

Since the establishment of the new Department for Communities, and the appointment of the new Minister, there has not been any indication in relation to a timescale for decision making on the transfer of regeneration powers, including Tackling Deprivation to local government. Officers will continue to liaise with department officials and the NR Partnership Boards in relation to planning for the future. Models for future delivery, in relation to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough will be explored.

Nomination of Council representation to sit on Coleraine and Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Boards

Currently two Councillors are members of the Limavady NR Partnership Board and one Councillor is a member of the Coleraine NR Partnership Board. This is an arrangement, which has been carried over from the legacy Councils, and to date, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has not officially nominated Councillors to sit on the Partnership Boards.

In the Code of Practice and Guiding Principles June 2012 document provided by DfC in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal, the section on membership and local Councillor Representation specifies that,

'Numbers are to be determined by the Partnership Chair in consultation with the Department'.

The request being put forward to Council, as agreed by the NR Partnership chairs and DfC is that 2 Councillors are nominated to sit on each of the Coleraine and Limavady NR Partnership Boards.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Elected Members consider the method they wish to use to decide on nominations for the Boards ie. dHondt or other, and;**
- 2. Nominate 2 members to sit on Coleraine NR Partnership Board and 2 members to sit on Limavady NR Partnership Board**



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COLERAINE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

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

About Coleraine Partnership -

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership was set up by Coleraine Borough Council in 2009 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 25 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 its administration services are provided through a Coordinator and Administrator within Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council.

The Partnership has established two Working Groups to assist it in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes 4 strategic objectives of community, social, economic and physical renewal. The two Working Groups are representative of the two Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in Coleraine – Coleraine East and Coleraine Churchlands. Coleraine East covers the Ballysally and Millburn areas and Coleraine Churchlands covers the Heights and Killowen areas. Both Working Groups have approximately 38 members from the community, voluntary, statutory and private sectors and have representation from the local elected representatives for the area.

It should be noted that Coleraine Partnership and Working Groups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 12 projects in the Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community Renewal

1. **West Bann Development Regeneration Project** – This project aims to develop and co-ordinate a range of actions to meet the health, education and training needs of the local community. This is achieved through the provision of accredited training; an early years programme including crèches and the Sure Start developmental programme for 2-3 year olds; Good Morning Causeway; and the provision of low cost business units and the facilities for the community to use.
2. **Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Technical Assistance** – This project provides the management and administrative support for the Neighbourhood Renewal programme in the two Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Areas
3. **Coleraine Education Community Project** – This project aims to improve educational attainment, increase the numbers of pupils who continue in education, provide training programmes, involve families in parenting skills, parents and children in health programmes, ethnic minority families cultural awareness programmes, summer schemes, educate pupils on the impact of interface and community relational issues. Activities have included summer schemes, Lads and Dads clubs, Twilight Cookery classes and first aid courses.
4. **Millburn Community Development Worker** – This project employs an outreach worker to work with individuals, families and the wider Millburn community to empower them to identify their needs, plan what they want to achieve and develop activities and services to improve their lives.

Social Renewal - Education

5. **Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project** – This project includes partners from Focus on Family, Ballysally Primary School, Ballysally Presbyterian Church and Ballysally Nursery School. The project aims to develop a ‘journey’ from birth to adulthood by raising educational attainment, providing parenting support and improving the health and wellbeing and the general quality of life for participants through specialised nurturing provision provided by each partner for their specific target group.
6. **Skills, Development and Education Programme** – this project aims to deliver a wide range of skills-based and accredited training, careers development, health and wellbeing programmes and collaborative events for the Ballysally and Millburn areas.
7. **Churchlands Community Supporting Families through Learning** – This project aims to support family learning through a joined up approach. The partners include West Bann Development, Coleraine Sure Start Partnership, Kylemore Nursery, Killowen Primary School and St John’s Primary School. The project aims to deliver effective initiatives to engage with residents in the NRA, to raise educational attainment through support, services and interventions to the whole family and to provide parenting support to promote healthy family relationships.
8. **IM HAPPY Project** – This project aims to raise the aspirations of residents in the NRAs through computer-based activities such as App development and website development. The Ulster University works in partnership with Ballysally Youth and Community Centre, West Bann Development, Millburn Community Association, North Coast Integrated College and St Joseph’s College. The achievements of participants are formally recognised through University module accreditation and there is further training available for people who wish to be COACHES. This project has now extended delivery to include 4 Primary Schools; St John’s and Killowen in the West of Coleraine and Millburn and Ballysally in East Coleraine.

Social Renewal - Health

9. **Northern Area Health Co-ordinator Project - Coleraine** – This project aims to provide health improvement programmes developed and delivered in the 3 NRAs to address key issues in each action plan including: Mental Health & Suicide prevention, Stop Smoking services, healthy eating and physical activity programmes, Alcohol & Drugs, Sexual Health awareness and intervention and Age specific programmes for young people and older people.



10. **Sally's Community Café** – This project aims to address local resident social isolation, poor access to services, poor educational attainment and improve health and wellbeing of local residents by increasing use of healthier eating and cooking methods as well as open opportunities for volunteering, training and local employment.
11. **West Bann Development Health and Wellbeing Project** – This project aims to enhance health and wellbeing, make lone pensioners and vulnerable persons less isolated and provide access to a podiatry treatment. It also aims to promote a better lifestyle and health options with reduced levels of stress for participants.
12. **Patchwork Connections Service** – This project aims to empower participants to develop positive life change, to reduce the level of alcohol and drug-related harm for participants, their families and the wider community and to improve mental and emotional wellbeing. It does this through the provision of outreach services, therapeutic support programmes, drop-in services, life skills support programmes and capacity building.

Coleraine Partnership 2015/16 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2015-16 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2015-16 total expenditure in the Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2015/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
West Bann Regeneration Project *	01 April 2012 – 31 March 2015	£244,342.31	£1,311.12
West Bann Development Regeneration Project	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£60,581.33	£58,331.14
Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Technical Assistance 2011-2015 *	01 April 2012 – 31 March 2015	£270,765.12	£21,186.38
Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Technical Assistance	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£61,933.79	£39,734.53
Coleraine Education Community Project – Phase 2 *	1 Nov 2014 – 31 March 2015	£45,194.66	£33,112.54
Coleraine Education Community Project	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£45,000.00	£21,196.54
Millburn Community Development Worker *	10 June 2013 – 31 March 2015	£59,779.85	£3,660.38
Millburn Community Development Outreach Worker	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£34,098.66	£31,771.54
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£821,695.72	£210,304.17

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2015/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project Phase 2 Project 2013-15 *	01 April 2013 – 31 March 2015	£345,757.82	£17,289.58
Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£165,507.62	£146,743.43
Focus on Family - Skills, Development & Education Programme *	21 January 2013 – 31 March 2015	£145,430.33	£7,699.68
Focus on Family – Skills Development & Education Programme	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£60,590.32	£48,364.46
Churchlands Community Supporting Families through Learning *	30 Sept 2013 – 31 March 2015	£131,799.29	£21,459.74
Churchlands Community Supporting Families Through Learning Project	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£78,823.36	£54,721.16
IM HAPPY Project *	01 June 2013 – 31 March 2015	£328,424.37	£31,223.23
IM HAPPY Project	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£114,412.91	£86,042.23
Total Social Renewal Ed Expenditure		£1,370,746.02	£413,543.51

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2015/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Northern Area Health Co-ordinator Project (covering Coleraine, Ballymena and Ballyclare) *	01 July 2012 – 31 March 2015	£132,744.30	£11,867.78
Northern Area Health Coordinator Project - Coleraine	01 April 2015 – 31 December 2016	£41,459.28	£32,012.29
Ballysally Healthy Eating Café *	01 April 2012 – 31 March 2015	£79,774.67	£828.36
Sally's Community Cafe	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£14,523.00	£13,694.64
West Bann Development Health & Well Being Project 2012-15 *	05 March 2012 – 31 March 2015	£8,640.00	£715.00
West Bann Development Health & Wellbeing Project	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£2,800.00	£2,040.00
Patchwork Connections Services *	01 December 2013 – 31 March 2015	£50,926.69	£4,626.83
Patchwork Connections Services	01 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	£37,066.76	£30,629.43
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£367,934.47	£96,414.33

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2015/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Creating Pathways to Success (covers Coleraine, Ballymena and Ballyclare) *	03 September 2012 – 31 March 2015	£145,995.30	£6,454.56
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£145,995.30	£6,454.56

Neighbourhood Renewal Programme – Coleraine	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2015/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
TOTALS	Total Allocation	Total Spend
	£2,706,371.51	£726,716.57

* Contracts for funding which ceased on 31 March 2015 which had monies paid out in 15/16 year.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2015-16 YEAR

Community Output Measures - from April 2015

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	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared	CR10 - Number of people using existing community facilities	CR11 - Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area
West Bann Development Regeneration Project	357									
West Bann Development – Health & Wellbeing Project								98		
FOF – Skills Development & Education Project			13		15		35			
FOF – Millburn Community Development Worker		84	13		15		1			100%
Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project		470		19				20		
EANR – Coleraine Education Community Project	231	253			2		3			
Building Ballysally Together – Sally’s Cafe				5					600	
NHSCT – Northern Area Health Coordinator (Coleraine)							17			
OASIS Caring In Action – Patchwork Connection Services			26							
WBD – Churchlands Community Supporting Families Through Learning								50	50	

Education Output Measures from April 2014

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	SR(Ed) 9 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(Ed) 13 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed)14 - Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity	SR(Ed)24 - Number of residents in an area who obtain a (ICT-related) qualification on completion of formal training	SR (ED) 25 Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project
WBD - Regeneration	24															
FOF – Skills Development & Education Project	210															
FOF – Millburn CDW		10			58											
Ballysally IN Project		22	51	9	128	51	54									
EANR – CECP		46	174	83	188	576	122	748					98			
WBD –CCSFTL		86	86	86	62	159	159	159	159							
UU – I’m Happy											184				171	303

Education Output Measures from April 2014 (cont'd)

PROJECT	SR(Ed)27 – Number of people engaged in parenting / skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 28 – Number of people undertaking accredited courses and qualifications completed	SR(Ed)30 - Number of school partnerships delivering shared curricular activities	SR(Ed) 31 – Number of school partnerships delivering shared extra-curricular activities	SR(Ed) 33 – Number of young people involved in shared activity
FOF – Skills Development & Education Project		189			
Ballysally IN Project		14		8	
WBD - CCSFTL			195		
UU – I'm Happy		165			

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
SR(ED)26-28 – Tackling Barriers to Learning: Extended Schools **SR(ED)29-35** – Shared Education

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures from April 2014

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)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities	SR(H)10 - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
West Bann Development – Regeneration		709		8		
West Bann Development – Health & Wellbeing Project	98		98	6		
FOF Skills Development & Education Project			145			
FOF – Millburn Community Development Worker		240				
Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project	151	102				
EANR – CECP	687	508				
Building Ballysally Together – Sally's Cafe		300		7		
NHSCT – Northern Area Health Coordinator (Coleraine)	6,105	1,907		43		
OASIS Caring In Action – Patchwork Connection Services	15	36	255	24		

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures from April 2014

PROJECT	SR(C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
FOF – Millburn Community Development Worker	1	26	52	
Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project			22	

Economic Renewal Output Measures* from April 2015

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE jobs created	ER2 - Number of residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER11 - Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER 14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER 15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
West Bann Development Regeneration Project			41	6	293	6		59	133	2
FOF – Skills Development & Education Programme		12					1		71	2
FOF – Millburn Community Development Worker				80	80				80	1
EANR – CECF					88					
Building Ballysally Together – Sally’s Cafe					26				6	
NHSCT Health Coordinator										1
OASIS Caring in Action – Patchwork Connection Services				5						
WBD - CCSFTL				10						
UU – I’m Happy				308					213	

Coleraine Partnership Conclusion

In the 2015-16 financial year, Coleraine Partnership total overall spend was £727k. This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	£210,304
Social Renewal	£509,958
Economic Renewal	£6,454
Physical Renewal	There was no spend against this objective in 2015-16

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure

At the beginning of the 2015-16, Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership agreed to continue with the previously identified key priorities for the two Neighbourhood Renewal Areas for the forthcoming year: Health, Youth and Family, Economic development and Community capacity.

The Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership has been instrumental in securing £727k of funding from the Department for Communities (formerly the Department for Social Development) to enable the 12 projects to be run in the two Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in 2015-2016. Some of the headline achievements for the projects for the year are as follows:

- 503 adults gained accredited qualifications,
- 786 pupils benefitted from the projects,
- 56 voluntary and Community Groups were supported,
- 3802 people participated in health initiatives, and
- 436 people were involved in parenting programmes.

The partnership will continue to work for the benefit of the residents in the two Neighbourhood Renewal Areas for the remainder of the programme and will strive to secure further funding to address the needs identified locally.

Key events for the area include:

In June 2015 at a ceremony hosted by Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, the Lord Lieutenant of County Londonderry, Dennis Desmond, presented The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to Building Ballysally Together. This prestigious award is given to local volunteering groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. Congratulations to everyone involved in Building Ballysally Together on achieving this recognition.



The Ulster University's I'm Happy Project aims to enhance web application skills, encourage learners to consider undertaking further study to lead to third level education, and train COACHes to deliver computing skills. At the Winter Graduation Ceremony held in the University in December 2015 there were 9 successful participants of the I'm Happy Project presented with their Qualification. The successful candidates came from the local participating schools and the Community Centres in Churchlands and Ballysally/Millburn NRA's in Coleraine.



Annual Review and Planning Event.

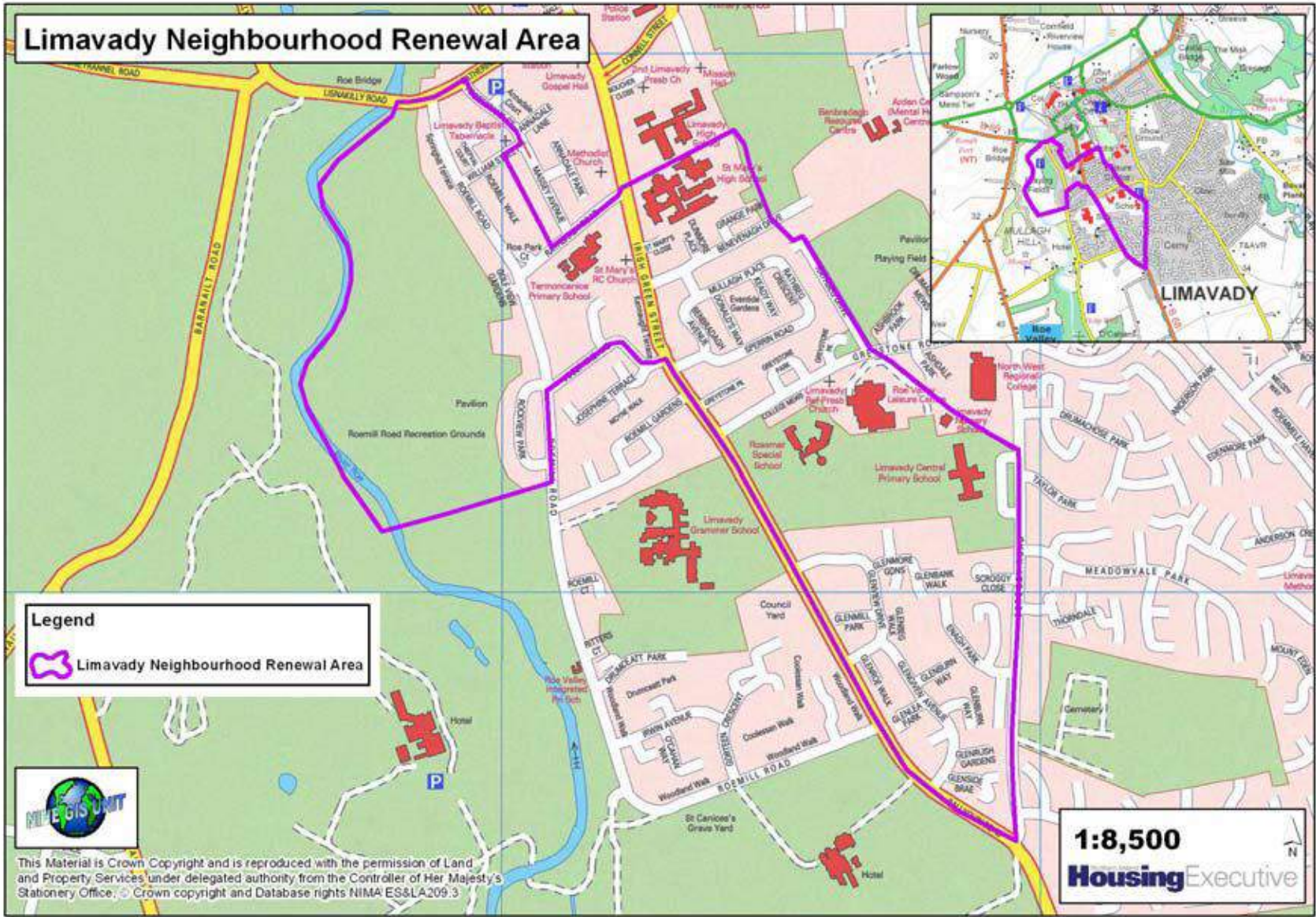
On the 10th February a Neighbourhood Renewal review and planning event was held in the CRUN offices. This event was very well attended by representatives from all sectors in the community. To allow everyone to contribute to the review, all attendees were asked 6 questions enabling them to state what they felt had gone well this year, what needed improvement, what opportunities are in the area, what needs are emerging and what other organisations we should be working with to continue development. The event was deemed a success, the information collated, and a report was produced to consolidate the findings. This report will provide the evidence base and give direction to the development of the live action plan for 2016-2017.



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Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2015 - 2016





Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership ANNUAL REPORT – 2015/2016

About Neighbourhood Renewal

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About Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP)

Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership is an inter-sectoral partnership of public, private and community/voluntary interests formally established in February 2006 to work with the Department of Social Development (DSD) North West Development Office on the delivery of the Department's Neighbourhood Renewal strategy, to take the lead in managing the Neighbourhood Renewal process in the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) areas and to implement the Limavady NR Action Plan. The current Limavady NR Action Plan covers the four-year period April 2014 to March 2018 and is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it reflects the developing requirements of the area. The Action Plan is a 'live' document which is also considered at each bi-monthly Partnership meeting and amended as required on an ongoing basis.

The purpose of the Action Plan is to provide a strategic framework linking regional and local priorities for tackling disadvantage in NR areas. The Strategy Manager plays a key role and takes the lead in managing the NR process in Limavady and in implementing the Limavady Action Plan at a strategic, as well as at an operational level in the Limavady Neighbourhood Area and promotes the social, health and wellbeing, economic and physical renewal of the Partnership area. The main duties of the Strategy Manager include facilitating inter-sectoral and inter-agency partnership working, promoting the concept of the Partnership among all sectors through meetings, focus groups, workshops and seminars, identifying and enlisting the support of key influencers and agencies that will contribute to the work of the Partnership and ensuring the fit between the Limavady Action Plan and DSD's overarching strategy for the area. The Strategy Manager is accountable to the full Limavady Neighbourhood Partnership of representatives from key statutory, political and community interests within Limavady. The Strategy Manager is operationally managed through Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and adheres to all financial and governance policies and procedures operational within Council.

As part of the NR Partnership there are four Partnership sub-groups that meet regularly to ensure that the key aims contained within the NR Action Plan are progressed. Each of these four sub-groups focuses on one of the following over-arching areas of work:

- Education
- Health
- Economic Renewal
- Physical renewal.

The NR Partnership and the NR Partnership sub-groups operate within the four Strategic Objectives and the key aims of the NR Action Plan, as follows, (numbering does not imply priority order):

Strategic Objective 1 – Community Renewal

Key Aim - to develop confident communities that are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their areas through:

- increased community capacity and volunteering;
- building community confidence to enable a better lifestyle and to make better lifestyle choices;
- encouraging and improving active citizenship;
- engaging with and developing relationships between communities.

Strategic Objective 2 – Social Renewal

Key Aim – to improve social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better coordinated public services and the creation of a safer environment by:

- working in partnership with the community and voluntary sector;
- providing projects and programmes that work towards improving the quality of life for residents living in the most deprived areas;
- working towards raising the standards in education for all ages.

Strategic Objective 3 – Economic Renewal

Key Aim – to develop economic activity in the most deprived neighbourhoods and connect them to the wider urban community by:

- working in partnership with the community and voluntary sector (C&VC), Department of Education (DoE), Department for the Economy (DfE), Department of Social Development (DSD), other government departments and the private sector to encourage investment into the NR areas;
- developing relationships with organisations within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC) to highlight Limavady as an area for investment;
- providing programmes that encourage all ages to increase their employability skills and give them access to support.

Strategic Objective 4 – Physical Renewal

Key Aim – to help create an attractive, safe, sustainable environment in the most deprived areas, i.e:

- creating safe and welcoming environments where residents feel proud to live;
- continuing to work in partnership with the NI Housing Executive and Department for Communities to ensure services and projects are delivered;
- developing outdoor recreational areas;
- improving the appearance of the areas through projects such as entrance features, seating, etc;
- developing and facilitating community areas, projects and programmes.

Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and Sub-group members are as follows:

Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership members

Name	Organisation
Tina Mc Closkey (Chair)	The Glens Community Association
Catherine Taylor (Vice Chair)	Be Safe Be Well
Cathy O’Kane/Karen Campbell	Roe Valley Residents’ Association
Trudy Highlands	Limavady Community Development Initiative (LCDI)
Mark McChrystal	HUB, Dry Arch Centre
Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan Community Association
Hilary Canning	NI Housing Executive (NIHE)
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Avril Morrow	Western Health and Social Care Trust (WH&SCT)
Raymond Craig	North West Regional College (NWRC)
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Ashleen Schenning	Limavady Volunteer Bureau
Diane Rathfield	Roe Valley Education Forum

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Cllr Brenda Chivers	Sinn Fein
Mamie Anderson	Strategy Manager
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Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan CA
Diane Broom	Bovalley CA
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June Neil	EANI
Mark McChrystal	Dry Arch Centre
Raymond Craig	NWRC
Kate McGregor	DSD
Michelle Friel	Western Education and Libraries Board (Youth Service)
Kevin Friel	Developing Relationships in Vulnerable Environments (DRIVE) project
Mary McCloskey	St Mary's, Limavady
Marshall Kilgore	Drumachose Primary School, Limavady

Darren Mornin

Limavady High School

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Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan CA
Mickey Cooke	Flexicare
Camilla Rodgers	Nhip Limavady
Elaine Campbell	Lifestart
Eilish McCloskey	WHSCT
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Kate McGregor	DSD
Louise Scullion	CC&GBC
Mamie Anderson	Strategy Manager

Economic Sub-Group

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Cathy O’Kane/Karen Campbell	RVRA
Sheila McWilliams	Coolessan CA
Raymond Craig	NWRC
Ashleen Schenning	Limavady Volunteer Bureau
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Physical Environment Sub-Group

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Louise Scullion	CC&GBC
Mamie Anderson (Chair)	Strategy Manager

Limavady Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund has supported and funded seven projects in 2015/16 reporting year as follows:

Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy Manager - 1 X P/T post

The Strategy Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Limavady action plan and provides secretariat for and assistance to Limavady NR Partnership and its sub-groups, plus other meetings involving the NR community to prioritise actions and develop projects to meet the identified needs of the residents of the Limavady NR area. During 2015/16 the Strategy Manager's involvement in these other meetings included facilitating meetings of the Something New project, (lead by RVRA), youth activities meetings, the Steering Group for the PHA funded Limavady Family Support (affected or bereaved by suicide) programme and the DCAL cultural and arts programme, obtaining and overseeing the use of fundings for the PHA and DCAL projects while working in all of these areas in close liaison with the Glens, Roe Valley and Cooleasan Associations. This post also provides a support network for all the organisations working within the NR area and assists in coordinating activities in a strategic manner. As a member of the Dry Arch HUB group, the Western Health and Social Care Trust led Nhip Board and the Foyle Drugs and Alcohol Forum, the Strategy Manager ensured that the needs of the Limavady NR area were kept under current consideration.

The four NR sub-groups operating in the Limavady NR area are the Education, Health, Physical Renewal and Economic Renewal sub-groups, as previously outlined. These groups, (and the Partnership), met on average bi-monthly throughout 2015/16. Updates on the work of all four sub-groups are provided by the Strategy Manager to each bi-monthly Partnership meeting.

Roe Valley Residents Association

- 2 P/T Project Coordinators
- 1 P/T Administrator

Roe Valley Residents Association is based within the Hospital Lane estate in Limavady. The Association has continued to grow in strength over the last 12 months. With the continued investment from DSD Neighbourhood Renewal, the group has been able to plan, develop and deliver a wide range of projects and programmes aimed at tackling the range of problems prevalent in the Hospital Lane area. The Project Co-ordinators have engaged with hard to reach demographic groups, encouraged new volunteers and built upon existing volunteer skills, as well as offering a range of diversionary projects for young people living within the local area.

A range of educational initiatives were delivered in partnership with Northwest Regional College, Coastal Core Training and Springboard Opportunities. Essential Skills, Basic Food Hygiene and First Aid Training continue to be popular amongst the local residents. Reminiscence Projects, Intergenerational Projects and Women's Project were rolled out at various times in the year. These programmes only sought to continue to build upon the relationships between residents - young and old.

In addition to the weekly youth clubs which engage up to 100 children and young people, summer intervention programmes were run along with the annual Halloween and Christmas Celebrations. Family Outings and a Family Fun day were run during July and August.

The delivery of the 'Something New' project, funded by NIHE, engaged 100 young people and 20 volunteers across the four main estates in Limavady in a Community Cohesion Project. This was an exceptional opportunity which sought to develop and enhance the confidence and self-esteem levels of both the children and volunteers involved.

A further significant development for Roe Valley Residents in 2015 was establishment of a luncheon club for older residents in the local estates. Through funding from COAST, the group delivered several lunch dates for the older people in the estates to come and have a hot meal while forging new friendships.

The Management Committee of Roe Valley Residents Association would like to thank Department for Social Development Neighbourhood Renewal for their continued investment and support in the Hospital Lane estates.



LUNCH CLUB



TEENAGE KICKS



INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMES



BAKING CLASS



HORTICULTURE PROGRAMME



CULTURE PROJECT



ARTS PROJECT



QUILTING CLASS

The Glens Community Association

- 1 X F/T Project Coordinator
- 1 X F/T DRIVE worker

The Glens Community Association continues to provide a wide range of programmes and activities for all ages in the Glens estate. They also provide an advice service with LCDI once a week at the community house where residents can come to receive confidential information, support and advice. The youth club continues to attract the young people of the area and provides a safe environment for young people to come and take part in a number of activities. Extended provision provided by WELB youth service is a vital service offered to teenagers at the weekends on Friday and Sunday evenings, where young people come into a safe, warm and relaxing environment which keeps them off the streets two weekend evenings.

The Glens Community Association offer classes and activities such as sewing/knitting classes, fly tying/fishing programme, Relax Kids classes, Halloween activities, and a family Christmas party. These programmes encourage all ages to come into the community house and see what is on offer.

The Association also runs educational programmes such as Essential Skills literacy and numeracy which gives residents qualifications to enable them to secure employment. Their community garden encourages residents to help with its upkeep and to grow flowers and vegetables for the community.

Funding secured from PHA for Families Bereaved by Suicide, DCAL and NIHE have provided a range of additional programmes such as guitar lessons, pottery, memory bench making, memory quilt making, drama for young people, dance for young people, single identity workshops, Graffiti Art workshops, etc. The Glens also secured funding from Youth Justice to run a very successful

Early Intervention Training Programme. The young people aged 14-17 made their own benches at the “Men’s Shed”, worked towards an OCN accreditation in Law and Order and made planters to give to local residents. North West Regional College have delivered free accredited courses in a variety of subjects such as First Aid, Paediatric First Aid, Food Safety in Catering, Safeguarding Children, Sage Accounts and Nail Art. There was a good uptake in these courses, the Limavady area showing the highest uptake among all of the North West NR areas. At 31st March, 2016 two of the courses were completed with qualifications gained. Remaining courses continued from April 2016.



Small Capital Grant - The Glens Community Association received funding of £6,675 from DSD for a Re-Imaging Project in 2015/16. The funding was used to paint artwork on the dull grey security shutters which are now bright and colourful and make the Glens community house more visible in the estate. A security door was also installed on the back of the premises plus a metal security frame around the oil tank as theft of oil from this tank had been a problem. A shelter was also erected in the back yard so that members can enjoy participating in projects outside in all weathers. Below are photographs of the work completed.



ARTWORKS ON GLENS COMMUNITY HOUSE



The work of projects funded by DSD and by other agencies are reported on via the sub-groups. Examples are as follows:

Education Sub-Group

Towards the end of 2015/16 it was agreed that youth projects working within the NR areas would report to the NR Education Sub-Group instead of having separate Youth Work meetings. Prior to this, separate Youth Work meetings had been held over the summer months of 2015 when a large number of projects were running simultaneously, managed by various groups within the NR area or providing services to the NR area. Those who attended these meetings included: Western Education and Library Board Youth Worker, RVRA, The Glens Association, the Drive project worker, Coolestan RA, and Bovalley RA. All of the detailed information regarding days, times, duration of various schemes were discussed in order to ensure minimal duplication and maximum opportunities for young people to attend as many of the activities on offer as possible.

Items discussed at the Education Sub-Group meetings also included a successful application to DSD for continuation of the Speech and Language project aimed at improving the performance of primary school children, (facilitated via Drumachose Primary School), and the successful application to DSD for the Teenage Action Group (TAG) project aimed at older children who encountered difficulties learning via the standard methods used by schools. The TAG project tackled issues such as social isolation, compromised social skills, low mood, low attainment in school, poor school attendance, behaviour management issues, limited self-care skills, substance misuse, health risk behaviours and victimised by bullying behaviour. Funding of £7k was also received from DCAL and this provided 24 guitars and lessons for young people plus pottery classes for 20 adults, the majority of whom were from the NR area.

Examples of activities undertaken by various NR projects which had an education focus are as follows:

D.R.I.V.E. (Developing Relationships in Vulnerable Environments) Project



The DRIVE Celebration Event 2016

The D.R.I.V.E. Project is aimed at children and young people ages between 5-13 years and their parents. It delivers on the following themes:

- Relationships
- Respect
- Health and Hygiene
- Environmental
- Community Safety

This project has a primary emphasis on “hard to reach” families in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. This project relies on the support of volunteers in all four community groups within or attached to the NR area. Partnership working between, Roe Valley Residents, The Glens Community Association, Coolessan Community Association, Bovalley Community Association Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, NI Education Authority, Sure Start and the local primary schools continue to ensure that these hard to reach families are targeted and given the opportunity to participate in family programmes and then link them with other organisations such as the schools, Community Centres, NI Education Authority Youth Service and Sure Start.

Programmes in 2015-2016:

Relationships:

The ethos of this element of the DRIVE programme was to encourage and engage with young people and their wider families in order to strengthen family units within the Limavady Neighbourhood Renewal Area. The project encouraged parents to become volunteers in the programme and by actively participating they also learned new skills.

This first 6 week programme engaged with the children and their parents to embrace a sense of community pride. Children were encouraged to ask questions and obtain information about themselves and their neighbourhood from their parents/grandparents. Parents were also involved in workshops to identify their role in strengthening their relationships with their children.

This element of the programme engaged children aged 5 -13 years in a 6 week programme which addressed issues surrounding themselves, their family and their community, and tackled issues of positive citizenship, community pride, bullying, body image and age appropriate sexual health education.

Confidence building:

The confidence building element of the programme consisted of 6 weeks of Relax Kids classes, where children were taught methods of relaxation and concentration, and Drama Bugs drama and dance classes, to build their confidence and self-esteem. Parents were involved in this aspect of the programme in supervising the children during their confidence and self esteem building classes. The programme also empowered parents, through delegation of responsibilities, to directly supervise children during these workshops. By doing so, parents and volunteers learned and implemented new strategies and methods regarding how to best discipline negative behaviours. This resulted in also building parents' self-esteem and confidence.

The programme operated in both Roe Valley Residents Association community centre and the Glens community centre. An average of 70 young people attended nightly at the Roe Valley Residents Association community house and at The Glens. Young people from the Cooleasan area also attended the Glens community house.

Health and Hygiene:

This element of the DRIVE programme facilitated volunteers/parents in encouraging the children and young people to make healthier lifestyle choices. The project operated over three weeks at various locations on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

51 young people participated in health education/healthy lifestyle choices including personal hygiene, healthy eating and guided walks. The healthy eating classes included a taster Cook-It session and the opportunity to try different fruit and foods that they would not ordinarily have had before. Parents also participated in taster sessions which demonstrated how to encourage their children to lead healthier lifestyles in an interactive and educational way. By doing so, this also indirectly educated the parents in the importance of their own personal hygiene and health implications. The programme also educated the parents and children on the importance of routine and diet in child development.

Physical Activity:

The Physical activity aspect of the programme involved swimming lessons at Roe Valley Leisure centre for 6 weeks on Sundays. This strand of the programme was very successful and had 73 people attending over the 6 weeks with an average attendance rate of 56 young people each week. The young people were all graded and moved to their next swimming level. This programme fully engaged the parents of the young people and the parental involvement was very high throughout.

Educational Activity:

A number of schools in and associated with the NR area participated in the Drive programme. At June 2015 numbers of young people participating were as follows:

Drumachose Primary School	18
Central Primary School	4
Termoncanice Primary School	35
Roe Valley Integrated Primary School	11
St. Mary's High School	6
Limavady High School	6
Limavady Grammar School	2

Educational initiatives undertaken during 2015/16 included a programme involving maths, English, science, nutrition and paired reading, which operated at Playspace in Limavady on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings over a six week period. One of the fun factors used to sustain interest involved young people picking letters and numbers from a bouncy castle in answer to questions. The paired reading involved parents and volunteers alongside the children. This programme had a total attendance at February 2016 of 87 young people from The Glens, Roe Valley, Coolessan and Bovalley areas. The Glens Community Association sourced funding from PSNI for a trip at the end of the programme to RADAR (N. Ireland's first fully interactive, safety and life skills education centre) in Belfast for the senior children and to Wane's World for juniors.

DRIVE educational interventions were particularly successful in 2015/16 with higher participation than in previous years.



Environmental Project:

The Environmental project continued to be a great success, with the young people planting raised beds, hanging baskets, growing vegetables and making bird houses. This programme was very popular with the young people as they took great pride in seeing the plants and vegetables growing.



Environmental project

North West Regional College

NWRC provided free accredited training to NR residents in community settings on various subjects including C&G L2 Nail Art, C&G L2 Food Safety in Catering, C&G Safeguarding Children and Young People, C&G L1 Sage Accounts, BTEC Paediatric First Aid and First Aid in the Workplace. Classes ran from January 2016 and some are still running at May 2016. 113 people enrolled.

Western Education and Library Board- Enjoying Learning and Achieving in Limavady

The young people from within the Neighbourhood renewal area have completed a wide range of topics such as Mental and Physical Health programmes, CRED, Disability Awareness, Drugs and Alcohol, Leadership, Community Relations, Inclusion, Volunteering, Youth Intervention, TBUC and Personal and Personal and social development.

Young people have attended workshops and trips and have improved their educational knowledge and enhanced confidence and self-esteem. They have an increased self-awareness and have built up resilience and an ability to manage their feelings in a more positive way. They have become more aware of others around them and their surroundings and have an increased sense of belonging to their communities.

Work in Rossmar special needs school has seen a great relationship built up with a group of 5th year students. The young people are currently completing an OCN in Young Adult Development.



Rossmar Special Needs School pupils take part in team-building exercises



Members of the Limavady NRA Youth Forum took part in an educational visit to London as part of a politics programme in partnership with Limavady Youth Council. 17 young people and 3 workers enjoyed a 3 day trip to the capital where the focus was a visit to Westminster. The young people had an amazing time and the learning and memories will last a long time.



Youth Forum members visit London

Forum members also completed Leadership and First Aid training to help improve confidence and build capacity.

Leadership training



First Aid training



DJ skills project

Through the Playhouse programme 12 young people examined the consequences of risk taking behaviours and focused on positive use of their time. They completed an OCN in DJ skills and planned, implemented and carried out a DJ event attended by their peers just before Christmas.

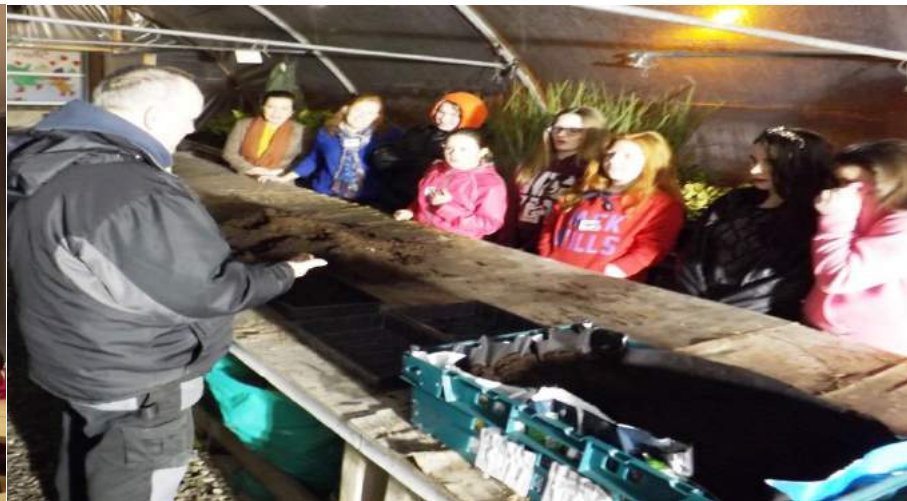
Dry Arch Teenage Action Group (TAG) Programme

As it was found that too many local children lead lives of anxious isolation, the Dry Arch Children's Centre Youth Mentors, in partnership with local schools, childcare professionals, Tesco Community Champion and four community groups across the Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) area, developed and delivered the Teenage Action Group (TAG) programme to support and encourage young people who needed extra help to improve their educational, social and life opportunities. Department of Social Development (DSD) invested £12k. in the six-week programme that also comprised a parent support programme and workshop for parents, referrers and professionals on helping young people to identify their many abilities and individual learning styles as this is so important for educational achievement. As families stressed the need for the programme to continue, Dry Arch Children's Centre funded a follow-up programme into 2016/17 on an interim basis, pending further funding, to ensure its clearly evidenced success will be sustained over time, thus enabling group members to integrate more fully into universal support, leisure and other services.

Each young person received a personalised Record of Achievement portfolio at a Celebration of Achievement event at the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre hosted by the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Young people, parents and referrers noted very significant positive change on key outcomes such as motivation and self-worth. One parent, in particular, spoke of the transformative impact the programme had for both her life and that of her daughter. In total, 12 young people, 6 parents and 10 community workers/professionals participated in TAG programme activities. Such was its success that efforts are being made to build on this partnership approach for the benefit of the many other young people within Limavady NR area whose lives could be so much better for it. Further detail regarding participants is as follows:

- Of the total of 12 young people participating in TAG, 10 took part in group activities. The remaining two young people had agreed to participate in group sessions but did not do so as they found the group setting too intense. This was to be expected given the vulnerability of the target group. Those young people who were unable to work in groups were seen by the Dry Arch Youth Mentors on an individual basis. In this way, all 12 young people received services under the TAG programme that met their individual needs.
- The parents of all 12 children received advice and support. In total, this involved 15 adults as some were single-parent families. As with their children, a range of group work and individual inputs were delivered as 6 parents agreed to attend group sessions. Two of these dropped out as they found group-work too intense. So 4 parents fully participated in the 4-week programme, 2 partially attended it and the remaining 9 received advice and support on parenting issues on an individual basis.
- 10 community workers/professional staff were also recipients of services. They attended a Finger-Print Learning workshop on the basis that parents, teachers, referrers and funders should experience this important element of the TAG programme, especially given its holistic approach. This helped ensure that, when the young people went back home, to school or in their communities with their new insights and learning, this would best be embedded with the support of informed adults who shared responsibility for them. In this way benefits from the TAG programme could be maximised.

The photographs below show a few of the many activities undertaken by the TAG group.



A selection of TAG activities

Speech and Language Therapy Project

A Speech and Language Therapist was funded by DSD during the three month period of January to March 2016 to build upon the work undertaken in 2014/15 with primary and nursery schools in the NR area. A needs assessment exercise undertaken in 2014/15 highlighted that 68% of pupils had language delay. This figure was 18% above the national average. This project was facilitated through Drumachose Primary School and was delivered in 5 nursery and primary schools in the Limavady NR area. 280 pupils were involved through whole class intervention, language groups, individual therapy and training for parents and staff. £12,000 was originally awarded to this project. The spend for this project was < ? >

Health Sub-Group

A Family Support programme, (for families bereaved or affected by suicide), was facilitated with £10k funding from PHA and the Steering Group which advised on this programme also reported to the Health Sub-Group via the Strategy Manager. This programme encompassed a number of projects including memory blanket and memory bench classes, dance and drama classes, complementary therapies, mindfulness classes, a drugs and alcohol awareness session and family activity days. 130 participants took part in this programme.

In addition to this, the main focus of the Health Sub-Group was the Nhip project, with the Nhip Worker reporting at these meetings.

Neighbourhood Health Improvement programme (Nhip)

Provides a part-time Health Development worker and programme costs. The purpose of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project, which is managed by the Western Health and Social Care Trust, is to continue to develop and deliver programmes/initiatives to enable residents in communities in the Neighbourhood Renewal area to improve their health and well-being. The Nhip programme has delivered the following elements in 2015/16: Teenage Health (12-19 years), Men's Health, Ladies Positive Lifestyles. Details of these elements are as follows:

Teenage Health – a 10 month engagement programme across three community areas capturing teenagers' health needs, (physical/mental/social), and promoting positive lifestyle choices through exercise and by raising awareness through current issues in the NR areas that teenagers deal with. Particular emphasis has been on the effects of alcohol and drug misuse, sexual health, contraception, positive thinking, nutrition and self-harm. Parents and family members have also been involved in supporting

teenagers via healthy eating classes, etc. Participants were also encouraged to volunteer which leads to learning new skills, social inclusion and improved self-confidence.

Men's Health – a 10 month programme delivering on health issues via workshops alongside physical fitness and development of new skills through men's shed projects, etc. Increased nutritional awareness was also promoted through growing and eating foods. The majority of participants are unemployed and in some way vulnerable or have experienced life issues requiring extra help, guidance and support.

Ladies' Positive Lifestyles – a six monthly programme focusing on fitness/weight loss plus female health including action cancer breast screening, MOT health checks and other health/nutritional elements. Positive parenting was also promoted, including extra support to mothers with younger families. Improved psychological status has been obtained via provision of CBT and alternative therapies. Ladies were also linked with walking and running clubs in Limavady.

Economic Sub-Group

DEL report at each meeting on the programmes and training opportunities available to the unemployed in the area including Into Work Training Support (IWTS) and the Work Experience Programme (WEP). Contact has been made with the TESCO community champion, who attended a Partnership Board meeting to advise on funding available to community schemes from TESCO.

NR Advice Officer

This project funds Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to provide an advisory service which is managed by Limavady Community Development Initiative (LCDI). This service ensures that individuals do not suffer through insufficient understanding of their rights and provides advisory services within the NR area so that residents are aware of their benefit entitlements. The service provides assistance with appeals, completing application forms and signposting to other services. In the year 2015/16 this service has generated £292,316 in benefits income for clients in the Limavady NR area.

Physical Sub-Group

Community houses - both The Glens and Roe Valley Residents' Association community houses received refurbishment by the Housing Executive during 2015/16 with RVRA still out of their premises and temporarily resident in the LCDI offices at 31st March, 2016. Some end-of-year funding was also made available to The Glens, whose renovations were completed in 2015/16, with finishing touches such as a replacement shutter and provision of a sheltered area at the side of the community house.

Unity Bridge - planning work continued on the Unity Bridge project, which is Big Lottery funded and administered by CFNI with technical input from Groundwork NI. The planned bridge will straddle the Blackburn Path between Limavady High School and St. Mary's school on Irish Green Street in Limavady. The aim of the project is to bring both communities together by upgrading the Blackburn Path, facilitating easier interchange between students from both schools and providing joint community activities in the newly refurbished area.

Bethany Hall – initial proposals have been forwarded by the Bethany Trust for a new community hall within the grounds of St Mary's Church on Irish Green Street. The plans have been updated following consultation to ensure that the needs of the local community are met. This would include a large kitchen for cookery demonstration purposes and additional offices to let to the community. The Trust has already gathered a substantial amount from fundraising activities and anticipates that a cocktail of funding will be put in place as the project evolves.

Limavady Partnership 2015/16 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund.

Programme/Project	Contract for Funding (CFF) Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	15/16 Spend (as at 31/03/2016)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL		£	£
Roe Valley Residents Association	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£40,523	£40,523
The Glens Community Association (£35,715.32) and DRIVE project (£41,045.81)	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£76,761.13	£76,761.13
Neighbourhood Renewal Officer	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	LOV £27,324.77	£27,324.77
Total Community Renewal Expenditure			£144,608.90
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
Western Education and Library Board Enjoying Learning and achieving in Limavady	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£273,045	£91,015
Teenage Action Group (TAG) Project facilitated via the Dry Arch Centre	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£12,000	Claim pending
Speech and Language project facilitated via Drumachose Primary School	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£12,000	Claim pending
Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure			£91,015 plus

SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Western Health & Social Care Trust – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project (Nhip)	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£203,663	£25,254 (Programme costs £8,581 plus Salary costs £14,419) Underspend est. £1,649.18
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure			£23,000
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
Renovations to Roe Valley and The Glens Community Houses funded via NIHE	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	unknown	unknown
Small capital works funded by DSD	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£6,675	£6,675
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure			£6,675
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Neighbourhood Renewal advice officer (Facilitated through Voluntary & Community Unit)	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	£18,139.98	£18,139.98
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure			£18,139.98
TOTALS			£283,438.88

PROJECTS	A1 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs created	A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded	A10 - Number of volunteers sustained/created
Technical Assistance		1	N/A
Roe Valley Residents Association	1.6	1.6	32
The Glens Community Association including the DRIVE project		1 coordinator 1 DRIVE worker	48

Social (Education) Output Measures

PROJECTS	ER 14 – Number of residents in area who obtain a qualification on completion of formal training	B8 – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/ development programmes	B6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project
Roe Valley Residents Association	36		
The Glens Community Association including DRIVE project	48	86	242
Drumachose PS - Speech and Language project			Evaluation awaited
Dry Arch – Teenage Action Group (TAG) project			Evaluation awaited

Social (Health) Output Measures

PROJECTS	SR(H)2– Numbers participating in health education/awareness initiatives
Roe Valley Residents Association	244
The Glens Community Association including DRIVE project	218
Nhip project	148

Social (Crime) Output Measures

PROJECTS	SR(C)3 – Number of people who participate in community safety initiatives
Roe Valley Residents Association	323
The Glens Community Association DRIVE project (community safety initiatives)	94 132

Community/Other Output Measures

PROJECTS	CR 10 – Number of people using existing community development facilities
Roe Valley Residents Association	496
The Glens Community Association	530

PROJECTS	Other
Technical Assistance	52

Limavady Partnership Conclusion

In the 2015/16 financial year, the Limavady Partnership total overall spend was £283,438.88, (plus claims pending for TAG and Speech and Language projects).

The spend by Strategic Objective is as follows:

Economic Renewal:	£18,139.98
Physical Renewal:	£6,675
Social Renewal:	£114,015 (plus claims pending for TAG and SLT projects of approx. £20K)
Community Renewal:	£144,608.90

In the 2015/16 financial year, Limavady Partnership maximised the funding from Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund to ensure the projects delivered a range of benefits to the area for people of all ages. Outputs included increased participation in community events, increased social skills of the residents of the neighbourhood renewal area and overall increased community capacity.

We wish to thank all the Neighbourhood Partnership members and their respective organisations for their commitment to the programme and look forward to the continued development of projects which will meet the needs of the residents in the Neighbourhood Renewal area and improve their quality of life.



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