

## Sustainable Development: Building Community Resilience



Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in association with the British Red Cross began work in March 2016 to establish a community resilience group for the Campsie area in Omagh.

In 2013 the Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG) was established to build a programme to deliver effective community resilience across Northern Ireland with community resilience groups in the West being formed in both Beragh and Fintona.

In 2015 the British Red Cross secured funding from the European Commission to undertake a Community Resilience in Urban Areas project (CRUA) to develop a Europe wide framework for building community resilience in urban areas with specific emphasis on flooding. In the West, the Campsie area of Omagh was selected to participate.

To date the project has involved a series of workshops with both residents and statutory agencies involved in helping communities prepare for, respond to and recover from flooding. The purpose of the workshops has been to give the residents of the Campsie area a clearer understanding of what to do in the event of a flood including who the emergency contacts are, information regarding sandbag deployment, a system to receive detailed and direct weather and flood warning alerts as well as assistance to design Household Emergency Plans as well as a Community Emergency Plan.

The Community Resilience in Urban Areas project is being delivered by the British Red Cross in partnership with the Regional Community Resilience Group of which the following organisations are members: Local Government, The British Red Cross, Department for Infrastructure, Northern Ireland Water, Consumer Council, Met Office, Northern Ireland Electricity, PSNI, NIFRS, MOD, Public Health Agency and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.