



# Future Housing Provision

## Housing Conference 2025



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## **Welcome to the Future Housing Provision: Housing Conference 2025**

**Friday 14 November 2025 | Strule Arts Centre, Omagh**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council warmly welcome you to today's conference, hosted by Councillor Barry McElduff, Chair of the Council. This important event brings together partners from government, housing, infrastructure and the community and voluntary sector to address one of the defining challenges of our time: meeting the housing needs of people across our district.

Throughout the morning, we will examine the challenges of ensuring a ready supply of private, social, and affordable homes across the Fermanagh and Omagh District, seek to address supply constraints and associated challenges to rising housing supply needs in both urban and rural areas, and ensure the voices of young people, older residents and rural housing providers are heard within the debate.

Today is about moving from policy into action – creating the conditions to deliver more social and affordable homes, in the right places, for those who need them most.

The Programme for the day is outlined in the following pages. We would encourage you to visit the Engagement Zone - a dedicated networking area in the Dance Studio that brings together key organisations operating locally, to promote sector awareness, encourage informal discussion and make it easier for you as practitioners to connect around shared challenges and create opportunities. We hope it will support relationship-building between agencies that may not regularly engage, but play complementary roles in addressing housing need, supporting tenants and shaping places.



## Agenda

08:45 – 09:30	<b>Registration &amp; Networking</b>	Tea, coffee and light refreshments available.
09.30 – 09.40	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>  Setting the context for the district's housing needs.	FODC Chair Councillor Barry McElduff
09.40 – 10.00	<b>Keynote address:</b>  Balancing supply, affordability and quality; towards a vision for Housing	Professor Paddy Gray, OBE Housing Expert and former Chartered Institute of Housing President
10.00 – 10.20	Delivering the Housing Supply Strategy through Local Partnership and reform.	David Polley, Director of Housing Supply Policy, Department for Communities
10.20 – 10.40	Enabling Quality Residential Development	Paul McDermott, Lead Planner, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council,
10.40 – 11.00	<b>Comfort Break</b>	
11.00 – 11.20	Tackling housing need through collaboration and partnership	Sinéad Collins, Head of South Place Shaping Land & Regeneration, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
11.20 – 11.40	Bridging the gap to home ownership – the work of Co-Ownership	Charles O'Neill, Director of Product Development, Co-ownership Housing
11.40 – 12:00	Building Pathways: Opportunities for social and affordable housing delivery	Clára Robinson, Policy and Research Manager, Northern Ireland Federation Housing Associations (NIFHA)



12.00 – 12.15	Questions and Answers	All Speakers on stage
12.15 – 12.45	<p><b>Panel Discussion Chaired by Paul Clark, MC</b></p> <p><b>Access, Delivery and Inclusion. Housing realities from Youth to Rural.</b></p> <p>The panel will be asked a series of questions in relation to rural housing, securing a supply of appropriate housing for young people and older people, and overcoming challenges for first time buyers.</p>	<p>Ruth Buchanan, Business Development Manager, Rural Housing Association</p> <p>Rory McLeron, Omagh Estate Agent</p> <p>Alex Burke, Support Worker SLATE, Shelter NI</p> <p>Stella Le Poidevin, Area Manager, Shelter NI</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<p>Paul Clark</p> <p>Key takeaways and next steps for the district outlined.</p>
13:00 – 14.00	<p>Networking Lunch*</p> <p>Networking opportunity in the Engagement Zone, located in the Dance Studio</p>	All

*\* Lunch will be served in the auditorium.*





## An introduction to the speakers



**Paul Clark  
MBE**

Paul Clark has just marked 50 years in journalism. He is the main news anchor on UTV and has one of the best-known faces in Northern Ireland. His lengthy career has spanned newspapers, radio and now TV. He has covered most of the main stories

of The Troubles.

In 2013 Paul Clark was honoured by The Queen with the award of an MBE in recognition of his outstanding services to the community and to broadcasting. Paul was conferred with an honorary degree (LLD) by Ulster University in 2015.

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### **Councillor Barry McElduff Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

Councillor Barry McElduff is currently a Member of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council representing the Omagh District Electoral area. Councillor McElduff was first elected as a Sinn Féin Councillor to the legacy Omagh District Council and during his time on Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, he served as Council Chair on two separate terms.



Councillor McElduff also served two terms as MLA for Sinn Féin in the West Tyrone Constituency and as MP from 2017-2018.

Councillor McElduff is a Member of the Council's Regeneration and Community and Planning Committees and also sits on a variety of Other Bodies/Committees including the Access and Inclusion Advisory Group, Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board, Economic Development and Inward Investment Working Group, Events Strategy Working Group, Health and Social Care Services Sub-Committee, Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, Omagh Opportunity Sites Working Group and FODC PEACEPLUS Partnership.



**Professor Paddy Gray OBE**  
**Housing Expert and former Chartered**  
**Institute of Housing President**

Paddy Gray is an established academic and has wide experience of academic and applied research with over 400 publications on housing related issues.



In 2010 he became National President of the Chartered Institute of Housing. He has served on the board of the Wheatley Group, Scotland's largest Housing Association, and is Chair of its Wheatley Foundation, and was Vice Chair of Wheatley Homes Glasgow. In England he is on the board of SafeAgent UK. In Ireland until recently he was Chair of Tuath Housing, Ireland's largest Housing Association, is Chair of iCare Housing, a member of the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) and Chair of its Strategy Research and Legislative Committee. He was also a member of the recent Housing Commission. In NI he is a former Chair of Connswater Homes and Citizens Advice Derry and sits on the board of Advice Northwest and First Housing Aid and Support Services.

In 2012 he was awarded an honorary Fellowship of RICS. In 2015 he won the UK national award for Outstanding Contribution to Work Experience. In 2017 he was named the top power player in housing in the UK and in 2019 was awarded an OBE for services to the community. In 2023 he was named Property Personality of the year at the Belfast Telegraph Property Awards and in 2024 received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the AICO Community Awards in Birmingham.



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**David Polley**  
**Director, Housing Supply Policy,**  
**Department for Communities**



David Polley is the Director of Housing Supply Policy. The Housing Supply Policy Division has responsibility for the development and implementation of most aspects of policy in relation to the Supply of Housing in tenures other than social housing, as well as the design and implementation of a programme of strategies aimed at improving housing supply. Work that Housing Supply Policy is responsible for includes;

- Role and regulation of the private rented sector
- Intermediate Housing, for sale and rent
- Homelessness
- The development of a Housing Supply Strategy
- Housing Co-ordination team

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**Paul McDermott**  
**Lead Planner, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

Paul McDermott took up post as Lead Planner of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on 17 May 2022. Prior to this he had been a Principal Planning Officer within the Council's Local Development Plan team.

He is a graduate of University of Ulster and holds a BSc with First Class Honours and a Diploma in Industrial Studies with commendation in Surveying (Estate Management). He is a Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and has over 20 years' post qualification experience, all of which has been in the public sector.



Paul led the Council's Local Development Plan team through the Independent Examination of the Local Development Plan 2030: Plan Strategy, and this was the first Plan Strategy to be adopted in Northern Ireland in March 2023.

He is currently a member of the regional Planning Improvement Programme project board and the Service Management board for the new Planning Portal.





**Sinead Collins**  
**Head of South Place Shaping Land & Regeneration for the NI Housing Executive (NIHE)**

As well as being landlord of over 83,000 social homes, Sinead is also the Strategic Housing Authority for NI.

A chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), she has worked as both a Town Planner and Rural & Regeneration Manager during her 19 years in the Housing Executive.

In her current role, Sinead has responsibility for the assessment of housing need, the associated support of the Social Housing Development Programme and the preparation of Housing Investment Plans. Sinead also has responsibility for the administration of the statutory House Sales Scheme and management of the organisations land assets in South Region. Sinead represents the Housing Executive on 5 Community Planning partnerships and leads on a number of key actions.

**Charles O'Neill**  
**Director of Product Development at Co-Ownership Housing**

Charles is Director of Product Development at Co-Ownership. He has held several roles within the organisation. His role focuses on making enhancements to the current Co-Ownership products and the development of new ones.



A solicitor by profession, he has a keen interest in housing law and policy and has written textbooks on the law of mortgages and private tenancies in Northern Ireland.







**Clára Robinson**  
**Policy & Research Manager – NI**  
**Federation of Housing**  
**Associations**

Clára is Policy and Research Manager at the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA). NIFHA is the representative body for the 19 registered housing associations in Northern Ireland. NIFHA works with government to develop housing policy which is best placed to support

affordable housing delivery, while promoting best practices and innovation right across the housing sector.

Clára joined NIFHA in 2023 and manages efforts to shape evidence informed housing policy through engagement with members and stakeholders. Clára holds BSc, MSc and LL.M from Ulster University.

**Ruth Buchanan**  
**Business Development Manager at Rural**  
**Housing Association**

In her role, she is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the Association's Housing for All shared neighbourhood's programme. Ruth also leads on identifying and supporting wider community engagement initiatives in rural areas where the Association has housing stock.



Ruth takes a lead in supporting the Association to deliver its Corporate Strategy, ensuring that organisational objectives are achieved through innovation, collaboration and community-focused development. She works closely with partners across the housing and public sectors to drive sustainable growth and promote good relations across rural communities.

Ruth holds an MSc in Communications, PR & Advertising from the University of Ulster and is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing. She is passionate about promoting inclusion, sustainability, and community cohesion across rural Northern Ireland.





## **Rory McLernon**

### **Estate Agent, Valuer, Mortgage Advisor**

Rory McLernon is a Director in McLernon Estate Agents & Valuers Ltd, a family firm established in 1977. He is a graduate of John Moore's Liverpool University.

Rory has worked as an Estate Agent & Valuer within the family firm for over 25 years and has a wealth of experience in the sales and valuation of residential and commercial properties within the greater Omagh area and further afield. He is currently the team leader and principal negotiator on the ongoing Camowen Residential Development in Omagh, which is located on the site of the former Tyrone County Hospital.

Additionally, he is an Associate of SME Business Finance Ltd, a residential and commercial mortgage brokerage associated with the McLernon Estate Agency, securing lending from the leading residential, commercial and agricultural institutions.

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## **Alex Burke**

### **Support Worker Shelter NI**

Alex Burke is a support worker with Shelter NI's SLATE project based in Omagh. Alex's role consists of helping young people learn independent life skills and push them to reach their goals. Alex has worked for the SLATE project for almost 3 years but has been part of the SLATE project longer than that as he was a previous service user who lived on the project and availed of all support given to him.



Alex decided at the age of 18 he wanted to be a youth support worker to be able to help young people achieve anything they put their minds to. He completed his level 3 support worker qualification with the Education Authority and hasn't looked back since, doing many different types of youth work in the community to help as many young people as he can.





## **Stella Le Poidevin**

### **Area Manager, Shelter NI**

Stella Le Poidevin is the Area Manager for Shelter NI, responsible for managing the organisation's SLATE and GABLE projects, both based in the Northwest. She began her career with Shelter NI in 2002 as Operations Manager for the GABLE Home Improvement Agency, where she oversaw initiatives to improve housing conditions and support vulnerable individuals.

With more than two decades of experience in housing and community development, Stella has been instrumental in shaping complementary services that tackle the root causes of homelessness while providing practical, person-centred solutions to prevent it. Her leadership reflects a deep commitment to ensuring everyone has access to a safe, secure, and sustainable home.





All presentations can be accessed at the following link on the Council's website [News – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council](#) or by scanning this QR Code





## Engagement Zone: Promoting informal discussion and sector awareness.


Located at the Dance Studio, Level 1 (Box Office Level)

<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Action for Children</b>          Rossorry Grove Supported Accommodation          53 – 79 Rossorry Church Road          Enniskillen          BT74 7HB  <b>Contact Name:</b> Sharon Hasson  <b>Mobile:</b> 07779911042  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:sharon.hasson@actionforchildren.org.uk">sharon.hasson@actionforchildren.org.uk</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.actionforchildren.org">www.actionforchildren.org</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>          Young people can become homeless, or at risk of homelessness, for lots of reasons. Some end up on the streets; others sleep on friends' sofas and floors.</p> <p>Homelessness among young people is on the rise. Action for Children deliver where help is needed. In Omagh and Enniskillen, our Floating Support Service helps young adults aged 16-24 find a home and develop key life skills to help them manage a tenancy, learn to cook and budget.</p> <p>Action for Children's 13-bed Supported Accommodation Service in Enniskillen provides assistance to vulnerable young people in this key life transition stage, with experienced staff providing a high level of support around the clock.</p>	
<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Co-Ownership</b>          Moneda House          25-27 Wellington Place          Belfast          BT1 6GD</p> <p><b>Contact Name:</b> Sinead Quinn  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 9032 7276  <b>Mobile:</b> 07557496486  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:squinn@co-ownership.org">squinn@co-ownership.org</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.co-ownership.org">www.co-ownership.org</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>          Co-Ownership is a charity and Northern Ireland's shared ownership provider, offering an affordable route into home ownership for people who might not otherwise be able to buy a home.</p> <p>Since 1978, we have helped over 34,000 people into home ownership and today support over 11,000 homeowners across the region.</p> <p>Co-Ownership offers two routes to home ownership – Co-Own and Co-Own for Over 55s.</p>	






<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí</p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Home Safety Scheme</b>  The Grange  Mountjoy Road  OMAGH  Co Tyrone  BT79 7BL</p> <p><b>Contact Name:</b> Angela Reid  <b>Telephone:</b> 0300 303 1777  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:eh@fermanaghomagh.com">eh@fermanaghomagh.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.fermanaghomagh.com">www.fermanaghomagh.com</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b></p> <p><b>Home Safety Scheme</b>  Fermanagh and Omagh District Council offer free home safety checks for all residents who are over 65, families with children under 5, and vulnerable adults, living within our council area.</p> <p>The checks offer tips on all aspects of home safety, as well as specialist advice on topics like heating and energy saving.</p>	

<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí</p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Planning Department</b>  Strule House  16 High Street  Omagh  BT78 1BQ</p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 0300 303 1777  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:planning@fermanaghomagh.com">planning@fermanaghomagh.com</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/planning">www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/planning</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b></p> <p><b>Local Development Plan</b>  Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Planning Department is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local development planning – creating a plan which will set out a clear vision of how the council area should look in the future by deciding what type and scale of development should be encouraged and where it should be located;</li> <li>• Development management – determining the vast majority of planning applications;</li> <li>• Planning enforcement – investigating alleged breaches of planning control and determining what action should be taken.</li> </ul>	



<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí</p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Climate Change</b>  The Grange  Mountjoy Road  Omagh  BT79 7BL    <b>Contact Name:</b> Caitlin Jones  <b>Telephone:</b> 0300 303 1777  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:Caitlin.jones@fermanaghomagh.com">Caitlin.jones@fermanaghomagh.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.climate.fermanaghomagh.com">www.climate.fermanaghomagh.com</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  <b>Climate Change</b>  The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Climate Team works with schools, community groups and local businesses to promote climate action, biodiversity, recycling and waste reduction across the district.    They deliver workshops on activities such as tree planting, bird feeder building, creating wildflower gardens, growing your own vegetables, and much more.    As part of the Environment for All PEACEPLUS programme, the Climate Team will also be delivering a range of community projects. These include supporting groups to establish Repair Cafés, creating and revitalising community gardens, and enhancing our towns, villages and local areas to make them more vibrant and nature-friendly through the Fermanagh and Omagh in Bloom initiative.</p>	


<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p>FIRST HOUSING Aid &amp; Support Services</p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>First Housing Aid &amp; Support Services</b>  7 Queen Street  Enniskillen  BT74 7JR  <b>Contact Name:</b> Maria Thompson  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 6634 2585  <b>Mobile:</b> 07725688196  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:mariathompson@first-housing.com">mariathompson@first-housing.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.First-Housing.com">www.First-Housing.com</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  First Housing Aid &amp; Support Services assists vulnerable adults and families who are homeless to secure accommodation, in either the private rented or social housing sector.    Support is also provided for all housing related issues for those who already have a tenancy but are struggling to sustain it.  Outreach clinics bring housing advice into villages throughout the district and a weekly drop in the office in Queen Street is available for landlords to seek advice.</p>	



<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Northern Ireland Housing Executive</b>          McAllister House          Woodside Avenue          Omagh          BT79 7BP</p> <p><b>Contact Name:</b> Helen Hicks  <b>Telephone:</b> 0344 892 0900  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Omagh.District@nihe.gov.uk">Omagh.District@nihe.gov.uk</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk">www.nihe.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b></p> <p>The Northern Ireland Housing Executive is the Strategic Housing Authority for Northern Ireland, and a public landlord of 84,000 properties.</p> <p>Their landlord services are delivered through our Asset Management and Housing Services Divisions and encompass the full range of landlord services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Provision of Social housing</li> <li>· Housing Management</li> <li>· Repairing and improving their homes</li> <li>· Engaging with their customers and tenants at a community-based level.</li> </ul> <p>The Northern Ireland Housing Executive actively strive to improve and enhance the communities where their tenants and customers live socially, economically and environmentally.</p> <p>As the Strategic Housing Authority for Northern Ireland (sometimes referred to Regional Services) they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Assess housing need, oversee the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) with their housing association partners</li> <li>· Provide housing support services with their voluntary and community sector partners</li> <li>· Provide homelessness services including provision of temporary accommodation across Northern Ireland (delivered by colleagues in Housing Services)</li> </ul> <p>In addition to our strategic responsibility, some of our other key functions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Home Energy Conservation Authority:</li> </ul> <p>As the Home Energy Conservation Authority (HECA) for Northern Ireland, the NIHE is responsible for promoting energy efficiency in homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Housing Benefit Scheme:</li> </ul> <p>The NIHE administers the Housing Benefit Scheme, which helps low-income individuals with rent payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Statutory Responsibilities:</li> </ul> <p>The NIHE has statutory responsibilities for homelessness and is the enforcing authority for housing orders involving multiple occupants and unfit housing.</p>	



<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Northern Ireland Housing Executive</b>  The Housing Centre  2 Adelaide Street  Belfast  BT2 8PB</p> <p><b>Contact Name:</b> Pamela Johnston or Ciaran Herity  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 9598 4983  <b>Mob:</b> 07443298027  <b>Email:</b>  Pamela.Johnston@NIHE.GOV.UK  Ciaran.Herity@NIHE.GOV.UK  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk">www.nihe.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b></p> <p><b>Rural and Regeneration Unit</b>  The Rural and Regeneration Unit are a dedicated team which plays a key role in supporting rural housing and community regeneration across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Rural and Regeneration Unit work to identify and meet rural housing needs, support community development and promote regeneration across rural areas and ensure that rural residents have equal access to housing services and opportunities.</p> <p>The Northern Ireland Housing Executive Rural and Regeneration Unit are currently developing a new Rural Strategy, which is due to begin in 2026. It will be available for public consultation in early 2026 to gather valuable feedback from communities and stakeholders.</p>	

<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Lifeline</b>  Lifeline  Floor 3 Lanyon Building  Belfast  BT15 3HL</p> <p><b>Contact Name:</b> Ben McCallum  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 9504 1950  <b>Mobile:</b> 07850018406  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Ben.McCallum@belfasttrust.hscni.net">Ben.McCallum@belfasttrust.hscni.net</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.lifelinehelpline.info">www.lifelinehelpline.info</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  Lifeline is a 24/ 7 Helpline for those experiencing distress or despair in N. Ireland. Calls are answered by qualified counsellors and Counselling is offered following an assessment on criteria (for 11 year olds up) – short waiting list.  You can refer yourself in or others can refer you in (family member or professional – if they have your consent). Similarly, you can call and refer someone else in, or call Lifeline for advice if you are worried about someone.  Professionals can also request check-in calls for anyone they are concerned about.</p>	






<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>National Energy Action NI</b>  Citylink Business Park  1 College House  Albert St  Belfast  BT12 4HQ    <b>Contact Name:</b> Nichola MacDougall  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 9023 9909  <b>Mobile:</b> 07889002207  <b>Email:</b> Nichola.MacDougall@nea.org.uk  <b>Website:</b> www.nea.org.uk</p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  National Energy Action (NEA) is the national fuel poverty charity who have worked across England, Wales and Northern Ireland for over 40 years, to ensure that everyone can afford to live in a warm, healthy home.    Together with frontline practitioners, companies, regulators and governments, National Energy Action works to support vulnerable clients, raise awareness and achieve results ensuring change.</p>	


<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p><b>Omagh Independent Advice Services</b></p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Omagh Independent Advice Services</b>  2 Drumragh Avenue  Omagh  BT78 1DP    <b>Contact Name:</b> Michael Roddy  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 8224 3252  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@oias.co.uk">info@oias.co.uk</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.oias.co.uk">www.oias.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  Omagh Independent Advice Services has been serving the people in the Omagh district for 30 years, providing free, generalist, independent advice and representation service to the people of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.    Omagh Independent Advice Services deal with Social Security Benefits, Employment Law, Housing, Debt/ Money Advice, consumer issues and a variety of other Welfare Rights matters and are the only free, independent and generalist advice provider in the greater Omagh area.</p>	



<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p><b>Shelter</b> NORTHERN IRELAND CAMPAIGN FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE</p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Shelter NI - Slate project</b>                      33-35 Castle Street                      Omagh                      Co. Tyrone  <b>Contact Name: Shauna Ellison</b>  <b>Email:</b> shauna@shelterni.org  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 8226 7010  <b>Website:</b> www.shelterni.org</p> <p><b>Gable – Shelter NI Project</b>                      Unit 24                      Orchard Road Industrial Estate                      Strabane                      BT82 9FR  <b>Contact Name:</b> Stella Le Poidevin  <b>Email:</b> stella.lepoidevin@shelterni.org  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 71882147  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.shelterni.org/project-gable">www.shelterni.org/project-gable</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>                      Shelter NI's SLATE project offers an alternative to homelessness for young people aged 16-25 years who have support needs and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.</p> <p>Shelter NI's GABLE project offers a range of services to older and disabled people living in the private sector to help them maintain their independence and live more safely and securely in their own homes.</p>	


<p><b>Organisation</b></p>  <p><b>PCSP</b> Policing &amp; Community Safety Partnership making Fermanagh &amp; Omagh safer</p>	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)</b></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 0300 303 1777  <b>Email:</b> pcsp@fermanaghomagh.com  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/pcsp/">www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/pcsp/</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b>                      Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) is a statutory body established under the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2011.                      The aim of the PCSP is to help make our communities safer by focusing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most to the residents in the district.</p> <p>Comprised of elected members from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, statutory organisations and publicly appointed members of the public the overarching responsibility of the PCSP is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver localised community safety initiatives and</li> <li>• Provide a responsive mechanism to local need.</li> </ul>	




<b>Organisation</b>  Rural Community Network	<b>Contact Details</b> <b>Rural Community Network</b> 38a Oldtown Street Cookstown BT80 8EF  <b>Contact Name:</b> Kelly Donaghy <b>Telephone:</b> 028 8676 6670 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:kelly@ruralcommunitynetwork.org">kelly@ruralcommunitynetwork.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org">www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org</a>
<b>Project/ Support</b> <p>Rural Community Network is a regional voluntary membership-based organisation supporting rural communities across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>RCN works with rural communities to address issues relating to poverty, inequality, community and good relations and strives to develop the capacity and skills of groups to articulate their voice at a policy influence level.</p> <p>Rural Community Network supports the Rural Residents' Forum, which brings together tenants and residents from rural housing estates across all six counties of Northern Ireland. The Forum, supported by NIHE's Rural Unit, RCN and attended by Supporting Communities NI, provides a space for residents to share ideas, experiences and good practice. Members discuss issues that matter to rural communities, from local government reform and anti-social behaviour to digital access, health advice and housing support. Many members are active volunteers who bring valuable skills and experience to the group.</p> <p>RCN is proud to help local people get involved, offering training and support to ensure everyone feels confident and included.</p>	






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<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  <b>Women's Aid Fermanagh</b> group offers a range of specialist services to women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. Women's Aid exists to challenge attitudes, structures and systems which perpetuate domestic abuse. They seek through their work to enable women, children and young people to live free from violence and abuse. The service provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Refuge Emergency accommodation units housing up to 4 women and 8 children at any given time.</li> <li>• Community based support services for 100 women at any given time on homelessness, safety, support and protection including Floating Support focused on homelessness prevention.</li> <li>• Community based support for up to 60 children at any given time through one-to-one support services.</li> <li>• Lighthouse Project for young people aged 12 - 18 with a combination of dedicated support and co-designed, co facilitated workshops for awareness in partnership with Omagh Women's Aid.</li> </ul>	


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<p><b>Project/ Support</b>  <b>Omagh Women's Aid</b> group offers a range of specialist services to women, children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. Women's Aid exists to challenge attitudes, structures and systems which perpetuate domestic abuse. They seek through their work to enable women, children and young people to live free from violence and abuse. The service provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Unit Refuge Emergency Accommodation units housing up to 6 women and 12 children at any given time</li> <li>• Community based support services for 30 women at any given time on homelessness, safety, support and protection including Floating Support focused on homelessness prevention.</li> <li>• Community based support for up to 50 children at any given time through one-to-one support services.</li> <li>• Lighthouse Project for young people aged 12 - 18 with a combination of dedicated support and co-designed, co facilitated workshops for awareness in partnership with Fermanagh Women's Aid.</li> </ul>	





<p><b>Organisation</b></p> 	<p><b>Contact Details</b>  <b>Western Response &amp; Action on Poverty Programme (WRAP)</b></p> <p><b>Contact Name:</b> Fermanagh Rural Community Network  <b>Telephone:</b> 028 6632 7006  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@fermanaghrcn.org">info@fermanaghrcn.org</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.fermanaghrcn.org/">https://www.fermanaghrcn.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Project/ Support</b></p> <p>The WRAP Programme is delivered across the District by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fermanagh Rural Community Network</li> <li>• Lakeland Community Care Ltd;</li> <li>• The Oak Health Living Centre;</li> <li>• The Arc Healthy Living Centre Ltd;</li> <li>• The Courthouse Kesh Ltd;</li> <li>• Omagh Forum for Rural Associations</li> </ul> <p>The aim of the programme is to support households across the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area who are experiencing financial difficulty in meeting basic needs.</p> <p>A programme enabler will carry out a face-to-face assessment of need on an individual household basis to develop and agree a plan of personalised wraparound support.</p> <p>Participants must take part for eight weeks.</p>	

**Thank you for your attendance today.**

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