

GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area

Annual Report 2012-2013



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About Neighbourhood Renewal

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

About Grange Partnership

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Grange Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, this action plan was update in March 2013. The Partnership currently comprises 32 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, churches and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a development worker and administrator within Newtownabbey Borough Council.

The Partnership has established 1 sub group (Youth) to assist it in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address youth projects in the area.

New Sub-Groups are under development that will include Communications and Events Sub-Group, Health Sub-Group and possibly an Economic/Employability Sub-Group.

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

GRANGE Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 4 key projects in the GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community Renewal

1. Grange Community Development Worker

The project aims to address the objectives identified in the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan 01 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 through the appointment of a full time Community Development Worker who will work with local residents, Grange Youth & Community Group, Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and other community and voluntary groups to build capacity, promote the development of community infrastructure and progress a range of Neighbourhood Renewal initiatives.

The Community Development Worker will assist the Grange residents to identify issues that affect their lives, set goals for improvement, and bring about positive change through active participation. With the input of local residents the Community Development Worker will organise a range of community based programmes, co-ordinating delivery, evaluating and monitoring progress.

The Worker supports Grange Youth & Community Group and other statutory groups to source funding for projects and assist them to develop a programme of work and a fundraising strategy. They also act as a link between Grange residents, the Council, Statutory Bodies and central government departments.

2. Grange Community House Running Costs 2012-2015

Running costs were secured in 2012-2013 for the running costs associated with the Grange Community House including costs for equipment, furniture and fittings, cleaning equipment and heating oil. The aim of the project is to

- Enable the community group to open the Community House 5 days and 5 evenings per week;
- To provide opportunities for all sections of the community to become involved in the Community House;
- To deliver a series of activities to engage local people including workshops, classes, festivals, recreational activities and coffee mornings;
- To enhance relationships with Statutory Bodies by inviting them to deliver workshops, classes and activities in the Grange community House;
- To offer accredited training to enhance the skills of the residents within the Grange/Thornhill and Ollardale estates; and
- To continue to work towards addressing the renewal themes contained within the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.



Economic Renewal

3. Creating Pathways to Success

The project aims to address the issues of educational under achievement in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. NRC employed 4 Learning Mentors to work with learners from the designated areas where participants are undertaking courses. It is envisaged that the programme will improve retention and achievement among the participants by the provision of tailored mentoring.

Social Renewal – Health

4. HEALTH CO-ORDINATOR

The aim of the project is to tackle inequalities in health by coordinating health improvement programmes across 3 Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The project saw the appointment of dedicated Health Co-ordinators to develop, deliver and evaluate health projects/programmes in partnership with local community, voluntary and statutory groups.

The Grange Health Co-ordinator took up post in January 2013 and has developed a programme of health related programmes and activities to include activities for the Women's Group, Men's Group and young people within Grange Neighbourhood Renewal area.



GRANGE Partnership 2012/13 Expenditure

(By Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2012/13 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2012/13 total expenditure in the GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	12/13 Spend (as at 31/03/13)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Community Development Worker	02 July 2012 – 31 Mar 2015	£128,203.56	£3,346.96
Grange Community House Running Costs	13 Aug 2012 – 31 Mar 2013	£20,727.46	£4,664.23
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£148,931.02	£8,011.19
ECONOMIC			
Creating Pathways to Success	03 Sept 2012 – 01 Mar 2015	£37,904.81	Nil
Total Social Renewal Education Expenditure		£37,904.81	
SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Health Co-ordinator	01 July 2012 – 31 Mar 2015	£88,854.48	Nil
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure		£88,854.48	
TOTALS		£275,690.31	£8,011.19

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL
FUNDING IN 2012/2013 YEAR**

Economic Output Measures* pre April 2013 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2013)

PROJECT	A1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs created	A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded	A3 – Number of FTE construction jobs (expressed as person weeks)	A4 - No of people who live in an area who get jobs as a consequence of training, advice or other specifically targeted assistance	A5 – number of people trained who obtain permanent jobs	A6 - Number of people trained who obtain permanent jobs who were formerly unemployed	A7 - Number of businesses advised /assisted	A8 - Number of new business starts	A9 - Number of training places sustained/created	A10 - Number of volunteers sustained/created
Creating Pathways to Success	1									
NH&SCT Northern Area Health Co-ordinator	1									

Community/Other Output Measures* pre April 2013 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2013)

PROJECT	O1 – Number of people given access to new cultural opportunities/facilities	O2A – Number of private / public dwellings built/improved	O2B – Number of people benefitting from projects to promote personal and social development	O4 – Number of strategic development plans carried out	O5 – Number of people / volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental	O6 – Number of volunteers sustained/created	O7 – Number of people involved in capacity building/citizenship projects
Community Development Worker	20		30	1	10	10	30
Community House Running Costs		1					

GRANGE Partnership Conclusion

In the 2012/13 financial year, GRANGE NR Partnership's total overall spend was **£8,011.19**

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

Community Renewal	£8,011.19
Social Renewal	£0.00
Economic Renewal	£0.00
Physical Renewal	£0.00

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure

A Northern Area Health Co-ordinator has been in place in the Grange estate since January 2013. Since being appointed the Coordinator has developed a programme of health related programmes and activities to include activities for the Women's Group, Men's Group and young people within Grange Neighbourhood Renewal area.

The Grange Community House has received running costs for the year and is currently developing a timetable of activity for the Community House to encourage greater use by local residents.



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