

Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective Annual Report

Project: Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Report - April 2022-March 2023

1. Organisation. Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective
2. Project Name, (if any) Tullycarnet Connecting Together
3. Neighbourhood Renewal Funding Awarded £54621.
4. Neighbourhood Renewal Funding Spent £48973.
5. Description of Activities in 2022/23 (300-500 words).....

Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective consists of groups working together to provide activities and support for all residents of Tullycarnet:

Older people: Age range for these groups is 55 plus, a number of activities and programmes were held for the older people that helped reduce social isolation and the cost of living crisis too. The groups meet 4 times per week and with the support of DFC were able to take part in historical visits, arts and crafts, fitness classes, cinema outings and much more. The older people were also involved in community celebrations such as Christmas - Tree of Reflection, Summer programmes and International Womens Day event.

Tullycarnet Community Football Club: The football team which hire Hanwood Pitches, have weekly health and well being programmes and develop sporting skills of children and young men in the area. The football team were able to continue providing a mini soccer camp on Wednesday afternoons which attracts approx 65 children on the pitch and is facilitated by Volunteers.

TAGIT (Incorporating Boxing Club& Mens Minds Matter): TAGIT held a number of community festivals and events including 550 people who attended 11th July celebration for families, and therefore were increasing social capital in the area. They also have been working to support ladies programmes in the Boxing club and also supporting a new group of Men that have come together due to the lack of support for mens mental health. They have been able to gain support for this group through the Browns Funeral Foundation also to increase skills in cooking etc.

Links Womens Group: This group have been able to expand their membership in 2022/2023 and changed their programmes of support after gaining feedback from local women who were finding the activities repetitive. In 2022 they reconstituted and got a new committee which has been fantastic for them, with fresh ideas such as historical programmes, accredited training Level 2 in Community Capacity Building and arts and crafts each week.

Family project: Provide classes in Tullycarnet for Dads and children although in 2022/2023 they have been limited to space due to the closure of Tullycarnet School. They have been using the Ardarnet youth centre to provide primary school after schools and activities for those parents who are struggling with confidence, self esteem etc.

Helping Hands Autism Support Group: Provide youth activities and facilitated sessions with young people and children with disabilities in the area. The funding for 2022/ 2023 also provided, much needed support to parents who needed training in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Challenging Behaviours, Sensory programmes etc (particularly well attended was their Dads programme). They also provide respite services in the area for parents who need just a little bit of time to themselves especially during times when schools are closed and their children are at home.

Tullycarnet Dancers: 35 young people were trained in competitive dance by UK top dance teachers who were visiting Northern Ireland for competitions. The group used the time that they were here to hold educational programmes in Dance which was a great asset to the club. The Club also use their funding to pay for room rental to facilitate their sessions 4 times per week.

6. Photographs:



7. Other funders and supporters:

Although Department For Communities is our biggest funder and we are very grateful for their continued support to help to alleviate the pressures that communities in deprivation struggle with each day, we also would like to thank other funders who supported our charity this year with other programmes too:

Belfast City Council: Medium Grant - We were supported through Belfast City Council to develop activities and events in the local area such as delivering Christmas and Halloween events for the whole of the community. Young people and older people were also supported with this grant for health programmes to enhance emotional well being and fitness levels.

Clear Project PHA - Supported the Mens Minds Matter NI group with training programmes in Drug and Alcohol Awareness and also with Suicide Prevention Training along with some group activities to local historical sites, and sporting activities like Crazy Golf and Bowling.

Asda Foundation: This grant was again for the Mens Minds Matter NI group to help them to attract more members to their newly formed group by providing a Christmas party and Christmas Dinner. The James Brown Foundation complimented this funding by providing a 12 week cooking on a budget programme and provided kitchen equipment that the men used then to cook their Christmas Dinner.

Hanwood Trust: Support for the local community to help with the cost of living crisis by supporting a social supermarket where residents were able to avail of food parcels and cleaning materials, the local churches also got involved with this and provided extra cleaning materials as they are costly.

Awards for All funding: Provided for the Queens Jubilee Party in the Park which was paid in March 23 but programme did not take place until the next financial year.

CFNI - ARN foundation: A programme for older people to help with the cost of living crisis, supported was given over the winter months by providing hot food, soup, food bags and heat packs along with outings of interest, that encouraged participation and reduced social isolation. These outings also reduced the running costs in older peoples homes as they were out of their houses instead of using their own gas and electric. We also held art programmes in our local community centre as well.