

If you live in the Enniskillen Neighbourhood Renewal area, the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your neighbours/friends to come along to one of their meetings to find out more about the Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) Programme and how your opinions and suggestions could make a real difference to the area that you live in. You can see for yourself the work that is being done at these meetings to help improve services and opportunities for the NR communities in Enniskillen and have an opportunity, if you wish, to have your say in what you think is needed in your area.

Neighbourhood Renewal is a funded initiative introduced by the Department for Social Development (DSD) and developed locally in 2006 to tackle issues of concern within specific areas of Enniskillen (see attached map) which were subsequently deemed “Neighbourhood Renewal Areas”.

To facilitate the workings of this initiative a NR Partnership was set up with a wide range of members from community organisations, Council, statutory agencies, and volunteers all working together in the Enniskillen area to help improve health & education services, develop opportunities to increase employment chances, and improve the environment we live in. Already there has been a significant investment in outdoor resources such as Playparks, outdoor gyms, multi use play provision, along with improved roads and walkways, new and improved community centres and numerous services and programmes delivered across the area as a result of this NR Programme.

However there is a real need for more community members to become involved in this programme to ensure that the greatest impact can be achieved for all living in the Enniskillen NR areas. Without community engagement there is a risk that the needs of our communities may not be fully captured and we need residents, like you, to help us make sure we are doing our job properly. We would therefore invite you to come along to one of our meetings that may be of interest to you and see what we do – you may even find that you would like to offer your own suggestions and we would welcome anyone who is interested to stay and join us as we continue to plan for the future.

There will be a number of meetings that will be taking place shortly. We are currently seeking community representatives for the following subgroups:

Health Subgroup

This meeting looks at the health needs locally and explores ways that services/support can be improved.

Education Subgroup

This meeting will look at ways to support children from birth to 16 years to improve educational opportunities and skills inside and outside of school.

Environment & Community Subgroup

This group looks at how to improve facilities or outside resources and explores community issues and concerns.

Economic Subgroup

This meeting will look at helping people of all ages into employment or training and considers how businesses can connect with community needs.

To be a member of a subgroup there is a minimum voluntary time commitment of 2 approximately hours every second month, however taxi and bus fares can be reimbursed.

If contributing to a Neighbourhood Renewal Subgroup is something that you think you might be interested in, or you would consider coming along to one meeting just to try it out, please give your contact details to the person who gave you this letter and if you wish I will then contact you to explain what Neighbourhood Renewal is all about.

Alternatively please telephone me on 0300 303 1777 ext 21201 or email kellie.beacom@fermanaghmagh.com.