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Annual Report 2023

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum



Working for the regeneration of disadvantaged and divided communities

Vision

“A confident, thriving, diverse community.”

Mission

“Working for the social, economic and physical regeneration of the community and creating the conditions for the removal of the physical and mental barriers that divide us.”

A word from the Chair



Chairperson

Paul Little

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Welcome to our 2023 Annual Report. It has always been the endeavour of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum to attain the best local community facilities that will enable our community to move forward in a confident and professional manner to tackle the problems that face our community.

We have sought to represent the many different needs and requirements of the diverse Cliftonville community with statutory agencies and funders. We have continued to work diligently on the overall community development, both the physical development of facilities and services and the personal development of community activists. We have supported community focus groups empowering Cliftonville residents to stand up and campaign for what the area requires for prosperity and well-being for all.

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is currently working and supporting residents in the fields of economic development, community relations, education and training, welfare, youth services, senior citizens, men and women's support groups and environmental improvements.

In the wake of the Covid pandemic we have tried to reinvigorate existing community activity, whilst developing our projects to work in the new environment in which we all have to get used to.

20/25 years ago we set our selves the task of enabling residents coming out of conflict to move forward with confidence

into new horizons and developing new opportunities. Indeed one of our mantras at that time was to 'open doors in the community that had been closed for a quarter of a century' because of the conflict. Covid brought much of that community confidence to a halt, the doors had closed again.

Despite all this we have the confidence that we can gradually restore community cohesion and development, not only to pre-pandemic levels but to continuing to grow and prosper in the coming years.

Outlined in this Annual Report are a number of exciting projects and initiatives that we are working on at present and with your help and support hopefully 2024 will see these come to fruition.

On behalf of the management committee we would like to put on the record our gratitude to our staff, sessional workers and volunteers who have continued to work with diligence and expertise, in spite of the obstacles placed in front of them.

I would like to end this introduction with an appeal to residents and activists to come forward and join us in Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum or any of the community projects.

Together we can see that the Cliftonville community is a great place to live, work and play, offering all residents regardless of creed, ethnicity and ability the opportunity to grow together.

Thank you.

Background to the Cliftonville

The Cliftonville community is one of the most deprived in Belfast and across the North of Ireland. The quality of life for local residents has declined sharply in the past year. While local people were still on the ropes from Covid-19 they were then punched in the face by the Cost of Living Crisis.

This crisis is not helped by the lack of government at Stormont or by a government in London which is totally deaf to the needs of people living in poverty. The absence of a NI Executive led to more government cuts in 2023 for key services that are needed by the most vulnerable and impoverished people in our community.

Cuts to public sector and community services makes it more difficult for community groups on the ground to respond to local need and to support people in our communities.

The Cliftonville community is located in the Waterworks ward which, according to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), is the No. 1 most deprived ward in Northern Ireland.

The Waterworks ward has the highest percentage of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants in Belfast (10.8%) and the 2nd highest rate of JSA claimants in NI. The NI average is 3.8%.

Homelessness is a major problem in this area. There is also a lack of good quality housing. Homelessness affects families but also individuals and young people have little chance of securing accommodation. We have 3 and even 4 generations of one family living in the same house. It is a world apart from the leafy semis with a large garden. This has a major impact on low education attainment and stress.

The area is also home to an increasing number of flats, apartments and low quality accommodation. The area has a high number of old 3 story properties. These are easily turned into flats and HMOs (Housing in Multiple Occupation). There is a high number of low quality private landlord accommodation. There are notable exceptions. Some private landlords are proactive in improving



Residents are now regularly finding and reporting needles being dumped on streets and in bushes reflecting poor levels of mental health, trauma and addiction

their properties. However, not all low quality accommodation is in the private sector. An increasing number of low quality housing is owned by social landlords.

Millions of pounds is spent every year in housing benefit in the Cliftonville area. Very little of that finds its way back to support either the redevelopment of the properties or regeneration of the local area.

Economically, there are no large employers in the area and there has been no investment in any form of economic development in the area for decades. The current economic model does not work for communities such as the Cliftonville.

An alternative economic model which has emerged is called Community Wealth Building. Community Wealth Building aims to make the economy work for the people not make people work for the economy. Community Wealth Building stops wealth leaving deprived areas, supports the local economy and places control and benefits in the hands of local people. The development of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise will contribute to the building of community wealth.

Community Strategy

Our Outcomes

Our Strategy works to achieve three outcomes: 1. Regeneration; 2. Peace Building and Good Relations; and 3. Children and Young People.

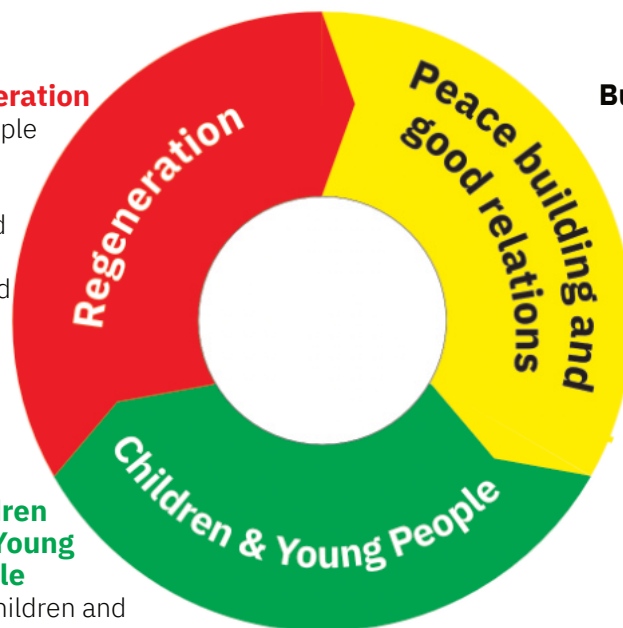
Outcomes are the quality of life conditions we want for the children, adults and families who live in our community. These outcomes do not stand alone – they are all inter-connected. All our work programmes must contribute to one or more of our outcomes and ideally they contribute to all three outcomes.

Regeneration

Our people have decent jobs and a good standard of living

Children and Young People

Our children and young people have the best start in life



Peace Building and Good Relations

Our community is peaceful, shared and diverse

Indicators

Indicators help us measure if we are making a difference to the quality of life conditions we want for the children, adults and families who live in our community

Regeneration

% of people with low or no qualifications

% of economically inactive residents

Children and Young People

% of pupils attaining 5 GCSE's A*-C including English and Maths

Rate of Child Poverty

Peace Building and Good Relations

No. of hate crimes

No. of interfaces/peace walls

% of people who feel very comfortable sharing space with people from a different community background.

% of local residents who would like to see peace walls removed now or in near future

Programmes

Performance Measures

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum has a number of work programmes or projects which contribute to the 3 outcomes above.

The projects are:

- Personal Youth Development Project
- Let Youth Lead Project
- Imagine Peace Barriers Project
- Cliftonville Enterprise Centre
- Community Organising/ Capacity Building Project
- Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
- Girdwood Shared Youth Space

How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
<p># Participants (by target groups e.g youth, residents, women, families)</p> <p># Activities (by type of activity)</p>	<p>% Common measures Retention, ratios, staff turnover rate, % of staff fully trained, unit cost, customer satisfaction</p> <p>% Activity specific measures % completing activity, % of actions meeting standards, % attending from target groups</p>
Is anyone better off?	
<p>#</p> <p># Point in time vs. Two point comparison measures</p> <p>#</p> <p>#</p>	<p>% Skills/Knowledge</p> <p>% Attitude/Opinion</p> <p>% Behaviour</p> <p>% Circumstance</p>

Each programme has Performance Measures that answer: How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off?

The following pages show how we are making a difference in the local community.

Regeneration Cliftonville Enterprise Centre



Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum continues to work towards the building of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise on Cliftonpark Avenue.

The project is aimed at supporting long term unemployed males, women living in poverty and young people from disadvantaged families into training and employment. The centre will also provide child care places as demand for these facilities are high in this area.

The enterprise centre will work with local people to support them to learn, make and sell. This means providing training, space and equipment to enable people to move into the labour market and increase economic activity within the local community. Critically it also means supporting them to increase their confidence and help them overcome the barriers to employment and enterprise.

Cliftonville Community Enterprise will be located in the Waterworks ward. The Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived ward in the North of Ireland out of 464 wards. The area has suffered from a sharp rise in poverty in the past 10 years and there has been no capital investment to turn help turn this situation around. The Cliftonville Community Enterprise proposal can turn this around.

An architect's visual of the new community enterprise centre at Cliftonpark Avenue

Development stage

- We own the site having purchased it from the Housing Executive.
- We have produced a fully costed business plan which shows how the centre will operate.
- We have secured planning approval for the centre
- A full Outline Business Case has been completed which justifies the investment
- Funding applications have been submitted to Belfast City Council and the Department for Communities for the capital costs of the project

Cliftonville Community Forum is currently involved in training and employability projects. We have supported people from the Cliftonville and surrounding areas through training, with job applications, their interviews and seen them secure employment.

The development of Cliftonville Community Enterprise will see this work move to a new level. This centre will be a very modest size. However, it should allow us to begin to turn the curve on poverty and disadvantage in this area.

Regeneration Community Organising

The Community Organising project works with residents to address the issues they identify and organise them into community groups to ensure that issues get addressed. A wide range of issues are tackled including: housing, anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, rat infestation, landlord issues, the #BusFreeBrookvale campaign and the Save Our Post Office Campaign.

The project produces and distributes a community newsletter. Since October 2020 we have produced 10 editions and distributed 1,500 free copies of each edition to local homes.

The Community Organising project works with 4 different established community groups in the area:

- Waterworks Residents Association
- Manor Street Residents Action Group
- Brucevale Residents
- Kinnaird Residents

Multi-agency work is a crucial part of the role and attending fortnightly meetings with external agencies is a great way to raise issues in the area and work collaboratively with these agencies to try and tackle the issues. Since April 2022 to April 2023 there has been:

- 22 multi agency meetings with agencies such as Community Restorative Justice, PSNI, Belfast City Council, Housing Executive, Housing Associations and politicians.
- 7 meeting have taken place with the Save Our Post Office Campaign
- 43 meetings have taken place with with local councillors Tomas O'Neill, Ryan Murphy, Paul McCusker and Mal O'Hara as well as meeting with local residents groups to tackle day to day issues in the area including lack of services and investment

The project facilitated 'How to run a successful campaign' training. The course was delivered over 6 weeks with 7 local residents who are all active in the community completing it. After the completion of the training, the residents campaign started to lobby then Department for Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon to help change the route



PHOTO: Meeting with John Finucane MP to discuss the closure of the Duncairn Post Office. A great turn out of local business and political reps for the area.

the buses were taking. Residents collected more than 500 signatures going door to door in the area organising the community behind the campaign.

Due to the cost of living crisis and various other social factors, the challenges the area is facing grows daily. Since the beginning of 2023 we have a significant rise in anti-social behaviour and housing issues.

Now more than ever, statutory agencies need to take responsibility for their role in improving the area, tackling the issues such as a lack of investment, poor infrastructure, poor social and private housing and the challenges people who live in the most deprived ward in the North are facing.

BEFORE AND AFTER: Cliftonville entries before and after clean-up campaign. Work completed by Belfast City Council.



Regeneration Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

More than 15,000 people live in the Crumlin/Ardoyne area. The area is made up of the Ardoyne and Waterworks wards. The Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived out of 462 wards, which means the area is in the top 1% most deprived across Northern Ireland.

Our Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is made up of 12 members: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum, Cliftonville Community Centre, North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum, Action Mental Health, The Vine Centre, Wishing Well Family Centre, Grace Women’s Development Limited, Lower Oldpark Community Association, Cancer Lifeline, Ardoyne Association, Ardoyne Youth Enterprise and Marrowbone Community Association.

Together we agreed on five key outcomes. These are:

- Outcome 1.** Residents play an active part in economic life
- Outcome 2.** We live longer, healthier, active lives
- Outcome 3.** We are a shared community that respects diversity
- Outcome 4.** We give our children and young people the best start in life
- Outcome 5.** We live in a safe community

Outcomes are the key to our action plan. Outcomes tell us what differences we want for our communities. All our work is then targeted at achieving our outcomes.

The Crumlin Ardoyne area has some of the highest levels of anti-social behaviour and crime in NI. In a door-to-door survey on community safety 56% of people feel “Very Unsafe” or “Unsafe” in the area they live in. It is believed that official figures for crime and anti-social behaviour are significantly underestimated as more than 62% said they do not report anti-social behaviour to the PSNI.

The survey was completed across the Crumlin/Ardoyne area in March 2023 and 325 surveys were completed.



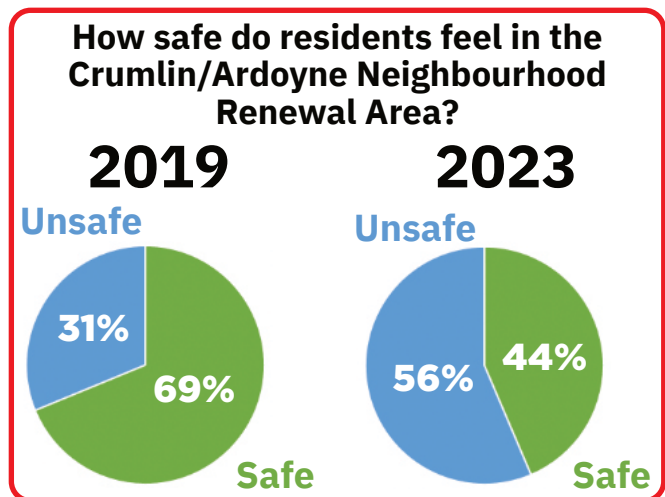
ABOVE: A meeting of the 36 Neighbourhood Partnerships discussing the Review of People and Place strategy

We are involved in the Department of Communities Review of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy also known as People and Place.

As part of this we work with 4 Neighbourhood Partnerships across North Belfast – Crumlin/Ardoyne, Inner North, Ballysillian/Upper Ardoyne and Ligoniel. The aim is to develop a collective voice for North Belfast’s communities in the absence of an area partnership board.

BELOW: Results of the community safety survey.

Across the North the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have come together as a Forum. This Forum has met 7 times in the past year.



Peace Building and Good Relations

Girdwood Shared Youth

The 2022/23 year saw us fully return to all pre-Covid face-to face delivery levels and we operated in the knowledge that this would increase demand for our services as the needs of local young people and their families increased.

Against this backdrop we were aware that the lack of a functioning government at Stormont would bring about funding cuts decreasing our organisation's ability to meet this ever-increasing need.

Despite many challenges 2022/23 was a fun-packed, jam-packed year of cross-community activities and projects with many new friendships developed across the Manor Street interface and a new batch of local youth leaders emerging.

2022/23 saw us deliver a range of youth activities, projects, cross-community trips/residentials and team building events to ensure that the

Girdwood Youth Space is a safe, shared space for all local young people.

We tailor all of our activities to the needs of local young people taking each of them on an age-appropriate individualised cross-community journey see below:

Age	Cross-community activity
7 to 11	Junior Drop-in Shared Summer Programme
12 to 14	Intermediate Drop-in Shared Activities (Sport, IT, Arts & Crafts)
14 to 16	Cross-community Projects Good Relations Projects Cultural Identity/Cultural Awareness
16 to 21	Peer Mentoring Training Leadership Training Youth Work Training Cross-Border Connections

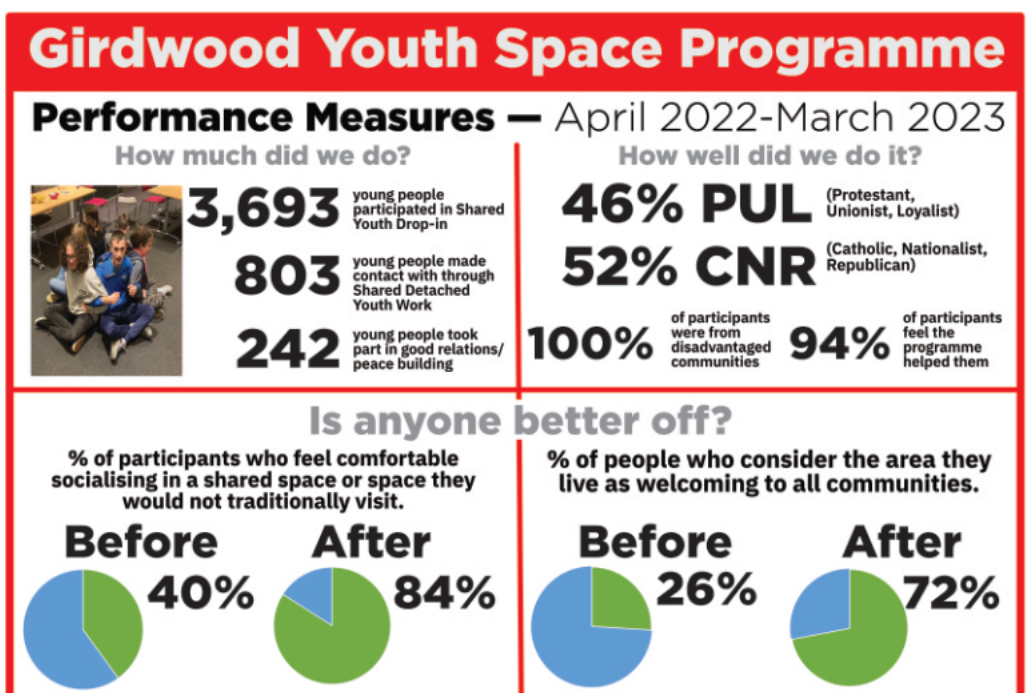


PHOTO | TOP: Young people who completed good relations training. BELOW: Girdwood Shared Youth Scorecard.

"It's only now looking back that I can see what a hugely significant part of my life Girdwood has been and how all the training and development programmes I have done have helped shaped me into the person I am today" — Girdwood Youth Forum participant.

"It has helped me personally learn about other people's own culture as well as gaining a stronger connection across the different communities" — participant on Good Relations/Cultural Identity project

Children and Young People

Personal Youth Development Programme



The Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) is designed to address the multifaceted challenges faced by disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 who are living in poverty, impacted by drug addictions, left school early or with low education attainment, been in or close to the criminal justice system, suffer from poor mental health or are homeless. The programme aims to foster personal and social development, promote good relations, offer career guidance, and provide opportunities to raise their aspirations.

Several challenges have arisen throughout the programme, including engagement difficulties, resistance to change, and the need for ongoing support. To address these, the programme offer flexible approach, tailored interventions to individual needs including sign posting to other agencies, whilst this phase of PYDP ended in March 2023 the participants still receive ongoing support on a 1:1 mentoring basis.

PYDP has empowered participants to overcome adversity and achieve their full potential. Continuous evaluation and adaptation have been essential to ensure

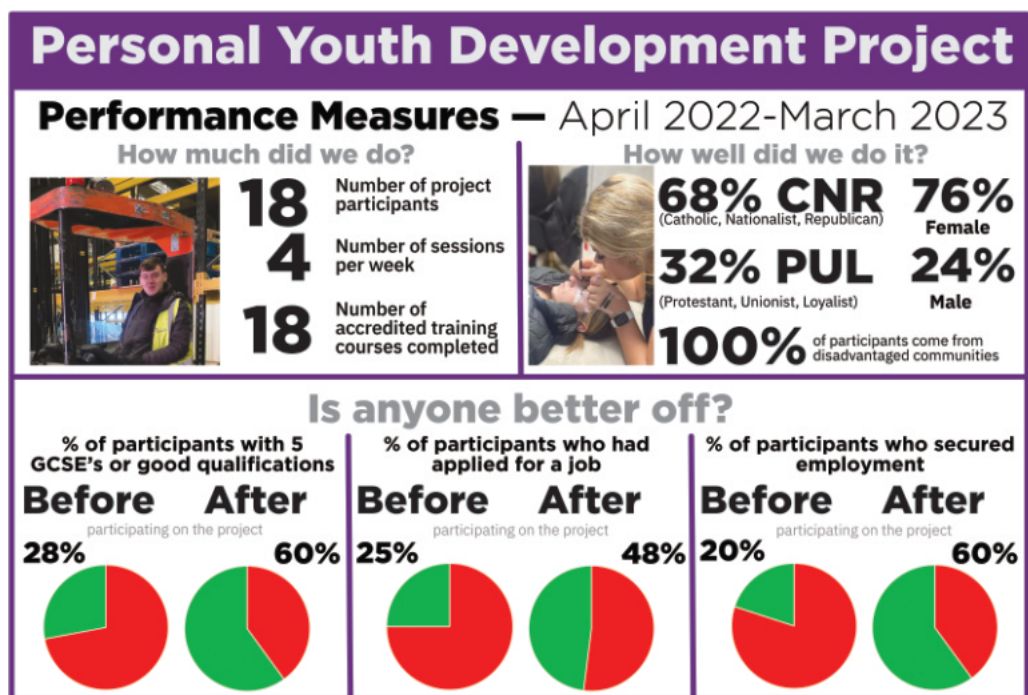
PHOTO | New participants on the Personal Youth Development Programme and staff

the programme's success and positive impact over time.

The PYDP has had several positive outcomes:

- **Personal Growth:** Participants experienced improved self-confidence, better emotional well-being, and enhanced problem-solving skills.
- **Social Integration:** The programme has fostered a sense of belonging and social cohesion, reducing feelings of isolation among participants.
- **Career Pathways:** Career guidance and exposure to various industries has led to increased employability and the pursuit of meaningful careers.

BELOW: Personal Youth Development Programme Scorecard 2022/23



Children and Young People

Personal Youth Development Programme

- **Aspirational Shift:** Through mentorship and goal-setting, participants' aspirations may rise, motivating them to strive for higher education and life achievements.
- **Community Contribution:** As participants develop positive behaviours and skills, they can become contributing members of their communities, as part of the programme they were involved in two projects.

Case Study 1

A single mother of two children who struggled with anxiety and depression joined the Personal Youth Development Programme.

She had poor employment experience and lacked carer aspirations. She managed to overcome these challenges and many more, ultimately achieving a Social Work degree and gaining Employment in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. This journey highlights her determination and resilience in pursuing her education and career goals despite the obstacles faced over the 6 year journey.

Case Study 2

A young homeless person joined the Personal Youth Development Programme. She battled with a drug addiction and embraced risks throughout her time on the programme. She decided she needed to make a change through attending a workshop and inspirational talk – with the support of the PYDP.

This individual decided to make a positive change and succeeded in securing employment in her chosen field. Her role involves assisting young people by providing them with accurate housing information, educating them about their rights and advocating for their cases. This transformation showcases her commitment to personal growth and her dedication to making a meaningful impact on the lives of others facing similar challenges.



PHOTO | TOP: Myla-Skye and Tilly at the Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin Patch

The young people designed and developed a Cross Community Pumpkin Patch in October 2022.

This allowed them to develop and foster many skills including event planning, project management, communication, problem solving, creativity and much more. This event catered for 99 children from both communities in Lower Oldpark and lower Cliftonville to come together and create memories.

New Ground

Personal Youth Development Project participants developed a business plan for a Pop-up cafe in Girdwood.

They completed various training courses including barista training, food hygiene, health & safety, first aid. New Ground coffee – the brand name they selected – is in the process of being established on pop-up basis.



RIGHT: Barista Lauren.

Children and Young People Let Youth Lead



“Let Youth Lead have taught me that the community and friendships are the most important thing. They have taught me to be kind, loyal and welcoming to new people and how to express myself in a welcoming and safe environment. I can’t thank them enough.”

— Young participant

ABOVE: Let Youth Lead Youth participants

BELOW: Let Youth Lead Report Card 2022/23.

Let Youth Lead is a youth project which is part of Cliftonville Community Forum and works mainly with young people from the Cliftonville area.

The Let Youth Lead project carries out detached youth work, provides youth drop-in and provides support and training

for young people living in an around the Cliftonville area. We operate 3 detached teams per week and provide 2 youth drop-ins in the Girdwood Youth Space.

We have found that young people in this area have a lack of confidence in their future. Often, when asked to identify goals, they find it challenging to think about long term goals. Their attitude becomes dismissive around any sense of achievement.

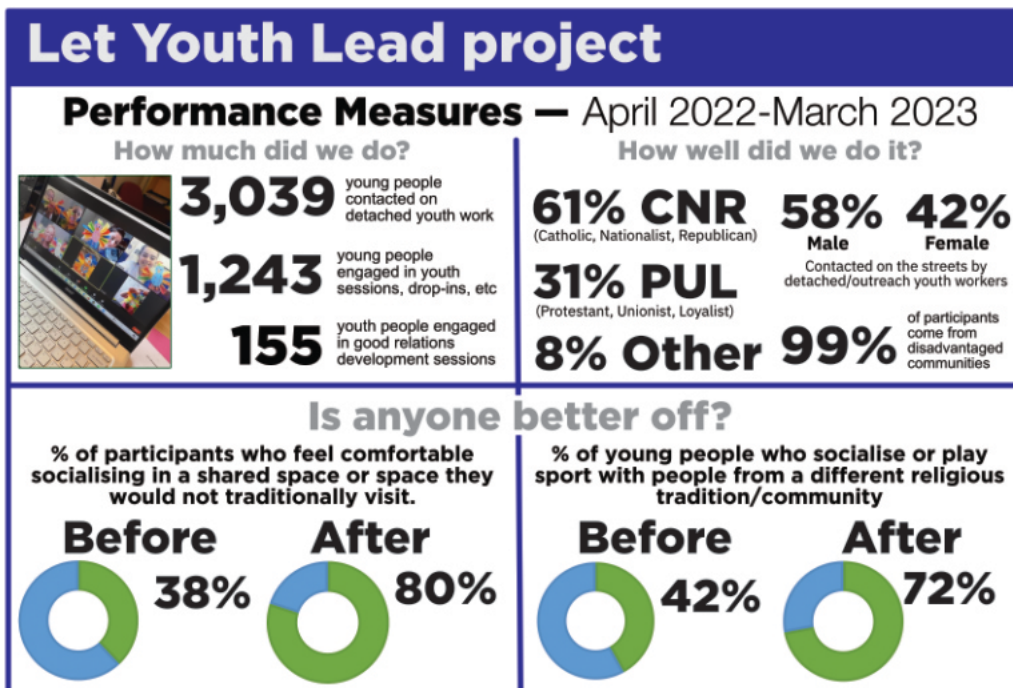
This is a result of high levels of poverty in this area. Two-thirds of children and young people live in poverty.

We found this leads to a carefree attitude when it comes to their well-being, safety and their future. Often increasing their likelihood to engage in risk-taking behaviours.

We create a safe place in the shared youth drop-ins. Here young people feel

they belong and they look forward to each week. The drop-in has a deep impact on how they see themselves and how they look towards their future.

We create programmes that challenges the young people to think in a different way. This helps them to re-frame issues and begins to change mindsets. It also helps them to make friends from outside their own community.



Peace Building and Good Relations

Imagine Peace Barriers Project

The Imagine Peace Barrier Project has been a success having begun in 2014 working on 17 sites and now working on the last 6 of these sites. This is a joint project with Lower Oldpark Community Association. We are now working on the Imagine Shared Space Project which could see the building of cross community facility that aims to remove part of the peace wall on Cliftonpark Avenue.

We are aware that the interface barriers provide a level of security and comfort to some residents and that the current political uncertainty are a reminder that we have a long way to go. The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is:

- A resident led project to improve the quality of life for residents and enhance the appearance of the area.
- Increasing the confidence and capacity of residents to engage in conversations around peace barriers that lead to improved quality of life for both communities.
- Ensuring that any changes, however slight, to the structures will only take place when community and resident safety is not compromised. Changes will only take place when the residents most impacted have given their consent.
- Developing of a comprehensive good relations programme of activities between local residents, young people, senior citizens and others.

We have developed a feasibility study and a business plan for the Imagine Shared Space Project. This aims to remove a section of the peace wall on Cliftonpark Avenue. We are working with architects to provide designs that will be available for local community consultation.

Over the past year we have engaged with over 500 people in cross community work. This has led to an



PHOTO: Families on cross community Christmas trip to Jungle NI.

increase in relationships across the peace wall and to improved understanding. These events include good relations training sessions, the Pumpkin Patch event, cross border initiatives, trips to Newcastle, Jungle NI, Derry, a visit to Boulder World and much more.

Interface conflict

Interface violence still raises its head and sporadic attacks still do take place.

We have been working with a family whose home was attacked on Rosapenna Street in April 2022 to ensure they receive compensation to repair the damage to their property.

We were able to advise the family to submit a 'Notice of Intention to claim' to Compensation Services NI. However, the agency sought evidence of damage from the PSNI. They had no evidence as they pursued the attackers. We worked with various agencies and the family to ensure evidence was presented. The family received compensation and the damage was repaired.

Acknowledgements

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum would like to acknowledge the support of our funders and thank them.

The International Fund for Ireland funds the Imagine Peace Barriers Project which is a partnership with Lower Oldpark Community Association; they also fund the Personal Youth Development Project, administered by Rural Action, which is primarily a good relations project and it has key employability outcomes.

The Executive Office funds our good relations work which is focused at the peace and reconciliation centre at the Girdwood Community Hub. This is funded under the North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Programme and is part of the Together: Building A United Community (T: BUC) programme. The North Belfast Programme is managed by the Community Relations Council

Community Relations Council manages the North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Fund and works closely with us and other community groups to promote good relations and peace work across North Belfast.

The Department for Communities funds our regeneration work which includes developing a community enterprise, good relations work, and community safety work. This is funded as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal strategy which is targeted at the regeneration of the top 10% most disadvantaged communities in NI.

Co-operation Ireland provides support for small capital items including computers.

National Lottery Awards for All has supported youth activity and the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan 2020-2030

Neighbourly provides funding to support residents in emergency situations.

BBC Children in Need funds our work with children and young people delivered by the Let Youth Lead project and this

project works with young people in the most deprived community in NI.

Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade – Reconciliation Fund funds our good relations work in the Girdwood Youth Space.

Belfast City Council funds good relations work with young people in the Girdwood Community Hub. Belfast City Council funds the shared summer programme, the community organising project, summer intervention project, local interface project, and a play scheme.

Housing Executive provides us with premises — a 3 story building — to operate from. This building provides us with much needed office space for our staff.

NI Education Authority funds the government's Together: Building A United Community (TBUC) programme and funds our TBUC summer camps for young people.

Community Foundation Ireland provided funding for a cross border project for young people in Belfast and Dundalk. The young people visited Belfast and Dundalk and took part in a residential.

Northern Ireland Water staff participated in the Belfast marathon and raised money through sponsorship for an employability youth project within Cliftonville Community Forum.

Cash for Kids provides funding to support the children of families in the area struggling with poverty and the Cost of Living crisis.

Statement of Financial Activities 2021-22

Income	31/3/22	31/3/21
Belfast City Council	£59,815	£57,393
Children in Need	£39,888	£50,171
Community Relations Council	£108,669	£98,961
International Fund for Ireland	£116,757	£116,843
Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade*	£8,233	£7,110
Education Authority (T-BUC)	£14,546	£4,076
Department for Communities	£281,736	£234,140
Community Foundation Ireland	£4,152	£0
Other Income	£15,200	£12,033
Cash for Kids	£700	£0

TOTAL	£649,696	£580,727
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* Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Reconciliation Fund

Expenditure	31/3/22	31/3/21
Salaries,	£271,090	£245,817
HMRC	£18,849	£18,606
Pension	£10,907	£10,636
Programme & Project Costs	£348,160	£234,353
Service Charges, Room Hire	£90	£3,764
Postage, Advertising	£63	£69
Travel	£476	£353
Water Charges	£820	£848
Insurance	£3,224	£2,963
Gas & Power	£3,195	£3,127
Telephone	£4,580	£4,348
Stationary	£1,073	£1,908
Sundries	£1,453	£668
Repairs/Renewals	£2,874	£2,373
Hospitality	£439	£19
Bank fees	£1,278	£1,104
Staff Training	£1,008	£0
Depreciation	£1,879	£842
Auditors, accountancy fees	£5,607	£3,738

TOTAL	£677,065	£535,535
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Surplus/Defecit for the Year	£(27,369)	£45,192
Total Funds brought forward	£260,066	£214,874
Total Funds Carried Forward	£232,697	£260,066

The Auditors: The accounts have been audited by MB McGrady and Company, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors, Suite 2B Cadogan House, 322 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GH. The accounts are audited according to the methods and principles of the charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Auditors Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum would like to thank those community, voluntary, statutory, trade union and private sector organisations and political parties that work with us and we hope to build our relationships with these vital partners.

In particular we would like to thank:

Cliftonville Community Centre, North Belfast Interface Network, North Belfast Play Forum, Lower Oldpark Community Association, Lower Shankill Community Association, Ardoyne Youth Enterprises, Vine Centre, Ardoyne Association, GRACE Women’s Group, North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum, Cliftonville Men’s Shed, Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility, Community Places, Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership, North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Forum, NICVA, Development Trust NI.

We would like to thank local councillors, MLA’s, the North Belfast MP and Government Ministers, who have worked with us and for us.

**Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum
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