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ENAGH YOUTH FORUM



ANNUAL REPORT

'Advancing Youth & Community Development In Enagh'





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OUR STORY

Enagh Youth Forum founded in 2010 exists to meet the identified needs of the youth from across the Enagh ward. This youth led organisation meets the need as it comes through the door; from education to training and employment opportunities the group have developed programmes and services to meet the identified need. The organisation develops social capacity through personal development, campaigning and lobbying and inclusive best practice. The core focus of our work is to promote well-being in young people. We do this through a wide range of projects that seek to promote economic, social and environmental well-being for young people aged 10-25. The essence of our work is to make the world a better place for young people. In July 2023 EYF Celebrated our 13th year anniversary!

OUR AIM

The aim of Enagh Youth Forum is to Reach, Include, Engage & Collectively Empower and Value local young people within the Enagh Ward 1 of the Rural Faughan DEA of Derry City and Strabane District Council Area; and also Market & Extend our model of practice out there to ensure that other young people can benefit from the same.

OUR VISION

Enagh Youth Forum's vision is that we are 'Youth Led' and support young people to take the lead and plan and deliver their own services based on identified need; and in doing so we are focused on outcomes and delivering benefits to young people and the wider local community.

OUR MISSION

Enagh Youth Forum is helping young people collectively empower themselves through unlocking potential by reaching, engaging and providing opportunities to encourage and facilitate positive life choices.

OUR VALUES

PASSION

At Enagh Youth Forum we have a dream and we believe in our cause

RESPECT

At Enagh Youth Forum we are non-judgemental and respectfully listen

INTEGRITY

At Enagh Youth Forum we know that actions speak louder than words

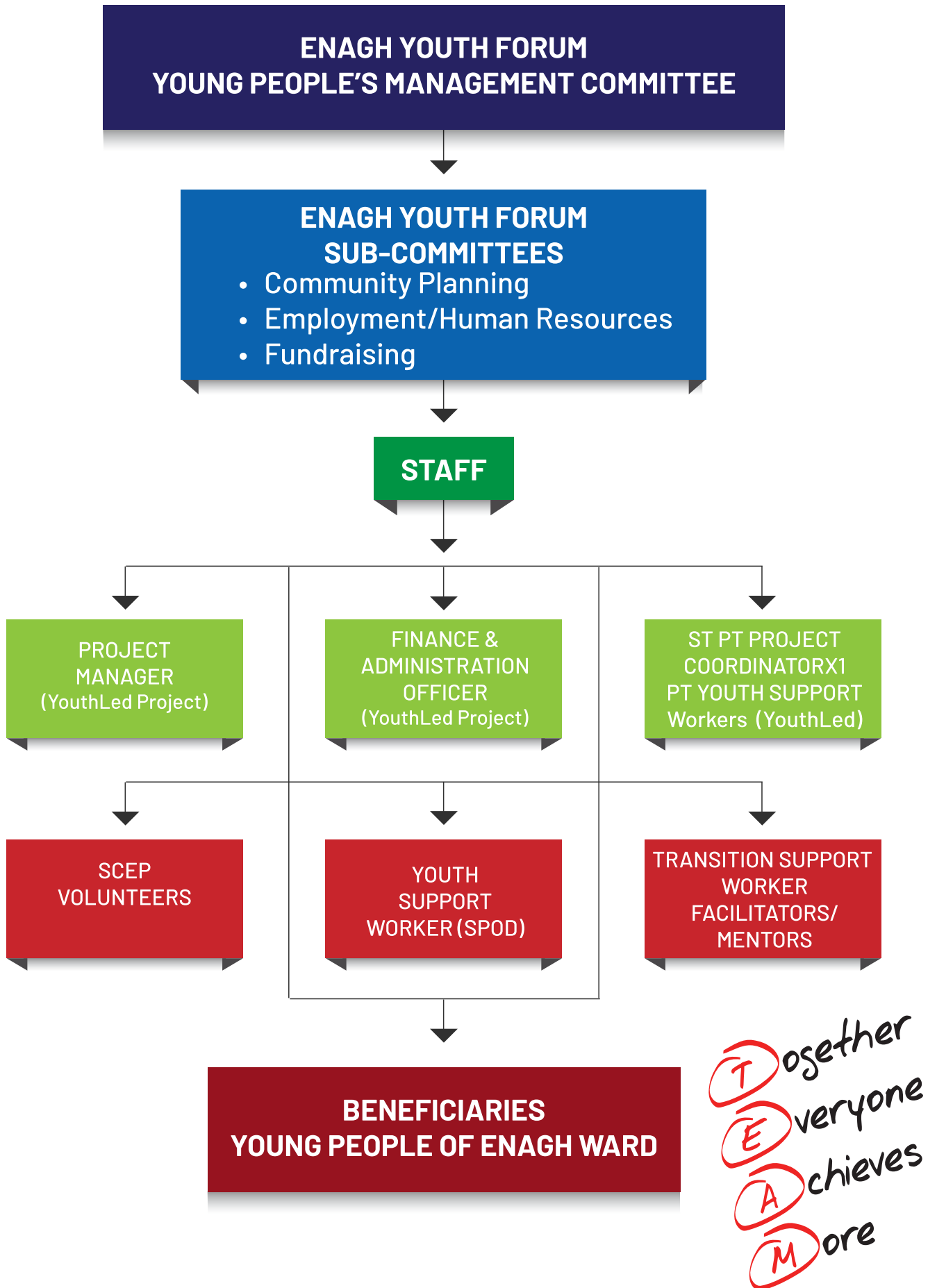
DEDICATION

At Enagh Youth Forum we focus on the positive and believe in the possible

ENGAGEMENT

At Enagh Youth Forum we lead by example

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The management committee board (Trustees) provide direction, guidance and ongoing support for the continued development of Enagh Youth Forum. We aim to carry out our work guided by the 'Code of Good Governance' which, is a best practice document setting the standard for all governing committees in the voluntary/community sector in Northern Ireland.

As of our most recent AGM, Monday 24th October 2022 our management committee, officer board and trustees are:

Aimee Hume Michaela Doherty Breandan Callaghan Naomi Doherty Dion Coyle
Eamonn O'Donnell Zara Doherty Olivia Webb Keeley Irwin

ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

Access NI Child Protection Umbrella Body	North West Volunteer Centre, 22 Bishop Street Within, Derry, BT82 6PP
Registration with Charities Commission	As of 10th October 2014, we are registered as a charity and our registration number is as follows: NIC100603
Bankers	Ulster Bank, Waterside, Derry, BT47 1AS
Solicitors	McCartney & Casey Legal Services, 3-4 Castle Street, Derry, BT486HG
Accountants	Noel Duddy & Co, 85 Strand Road, Derry, BT487NW
Insurers	Ansvar Insurance. Broker: Dawson Whyte North West 17-21 Bishop Street, Derry, BT486PR
Membership of Supporting Organisations	North West Community Network North West Volunteer Centre Youth Action Northern Ireland The Rural Community Network The Education Authority NICVA / NWCN
Local Groups	Faughan Strategic Growth Partnership Board Mobuoy Dump Stakeholders Group Strathfoyle/Maydown Community Safety Forum Strathfoyle Greenway Campaign Steering Group Enagh Country Park Enterprises



CHAIRPERSONS MESSAGE

I am proud and privileged to have served as chairperson of Enagh Youth Forum for this past year. I am especially proud of the NLCF funded YouthLed project which commenced in 2017 and concluded in December 2022. This five year project was a huge success and definitely had made a positive impact locally.

The 'Give & Take' Summer Programme made a fantastic return again this year with 55+ young people directly benefiting from a wide range of group work activities, outdoor pursuits, social action projects and family friendly events. This was also a challenging year locally in terms of young people engaging in anti-social behaviour. This has had an adverse negative impact in intra and inter community relations. In response to this challenge EYF has continued to try and positively engage local young people and enable them to see better future for themselves. This work is ongoing and I would like to thank some of our funders; the CFNI, NLCF, NIHE and DOJ for supporting our efforts in this.

Enagh Youth Forum continue to make a positive contribution to local youth and community development processes and throughout 2022 we have carried out a comprehensive consultation; with local young people to help collate their views and voices to formulate the basis of a new 'YouthLinks Project'; which I am delighted to report has secured funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and commences on the 1st of April 2023. I would like to thank all the staff team and local young people for all of their work on the funding application and of course our project funding officer and all the team and committee at The National Lottery Community Fund NI. This funding will enable EYF to sustain and expand our vital youth and community services.

We also commenced our new NIHE Sustaining Tenancies project which is all about making Strathfoyle Cleaner, Greener and Safer. This has involved extensive community consultation around the new Strathfoyle Village Plan 2023-2028. We continue to work in partnership with all local groups, The NIHE, The Rural Area Partnership In Derry and Derry City & Strabane District Council to develop the actions for the new plan. Recent achievements included the advanced construction of the much anticipated Strathfoyle Greenway (due to officially open June 2023) and young people are already campaigning for it to now be extended to Stradowen Drive. This would link the greenway with the Strathfoyle/Maydown shared path.

I would like to thank all of staff team at EYF including all of our volunteers for their time, energy and commitment and who have helped to make Enagh Youth Forum the success that it is today. Thank you Eamonn, Laila, Paul, Michelle, Bronagh, Linda, Louise & Lauren!

Most of all I would like to thank the 191 registered young member of Enagh Youth Forum who are all aged between 10 and 25 years old; particularly those who have attended activities, courses and projects and those who gained worthwhile accreditations. Well done to you all, you are a credit to yourselves, your families and your community. I for my part would encourage all of you to keep up the good work, keep attending the project and enjoy being at the centre of all that EYF do! I would like to thank all our funders over the past twelve months as their funding has and continues to make a real and lasting difference in this community.

Finally, It would be remiss of me to conclude this report without mentioning the terrible tragedy which took place at Enagh Lough on 29th August 2022 which sadly resulted in two young people losing their lives. This sent shockwaves through the local and wider community and has reinforced the urgent need for 'Health & Safety' in and around Enagh Lough to be reviewed at a multi-agency level, to help ensure that something like this never happens again. EYF for our part will continue to raise awareness on the importance of water safety locally.

Yours Sincerely,
Michaela Doherty



MANAGERS REPORT

These past twelve months have been very busy and EYF have continued to support youth and community development in the Strathfoyle and Greater Enagh area. There have been a number of positive achievements. The YouthLed Project has been a huge success, helped transform lives and promote positive engagement locally. Hundreds of young people have benefited from our youth support services, life skills development programmes, outdoor pursuits provision, having fun; and a range of community events. The new Strathfoyle Greenway is almost complete and has made a positive impact connecting Strathfoyle with the Waterside and City.

Our main objective this year was to conclude the YouthLed Project and transition towards a new 'YouthLinks' project which will sustain the organisation for a further three year period. I am delighted to report that this has been achieved primarily through the continued delivery of our National Lottery Funded 'YouthLed' Project and a successful funding application having been submitted to the National Lottery Community Fund which was approved during December 2022. This is brilliant news for the local area and the new project will commence on 1st April 2023.

This new 'YouthLinks' project will enable EYF to continue to combat the worst effects of rural isolation and social exclusion; as well as empowering young people in the decision making processes and making voice heard and made matter across the rural Faughan area.

This report reflects on some of our achievements over these past twelve months.

As of the 31st March 2022, 191 young people aged 10-25 years old were registered with the YouthLed Project. Of that number, on average 60 young people continued to be engaged through various projects and programmes aimed at improving economic, environmental and social well-being and through also attending Enagh Youth Forum's 'Drop In' workshops and groupwork sessions weekly.

Twenty local young people continued to take responsibility for managing the project annually.

Our focus has been on empowering young people to make their own decisions, collectively empower each other, take ownership of their organisation and take forward a 'rights based approach'

Thanks to our continued funding support from the National Lottery Community Fund we were delighted to be able to deliver once again what was a very successful 'Give & Take' summer intervention programme and received some additional funding from the 'Education Authority' to assist with this. 55+ young people participated throughout July and August 2022!

Despite all of the challenges presented this year in terms of anti-social behaviour in the local area, Enagh Youth Forum has continued to do our best in empowering local young people and providing a positive presence in Strathfoyle.

Enagh Youth Forum continues to be represented on the local Strathfoyle and Maydown Community Safety Forum which meets bi-monthly. We also have enhanced the positive working relationship with the local NIHE Office, Neighbourhood Warden and Patch Manager. Over these past twelve months we have helped respond to anti-social behaviour in the local area and delivered a 'Positive Pursuits' project with 24 young men aged 12-17 years old. This project was funded and supported by The Department Of Justice through the Assets Recovery Community Scheme (ARCS). Furthermore through carrying out regular estate inspections, this year we submitted 38 requests for repairs to street lighting, pot holes, re-surfacing requests, drainage issues, overgrown trees/hedges, road signage and new road/footpath schemes to The Department For Infrastructure. We also continue to attend the multi-agency estate inspections organised by Supporting Communities which help address other issues identified and involves the local NIHE, DSSDC, PCSP and others.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, Enagh Youth Forum has also continued to make a valid contribution to community development and community planning for Strathfoyle and the Greater Enagh Area. This has been advanced through our NIHE Sustaining Tenancies Project 'Strathfoyle Cleaner, Greener & Safer' which is led by the project co-ordinator Michelle Hayden. The project is all about promoting NIHE tenant involvement in local community development projects which will help make Strathfoyle Cleaner, Greener & Safer. Key to this was consulting with tenants on what projects they want to see and supporting them to make them happen. To date the project has facilitated a number of 'Have Your Say Events' exploring tenants issues and a key focus for the project as we move into Spring / Summer 2023 is carrying out a comprehensive community needs audit and employing a consultant to help develop a new strategic community plan for the area 2023-2028.

We also continue to develop and lobby for regeneration projects that are responsive to locally identified needs and two such projects that we are continuing to advance and lobby for are the 1. The Stradowen Drive Greenway Extension and 2. The Idea of a new rural greenway hub through the establishment of Enagh Country Park which we would like to see created at the nearby Enagh Lough and Gransha Woodland.

Most of all Enagh Youth Forum continues to pursue its goal of making and leaving the world a better place for young people. We are achieving this through; putting young people first, meeting the need in front of us, and promoting social, economic and environmental well-being. We also continue to campaign for improved services for the local area. I would like to acknowledge, recognise and value the contribution of our external partners. I also wish to commend the work of our staff and volunteers, our managing committee for their commitment and support and giving so generously of their time.

Finally I would like to commend the young people who have helped with the funding application to the NLCF. I know they will be part of the continued transition that will see Enagh Youth Forum sustain our youth and community services through the new 'YouthLinks' Project as well as continuing to adopt a 'rights based approach'. Well Done Everybody!

PAUL HUGHES
Manager



FUNDERS

Enagh Youth Forum's Management Committee, Staff, Volunteers thank all who funded our work this year. Without this support Enagh Youth Forum would not be such a vibrant grassroots organisation delivering personal and social development programmes on the ground to our beneficiaries, improving the environment, promoting health & well being and working towards the creation of a safer, shared community.



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

**KEEP
NORTHERN
IRELAND
BEAUTIFUL**

01

Enagh Youth Forum successfully delivered a 'Give & Take' Summer Intervention Project with over 55 young people participating.

02

Young People helped open the new Strathfoyle Greenway!

03

Young People helped were positively engaged through CFNI Business Eye Fund.

04

Young People Explored the Impact of ASB and Consequential Behaviour through the DOJ ARCS Funded 'Positive Pursuits' Project.

05

Young People Helped Plan a Number of Successful Community Events Including a Fun Day, Halloween Community Fireworks Display and Christmas events.

06

Young People Continued to Campaign for Improved Safety at Enagh Lough

07

Young People Have Secured Accreditations and Qualifications in 'OCN Courses' 'Job Search', 'CV Building', 'Listening Ear & Mood Matters Projects'.

08

EYF Have Successfully Advanced a Number of Community Safety Issues Including Helping to Secure a new Perimeter Fence at Strathfoyle Playing Fields

09

Keeping Strathfoyle Tidy – Numerous Social Action Projects Completed

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EYF – Lobbying Agencies to Tackle Dereliction In The Local Area

11

EYF Delivered a 'Taste of Culture Cook It' Project which was a great success and has had a positive impact on participants.

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Young People Discover Wildlife On Their Doorstep & Continue to Look After Enagh Lough through the Live Here, Love Here, Adopt a Spot programme.

13

Campaign Success – Strathfoyle Greenway, (Stradowen Link Campaign)

14

Young People from EYF complete Road Safety 'Roadwise Programme' & Lobby for a Zebra Crossing on the main Temple Road.

15

Three groups of young people successfully completed their accreditations in 'Paddle Power' 'Health & Fitness' and 'Pony Care'

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Young People Develop a new Youth Audit & Funding Application to National Lottery Community Fund NI securing almost £500,000 of funding for a new three year 'YouthLinks' project which will commence on 1st April 2023.

WHERE WE ARE

Strathfoyle is located some eight kilometres north east of Derry/Londonderry and approximately two kilometres from the A2 Derry/Londonderry to Coleraine road. To the north it is bounded by industry and the port complex at Lisahally and to the south by the Area of High Scenic Value along the River Foyle banks.

The Port is Derry's key marine access point to the world and deals with a constant stream of freight and industrial cargo, which is distributed throughout Ireland from the Port.

The settlement was developed in phases between the late 1950's and the late 1960's, as a direct result of the ongoing industrial development at Maydown and its layout is typical of post-war public housing estates.

Strathfoyle was more seriously developed after the war and in the 1950s it was established as a housing estate. The area which is commonly known throughout Strathfoyle as 'The New Estate' was built shortly after the erection of the first set of houses, in different phases spanning across three decades, the 1970's, 80's and 90's. In the new millennium, Strathfoyle has seen a surge in popularity and is now seen as a choice location for young people looking for residence. This high interest has led to the construction of new additions to the Strathfoyle area, including 'The Old Fort' and 'Butlers Wharf'.

The village facilities has a small retail outlet including a pharmacy, a supermarket, a fast food take-away and a hairdressers, a Roman Catholic chapel, a library, youth club, children's play park and a post office. The area also has four locally established charitable community groups including Strathfoyle Women's Activity Group, Strathfoyle Community Association, Tiny Tots Community Play Group & Enagh Youth Forum. Construction work started on the new 2.7km Strathfoyle Greenway and is expected to complete in June 2023.

St Oliver Plunkett Primary School provides education for around 221 pupils in the area. The school was established in 1975 and is the main primary school in the Strathfoyle and Greater Enagh area. The majority of post primary school students in Strathfoyle attend schools such as Oakgrove Integrated College, St Marys High School in Limavady, or St Columns College. Oakgrove Integrated College is located near to the village and is a popular choice among students due to its proximity to the village.



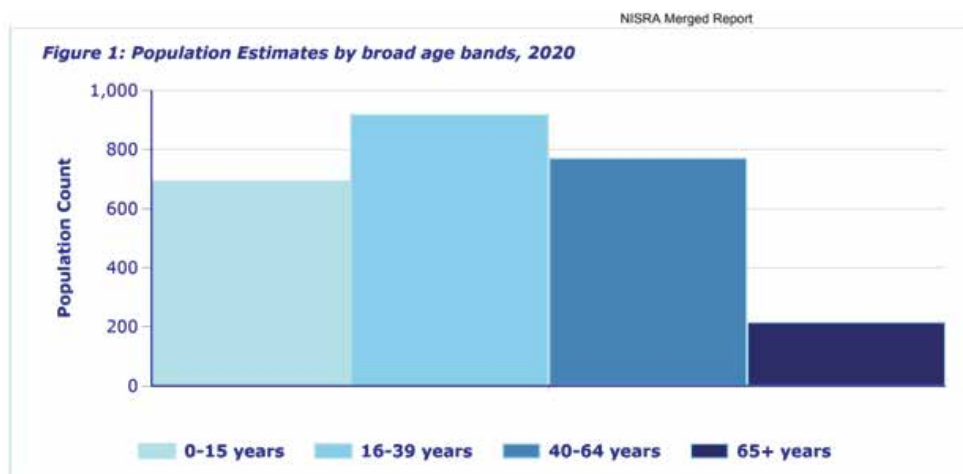
LEVELS OF DISADVANTAGE

Despite much good work to date by the community sector alongside statutory partners high levels of need remain in the area. Strathfoyle is currently ranked in the top 20% most deprived areas in Northern Ireland with some specific streets within Strathfoyle falling within the top 10%.

Unemployment levels are stubbornly high, 7.7% compared with the Northern Ireland average of 4.1%. The rate of lone parents with dependent children is 21.4% compared against the Northern Ireland average of 8.1%. Examination of demographic trends also shows a very youthful population with 32.6% aged less than 16 years. Strathfoyle is located in Enagh Ward 1 which is located within the Faughan DEA and is an area of high disadvantage.

It is characterised by the following:

- (a) There are exceptional levels of long term unemployment at 43% (NISRA)
- (b) 28% of children within Enagh Ward are living in poverty (Child Poverty Action Group 2012)
- (c) Strathfoyle is on a bus route but services are irregular, almost half of all residents in Strathfoyle (49%) do not have access to a car and rely on public transport (a taxi to Derry costs £6.50 single fare)
- (d) The Enagh ward has 1113 children and young people (CSA General Practitioner's List)
- (e) Enagh is rated within top 20% most deprived wards in NI.
- (f) Enagh is a rural ward and its residents come from mixed religious backgrounds.
- (g) Strathfoyle has now been designated to be 'an area at risk' by the Department of Communities and is listed as an anti-social behaviour hotspot within the Community Safety Partnership Audit of ASB Hotspots 2010
- (h) The Enagh ward, which incorporates Strathfoyle and Maydown. Statistics from the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation measure 2010, show that Enagh 1 Derry has an overall rank of 180 out of 890 Social Output Areas (SOA).
- (i) It is also ranked 119 in the income component of these measures, 214 for employment, 176 for health and disability and 280 for skills and training. This puts the entire ward just outside the top 10% multiple deprived areas in Northern Ireland. In relation to crime, Enagh rates 257 with a total of 377.
- (j) Enagh ranks 99 for 'Income Deprivation Affecting Children' When Strathfoyle is viewed on its own, the deprivation levels are even more severe which is why the area has been deemed an Area At Risk by the Department for Communities.



Datasets used: Population Estimates: Broad Age Bands (statistical geographies), NISRA Population Statistics

WHAT WE DO

'Prevention, Intervention & Progression'

Enagh Youth Forum was founded in 2010 having developed and re-constituted from the Strathfoyle Youth Forum, which formed in 2008. The forum was developed by and for the benefit of local young people between the ages of 10 – 25 years, regardless of ability, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion within the Greater Enagh area. EYF is now a well established community based youth organisation and continues to make a significant contribution to youth and community development processes locally. Our forum exists to provide opportunities for young people and to help combat the worst effects of rural isolation and social exclusion and promote the re-generation of the local area. "Its about putting people first and meeting the need presented in front of us"

Through valuing, reaching and positively engaging with young people 'on the streets' in their space when and where they are at we promote and support their inclusion and participation in active learning programmes which they are interested in and involve them in the planning, design and delivery of them.

Because of the recent upsurge in anti-social behaviour, a core focus of our work this year has been to try and positively engage with the young people who are directly participating in anti-social behaviour; and who are getting themselves demonised in the local area. Whilst this has been and remains very challenging for our staff team; our efforts have and continue to be based around putting young people first and 'exploring consequences' in an effort to address this offending behaviour and the negative impact that this is having on them as individuals and also the impact to the wider local community.

Enagh Youth Forum staff, volunteers, trustees and peer leaders provide the ongoing encouragement and support to enable this to happen through our close working relationship with the local community association, women's group, EA youth centre and The Rural Faughan Growth Board, The Rural Area Partnership In Derry and others.

Enagh Youth Forum regularly review policies and procedures in line with best practice, is fully insured, carry out health and safety risk assessments in all activities, venues and transport, ensure that all staff and volunteers are vetted in line with child protection legislation as well as having the capacity, experience, competence and confidence to deliver programmes and genuinely support young people and the wider community. Enagh Youth Forum has extensive experience in accessing and managing a variety of funding from a range of sources including voluntary trusts and foundations as well as government bodies. There is no other forum or organisation in the Strathfoyle or Greater Enagh area that exists to provide a service for young people locally that puts young people in the lead where young people are involved in 'Making Voice Heard and Made to Matter'.

The five year YouthLed project has now concluded and over the next number of months EYF will transition into the new 'YouthLinks' project which will take a rights based approach to youth work in terms of Space, Voice, Audience and Influence and be promoted and linked by young people across the rural areas of Faughan in common purpose.



Eamonn O'Donnell
Secretary (E.Y.F)(March 23)

OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

Enagh Youth Forum registered with the Northern Ireland Charities Commission on the 10th of October 2014. In ensuring that the activities of Enagh Youth Forum provide a public benefit, all of our activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objects:

The Advancement of Education:

- ▶ Development of individual capacities, competences, skills and understanding
- ▶ Provision of Life Skills Training
- ▶ Signposting to further education and training opportunities
- ▶ The promotion of environmental awareness, wildlife protection and biodiversity

The Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development:

- ▶ Through the provision of recreational facilities/activities
- ▶ Promoting diversity by encouraging cross-cultural activities
- ▶ Promote social inclusion through campaigning and lobbying for social justice

The Advancement of Health or the Saving of Lives:

- ▶ Through the provision of a listening ear, advocacy and signposting service
- ▶ Promoting health awareness and positive mental health
- ▶ Building self-esteem and confidence through the promotion of active lifestyles

PURPOSE ONE

Enagh Youth Forum is a voluntary non-profit making organisation established for the benefit of children and young people between the ages of 10 and 25 without distinction of ability, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion who reside within the Enagh Ward which sits within the rural Faughan District Electoral Area within Derry City & Strabane District Council.

PURPOSE TWO

Enagh Youth Forum exists to educate, support and promote the well being of such children and young people by developing their physical, mental and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their quality of life may be improved.

The direct benefits which flow from these purposes include the provision of all services to all children and young people aged between 10 and 25 years resident in the Enagh Ward within the Derry City & Strabane District Council area for the purpose of benefiting those children and young people. Benefits include increased educational attainment, life skills and abilities such as increased confidence and self esteem; opportunities for work experience; opportunities to develop citizenship skills; skills in campaigning & lobbying; and experience in celebrating difference and diversity. Benefits also include the promotion of healthier life styles; crisis intervention, referral and ongoing support.

CURRENT STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

1. National Lottery Community Funded 'YouthLed Project':

We employed a full time 'Project Manager' for the YouthLed Project. This post is secure until 31st January 2023 and is funded and supported by The National Lottery Community Fund through the 'Empowering Young People' Programme.

We also currently employ a full time 'Finance & Administration Officer' for the YouthLed Project. This post is secure until 31st January 2023 and is funded and supported by The National Lottery Community Fund through the 'Empowering Young People' Programme.

We also currently employ one part time youth empowerment worker until 31st January 2023. These posts are funded and supported by The National Lottery Community Fund through the 'Empowering Young People' Programme.

2. NIHE SPOD & Sustaining Tenancies

We currently employ a part time 'Youth Support Worker'. This post is for 20 hours per week and is funded by the 'Small Pockets of Deprivation Programme' which is managed and administrated by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on behalf of DFC. This post is funded to 31st January 2023. We also employ a Project Co-Ordinator for the Strathfoyle 'Cleaner, Greener & Safer Project' which is funded through the NIHE Sustaining Tenancies Project until May 2024

3. Volunteers:

In furtherance of the above we currently have two part time Youth Support Worker (volunteers) helping to co-facilitate group work programmes and activities with young people and a part time welfare rights and benefit advice worker (volunteer), who do an excellent job and greatly assist us with 'service delivery'. We would be lost without the support of our volunteers and thank them for their continued commitment to Enagh Youth Forum. We also have a number of volunteers who assist with planning and supervising community events and assist with the deliver of our summer program.

NEXT STEPS

Over the next number of months we will be working closely with The National Lottery Community Fund with a view to submitting a new funding application for a new rural youth project to be based in Strathfoyle but also to reach out and empower young people to develop new links with young people from other rural communities across the Faughan DEA.

To this end, young people have been participating in a number of 'YouthLed' project evaluation sessions and have also developed a new EYF Youth Survey which will be rolled out during Summer 2022.



WHO WE HELP

Enagh Youth Forum operates an 'Open Door' policy which means that all residents and young people can benefit from our services and facilities. We always strive to be inclusive and accessible to everyone.

At Enagh Youth Forum we are non-judgemental and have a genuine regard for all young people.

In furtherance of this, EYF reaches out to young people through our outreach extended provision at weekends during key time of the year including during the summer holidays and at Halloween meeting young people when and where they are at.

OUR MODEL OF ENGAGEMENT & STRATEGY

Youth work can be defined generally as the process of creating an environment where young people can engage in informal activities of a recreational, social, and/or educational nature. Governmental or statutory definitions tend to emphasise planned programmes; top down interventions; personal and social development of young people; and all of this linked to and complimenting their formal education.

Others usually from the community sector, seek to get away from seeing youth work primarily in terms of the development of young people and link its theory and practice to community development. Hence they emphasise a definition of youth work which aims to engage with society and to bring about social change in a society which is marked by class and other divisions; inequality and social injustice. Only by contextualising youth work in society can youth work attempt to achieve real youth participation, education, liberation and empowerment.

If 'informal education' is seen as the core activity of youth work, different approaches to achieving it are taken by practitioners. The main division is between centre-based youth work and detached youth work. The former is carried out in dedicated premises, which may include facilities such as drop-in coffee bars, advice centres and sports facilities. The onus is on the young people coming to the centre. The "latter" targets vulnerable young people (or hard to reach) young people on their own territory (e.g. streets, cafes, parks and pubs), at times which are appropriate to them. The interaction begins on the young people's terms, their values, attitudes, issues and ambitions. It is concerned with their personal and social development and also with the divisions, inequalities and injustices in society.

Enagh Youth Forum (EYF), has followed the detached model with its own distinctive EYF take on it. It is described as "Walking in the shadow of young people" in which the young people take the lead and are supported by youth workers. They work together in the pursuit of a number of wide ranging objectives that ultimately focus on promoting well-being in young people.

Enagh Youth Forum's four key 'Focuses' are:

- 1. To Promote Social Well-being for Young People & the Local Community**
- 2. To Promote Economic Well-Being for Young People & the Local Community**
- 3. To Promote Environmental Well-Being for Young People & the Local Community**
- 4. To Campaign & Lobby for Improved Services**

These key 'Focuses' link well with the local Council's 'Faughan Community Plan'; Strathfoyle/Maydown Rural Cluster Village Plan and the Government's wider plans in pursuing a 'Well-Being' strategy. However EYF's co-operative and critical approach is reminiscent of the work of Paulo Freire. He rejected the 'banking' model of education where the student is treated as an empty vessel to be filled with knowledge like a piggy bank. He argues for the educational process to treat the learner as a Co-Creator of knowledge. In an unequal society the oppressed must regain their sense of humanity and worth in order to overturn their condition. No education that is truly liberating can remain distant from the oppressed by treating them as unfortunates and by presenting for their emulation models of success from among the oppressors. The oppressed must define their own examples in their struggle for liberation and empowerment and develop a critical consciousness in order to recognise the oppressor's 'culture of silence' is designed to instil a negative, silenced and suppressed self-image in the oppressed.

It is not surprising then that one of the techniques used by EYF is the Theatre of the Oppressed which was developed by Augusto Boal in South America as a tool for raising the consciousness of the marginalised about injustice, equality and human rights. Boal acknowledged Friere as the major influence on his ideology and methodology. Significantly the UK's National Training Organisation for community development, community workers, youth workers and adult educators (established 2002) was named PAULO in recognition of Paulo Freire. PAULO is part of the Lifelong Learning UK Sector Skills Council.

Enagh Youth Forum's Model Of Youth Engagement has been greatly challenged throughout the five year YouthLed Project and the Covid19 pandemic and will be re-visited and further developed and refined over the life of the new YouthLinks Project, which seeks to empower local young people. (Healy/Logue 2020)



**Adam, Jack, Michael,
Jamie and Callum!
- Enagh Lough Clean Up
(20th April 2022)**



FOCUS ONE

PROMOTING SOCIAL WELL-BEING IN YOUNG PEOPLE

GENUINE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

Through our National Lottery Community Funded YouthLed Project, Enagh Youth Forum continued to provide a genuine youth support service and listening ear for young people. EYF puts young people first and promotes active citizenship, pride of place and young people progress in EYF through the co-production of their own knowledge. This is a self-help forum where young people make informed choices and can be signposted and referred to other agencies when the appropriate service is not delivered locally. We are looking forward to launching our new 'YouthLinks' Project on the 1st April 2023.

ADVOCACY

EYF support young people and local residents when in contact with many of the statutory agencies including Social Services, Probation Board NI, Youth Justice Agency, Social Security Agency and The Northern Ireland Housing Executive and others. Within this reporting period 6 young people have successfully completed 'Community Service Orders' with EYF

YOUTHLED DROP IN

EYF are planning to re open and re-start our youth support services and hope to be able to return to our open door policy where young people can drop in when they want, plan and organise their own activities and get involved in the running of the organisation and become involved in the decision making process.

HELPING TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT ITS OK NOT TO BE OK!

- Mood Matters Programme
- Listening Ear Service
- Advocacy/Signposting
- Tackling ASB 'Consequences'
- Suicide Awareness
- Group Work & Peer Mentoring

ENSURING COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Working With Young People When & Where They Are At
- Outreach Street Work
- Helping To Combat Anti-Social Behaviour (Supported By Local PCSP)
- Represented On The Strathfoyle/Maydown Community Safety Forum



PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS

BUILDING CONFIDENCE & SELF – ESTEEM

MANAGING TRANSITION

PEROJECT CO-ORDINATOR SUMMARY

(NIHE SUSTAINING TENANCIES PROJECT)

Enagh Youth Forum was delighted to receive funding from the NIHE 'Sustaining Tenancies' Programme to deliver a two year 'Strathfoyle, Cleaner, Greener and Safer' project which will run from May 2022 – May 2024. This core ethos of this project is to engage and involve local NIHE tenants in local community development projects aimed at enhancing the local environment and improving physical re-generation. A key aim of the project is to carry out a comprehensive community needs analysis and produce a new five year village plan 2023-2028.

I have been employed as the part time project co-ordinator with Enagh Youth Forum's 'Strathfoyle Cleaner, Greener and Safer' Project since May 2022. I am pleased to report that the project has and continues to make a positive difference to local tenants in the Strathfoyle area.

Summary for the period 1st January – 31st March 2023:

- **New Village Plan:** In all a total of 7 'Have Your Say' events have been successfully facilitated and attended by local NIHE tenants to date. This has been enhanced through the development, design and delivery of a project survey. This encapsulated feedback and input from 335 tenants.
- The final 'Have Your Say' event as detailed in the project plan focusing on 'Community Safety' was delivered in the Strathfoyle Teachers Training Centre on Thursday 16th February with 56 tenants attending. The event was attended by local councillors, reps from PCSP, PSNI, DCSDC Environmental Health, Migrant Centre NI and all local youth and community groups. Presentations were made and a question and answer session facilitated. Tenants were also giving the opportunity to 'post' additional issues in relation to community safety issues in the Strathfoyle area.
- The designated meet and greet multi-lingual 'welcome pack' has been developed and is currently in the design process. This took longer than expected in relation to receiving replies from all the necessary groups and agencies who we wished to incorporate and include.
- During this reporting period the project has moved forward successfully, seeing widespread engagement with local tenants and the groundwork has been laid for the delivery of 'Year Two Objectives'
- This Strathfoyle 'Cleaner, Greener & Safer' project is making a positive difference in the local area. 6 NIHE tenants have registered as project volunteers and recently helped facilitate a free 'Bicycle Check & Repairs Workshop' in the local area and also a tree planting initiative.

Michelle Hayden

Project Co-Ordinator
Strathfoyle 'Cleaner, Greener & Safer Project'
Enagh Youth Forum





YOUTHLED PROJECT

Social Activities/Events Planned by Local Young People This Year

Enagh Youth Forum's five year YouthLed Project ended December 2023. From 2017-now our YouthLed project was supporting young people aged 10-25 in Strathfoyle. Our project was funded and supported by the National Lottery Community Fund, through the 'Empowering Young People' programme made possible by National Lottery Players.

As of December 2022, we currently had 191 young people registered with the YouthLed Project aged 10-25. 65 young people attended on a weekly basis. 20 young people were active in taking responsibility for the project. It is important to note and commend the work carried out by the management committee members over these past number of months who have been instrumental in assisting with the final project evaluation of the 'YouthLed' project, helping to co-design a new youth audit as well as assisting EYF staff with fundraising.

From 2017 – Dec 2023, EYF utilised this grant support from The National Lottery Community Fund to:

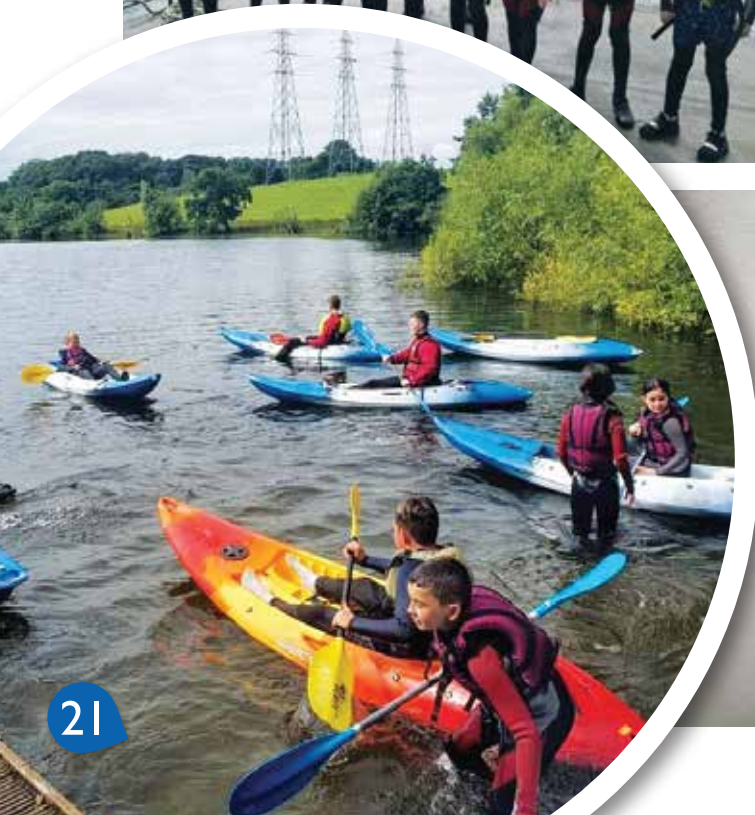
- **Help prepare young people for education, training and work**
- **Help improve relationships**
- **Get young people more involved in the local community**
- **Help improve young peoples health and well-being**
- **Delivering on ideas from the young people, activities include skills building and training; a range of environmental awareness programmes; outdoor pursuits, and other community initiatives designed to help combat the worst effects of rural isolation and social exclusion**
- **The key focus and priority for early 2022/23 was carrying a new youth audit and involve young people in designing a new youth project. (YouthLinks)**

EYF's YouthLed Project commenced September 2017 and over these past twelve months (Year 5 Final Year) young people have been involved in planning and participated in a number of projects, activities and events. These have included planning and organising:

- **A wide range of outdoor pursuit activities including abseiling, canoeing, coasteering, kayaking, raft building, climbing, gorge walking and orienteering.**
- **'Young Minds' Mental Health & Well-Being Project**
- **Social Action Projects including community litter picks and clean ups of Enagh Lough, Graffiti Removal and Window Box Challenge Event**
- **EYF Youth Sport/Fun Day, Halloween and Christmas Events**
- **Lifeskills courses in Paddle Power, Pony Care, Assertiveness and First Aid**
- **Please see Healy/Logue Independent YouthLed Final Project Evaluation for a full and comprehensive breakdown of EYF's YouthLed project over these past five years which outlines project activities and how these were reviewed and measured against project outcomes and indicators.**



SUMMER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS





STRATHFOYLE HALLOWEEN COMMUNITY
FIREWORKS DISPLAY
ASSEMBLE @
BEECHWOOD PARK
STRATHFOYLE
THURSDAY
27th
OCTOBER
@
7.30pm
COMMUNITY FUND
This Youth and Community Halloween Event has been
Funded and Supported by The National Lottery Community Fund.

CHRISTMAS 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Housing
Executive



PSP Policing & Community
Safety Partnership
making Derry & Strabane safer

Department of
Justice

Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle
Chathair Dhoire &
Cheantar an tSraitha Báin
Derry Cille & Strabane
Districc Council

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY

Enagh Youth Forum continues to promote community safety in the local area with the aim of making Strathfoyle a safer, shared community. We continue to be represented at the bi-monthly meetings of the Strathfoyle & Maydown Community Safety Forum. Despite the good work been carried out in the local area with local young people, challenges around the issues associated with ASB still exist with a minority of young people continuing to disrespect the local community in which they live.

Some Issues That Have Presented In 2022/23 Have Included:

- **Fires / Arson**
- **Under Age Drinking In and Around Derelict Barn area at Temple Road**
- **Hate Crime: The PSNI noted an increase in the number of reported incidents where individuals and families of colour and backgrounds were targeted through windows being broken, name calling and young people harassing them.**
- **Young people causing general nuisance congregating on the streets in large groups**
- **Trespassing in local construction sites**
- **Vandalism / Unsightly & Offensive Graffiti**
- **Attacks on the Local Bus Service**

In attempting to respond to these challenges, Enagh Youth Forum works closely with all members of the Strathfoyle and Maydown Community Safety Forum. DCSDC environmental health team was contacted to help request that land owners made derelict buildings safe.

In tackling the issues in and around the estate we work closely with the NIHE Patch Manager, Rural Wardens, all local youth and community groups and local elected representatives.

DOJ ARCS 'Positive Pursuits Project

We secured £6475 funding from the DOJ Assets Recovery Community Scheme and engaged 24 young males into a 'Positive Pursuits' Project. This included the young men attending a number of group work sessions aimed at exploring consequential behaviour. This project did have some success with the target group who completed a 'Road Wise' short course and attended a range of activities which included: fishing, high ropes course, canoeing, coasteering, go-karting and kayaking. Whilst this project has made a positive impact, it is clear from evaluations and feedback from local residents and our community partners on the Strathfoyle/Maydown Community Safety Forum that this type of engagement must continue and in particular we have identified the need for a more joined up youth work strategy for the local area where the Education Authority SYC, Enagh Youth Forum and North West Youth Service work explore ways of working more collaboratively in the local community to help tackle the issues of asb through a youth work approach.

Over the past twelve months, Enagh Youth Forum has also continued to attend the bi-monthly meeting of the Strathfoyle and Maydown Community Safety Forum and we have worked positively with a range of funders including The Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Derry Strabane PCSP and Derry City & Strabane District Council on a range of community safety issues as and when issues arise as well as engaging in a number of preventative projects. This has helped with a partnership approach in attempting to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area and has improved community cohesion. We continue to promote and encourage everyone to make use of the 'Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs' (RAPID) bin located in the local Spar Shop in Temple Road in Strathfoyle.

EYF continue to report a wide range of community safety issues to the appropriate agencies and authorities including but not limited to:

- **Street Lighting Repairs**
- **Pot Hole Repairs**
- **Roads and Footpath Maintenance**
- **NI Railways Fence Repairs**
- **Gulley Maintenance**
- **Grass Cutting**
- **Graffiti Removal**



Supporting Communities™
Empowering Society



We are looking forward to the sixth annual estate inspection which is scheduled to take place during May 2023 with all local groups and a range of statutory agencies taking part. The estate inspection is facilitated by Supporting Communities NI.

We are also continuing to lobby The Northern Ireland Housing Executive to roll out a Window Replacement scheme for all NIHE tenants homes in the local area as it will greatly improve the local area. We have requested 3 new dog foul bins to be installed in the local area at Owenmore Place, Stradowen Drive and Butlers Crescent.

DOJ Funded Positive Pursuits Project



Community Safety Items 2022- Various – Reported To Relevant Agencies





FOCUS TWO

Promoting Economic Well-Being In Young People Careers & Employment

Enagh Youth Forum offer one to one advice in an environment conducive to the individuals needs assisting with providing guidance, support, interview preparation skills, CV Building and promoting pathways to employability. This service also works in partnership with other training providers including Skills2020, Derry Youth & Community Workshop, The North West Volunteer Centre, The Princes Trust, Reach Across, North West Regional College, Youth 19 and Others.

In this reporting period a total of 61 young people benefited from careers and employment support. A number of young people also successfully secured ASDAN accreditations for completing short courses.

Support carried out during this reporting period:

Completed Application Forms	26
Created CV's	39
Interview Skills Attendees	10
Completed UCAS university application forms	9
Roadwise ASDAN Short Course	12
Volunteering ASDAN Short Course	6
Culture 'Cook It' Short Course	14
CSR Card Accreditation	5
Child Protection Awareness	14
Fire Safety Awareness	10
Emergency First Aid	6
Kayaking Paddle Power	24
Total (Individual Beneficiaries)	61



REFERENCE REQUESTS

In this reporting period a total of 19 young people were provided with references to assist with employment application.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION & CELEBRATION EVENT

This event was held at the Best Western Whitehorse Hotel on the 25th May 2022 and attended by 50+ local young people, committee members, volunteers, local elected reps and course facilitators.



EYF Certificate Presentation & Celebration Event – 25th May 2022 at the Best Western Whitehorse Hotel. Certificates presented for Life Skills courses, ‘Citizenship In The Community’, Child Protection Awareness, Kayaking and First Aid. .



EYF Certificate Presentation & Celebration Event – 25th May 2022 at the Best Western Whitehorse Hotel. Certificates presented including Fire Safety Awareness, Community Development Practice & Autism Awareness.





FOCUS THREE

Promoting Environmental Well-Being In Young People



Over the past twelve months Enagh Youth Forum's commitment to helping promote environmental well-being young people has continued. To this end we have successfully carried out a number of social action projects including a number of community clean up's, graffiti removal projects and tree planting and window box project. Young people have attended a range of educational outdoor visits to local woodlands and environmental projects in the local North West area.

Another Successful Strathfoyle One Big Clean Up 2022

This years Strathfoyle One Big Clean Up Week 2022 took place between July and August 2022 and was incorporated into our 'Give & Take' Summer Intervention Programme. Local young people successful planned a number of community litter picks in and around the local area and were supported by staff and volunteers from Enagh Youth Forum. There efforts continue to be supported by the NIHE & Live Here, Love Here, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. During the summer months a number of local young people and volunteers helped to remove all offensive graffiti from in and around the Strathfoyle estate. DFI Roads Service scraped back a number of footpaths in the local area and completed the construction of both the Strathfoyle Greenway & Strathfoyle/Maydown Shared Path. Derry City & Strabane District Council and the NIHE also once again contributed to the success of the weeks events and were active on the ground carrying out grounds maintenance repairs in Strathfoyle.

Young people from EYF invited members of the Enagh Senior Citizens Group to our 'Window Box Challenge' Event which was held at Parkmore Drive on the 18th July. The window boxes helped bring about a sense of 'community spirit and helped promote 'Pride of Place

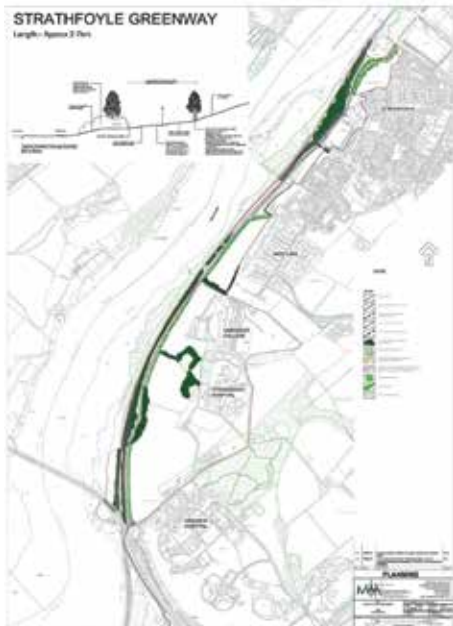
Window Box Challenge Event at E.Y.F



A Snap Shot Of Some Of EYF's Recent Environmental Projects:

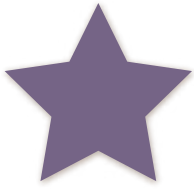


Good News! Strathfoyle Greenway Official Build Is Now Well Advanced & The Official Opening Is Scheduled to Take Place for June 2023!



Strathfoyle Greenway Construction 2023





FOCUS FOUR

YouthLed Campaigning & Lobbying



Over the past twelve months Enagh Youth Forum has been pro-actively involved in a number of campaigning and lobbying projects locally. Through applying a needs, rights and social justice approach we have helped bring about positive results that have gone some way to improving the social, economic and environmental well-being in the Strathfoyle and wider Enagh area within the rural Faughan DEA. Below is a list of projects that have required and continue to require campaigning and lobbying to deliver positive change.

CAMPAIGN ISSUE/ITEM	STATUS
Fixed Play Park Provision	Play Park Officially Opened October 2018
Disability Play Provision	Completed May 2022
Greenway Extension Project	Construction Well Advanced – Official Opening will take place during June 2023
Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)	ONGOING – Discussions Continue
Street Lighting Column Provision – Maydown Road (Strathfoyle/Maydown Shared Path)	Requests made to DFI. Response received that no budget currently available to progress.
Village Welcome Sign – Maydown	EYF supported Maydown Community Association In Securing a New Village Welcome Sign – Sponsored by Ascots Signs – Installed August 2022
Village Welcome Sign – Strathfoyle	ST Project focusing on securing site for new Welcome Sign at Temple Road. Discussions with local industry also ongoing.
Re-Development of The Auld School Centre	ONGOING – Enagh Country Park Enterprises Ltd (Public Consultation Took Place at Strathfoyle Youth Club on 18th May 22 and Strathfoyle Library 24th May 22.
Development of a Masterplan for Enagh Lough & Gransha Inc Changing Room Facilities at Enagh Lough	ONGOING – DCSDC continuing to progress. Draft plan to be published before end 23.
Health Impact Study Local Development Plan	ONGOING – Report Recommendations now listed in local community & village plans. EYF have made a number of representations to DCSDC Draft LDP
Bus Stop Repairs	ONGOING – Discussions continue with DCSDC
Lamp Post Repairs	SUCCESSFUL & ONGOING
Suicide Awareness	ONGOING – EYF Plan & Deliver Early Intervention Projects
Welfare Rights / Housing Support	EYF Continue To Support People
Illegal Dumping Locally	Successfully Tackled & Ongoing
Mobuoy Dump Remediation	Stakeholders Group Continues To Meet – Remediation Plan Now Made Public
Zebra Crossing at Temple Road	DFI Have Said There Are No Plans To Install One Presently. EYF to Campaign.
Stradowen Drive Re-Surfacing Works	Works Completed November 2018
Strathfoyle / Maydown Shared Path	Phase One & Two & Three Complete
Community Allotment/Men's Shed Project	Ongoing – Site Identified at Crannog Park (Joint Project with N.I.H.E)

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Enagh Youth Forum continue to be represented in relation to local community planning processes. This includes representation on the following committees/groups:

- **Faughan Strategic Growth Partnership Board**
- **Strathfoyle Greenway Project Steering Group**
- **Strathfoyle / Maydown Community Safety Forum**
- **Our NIHE 'Sustaining Tenancies Project' 'Strathfoyle Cleaner, Greener & Safer' has carried out extensive community consultation/audit to now progress with the publication of a new community plan for Strathfoyle Village before end 23 (In partnership with all local youth and community groups)**



The image shows the cover of the 'Strathfoyle Community Plan 2023 - 2028'. The title is written in white and green text on a purple and green background. Below the title is an aerial photograph of a residential area. At the bottom, there are logos for 'SUPPORTED BY' including 'Housing Executive SUSTAINING TENANCIES Funding Programme', 'ENAGH YOUTH FORUM', 'Strathfoyle Community Association', 'STRATHFOYLE WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP', 'Your Voice', and 'Strathfoyle Greenway Project'.

Strathfoyle Community Plan 2023 - 2028

SUPPORTED BY

Housing Executive
SUSTAINING TENANCIES
Funding Programme

ENAGH YOUTH FORUM

Strathfoyle Community Association

STRATHFOYLE WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP

Your Voice

Strathfoyle Greenway Project



STRATHFOYLE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT 'Imagine Enagh Country Park & Rural Greenway Hub'

Funding for our Strathfoyle Community Empowerment Project concluded during March 2019. Despite the best efforts of the EYF staff team, we were unable to secure the funding required to extend this project. However the ethos of the project lives on and continues to grow from strength to strength. The focus over these past six months has been trying to save the old school and chapel at Temple Road and hopefully redevelop the site back into community use as a new 'Rural Greenway Hub'! EYF and SCA are community partners in these efforts which are now being taking forward by Enagh Country Park Enterprises Ltd.



Key themes of the Strathfoyle Community Empowerment Project Included:

► People Led

The project is all about putting people first and enabling local people to identify local issues and come up with their own solutions. This is all about campaigning from the bottom up and allowing local people to put forward their ideas for the old school and chapel.

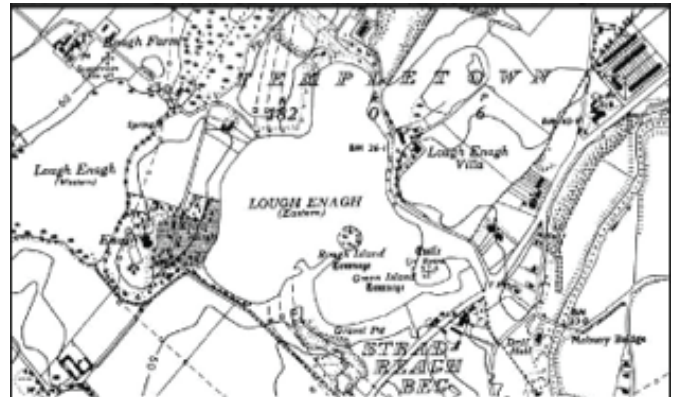
► Strengths Based

A core element of this project is focusing on equipping local people with the skills needed to help 'bring to life' the actions identified within the local Strathfoyle & Maydown Village Plan and the wider 'Faughan Community Plan' as well as holding a number of 'Have Your Say' events locally. Work is now well underway to clean up the site and begin looking at feasibility options for this site!

► Connected

The project aimed to involve and benefit all local community groups, promoting partnership working and the sharing of resources. The Auld School Project will achieve this!

Enagh Youth Forum will continue to work positively with all local partners to bring to life the 'Old School & Chapel' Site Rural Greenway Hub Project which is greatly needed in the local community to help combat loneliness as well as rural isolation and social exclusion within our local rural community.



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Enagh Youth Forum believes in supporting young people in becoming active citizens within their own community. In working towards this goal we realise that this can only be achieved through a holistic partnership approach.

Throughout the past twelve months we have developed positive working relationships with a range of organisations listed below, all of which have made a positive contribution to supporting the work of our organisation and the young people who benefit. Locally within Strathfoyle and Maydown partnership working has greatly improved between all local youth and community groups all who are working towards a common goal of purpose of helping to improve the quality of life for those young people and residents of Strathfoyle as well as working to help combat the worst effects of rural isolation and social exclusion.

All local groups continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis to further advance the Greenway Re-Generation project and also the newly established 'Enagh Gransha Master Planning' meetings led on by DCSDC; and EYF also continue to attend the Strathfoyle and Maydown Community Safety Forum meetings and are working jointly to tackle a range of community safety issues.



LIST OF WORKING PARTNERSHIPS:

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|--|---|--|
|  ADVENTURE SPORTS NORTH WEST |  FAUGHAN VALLEY RURAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP |  RUTLEDGE |
|  COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND |  LIBRARIES NI |  STRATHFOYLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION |
|  BYTES PROJECT |  MAYDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION |  STRATHFOYLE WOMENS ACTIVITY GROUP |
|  CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS NI |  NORTH WEST COMMUNITY NETWORK |  TINY TOTS COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP |
|  DERRY YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORKSHOP |  NORTH WEST VOLUNTEER CENTRE |  THE PLAYHOUSE DERRY |
|  DUNGIVEN DRY ARCH CENTRE |  REACH ACROSS |  THE NORTHERN IRELAND YOUTH FORUM |
|  ENAGH SENIORS GROUP |  RURAL AREA PARTNERSHIP IN DERRY |  THE YOUTH WORK ALLIANCE |
|  FOYLE DRUG & ALCOHOL FORUM |  RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK | |
|  FRIENDS OF THE EARTH |  RURAL FAUGHAN STRATEGIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP | |

PROGRAMME REVIEW

Throughout the past twelve months Enagh Youth Forum has provided a wide and diverse range of essential community support to local young people, families and senior citizens as we all sought to 'bounce back' and 'restart' following what had been a difficult couple of years for many.

Despite the challenges in relation to emerging from the pandemic and local challenges around asb, EYF did still manage to re-connect and re-engage with local young people, providing a range of accredited programmes focusing on promoting social well-being, economic well-being and environmental wellbeing. Thanks to funding from The National Lottery Community Fund young people achieved qualifications and accreditations and also benefited from and participated in a range of issue based group work facilitation and workshops including: 'Us & Them' Good Relations project, Filming Media & Editing, , Roadwise, exploring ASB and consequences and employability. We also successfully delivered a wide range of interventions covering suicide awareness, understanding myself and others, mood matters and promoting positive emotional health through group work and a range of projects.

We now have 191 registered members! However we are always looking at ways to reach, engage and include new members into the youth forum as well as working to retain existing members and service users. We try to work out what matters most to the young people and believe strongly in meeting the need presented in front of us, making honest connections and standing for the possibility of making everybody's voice matter.

In this reporting period, we have worked positively, putting young people in the lead; who have helped to co-design our new EYF 2022 Youth Survey which we will launch later this summer. Young people have helped evaluate our YouthLed project. It is important that we again acknowledge The National Community Fund who provided the funding.

LOOKING FORWARD

As the 5th and final year of our YouthLed project comes to an end Enagh Youth Forum finds ourselves excited and energised for the coming year ahead hoping to continue to make a positive difference in the lives of children and young people.

We are really looking forward to commencing and launching our new National Lottery Funded 'YOUTHLINKS' Project and we have every confidence that this will make a positive difference



MOVING FORWARD

COMMENTS & FEEDBACK

"I completed a Roadwise Course about safe driving and consequences. It was a good course and we then got to try out driving at Eglinton Driving School which we all enjoyed."
Callum - 14

"Thank you EYF for everything and especially for helping to campaign for the new greenway. Its amazing. Everyone loves it!"
Simon - 20

"I helped organise the EYF Family Fun Day was held on the 15th August. My friends and I served hot chocalate and served at the tick shop. I really enjoyed it and was happy with how it all turned out"
Eireann - 15

"It was brilliant to see everyone together at the certificate presentation event at the Whitehorse hotel. I got three certificates presented to me which will hopefully help with UCAS points when I apply to uni next year."
Matthew - 18

"I live in Maydown and I really enjoyed taking part for the first time ever in Enagh Youth Forum's summer programme; I made two new friends and I am looking forward to staying involved now for the Autumn / Winter too."
Sophie - 12

"The Window Box Challenge Event was really really good. Thanks for allowing me to take part!"
**Margaret
- Local Resident**

" Exciting times for Strathfoyle. The amount of regeneration in the area that has been borne out of partnership working between statutory agencies and the local community including EYF over the past few years has been tremendous. - Well Done!"
MLA Mark H Durka

"EYF are a credit to the local community and we continue to work with them on a number of community safety and community regeneration projects"
**Alex Duffy -
Chairperson
(Strathfoyle
Community
Association)**

"My two teenagers attend EYF and they have benefited so much from taking part in all of the day trips and activities. It has really helped bring them on and has increased their confidence."
Sylvia - Local Parent

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

It is very important for staff and volunteers to continually upskill so that they can offer participants a good service and reach organisation expectations. Below is a list of training attended during the 2022/2023 reporting period.

- ▶ **Child Protection Safeguarding Training Course**
- ▶ **Introduction to Autism Level Two**
- ▶ **Fire Safety & Awareness at Work**
- ▶ **First Aid at Work Level Two**
- ▶ **'Responding To Drugs and Substance Misuse'**
- ▶ **Involving Young People In Decision Making**
- ▶ **Youth Work & The Environment / Outdoors**



FUTURE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The emphasis for this final year of the five year 'YouthLed' project has included capacity building, personal development, training and young people actively planning and facilitating their own support services. This has included 'training for transformation', Good Governance, Child Protection, Fire Safety, Responding to ASB & Youth Crime, Autism Awareness and Project Management.

Young people, staff and volunteers completed 'Youth Audit Training' and successfully designed, rolled out and collated a 2022 Youth Survey which assisted in EYF providing an evidence base for the new 'YouthLinks' project which we are delighted has secured almost £500,000 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund's 'Empowering Young People' programme which will be rolled out over the next three years 2023-2026.

As part of our new 'YouthLinks' project includes a 'Faughan Youth Bank Initiative' future skills development relating to 'Consensual Grant Making' has been identified as something that is now required, as we seek to involve young people directly in taking forward the new 'YouthLinks' Project in Strathfoyle, Maydown and across the wider Faughan DEA.

All staff and volunteers also require further training in the areas of 'Managing Difficult Behaviours', 'Inclusion', 'Early Intervention', Child Protection Awareness, Fire Safety and others as and when required. Staff have also expressed an interest in receiving training on Child Rights and the Understanding the UNCRC as part of the rights based approach EYf is seeking to adopt through the new 'YouthLinks' Project.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1:

Charity Accounts for the period 1st April 2022-31st March 2023

Appendix 2:

Healy Logue: Overall Evaluation Report for YouthLed Project 2017-2022

Appendix 3:

National Lottery Community Fund 'Evaluation / Progress Report'

Appendix 4:

NIHE ST & SPOD Funders Reports



ENAGH YOUTH FORUM

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