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**Greater Shantallow Area Partnership**  
Annual Review – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

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# VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

## OUR VISION...

The Greater Shantallow Area Partnership (GSAP) is a core community support organisation which seeks to bring together and support local residents, community/voluntary sector groups and statutory/private organisations that have an interest in or involvement with improving the social, community, economic and physical environment within the Greater Shantallow area thus helping to create sustainable communities that are:

**Active, Inclusive and Safe; Well Run; Well Designed and Built; Well Connected; Thriving; Well-Served; Fair for Everyone; and Environmentally Sensitive;**

## OUR MISSION...

“To develop and sustain a vibrant community & voluntary sector in the Greater Shantallow area in which well-informed people enjoy high quality, sustainable and appropriate services in an accessible, well-managed environment.

# CHARITABLE PURPOSE & PUBLIC BENEFIT

CHARITABLE PURPOSE	PUBLIC BENEFIT
<i>RELIEVING POVERTY</i>	Reduction in the impact of poverty on people's quality of life, the prevention of poverty, and physical, social, community, and economic improvements within the Greater Shantallow Area
<i>ADVANCING EDUCATION</i>	A more educated, skilled and qualified population within the Greater Shantallow Area, and a more informed, and capable C&V sector within the Greater Shantallow Area
<i>PRESERVING HEALTH</i>	Improved health and wellbeing of residents of all ages living in the Greater Shantallow Area
<i>PROVIDING FACILITIES</i>	Improved community life, new community infrastructure developed and maintained, and new and existing C&V sector groups based in the Greater Shantallow Area are developed and maintained so that they can be used by the local community



# CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

**Peter McDonald**

As the Chair of the Greater Shantallow Area Partnership it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and share with you our accomplishments during the period **1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**. Over the past year we have continued to strive to make the Greater Shantallow area a better place in which to live, work, and to socialise. This Annual Review sets out our work and achievements over the last year and outlines what we have achieved in helping to improve the quality of life for so many individuals both young and old and how we have helped to make the area a better place to live. The challenge faced by the whole community and voluntary sector coming out of the health pandemic was just as challenging as it was during the pandemic as families continued to struggle financially and worry about integrating themselves back into activities face to face again. Our staff, volunteers, and our many partners within the C&V sector locally and across the City met these challenges head on, as you will see demonstrated throughout this report.

Following on from the unprecedented times during the health pandemic (COVID19) and the current economic crisis facing all of us in terms of the cost of living crisis and the rising price of both fuel and food, there are clear challenges for the GSAP and others to continue to maintain high levels of performance in the coming years ahead. We can achieve this by working together, sharing skills, knowledge and resources and by continuing to make a clear commitment to involving local people in community affairs and local decision-making including influencing service delivery. This year has clearly shown that the challenges and uncertain times faced have not gone away but in fact have got worse for many. However our community has continued to successfully come together and address key local issues, such as the current cost of living crisis, community safety, community infrastructure, skills deficit, poverty of aspirations amongst our young people, environmental issues, food poverty, debt etc... With the continued support of the GSAP we together can grasp further opportunities that may arise from the community planning process etc... so to support and enable our most disadvantaged individuals, families and neighbourhoods.

# CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

**Peter McDonald**

Now, more than ever before, the continuing uncertainty **around COVID19 recovery, BREXIT, the cost of living crisis, fuel poverty, welfare reform and the ongoing cuts to public expenditure**, etc... have already and will continue to create many difficulties for individuals, families and our local community. Now, more than ever before, GSAP together with local residents and our friends and colleagues in the Greater Shantallow / Outer North / Ballyarnett DE areas C&V sector must continue to work hard to sustain and develop our current services and where required bring forward new, ground breaking solutions thus helping to shape better citizen focused services in the future. Before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to praise local organisations for their continued responsive and unseen work, be it the women's sector, the youth sector, sporting organisations, community playgroups, the 50+ sector, early year providers, community arts organisations and residents associations. It goes without saying that the 'pulling together' of our sector and its resources during the recent lockdowns is worthy of high praise and acknowledgement. This work represents the backbone of our sector and continues to create opportunities and enhance the quality of life for so many of our people, especially our most vulnerable.

On behalf of the Board I'd like to extend our thanks to all those organisations and individuals we have worked and engaged with over the last year. Furthermore I would like to extend a sincere word of gratitude to all those funding bodies who have invested and continue to invest in the GSAP Project, and who have contributed to the on-going support work carried out by GSAP staff on a daily basis. Finally I would like to extend thanks to all my fellow Trustees & Staff for their hard work, commitment, dedication and endeavours throughout the past year.

**Peter McDonald**  
**Chairperson, GSAP**

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Rory McParland**  
**Manager**

We at GSAP are delighted to be hosting our 27th AGM. Over the year GSAP has continued to deliver a high quality '**community support service**' to local individuals and organisations who in themselves are working hard to improve the area and the quality of life for residents locally.

The Chairperson's forward has acknowledged and highlighted some of the key challenges facing not only GSAP, but many of our C&V sector partners during the year. However, and despite these key challenges the GSAP has been able to sustain all of our community based, and community focused services.

## Other notable achievements by GSAP throughout the year include:

- GSAP via many support organisations in conjunction with - **ETHOS Family Support hub** - were able to provide greater financial assistance:
  - **59 - £80 food/fuel vouchers** awarded in Jan – Mar 22.
  - **8 - British Red Cross - £120 cash cards** for those waiting on Universal credit.
  - **25 - £340 Save the Children awards** - Essential household items (Nov 21- Feb 22)
  - **307- food parcels** distributed & supported
  - **63 - families (112 young people)** benefitted from our Christmas appeal 2021.
- Through the 'Living at Home' project -an intergenerational project,**100 older participants now have a tablet and broadband access** as a means of communication with the outside world, to support digital inclusion amongst the older members of our community, and to make them feel less isolated, especially after the Covid 19 health pandemic, and the many lockdowns that were experienced by all.
- Continuing the development of the **Skeoge Community Hub** in partnership with APEX, and our many community partners. GSAP, with the financial support from Nationwide up to the end of August 2021 was able to employ a full-time housing & community coordinator to run a range of daily community services / activities for residents from the Skeoge area. GSAP has since been awarded funding (£478K) from the National Lottery Community Fund. This 4-year initiative, commenced September 2021 and has enabled GSAP to employ 4 new staff, to establish a community café, and to deliver a range of family-based programmes / interventions, and a menu of community safety initiatives, as part of our SaFE, STaR, and Café Links Initiatives.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Rory McParland**  
**Manager**

Among the other stand out results for 2021/22 derived from our bespoke, integrated local service provision include:

- ❑ **355 Adults (301 Female & 54 Male)** were able to access intervention / treatment services through the family support hub, and **149 young people (93 Male & 56Female)** were able to access specialist support to address their needs;
- ❑ **304** Year 8 pupils ( 2 cohorts) attending St Brigid's College accessed a range of personal/social development and health programmes and resource packs;
- ❑ **214** local residents participated in healthy lifestyle programmes such as Tai Chi, Chair Aerobics, Walking Club, Personal Development, Swimming, Minding Me Programme, Restore Nutrition, Outdoor Boot camp, Yoga etc... thus reducing social isolation and improving their overall health and well-being;
- ❑ **1,434** young people attending local schools accessed a range of extended school programmes and services such as counselling, speech therapy, outdoor environmental education programmes and literacy and numeracy tuition etc...;
- ❑ **307** food (week supply) parcels donated by the four local Churches were distributed by GSAP to families in need across the area thus helping to reduce the impact of poverty and improve their quality of life;

During the year, the GSAP continued to protect **13 existing local integrated local services** managed by GSAP including: the Outer North Community Support Project, the secretariat of the Outer North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, the Shantallow Family Support Hub (ETHOS), the Greater Shantallow Talking To Our Babies Project, the ASPIRE Programme, in partnership with St. Brigid's College, the GSAP Skills North West programme; the Greater Shantallow Extended Schools Programme 2021/22 funded through the EA Extended Schools programme, the Outer North Families Connect Project, the Greater Shantallow Foodbank, Save the Children Emergency Grants Programme, Red Cross Hardship Fund, the Citywide Connectivity Programme, Skeoge Community Hub at Clon Dara in partnership with APEX, and ONNP with financial support from the Nationwide Foundation & the National Lottery Community Fund, the DENI Wrap Around Education Support programme lead by DENI and funded through DOJ Tackling Paramilitarism programme.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Rory McParland**  
**Manager**

These achievements demonstrate not only the importance of partnership working and collaboration but also the hard work, determination, capacity, and strength of our community & voluntary sector in the Greater Shantallow area.

In the year ahead the GSAP will continue to develop relationships with key agencies responsible for delivering services within the area and work with residents, local organisations, schools, community groups and statutory agencies to develop positive changes in the quality of life of disadvantaged families and neighbourhoods thus ensuring comprehensive social inclusion.

GSAP Staff and Trustees will work hard to remain at the centre of local development. This will be achieved by working even more closely with local residents and community & voluntary groups in the area, remaining actively involved in the delivery of the new Ballyarnett Community Plan, the Derry City and Strabane District Council Area Strategic Growth Plan and the delivery of the Outer North Regeneration Plan, continuously identifying the need and putting forward sound cases for investment and grasping opportunities that may arise from new Government policies and initiatives such as the City Deal.

We aim to continue to develop real partnerships between community groups and residents with statutory agencies and local government, so existing services are retained and new solutions, led by local people, can be found for important social problems. Overall, there have been many positive and significant achievements throughout the past year, detailed within the body of this report, which would not have been possible without the commitment of our dedicated Trustees and also of course our funders, -without whom we could not function. Details of our funders are found at the back of our report.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our affiliated groups, service providers and partner organisations for their continued support and for the positive, outward-looking contribution they have made in the last year.

I would like to thank our existing staff members and welcome those who have taken on new positions within GSAP in the last year, including Tina Doolin, Laura Gallagher, Chris McDonagh, & Sharon Jones and to welcome Martin Daly, Ruth Carr, Marisa McCallion, Orla Jackson, Cora Doherty, Sean Pol McLaughlin, and Michael Quinn to the GSAP team. A huge personal thank you to all our staff who continue to provide a warm, friendly and professional service to all those who contact us. Here's to another successful and exciting year ahead for GSAP.

**Rory McParland**  
**Manager, GSAP**

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

*(An Active, Influential,  
and Learning  
Community)*



39 local community & voluntary groups provided with technical assistance support during the year;



42 local workers provided with training and support to continue to provide a professional service to the local community;



11 local community & voluntary groups received advice, information and on-going support to register as a charity with the Charity Commission NI;



11 networking events organised and facilitated by GSAP staff during the year;



GSAP staff and Trustees represented the local C&V sector on 13 city-wide strategic bodies;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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A total of 55 volunteers were recruited and supported by GSAP staff to participate in a range of local events, programmes and initiatives;



GSAP staff provided ongoing support, guidance and advice to 39 local community & voluntary groups;



202 good news stories were shared on Face book to local community & voluntary sector during the year with 82,379 views on Social Media.



A total of 16,000 users of our web site – [www.shantallow.net](http://www.shantallow.net) with 40,021 views, & 23,000 individual members - 15,347 Facebook followers(72.7% growth rate)



12 local community & voluntary groups provided with support to complete 90 ACCESS NI checks;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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Support to bring forward a range of capital projects in the area, including the new Galliagh Community Centre and redevelopment plans for Boom Hall Estate; proposals for a new Culmore Community Centre, & Progression on proposed new Skeoge Youth Centre, etc...;



DFC Access to Food programme - exiting and signposting the 538 families whose finances have been directly affected by COVID 19;



GSAP Staff continued to protect 13 local integrated services, and support the development of 2 new local integrated services;



355 adults accessed intervention and treatment services via our Family Support Service – ETHOS;



445 children & young people provided with early intervention support (84 accessing specialist support);



# ACCESS TO FOOD



**Save the  
Children**



Like many communities/neighbourhoods across the NORTH local community/charitable organisations within the Greater Shantallow Area set up **ACCESS TO FOOD** to help with the recovery coming out of covid 19. During the final 3 months of the programme (Apr- June 21), GSAP staff were involved in evaluating, summarising, and submitting reports to DC&SDC and exiting and signposting the **538 families** whose finances had been directly affected by COVID 19.

From Apr-June 2021 we were all committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of our local community and our most vulnerable individuals/families and worked with all relevant agencies including DC&SDC, DfC, DoH, NIHE, DE/Youth Service, Housing Associations, local businesses, local politicians/councillors, local care homes, local pre-school, primary and secondary schools in the area etc... to ensure their was a clear plan and recovery route coming out of COVID 19.

**GSAP via many support organisations and in conjunction with - ETHOS Family Support hub -was able to provide greater financial assistance, including:**

- ❑ **59** (£80 food/fuel vouchers) awarded in **Jan – Mar 22**.
- ❑ **8** - British Red Cross – (£120 cash cards) for those awaiting Universal credit.
- ❑ **25** – (£340 Save the Children awards) - for essential household items (**Nov 21- Feb 22**)
- ❑ **307**- food parcels distributed & supported
- ❑ **63** - families (112 young people) supported through our 2021 Christmas appeal.

# PROGRAMME REVIEW

**Relieving  
Poverty**

## Extended Schools Initiative

GSAP Core community development staff managed the delivery of the Outer North Extended Schools Programme. This is a key programme in supporting pupils and parents who attend pre-school, primary and post primary schools in the Outer North Area. The programmes delivered this year included an outdoor environmental education programme counselling, speech and language face to face delivery, speech and language take home activity packs, Primary school literacy and numeracy support, Post Primary school literacy and numeracy support, Forest Schools and Adventure play and a new programme to support children/parent's mental health throughout the pandemic called Hip, Hope Hurray- a mental health programme app which continued into 21-22 year until full restrictions were lifted. A total of **1,434** pupils benefitted this year from these key projects.

## ASPIRE

**ASPIRE** is a unique education programme working in partnership with St Brigid's College and targets all Year 8 pupils within the school. It aims to promote social and personal development, improve literacy and numeracy achievement and to increase the pupil's desire and belief to succeed both inside and outside school. Children engaged in Mini Professor Science, arts and crafts, Archery, Football challenges, Easter Art activities and much more. A total of **304 pupils benefitted this year with 35 parents engaged in parenting skills programmes.**

## Talking to our Babies Early Intervention Programme (TTOB)

Talking to Our Babies has continued to provide vital support to parents and carers within our community in enabling them to gain a deeper understanding of how babies and children aged 0-3 years develop language. The programme continued delivery during the end of lockdown providing key activities to parents and carers looking after children on a full time basis at home. **1,006** children benefitted from Early Years programmes and activities including online Mini Professors Rhyme time, Baby Sensory, Play Together, Learn Together, Seasonal craft packs ,Seasonal "Share a Story, Share a Smile"



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Relieving Poverty

# Greater Shantallow Food Bank

Greater Shantallow Area Partnership has continued to work with 'The Four Churches' in order to provide food parcels to families most in need within the area. This is a service which has been greatly welcomed by local residents, many who face financial difficulty and poverty on a day to day basis. This is a confidential facility used to aid our clients who find that they are struggling to provide adequately for their families. This year our staff provided **365 food parcels**.

## Financial Support and Guidance

During the year (April 2021 to Sept 2021) our Family Support Service(ETHOS) provided financial support, guidance and assistance to **642 families**. Families are still struggling coming out of the Covid Pandemic with increased benefit cuts and increased costs in household bills and rise in fuel and the cost of living crisis. The team offered **59 - £80 food/fuel vouchers**, **8 - British Red Cross - £120 cash cards**, **25 - £340 Save the Children awards** for essential items and an additional **63 - families (112 young people)** received support from the **2021 Christmas appeal** which was 4 times more than last year demonstrating the need and the generosity of the general public.

## ETHOS – Family Support Service

Our ETHOS Family Support Hub has continued to provide critical support to families in the Greater Shantallow Area throughout the recovery & the end of the pandemic over the 2021-22 period. This year in particular has seen an increase in referrals and programmes carried out by the ETHOS team in an attempt to ease the strains of coming out of covid and beginning face to face services again. **355 Adults** have accessed intervention/treatments, almost double the target due to the huge rise in referrals for financial support and services during the pandemic. **149 young people** have benefitted from the project, a figure that is double the target also due to issues caused to families during the pandemic. This year our staff have continued to work with many local providers, engaging with **124 organisations / providers & 55 people** have availed of parenting skills/development programmes to enhance their personal development/skills and in turn enhancing their interactions at home as a family unit or participated in parenting skills/programmes.



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Relieving Poverty

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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537 Parents / carers accessed parenting skills development programmes;



304 year 8 pupils attending St. Brigid's College accessed a range of personal / social development and health initiatives;



320 parents of children aged 0 to 3 years participated in a range of early intervention / parenting support programmes;



30 parents completed non-specific training and 74 parents completed job specific training;



1,006 children (aged 0 to 3 years) participated in a range of early intervention programmes through GSAP's Talking to our Babies initiative;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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135 parents / carers ; and 135 children and young people participated in our Families Connect programme;



Activity packs were delivered to local schools and to Families in the Skeoge area; during the year;



A total of 190 local residents participated in healthy lifestyle programmes, reducing social isolation and improving health and wellbeing;



1,434 young people accessed our extended schools programmes and initiatives;



129 residents participated in our locally based employment support programme – Skills North West;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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£162,409 secured for local Community & Voluntary Groups;



A total of 733 presenting issues dealt with by our Family Support Service with referrals to 79 providers;



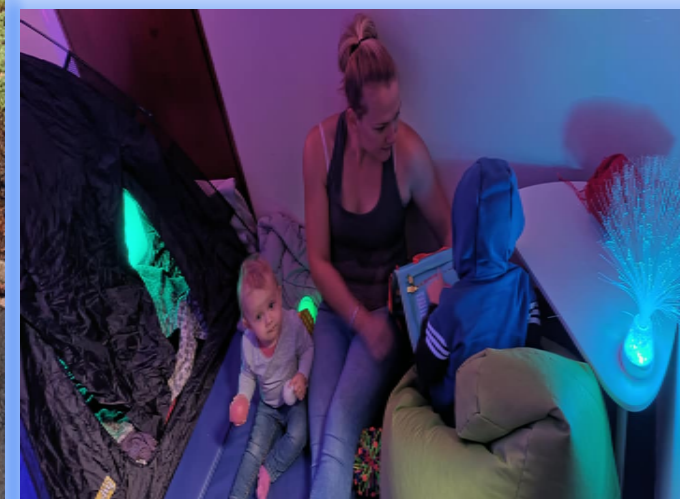
195 qualifications gained by clients on our Skills North West Employment Support Programme;



355 pupils accessed the Hip, Hope Hurray App to help reduce anxiety in children during the pandemic.



1,797 people supported through programmes, projects and initiatives delivered from the Skeoge Community Hub.



## Networking and Event Management

During this year our Networking and Events took place in various forms including through online resources and socially distanced events held outdoors. Our team at the Skeoge Community Hub arranged an outdoor summer fun day, and outdoor cinema night and a Santa Bus to drive through the Skeoge area over 2 nights before Christmas. GSAP was also represented at numerous networking events such as the launch of the DC&SDC City Deal & Inclusive Future Event, the Taoiseach Shared Island Dialogue Event and the DENI Expert Panel meeting.



## Greater Shantallow / Outer North Annual Clean Up

This year the GSAP has continued to support Derry City and Strabane District Council in the delivery of the annual community clean-up initiative in the Greater Shantallow / Outer North area area. With the support of a range of community and voluntary groups, and in particular Team Works Shantallow a total of 88Tons of household materials / waste was collected across the area during August 2021



## Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund

The aim of the ONNP is “To help close the gap between the quality of life for people in our most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of society”. A diverse range of projects have been delivered across the area under the remit of community, social, economic and physical renewal. These projects have been developed in such a way that they address the issues of disadvantage whilst at the same time encouraging as much direct input from local people as possible. **In the 21/22 year Neighbourhood Renewal has provided specific Funding (approx. £1m)** to a range of service providers, primarily from the local C&V sector. Specifically £423k for Community Renewal Initiatives, £404k for Social Renewal Initiatives and £183k for Physical Renewal Initiatives These financial resources have met salary, overhead and programme costs and in many instances acted as a catalyst to secure financial resources from other funding bodies.



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Relieving Poverty

# Skills North West – Employment Support Programme

Skills North West offers support to those who are unemployed or are economically inactive through various community hubs across the City. Our Hub here at GSAP offers a wide range of services including one to one mentoring, individual needs based training, employability workshops with employer targeted training and guaranteed interview. For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, our employment and mentoring staff have supported **129 individuals**, and has helped them gain a total of **195 qualifications** in food hygiene, domiciliary care, CSR, paediatric first aid, plant induction, plant construction, child protection & safeguarding, etc... this year. Our staff have also enabled **49 clients** gain employment, and **16 clients** to enter further education & training.



## Access NI Checks

The GSAP continues to act as a registered body (umbrella group) for Access NI. Our staff provide organisations, companies, self employed people, and individuals with a speed and professional service for vetting. Our staff handle many aspects of the vetting procedure, supporting, advising and guiding both organisations and individuals through the application process. This year our staff completed **90 applications** and worked with **12 organisations / companies**.



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Relieving Poverty

## Funding Advice & Support

The provision of a comprehensive funding advice / support service continues to be a key element of GSAP's work. Despite funding cutbacks / pressures on government departments, during the year staff continued to offer advice and practical support and assistance on fundraising [application processes], tendering and how to best maximise funding opportunities from Government agencies, charitable trusts, grant making organisations and European Funds. Despite these funding pressures, the GSAP has facilitated and assisted numerous community development proposals and community group funding applications throughout the year. Over the course of the year GSAP has facilitated a total of **15** local groups / organisations / initiatives to make applications to a range of funding bodies and has resulted in groups securing funding totalling **£162,409** from bodies such as:- Awards for All; Children in Need, Big Lottery – Supporting Families Fund, CYPSP, ON Arts and Culture, DCSDC Emergency Covid Fund, Sport NI, Nationwide, Halifax, Screen NI, Screwfix, Community Relations Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council Good Relations and Grant Aid, Education Authority (Extended Schools).

## Capacity Building Support

The GSAP continues to provide capacity building support to local community groups / organisations and specifically has supported interventions in the form of initiatives, projects, facilities, services and community development programmes. Through 'Capacity Building' measures, our staff assisted groups / organisations within the Greater Shantallow / Outer North area to be more capable and therefore more successful in seeking whatever help and assistance necessary to implement projects, initiatives and programmes that address their issues and concerns. This support has helped develop the local community infrastructure to ensure effective and efficient targeting and use of government and other related funding. During the year capacity building and technical support provided by GSAP to local groups has covered the following areas: - development of internal policies, staff handbooks, community surveys, facilitating meetings, planning/supporting recruitment and selection procedures, drafting press releases, managing procurement processes, Access NI checks, project monitoring and evaluation, designing leaflets/posters/annual reports, costing projects/services, managing volunteers, financial management, support with PAYE Procedures (RTI), developing tender documentation, setting up management accounts, research, compiling statistics, developing exit strategies, support with applications to the Charity Commission (NI).



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Advancing Education

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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24 local organisations / agencies engaged to support the delivery of our ASPIRE Programme during the year;



110 pupils attended a 6 day summer scheme held in St Brigid's College, including pupils from the ASC Unit;



144 pupils from St. Brigid's College took part in healthy lifestyle projects;



88 Ton of household waste collected this year during the annual Outer North Clean Up Campaign;



GSAP Staff engaged with a total of 48 local providers / agencies / organisations to help deliver new programmes and initiatives in the area;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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100 local people received training in community development & capacity building during the year;



212 adult education qualifications gained during the year via our core community support programme;



84 young people benefited from youth inclusion & diversionary programmes during the year;



A total of 40 local providers engaged in the delivery of our Families Connect Programme, including schools, training providers, statutory partners;



195 qualifications gained through our Skills North West Programme;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2021/22

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49 full time / part time jobs secured as a result of participation on our Skills North West Programme;



351 soft skills acquired by participants on our Skills North West Programme;



355 adults accessed interventions/treatments with our Family Support Service.



100% of referrals to Family Support Service dealt within minimum required time period of 4 weeks;



25 Agencies/schools/GPs/health providers making referrals to Family Support Service during the year;

# DENI WRAP PROJECT

Our DENI WRAP Educational Support Programme 2021/2022 ran locally in partnership with Shantallow Community Residents Association, Rainbow Child & Family Centre, ETHOS Family Support Hub & GSAP. The programme encompasses six (6) programmes: Youth Pre-employment & Education Programme, Family Learning & Intervention Programme, Mini Questing, Learning Hub, and a Youth Opportunities & Community Investment Programme.

## Targets achieved:

- **40** young people engaged in youth intervention programmes- 20 in training and education and 20 in work placements;
- **25** schools/groups working collaboratively: **46** preschool children completed mini Questing;
- **40** young people in the learning hub with their families;
- **63** parents/carers supported directly through Mini Questing (38 parents) & Mindfulness (13 parents) & Solihull (12 parents);
- **120** interventions via Ethos families support hub for 12 families including 48 home play packs, art therapy, parenting and individual work;

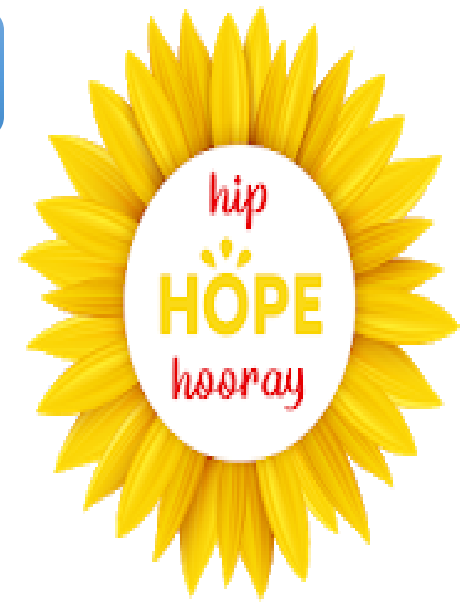


# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Advancing Education

## Families Connect

Families Connect is an evidence-based programme supporting families to help their children succeed in school and live within strengthened family environments. By establishing early partnerships between families, schools & communities, FACT empowers parents to help their children learn and removes obstacles that prevent children succeeding at school. FACT has built upon the FAST (Families & Schools Together) - a Save the Children signature project, designed to improve the relationship between classroom learning & the home learning environment. Families Connect's long-term aim (targeted at children between 4-6 years) is to give children a greater chance of achieving their potential and do better in school – with evidence suggesting that positive home learning environments contribute to children's readiness to learn and positively impact on children's educational outcomes. During the year, the Families Connect Programme engaged **135 pupils** engaged in educational activities, and **135 parents** engaged in parenting programmes, in **17 schools** across the City, and engaged with **40 service providers / project partners** during the year.



## Community Education Initiatives

A key element of GSAP's core community support role is to provide local residents with access to both formal and non formal training and education programmes and courses. This year we continued to offer our training programmes – **100 people** availed of the programmes on offer. Education programmes this year included hope ambassadors programmes, Mental health awareness, First Aid, Manual Handling, Child Protection, AED training, Autism Awareness, Good governance, Mindfulness Training, Happy Mental Health, Hopeful Minds for parents and Hopeful Minds Train the Trainer.



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Advancing Education

## Northside 50+

This year the GSAP continued to provide support to our very popular Northside 50+ group, applying for funding, managing the group's finances and budgets, and arranging facilitators. It runs twice a week, Monday and Wednesdays from 11am-1pm. The club also operates a digital aspect to the programme running a speakeasy and book club online an additional 2 days a week. The club currently has a membership of 75. The programme has a health and well-being emphasis, facilitating activities such as aerobics and movement, tai chi, health check-ups.

- ❑ Chair exercises & Mindfulness programmes – 97 participants;
- ❑ Self Esteem & confidence building – 18 participants;
- ❑ Tai chi – 87 Participants;
- ❑ Dance therapy – 12 participants;

## Schools Counselling Support Programme

With funding secured through the Extended Schools Programme, the GSAP was able to offer all of our primary and post-primary schools access to an early intervention counselling programme. As a result of funding this year a total of **25 pupils** were able to avail of the early intervention counselling support programme. This year our counselling support service dealt with a wide range of issues including anger management, emotions and frustrations, bereavement, anxiety management, support with difficult family environments, parental illness, and separation anxiety. Pupils and families members were also given the opportunity to learn positive techniques that enabled them to develop strategies to improve positive thinking.



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Preserving Health

# Skeoge Community Hub

Following the successful completion of the pilot programme funded by Nationwide, the Greater Shantallow Area Partnership was able to secure a 4 year funding contract from the National Lottery which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. This funding has enabled GSAP to employ 4 key support workers, including a Project Coordinator, Project Support Worker, a Café Links Development Worker, and a Café Links Support Worker. The **Catalyst Programme** has 3 key programme elements, including **Café Links**, the **STaR Programme** – Standing Tall and Resilient Programme, and the **SaFE Programme** – Skeoge Safe and Friendly Environments Programme. Below is a sample of the wide range of programmes, projects, activities, and events that have been delivered out of the Skeoge Community Hub in the past year:

- A Total of **1,797** participants have benefited from the Catalyst Programme during the year;
- A total of 3 additional staff employed through the Job Start Scheme at the Hub – youth support worker, junior care taker, & café assistant
- Staff & volunteer training during the year included – Level 2 Barista Training, safeguarding, food hygiene, health & safety in the workplace, paediatric first aid, EPI pen training, manual handling, MAPA training, introduction to hospitality, etc...
- Café Links opened to the general public in October 2021, with an average of 60 customers per week using the facility;
- Internet & Printing facilities available at the Hub for the general public to use;
- Weekly housing and welfare advice service provided by APEX and ASK
- Weekly Family Support Service – ETHOS, and weekly Employment Support Service – Skills North West;
- Weekly 50+ Club, offering a range of recreational activities for local residents;
- Weekly youth programmes provided by EA / North West Youth Service & On Street Community Youth Initiative;
- Weekly early intervention programmes provided by TTOB, and Sure Start Shantallow;
- 4 seasonal community events arranged and delivered – Halloween, Christmas, Easter, & Summer – including child holiday hunger initiatives;
- A series of environmental improvement / community safety initiatives including community clean ups, road safety campaigns, fireworks safety campaign, and staying safe at Christmas campaigns;

# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Providing Facilities

# Skeoge Community Hub

**Some of the programmes, initiatives, campaigns, workshops, events, that have been delivered at the Hub this year have included:**

MacMillan Coffee Mornings, 50+ community consultation events, study visits to the hub by regional community groups, health & wellbeing clinics, Surestart coffee mornings, winter wonderland at Skeoge, local tenants meetings, family support clinics, kids breakfast clubs during holiday periods, NOW Skills Academies, Parenting Programmes, baby massage, baby yoga, baby rhyme & time, adult yoga classes, essential skills (literacy & numeracy), Skills North West employment support clinics, Mini Professors, Traveller Support Programme, kids yoga, autism awareness training, face painting workshop for teenagers, community clean up campaigns, road safety campaigns, firework safety campaign, “light up Christmas” event, Santa’s grotto, St. Patrick’s Day celebration event, Easter Fun Day, Summer Fun Day, Community Safety “drop in” clinic, etc...



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Providing Facilities

## Information Dissemination

A core element of GSAP's work is to continually inform local groups, individuals, and residents about a range of community issues. This year the GSAP has continued to provide information in a range of formats including, information leaflets to residents/groups, newssheets that cover a range of events and services including local training/education programmes, open days, clean up campaigns, fun days, extended school activities, public services, campaigns, consultation events, public meetings, information workshops, new local and available services etc... GSAP continues to regularly update the community notice board for the general public who drop into the office for advice, information, support, meetings etc... and we forward the info/posters etc... to around 30 local premises within the area including parish halls, the local shopping mall at Northside, local shops, health centre, schools, local C&V groups for them to display. During this year GSAP had total of 16,000 users of our web site – [www.shantallow.net](http://www.shantallow.net) with 40,021 views, & 23,000 individual members - but Facebook has been vastly growing and amounted to **15,347 Facebook followers** which has seen a 72.7% growth.



## Technical Assistance

During the year the GSAP also provided extensive **Technical Assistance** to over **48** existing / new local groups / organisations / projects, Outer North NR Partnership, Leafair Men's Health, Leafair Community Association Galliagh Women's Group, On Street Youth Initiative, Cornshell Community Network, Angels Recruitment, St. Joseph's Community Playgroup, Pennyburn Community Playgroup, Aurora Counselling, Northside 50+, Extended Schools Cluster Groups (Outer North), Teach Na Failte, Foyle Harps FC, Culmore Community Partnership, Hilltop Day Nursery, Hollybush Daycare Nursery, Carnhill Community Association, Rainbow Child & Family Centre, NHIP, Glenabbey Community Association, Bay Road Park Steering Committee, The Forge Writers Club, St Brigid's Women's Group, Don Bosco's FC, Elite Community Gym, Skeoge House Women's Group, Naiscoil Na Dherog, Gailscoil Na Dherog, Skeoge Community Hub, Feis Dhoire Cholmcille, Life After Group, Culmore Women's Handcraft Group, Twisters Gymnastics, St Joseph's Amateur Boxing Club, Headliners, Naiscoil Cholmcille, Praxis Connect Services, Net Ministries Ireland, Galliagh Community Centre, Spartans AC, Trojans Football Club, Legion of Mary etc...



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Providing Facilities

# Physical Renewal

In the 2021 / 22 period the ONNP has supported the Physical Renewal agenda within Outer North, helping to progress a range of capital projects to a more advanced state of readiness through feasibility studies, economic appraisals, planning applications, design stage, land acquisition, [statutory] permissions / approvals and funding leveraged.

**Support for key projects which have been completed, are currently under construction or have made significant progress in the past year include:**

- Redevelopment and launch of the Shantallow Community Centre
- Galliagh Community Centre – New Build
- Progression on plans / proposals for a new Culmore Community Centre
- Progression on proposed new Skeoge Youth Centre (Clon Dara site)
- Further promotion of concept masterplans for the Galliagh Linear Park and the Belmont Campus
- Progression of 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch developments at Steelstown Brian Óg's GAC and Na Magha Hurling & Camogie Club
- Redevelopment Plans for Boomhall Estate (House, Stables and Walled Garden)
- Progression of the NW Greenways Infrastructure (Derry to Culmore / Muff and Derry to Buncrana routes)
- Progress on the Ballyarnett Country Park and Culmore Country Park Masterplans
- Progress on Ballynagard Field Environmental Improvements Scheme
- Progress on car parking solutions at Rainbow Child & Family Centre (plus fence line) and Leafair Pavilion
- Improvements to Galliagh Residents Centre
- Refurbishment of St. Joseph's Community Playgroup
- Development of a number of proposals linked to the Ballyarnett Re-Imaging Project

Investment has been made also in smaller scale initiatives such as allotment projects, community arts / cultural projects, estate clean-ups (graffiti removal, landscaping etc.) and neighbourhood environmental improvements.



# PROGRAMME REVIEW

## Providing Facilities

**Schemes / Developments Completed in 2021 / 22**



Shantallow Community Centre Completed & Launched



Leafair GAA Ball Catchers Installed

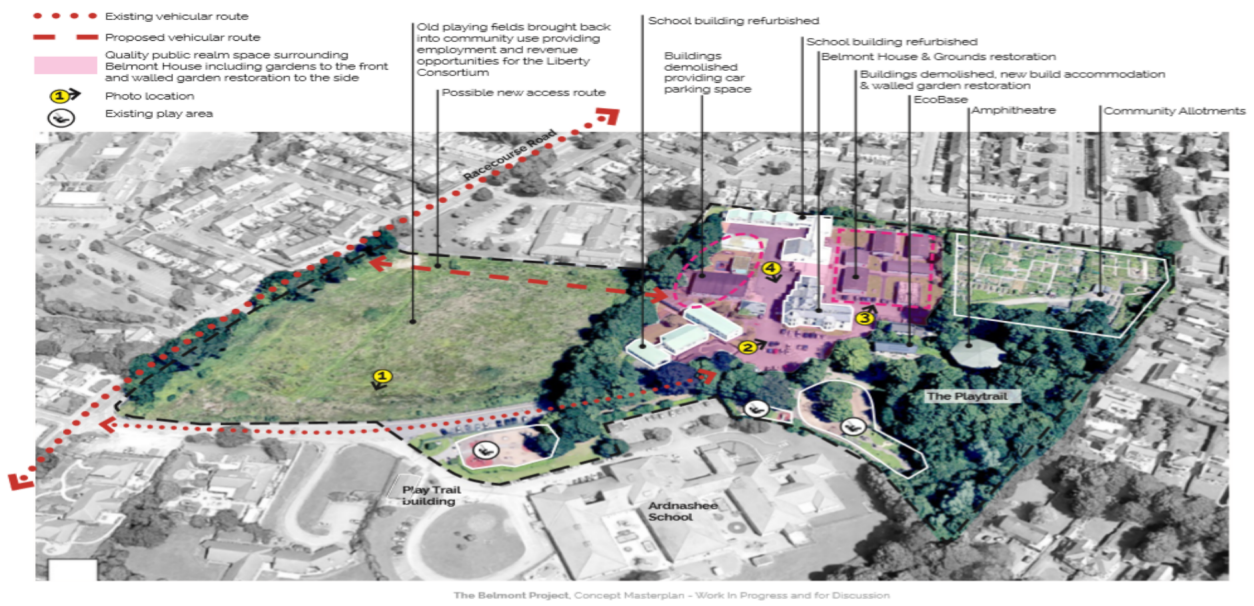


Galliah Community Centre Completed



# Overall Vision >>

To secure & restore Belmont House and its environs to become a state of the art community facility providing an array of activities and opportunities for all



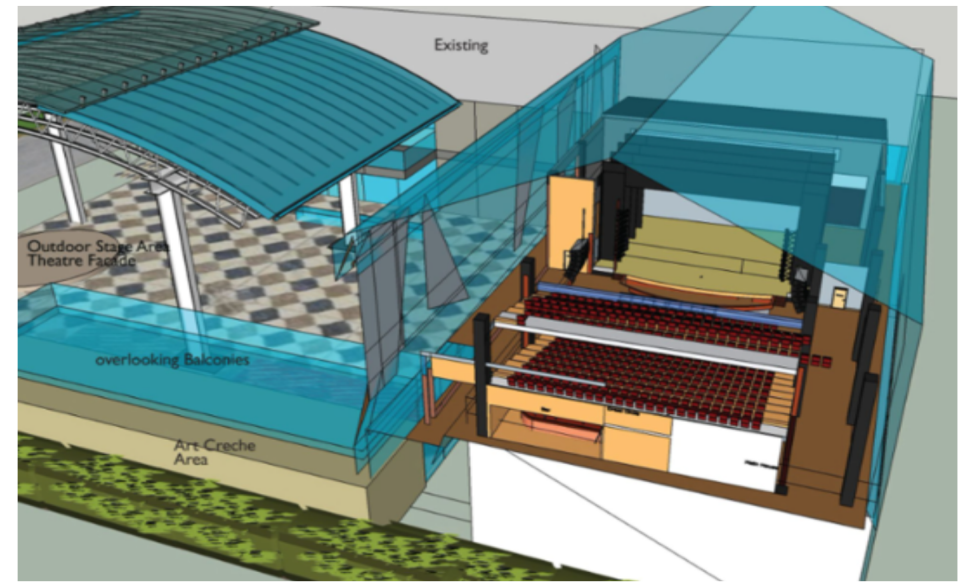
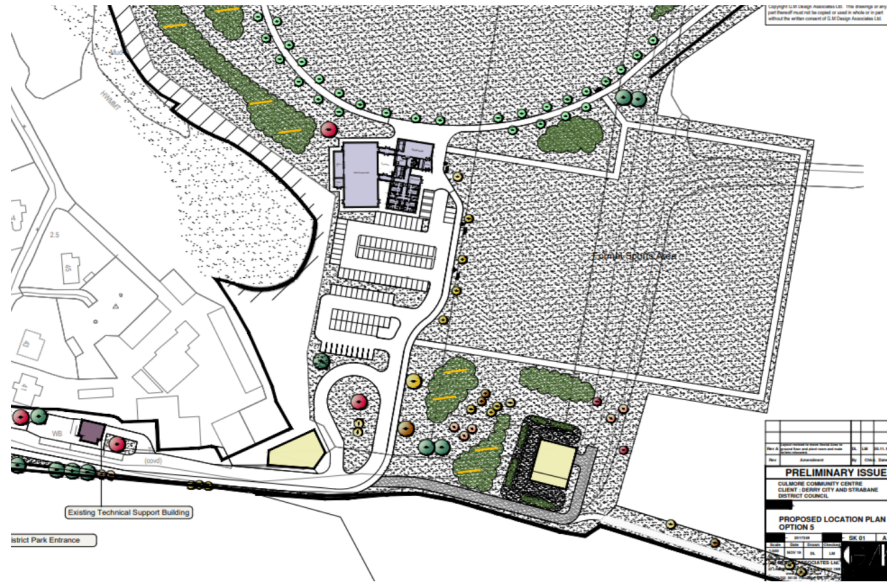
# Concept



Concept plans being promoted / advanced for the Belmont site (Ardnashee College)



Boom Hall (2 Proposals) - Proposed by Eden Project Foyle River Gardens / Boomhall Trust



Plans for Pitch Developments & Biodiversity Park within Culmore Country Park

Studio 2 - Proposed Phase III



**EXISTING**

- Currently unused space
- Surrounded by unnecessary security fencing
- Closed off
- Acts like a barrier between Shantallow, Carnhill & Galliagh



### Northside 'Roman Square' FESTIVAL / ANIMATION SPACE Proposal

Proposal to re-purpose the space at the rear of Northside Centre as a Festival Space' aligning with the city's growing tourist/festival ethos, and to provide the Outer North Area with a year-round tourist/festival animation space. The space may form part of a 'tourist trail' that takes in other local history such as the Earhart Landing and the 'Troubles' related commemorative area at Shantallow.

Classical themed mosaic paving tiles.  
Possible permanent entertainment gazebo  
Steps open up the area and form a natural amphitheatre and audience seating  
Complimentary Cyprus tree plantings and balustrades enhance Classical feel

**Possible List of Festivals**  
Spring Festival St. Patrick's Day  
Earhart Festival  
Jazz & Big Band Festival  
Imbolic Folk Festival  
Festival of the Foyle  
Carnival of Colours  
International Choir Festival  
Foyle Film Festival

Animated Space Food Festival

To Shantallow →

BALLYARNETT REIMAGING PROJECT

**Proposed Northside Festival Square**



Existing  
St. Paul's Primary, Galliagh, Derry  
Proposal for new, safer set down and collection area



Proposed

- Ongoing danger to schoolchildren
- Proposal to open up the area currently beside Galliagh Residents Centre
- Relocate the main entrance to align
- All the land required available

Made with VISME



Proposed Designs by artist, Joe Campbell for New Stained Glass Windows at the recently refurbished Victoria Hall

**Victoria Hall – Proposed Stained Glass Window Project**

**Reconfiguration at St.Paul's Primary School / Galliagh Residents Centre**

GREATER SHANTALLOW AREA PARTNERSHIP	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM GENERATING FUNDS</b>			
Income from Donations and Legacies	9,090	758,220	766,310
Income from Other Trading Activities	23,103	56,603	79,706
Other Income	4,000	-	4,000
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>35,193</b>	<b>814,823</b>	<b>850,016</b>
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<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Staff Costs	9,978	466,800	476,778
Establishment Costs	7,114	59,998	67,112
Motor & Travelling Expenses	310	523	833
Auditor's Remuneration & Accountancy Fees	1,280	2,740	4,020
Legal & Professional Fees	1,906	-	1,906
Communications & ICT	1,957	2,965	4,922
Other Office Expenses	13,892	8,615	22,507
Interest Payable & Similar Charges	860	-	860
Depreciation & Impairment	-	3,342	3,342
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,396	1,355	4,751
Donations	-	-	-
Project Costs	198	261,791	261,989
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>40,891</b>	<b>808,129</b>	<b>849,020</b>
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<b>Net Income / (expense) for the year</b>	<b>(5,698)</b>	<b>6,694</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>128,789</b>	<b>4,489</b>	<b>132,976</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>122,789</b>	<b>11,183</b>	<b>133,972</b>
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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021 –  
31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022**

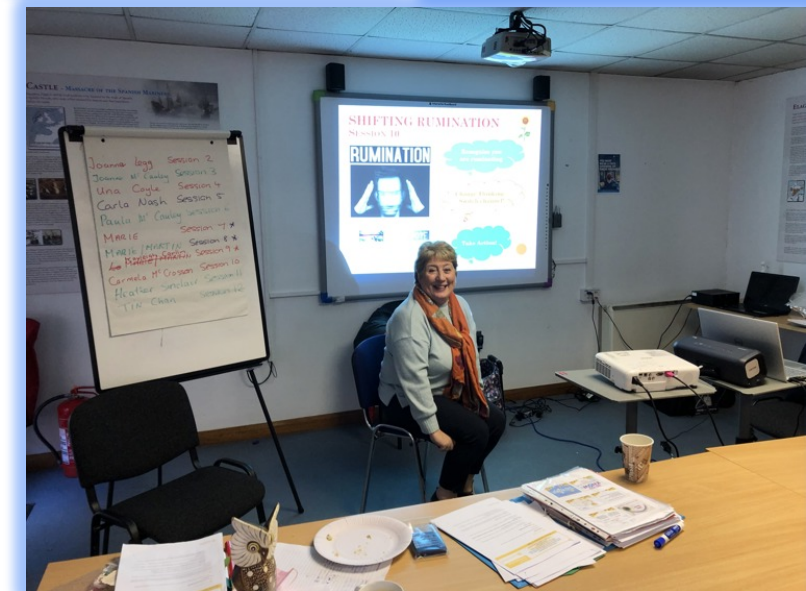
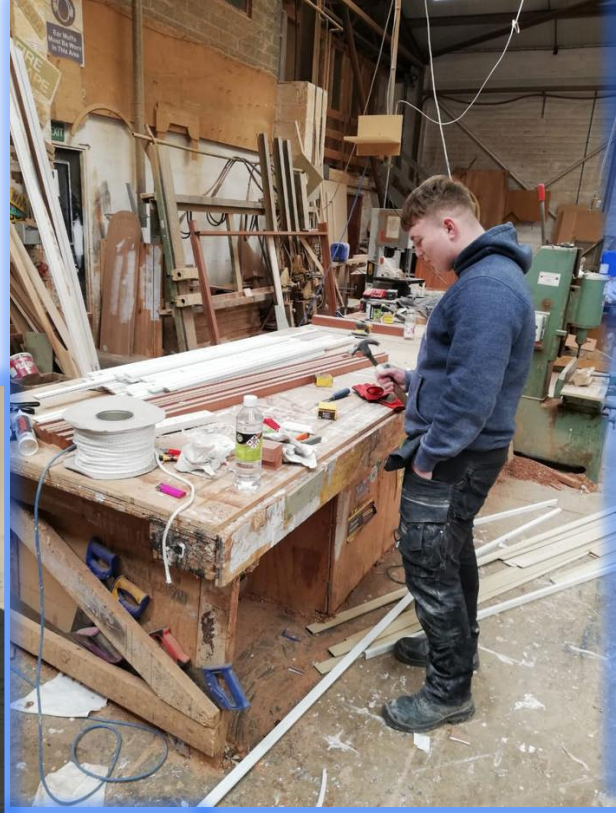
<b>Rory McParland</b> – Manager	<b>Marty Daly</b> – Family Support Coordinator
<b>Darren Kirby</b> – Strategy Manager	<b>Teresa Tierney / Ruth Carr</b> – Family Support Workers
<b>Rose McCrossan</b> – Community Development Manager	<b>Nicola Mullan</b> – Project Coordinator, Skeoge Community Hub
<b>Chris McDonagh</b> – Projects Development Officer	<b>Orla Jackson</b> – Project Support Worker, Skeoge Community Hub
<b>Tina Doolin</b> – Community Support Officer	<b>Caroline Ming</b> – Café Links Development Worker
<b>Laura Gallagher</b> – Families Connect Coordinator	<b>Cathy Green</b> – Café Links Support Worker
<b>Sharon Jones</b> – ASPIRE Programme Coordinator	<b>Cora Doherty</b> – Café Links Assistant
<b>Natalie Logue / Melanie Doherty</b> – TTOB Coordinator	<b>Marisa McCallion</b> – Administrator
<b>Minty Thompson</b> – Senior Employment & Mentoring Officer	<b>Sean Pol McLaughlin / Michael Quinn</b> – Play Park Attendants
<b>Claire Harkin</b> – Employment & Mentoring Officer	<b>Kyle Ogle</b> – Junior Caretaker

# GSAP STAFF

2021 – 2022

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