



**Celebrating
28 Years of
Community
Development**



Greater Shantallow Area Partnership
Annual Review – 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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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 28th Annual General Meeting and share with you our accomplishments during the period from **1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**. Over the past year, we have continued to strive to make the Greater Shantallow / Outer North / Ballyarnett DE area a better place in which to live and work. 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 of so many individuals both young and old and how we have helped to make the area a better place to live.

The community is still living in unprecedented times during this current economic context – in relation to the cost of living crisis and the continued huge rise in prices 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. We can achieve this by working together, sharing skills, knowledge, and resources thus continuing to make a clear commitment to involving local people in community affairs and local decision-making including influencing service delivery.

With the continued support of GSAP, we together can grasp further opportunities that may arise from the Community Planning process, the review of both the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, the core Community Infrastructure Support Programme, and the forthcoming PeacePlus Programme, etc... so to support and enable our most disadvantaged individuals, families, and neighbourhoods in the area. GSAP together with local residents and the local C&V sector must continue to work hard to sustain and develop our current services and where required bring forward new, groundbreaking 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. 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, and who have contributed to the ongoing 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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rory McParland
Manager

We at GSAP are delighted to be hosting our **28th AGM**. Over the years 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. Despite the cost of living crisis, fuel poverty, and cuts in public expenditure, the loss of ESF Funding, and the uncertainty for the sector as a result of no Government at Stormont, GSAP has been able to sustain all our services.

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 :**
 - **429** - food parcels provided to families via support for Churches trust;
 - **33** - families received the BBC Essential Family Fund (White goods);
 - **12** - £340 Save the Children awards - for Essential household items;
 - **46**- SVDP – Financial support referrals;
 - **39** – Referrals to Foyle Food Bank for additional food support/social supermarket scheme;
 - **74** - families (113 young people) for the 2022 Christmas appeal;
 - **18** – Electric/fuel Vouchers provided to families;

- ❑ **Future Tech Festival** – A one day digital and technology-focused event (held 16/09/22), exhibiting a wide range of future-proof careers and learning pathways in the sector with the intention of attracting and inspiring the young innovators of tomorrow. Attracting a range of organisations and businesses from across the city and district, displaying and explaining everything in the digital and technology field and had content creators, such as Dog Ears Productions, creators of Nickelodeon's global animation phenomenon 'Puffin Rock', multi-national tech companies like Seagate and Allstate, tech providers (e.g. Nerve Centre) educational institutions (e.g. NWRC, UU) and the Manchester United foundation, showcasing their work on Tech in Sport. **There was over 1,000 young people in attendance on the day from a wide range of schools in the area.**

- ❑ **Men's Health Event**- Was held during Men's Health Week (June 22), and on the run up to Father's Day. The one-off event showcased various agencies within the Derry City area, with services for men's physical and mental health. Holistic therapies were also on offer. **75 men** (variety of ages) attended.

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Among the other stand-out highlight for 2022/23 resulting from our integrated local services included:

- ❑ **335 Adults (300 Female & 35 Male)** were able to access intervention/treatment services through the family support hub, and **88 young people (52 Male & 32Female)** were able to access specialist support to address their needs;
- ❑ **472 New Year 8 pupils** attending St Brigid's College in September 2022 accessed a range of personal/social development and health programmes and resource packs; With **110** of those attending a successful summer scheme before starting school;
- ❑ **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;
- ❑ **813 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..;
- ❑ **429 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;
- ❑ GSAP during the year continued to protect **13 existing local integrated local services** managed by GSAP including for example: the Outer North Community Support Project, the Outer North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, the Shantallow Family Support Hub (ETHOS), the Greater Shantallow Talking To Our Babies Project, the ASPIRE Programme, the Skills North West employment support programme; the Greater Shantallow Extended Schools Programme, the Outer North Families Connect Project, the Skeoge Community Hub at Clon Dara in partnership with APEX Housing & The National Lottery's Community Fund, and the WRAP Around Education Support programme;
- ❑ **1,704 local residents** availed of a range of programmes, interventions & initiatives at our Hub in Skeoge, as part of the Catalyst Project, which includes our Café Links, SAFE and STAR Programmes;

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This year we witnessed the loss of vital **EU Funding (ESF)**, which had been sustaining our Employment & Mentoring support service for many years. Whilst this was a significant loss to GSAP and the wider C&V sector, our partner organisations rallied together, and were able to secure continuation funding for this service through the **DLUHC's Shared Prosperity Fund**, which has enabled GSAP to continue the employment of two staff and to recruit an additional Employment & Mentoring Officer for the area, and more importantly to continue our employment service for local residents / employers.

Of significance this year was GSAP's successful application to the **DLUHC's Community Ownership Fund**, which has enabled us to secure the funding to purchase the Community Building at Northside. The purchase of the building will provide yet another key community facility for local people / service users well into the future. We are currently working on finalising the purchase of the building which will take place in early 2024, with the financial support of DLUHC, Community Finance Ireland, and GSAP.

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.

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.

I would like to take this opportunity 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.

Finally I would like to thank all of our staff members for their continued support during the year. To those staff who have taken on new roles within GSAP, including Rose Mc Crossan as our Community Development Manager, and Marty Daly as our Family Support Coordinator. I would also like to welcome to the GSAP Team Ruth Carr, our new Family Support Worker, & Sean Pol McLaughlin and Michael Quinn as the Play Park Attendants in Skeoge. A huge thank you to all the staff who have all adapted quickly and supported everyone in their new roles to continue to provide a warm, friendly and professional service to all those who contact GSAP.

Rory McParland
Manager

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS 2022/23

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



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



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



9 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;

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A total of **99 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**;



A total of **7,000** regular users of our social media platform – **15,347** Facebook followers;



320 local parents participated in a range of early intervention / parenting programmes as part of our TTOB Early Intervention Initiative;



11 local community and voluntary groups provided with support to complete **34 ACCESS NI** checks;

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On-going support and assistance to bring forward a range of capital projects in the area, including the purchase of GSAP premises at Northside and the continued work on realising the redevelopment of the Boomhall Estate;



ETHOS Family Support Hub had its highest level of need for food/fuel support in 22/23 and provided food parcels to 429 families;



Planning with groups continued and GSAP has submitted **37** funding applications to funders such as DC&SDC Support Grant Aid, DC&SDC Good Relations, Sport NI, Awards for All, etc..;



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



472 Year 8 pupils from St. Brigid's College participated & benefitted from our ASPIRE Programme (2 academic years);



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 22-23 year until full restrictions were lifted. A total of **813** pupils benefitted this year from these key projects.



ASPIRE

ASPIRE NI 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 & 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 & much more. **472 pupils benefitted this year and 30 parents engaged in parenting skills programmes.**



Talking to our Babies Early Intervention Programme

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. **994** 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"



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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, newsheets 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 **39 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.



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, Skeoge Community Association, 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, Headliners, Naiscoil Cholmcille, Praxis Connect Services, Net Ministries Ireland, Galliagh Community Centre, Spartans AC, Trojans Football Club, Legion of Mary etc...

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945 Parents / carers accessed parenting skills development programmes via our ETHOS Hub/Families Connect, TTOB & ASPIRE Projects;



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



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



44 parents completed non-specific training and 135 parents completed job specific training;



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

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



52 adults in the local community obtained a formal qualification from participating in a variety of programmes- Essential Skills/First Aid/Child Protection;



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



813 young people accessed our extended schools programmes and initiatives;



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

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 **429 food parcels**.

Financial Support and Guidance

During the year March 2022 to Sept 2023 our Family Support Service(ETHOS) provided financial support, guidance and assistance to **651 families**. Families are still struggling with the cost of living crisis, benefit cuts and increased costs in household bills. The team offered **18- £80 food/fuel vouchers**, **33- BBC Family Funds**, **12 - £340 Save the Children awards** for essential items and an additional **74 - families (113 young people)** received support from our **2022 Christmas appeal**.

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 2022-23 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 the cost of living crisis. **335 Adults** have accessed intervention/treatments, almost double the target due to the huge rise in referrals for financial support and services during the pandemic. **88 young people** have benefitted from the project, due to issues / difficulties faced by families during the pandemic. This year our staff have continued to work with many local providers, engaging with **95 local organisations/providers**. **158 people** have availed of parenting skills/development programmes to enhance their personal development/skills that in turn enhances their interactions at home as a family unit.



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£181,000 secured for local Community & Voluntary Groups;



A total of 1,112 presenting issues dealt with by our Family Support Service with referrals to 79 providers;



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



184 Participants (Mothers & Babies) attended a range of services @ Skeoge hub – Baby Massage, Baby Yoga & Rhyme Time;



53 Families Supported via & 195 Interventions as result of the Skeoge Community Hub Nationwide Programme;



Skeoge Community Hub

This year many community events took place providing vital support to those living in the area, providing a safe, warm & supportive space;

- Winter Wonderland (**412 young people**)
- Benefits Advice service (**39 via Apex & 135 via ASK**)
- 50+ coffee Morn (**12 Participants weekly**)
- Children's Breakfast Club (**149 Children & 38 Adults**)
- Café Links (**60+ customers a week**)
- Light up Christmas @ the Hub(**100 families @outdoor event**)

Community working

GSAP Community support team have successfully been instrumental in the restructuring of Galliagh Women's group. This was due to securing funding from The Women's Network they were able to extend their programme delivery to 5 days a week and now have a membership base of **125 people**. The participants now pay a subscription of £12 a month to attend as many classes as they want. This has been a great success as the project is now self sufficient and is widely accessed by ages 18yrs- 90yrs of age. **Due to the success of this the TWN have asked to extend past the Pilot year 22/23.**

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 22/23 year Neighbourhood Renewal has provided specific funding (approx. 1m) to a range of service providers, primarily from the local C&V sector. 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.



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



110 pupils attended a 6 days summer scheme held in St Brigid's College, in 25th-26th August, including pupils from the ASC Unit;



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



Through engagement in the LMP Initiative, GSAP delivered classroom assistant training, 3 SIA & 3 NEBOSH training programmes;



GSAP Staff engaged with a total of 39 local providers / agencies / organisations to help deliver new programmes and initiatives in the area;

Skills North West – Employment Support Programme

Skills North West offers support to those who are unemployed or 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 interviews. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, our employment and mentoring staff has supported **376 individuals**.

This has helped them gain a total of **240 qualifications** in food hygiene, domiciliary care, CSR, paediatric first aid, plant induction, plant construction, child protection & safeguarding, etc... this year. Our staff has also enabled **47 clients to gain employment**, and **48 clients gained NVQ level 1 and 102** into non-accredited/soft skills training to enter further education & training.

Access NI Checks

The GSAP continues to act as a registered body (umbrella group) for Access NI. Our staff provides organisations, companies, self-employed people, and individuals with a speed and professional service for vetting.

Our staff handles many aspects of the vetting procedure, supporting, advising, and guiding both organisations and individuals through the application process. This year our staff completed **34 applications** and worked with **8 organisations/companies**.



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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 maximize 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 **£181,000** 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).advice/support



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).



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



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



58 young people benefited from youth inclusion & diversionary programmes;



A total of 39 local providers engaged in the delivery of our Families Connect Programme, including schools, training providers, statutory partners;



47 gained a qualification through our Skills North West Programme;

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



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



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



429 food parcels distributed by GSAP staff to families in need during the year;



27 Agencies/Schools/GPs/Health Providers made referrals to Family Support Service during the year;

DENI WRAP AROUND PROJECT

Our Deni WRAP Educational Support Programme 2022/2023 is run locally in partnership with Shantallow Community Residents Association, Rainbow Child & Family Centre, ETHOS Family Support Hub. The programme encompasses 5 programmes: Youth Pre-employment, Family Therapy Intervention, Youth Engagement, Mini Questing and Learning Hub. 4 community groups: GSAP, SCRA, RC&FC, ETHOS.



Family Learning Interventions & Play (FLIP)

- 12 ADULTS & 24 YOUNG PEOPLE
- 300 Interventions
- Also 89 Play therapy sessions
- 12 – 1-1 parent and child sessions
- 5-week parenting programme
- Forest skills/Art therapy/Home learning packs

Mini Questing Project

- 12 ADULTS & 45 CHILDREN SUPPORTED
- 240 Interventions - 20 Families x 12 sessions
- 180 home visits & 60 parent meetings
- Cookery fun programme (3 families)
- Transitional work for families going to P1
- Magical winter wonderland/Bowling alley trip/W5 trip
- Weekly family packs to encourage family games/fun.

Pre-Employment, Education & Training Programme

- 10 YOUNG PEOPLE – 7 completed
- 9 parents supported - 45 interventions
- Math's and English basic levels completed
- Placements at 4r's
- Food Hygiene/Health and safety/First Aid & Communication Skills training attended.
- Personal development & 4 trips

Youth Opportunities & Community Investment Programme

- 20 YOUNG PEOPLE - 42 interventions
- 20 personal development/training sessions
- 20 volunteer placements & 2 study trips

Rainbow Children's Learning Hub

- 20 ADULTS & 20 CHILDREN SUPPORTED
- 20 Interventions - 23 weeks of after school activities
- Stem science kits & Homework skills



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 from succeeding at school. FACT. This is 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. As an extension to this for families GSAP added many cookery programmes to help tackle food poverty and a healthy eating approach at home and brought in a Cookery facilitator for the parents and children to learn new skills received packs. A total of **37 Families benefited** from this project and continue to extend this learning into their homes.



FAMILIES CONNECT



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.

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Advancing Education

Skeoge Community Hub

In the reporting year 22/23 Skeoge Community Hub has grown from strength as a result of funding from the National Lottery & Apex Housing. They continue to employ a Project Coordinator, Project Support Worker, a Café Links Development Worker and a Café Links Support Worker & a number of Job Starts that enable the staff & volunteers to provide a wide range of support programmes for families in the area. 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 hub:

- **A total of around 1,704 participants have benefited from the Catalyst Project to date. This has shown a 1,014 increase in participant numbers from the same period last year (a 247% increase)**
- **A total of 3 additional Job starts – youth support worker, junior caretaker & café assistant & 2 Play park attendants to upkeep 6 parks in the Skeoge area.**
- 2 x local (resident) volunteers in place supporting the running of the café at peak times and at weekends.
- All staff and volunteers participating in a range of accredited and non-accredited training, including first aid, food hygiene and manual handling. OCN STARS Training, OCN Mediation;
- Café links is **averaging 40 customers per week but most recently has seen a noticeable increase in footfall in the cafe** (not including our service providers availing of the centre and café facilities, nor does it include numbers attending coffee mornings).
- **21 Local residents** using the Internet Café in place - (CV's, job search, online shopping, advice, support, guidance, etc...). Printing facility available when required.
- Child holiday hunger initiatives – e.g., mid-term “Brekie Clubs” took place during Feb’23.
- Weekly housing and welfare advice service/ Weekly family support service/Employment & Mentoring Support Programme/parenting programmes/Over 50’s Club/ early years intervention programmes
- Programme of activities including Good Relations;
- Weekly youth groups activities / sessions (2 x On Street Community Youth Initiative) 1 x Teenage Youth Group facilitated by Skeoge Hub Staff;
- Delivery of bespoke mental health awareness programmes;
- Recreational programmes – art, oil & acrylic painting, adult yoga classes, Box Fit, Wellness Workshop, range of historical study trips such as Free Derry museum, Tower Museum, Guildhall.
- 2 x seasonal community events – Halloween & Christmas;
- 1 x environmental improvement scheme – Development of Community Garden at Skeoge Community Hub;
- 2 x safer communities initiatives including a fireworks safety campaign, working in partnership with DCSDC was able to secure Dog Fouling Bins for the Clon Elagh/Clon Dara area

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Providing Facilities

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 now successfully runs 5 days a week.

The club also operate a digital aspect to the programme running a speakeasy and book club online an additional 2 day activities a week. The club currently has a membership of 90. The programme has a health and well being emphasis, facilitating activities such as aerobics and movement, tai chi, health check-ups.

192 people benefited from these Health intervention services:

- Chair exercises & Mindfulness programmes
- Self Esteem & confidence building
- Tia chi
- Zumba dance therapy
- Age Friendly Projects



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 **36 pupils via 12 local schools** 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.

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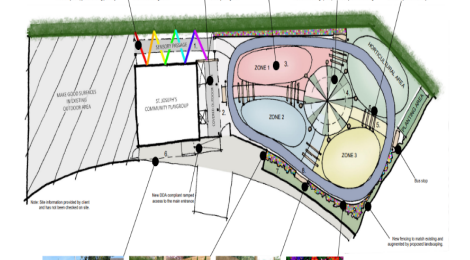
Preserving Health

OUTER NORTH PHYSICAL RENEWAL

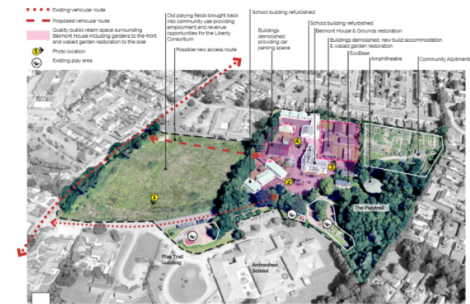
In the 2022 / 23 period the Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership (ONNP) has supported the Physical Renewal agenda within Outer North, helping to progress a range of capital projects to a more advanced state of readiness through feasibility studies, economic appraisals, planning applications, design stage, land acquisition, [statutory] permissions /approvals and funding leveraged. Support for projects which have been completed, are currently under construction or have made significant progress in the past year including:

- **Restoration / Renovation of Boomhall (House, Stables, Walled Garden & Estate)**
- **Progression on the proposed new Skeoge Youth Centre (Clon Dara site)**
- **Further promotion of concept masterplans for the Galliagh Linear Park**
- **Ballyarnett Country Park, Culmore Country Park and the Belmont Campus**
- **Progression of 2nd pitch developments at Steelstown Brian Óg's GAC and Na Magha Hurling & Camogie Club**
- **Progress on the Ballynagard Field Environmental Improvement Scheme**
- **Progress on Car-Parking solutions at Leafair Wellbeing Centre / Pavilion**
- **Progress on Plans to Refurbish St. Joseph's Community Playgroup**
- **Progression on plans/proposals for a new Culmore Community Centre**
- **Progression on Plans for RCD Redevelopment**
- **Bus Shelters Enhancement (Galliagh)**
- **Promoting GSCA's Plans for a new Regional Arts Centre in Ballyarnett Country Park**
- **GSAP's acquisition of Northside Community Building**
- **Culmore Fort and upgrade to surrounding public realm**
- **Environmental Improvements at Linear Park in Skeoge (Clon Elagh /Clon Dara)**
- **Ongoing work with local soccer / GAA clubs regarding local provision and developing proposals to improve local facilities**
- **St. Brigid's College Redevelopment**
- **Small Capital investments into Leafair Men's Shed, Galliagh Residents Centre, Studio 2, Culmore Hub Portacabin, Playtrail Community Fridge**
- **City-Wide Bids / Collaborative Levelling-Up Bids (e.g. Play Parks)**
- **Peace Plus 1.1 Bids for Capital Investment**
- **Promoting Investment in Skeoge Community Infrastructure**

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.



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.



PROGRAMME REVIEW

Physical Renewal



GREATER SHANTALLOW AREA PARTNERSHIP	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
INCOME FROM GENERATING FUNDS			
Income from Donations and Legacies	11,579	798,451	810,030
Income from Other Trading Activities	47,091	57,887	104,978
Other Income	5,000	-	5,000
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TOTAL INCOME	63,670	856,338	920,008
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RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Staff Costs	33,208	499,017	532,225
Establishment Costs	-	66,086	66,086
Motor & Travelling Expenses	-	920	920
Auditor's Remuneration & Accountancy Fees	-	4,120	4,120
Legal & Professional Fees	-	4,651	4,651
Communications & ICT	-	6,805	6,805
Other Office Expenses	-	4,299	4,299
Interest Payable & Similar Charges	395	1,645	1,860
Depreciation & Impairment	-	3,342	3,342
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,613	-	2,613
Donations	1,090	-	1,090
Project Costs	-	265,733	265,733
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	34,693	859,680	894,373
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Net Income / (expense) for the year	28,977	(3,342)	25,635
Total Funds Brought Forward	122,789	11,183	133,972
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	151,766	7,841	159,607
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**1st APRIL 2022 –
31st MARCH 2023**

Rory McParland	Manager
Rose McCrossan	Community Development Manager
Darren Kirby	Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy Manager
Tina Doolin	Community Support Officer
Chris McDonagh	Projects Development Officer
Laura Gallagher	Project Coordinator – Families Connect
Sharon Jones	Project Coordinator – ASPIRE
Natalie Logue	Project Coordinator – Talking to our Babies
Nicola Mullan	Project Coordinator – Skeoge Community Hub
Orla Jackson	Project Support Worker – Skeoge Community Hub
Caroline	Café Links Projects Development Worker – Skeoge Community Hub
Ming	Café Links Project Worker – Skeoge Community Hub
Catherine Green	Café Links Project Worker – Skeoge Community Hub
Sean Pol McLaughlin	Play Park Attendant, Skeoge
Michael Quinn	Play Park Attendant, Skeoge
Minty Thompson	Senior Employment & Mentoring Officer
Claire Durnin	Employment & Mentoring Officer
Marty Daly	Family Support Coordinator - ETHOS
Ruth Carr	Family Support Worker – ETHOS
Teresa Tierney	Family Support Worker- ETHOS
Marisa Mc Callion	Administrator & Receptionist

GSAP STAFF 22-23

GREATER SHANTALLOW AREA PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES 22-23

PETER MCDONALD	TRUSTEE & CHAIRPERSON
CATHAL MCCAULEY	TRUSTEE & COMPANY SECRETARY
SANDRA DUFFY	TRUSTEE & VICE CHAIRPERSON
ELAINE YOUNG	TRUSTEE & SECRETARY
CHARLIE MCDAID	TRUSTEE & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
MARTIN CONNOLLY	TRUSTEE & TREASURER
TONY HASSAN	TRUSTEE
BRIAN TIERNEY	TRUSTEE
MARIE GILLESPIE	TRUSTEE
VIVIENE LYNOTT	TRUSTEE
MICHAEL DOYLE	TRUSTEE
GERRY MCMONAGLE	TRUSTEE
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