



HILLHALL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

HILLHALL REGENERATION GROUP

Chairmans Report

I would like to thank everyone for attending our AGM this evening. This has been a busy year for all the committee and volunteers of Hillhall Resource Centre we have certainly been as busy as ever.

The centre has been opened now for over ten years and continues to deliver services for all the residents and age groups within the wider Hillhall area we provide the space for other Voluntary and Statutory services to be delivered and reach those most in need of them.

The Hillhall Regeneration was constituted in October 1999 this means we are in existence 25 years, we hope to celebrate this milestone in October this year. This is a great achievement for the committee and the local community also the local Lisburn PCSP as the Hillhall Regeneration Group was established from a young men's group which was formed and developed through the early peace one programmes run by Lisburn PSP.

We have had continued support from Lisburn Castlereagh City Council, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and statutory partners to ensure support and guidance to our community.

Sure Start

Sure Start is our anchor tenant and provides a valuable service for our community. They provide sessions from Monday to Friday which includes Little Stars, Bumps and Babies, Stay and Play, Baby Massage and incredible Years.

Advice Surgery

The DUP have an advice surgery with NIHE in the Regeneration Centre on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10am to 11am. We also provide a Benefits Clinic (to help with filling in forms and show what other benefits may be available).

Youth Groups and After School Clubs

The youth groups continue to operate almost every night with different age groups being catered for.

The Resurgam Youth Outreach team are out on Friday and Saturday nights at hot spots to ensure the safety of our young people and provide a safe place for young people this brings the youth provision up to six nights a week. we also provide a homework club on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. we have the use of the unit beside the shop in Hillhall in the evenings to cater for the increasing numbers of young people we have been working with.

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Pensioners Club

The Pensioners club continues to be well supported, in the last year have worked in partnership with Gregg House, Rowan Centre and the NIHE to provide activities for the more senior members of our community this also utilizes the communal space in Gregg House.

Diamond Painting

Hillhall Regeneration Group applies for and were successful in obtaining funding for diamond art and painting by numbers to help with mental health and anxiety, this has proved to be very popular within the community and continues to grow. We currently have 55 people registered and while most come to the Regeneration Centre there are those who have young children or are housebound who would do this at home, they bring their finished work up to the centre. This activity is held every Thursday in the Regeneration Centre from 9am to 5pm it is a drop in, and everyone is made welcome.

D Day 80

This year we held a very successful event to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day in conjunction with Lisburn Temperance, there was a great turnout and would like to thank the community for their continued support, the youth enjoyed the display of Uniforms, Tin hats and the guns that our armed forces would have used during the 2nd world was 80 years ago and the landrover parked outside the hall.

There were a lot of volunteers that made this event so successful their help and support is very much appreciated because without them the hall would not have been decorated, there would have been no Bar-b-que, there would have been no coffee/tea or wee buns so I would like to thank you all, thanks also to the youth who done the wee tattoos they were great.

Hillhall Community Hall Project

Hillhall Community Group in conjunction with South Lisburn Community Church have secured most of the funding for the new community hall. This will provide for the whole community in addition to the Resource Centre.

Groups in the area will benefit from this initiative partnership between Community and Church and will include families, children, young people, older people, newcomers, and other underrepresented groups.

This Community Hall will introduce new and expand on existing social, educational, wellbeing and recreational activities that will lead to a confident and resilient community

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Training

Training the volunteers have completed in the last year.

First Aid & Defibrillation

Designated Officer

Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe

Highfield Level II Fire Safety

Safe Place

Benefits Clinic

As many of you know we would not be able to provide a lot of the services we do without the help and support of The Resurgam Trust of which we are a member group. they have been invaluable to us from the planning of the centre and continue to be a major supporter to us today.

We also appreciate the help of LCCC, Local Councillor's and other agencies have given us throughout the year. So, a special thank you to all of them for their continued support.

I would like to finish by thanking the committee and volunteers for all their hard work over the past year and hope that it continues with the new committee. I would like to pay special thank you to Andrea for all the help and support she has given me and for taking on the job of running the centre and working together with the committee this makes for a good team.

Finally thank you all for taking the time to attend this evening.

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