

Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Report (April 2023-March 2024)

1. Organisation Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective

Volunteers continued to deliver programmes for all groups in Tullycarnet, particularly around the Football Team continue to develop their volunteer coaches with accredited training, Links Womens Group, Helping Hands all have also expanded their volunteer database this year. The older peoples groups depend on Charter NI staff rather than volunteers to organise their programmes of activities due to the lack of capacity in their groups. It is also great that we can then train volunteers through this programme such as Child protection, First Aid, Health and Safety and Food Hygiene.

Educational Programmes: Barnardos, Helping Hands, Tullycarnet Dancers and Links Womens Group all brought in outside facilitators this year to help with educational programmes such as Dance, Exercise, Parenting programmes and managing challenging behaviours. Dundonald High School GCSE support classes are being supported by TAGIT and in December they focused on those children who live directly in Tullycarnet who were not reaching A-C Grades the school give them extra classes after school to try to increase their grades. We have also been encouraging parents to understand the positive impact in keeping up school attendance targets and how that can impact the children's grades.

Healthy interventions: All groups have a great focus on healthy activities within the community, and also partnership working with Hanwood Trust and the new Tullycarnet Boxing Club. Focus on the 5 steps to wellbeing. Connecting Community groups together within the area, with huge numbers attending always exceeding our targets, and expanding on community engagement. Keep Learning: Groups meet on a daily basis 7 days per week learning about skills, healthy minds and bodies, mental health support and much more. Being active by providing weekly activities through football, dance, boxing, gym memberships, walking clubs, healthy eating programmes and learning to eat on a budget. Take Notice : We provide activities such as mindfulness, working with Action Mental health, Charter NI counselling programmes, and coaching and mentoring those in the community through alternative therapies, journalling and calming activities. Give: All groups are encouraged to take part and expand their volunteer database because there is so much going on in the community we do not want volunteers to burn out.

Charter Ni staff also provide other programmes for this umbrella organisation through different funders the most successful this year was the Arts Council NI project forever our home, which developed a booklet in partnership with the tenants who are currently being evicted from their homes and moved to other areas. 20 older people took part in this project from the neighbourhood collective groups.

Also the Belfast City Council social supermarket in November, December and January was a huge success, providing those most at need with vouchers from Lidl to help during winter time, this was in partnership with Hanwood Trust.

