Neighbourhood Renewal is a government strategy that seeks to bring together statutory agencies, service providers, the voluntary sector & communities in an equal partnership to tackle deprivation.

People’s History Book Goes on Sale

A new book depicting and celebrating many of the lives & stories of the Greater Shantallow area in the early to mid 20th Century has been produced by Joe Martin and Sean Quinn, ably assisted by a host of local people involved in the Forge Writer’s Group.

The book will be launched in the Shantallow and Central libraries in the first week of December, and available thereafter in a range of local outlets – keep your eyes out for what is surely an ideal present for those with an affinity and interest in the history of the area.

Gallia based Off the Streets Initiative will re-brand in the coming weeks as ‘On Street Community Youth’

The new name is a more positive and modern reflection of what detached youth work is about - supporting young people on street, where they have a right to be present, to play, to hang out & to be a part of the community.

OSCY will continue to provide young people across the Outer North area and further afield with programmes & activities in local venues but equally will support young people ‘on the streets’ – including a range of personal development programmes, group work, community days, peer mentoring and much more.

The tagline Múinín San Óige means ‘belief in our youth’ - OSCY are committed to that sentiment and the fact that young people make a massive contribution to a positive community for all.

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Between the Collon & the Border

A People’s History of Shantallow

Joseph Martin & Sean Quinn
Well Deserved Recognition for Rainbow Child & Family Centre

Rainbow CFC were recent runners up in the prestigious all-Ireland Pride of Place Awards - ‘Community Wellbeing’ category.

More than 800 community activists from across the island attended the gala awards event held in Cork City Hall on 17th November.

The annual competition, described as the ‘Oscars of the Community Sector’, celebrates the often unsung work of community groups that selflessly work to make local neighbourhoods a better place to live in, work in or visit.

Organised by Co-Operation Ireland, the Pride of Place awards sees the country’s local authorities, on both sides of the border, nominate outstanding projects that contribute to civic pride and positive change.

Council nominated Rainbow CFC as they epitomise the amazing sense of community spirit that exists across our City & District and are an excellent example of how community endeavour and getting things done increases people’s pride in where they live and in turn helps build vibrant sustainable communities.

Rainbow CFC scooped the runner up award for the development of their fantastic community hub in Galliagh which provides a youth service, crèche, parenting support, 50+ club and a wide range of health and wellbeing programmes.

This recognition is testament to the hard work and dedication of all those involved with Rainbow CFC in improving their community and instilling a fantastic sense of civic pride in our local area.
From route corridors published in May 2018 and following an appraisal exercise, the chosen route is a mixture of the ‘red’ & ‘green’ route corridor options. The main route is as follows:

(1) Quay Trail from existing greenway behind Sainsbury’s supermarket to the entrance of Foyle Hospice on the A2 (this section also includes a new bridge across Pennyburn river)

(2) Entrance of Foyle Hospice along A2 on left-hand side towards Thornhill College

(3) Thornhill College to Culmore village, turning right on to Culmore Point Rd continuing adjacent to the River Foyle

(4) Coney Road (with a link to Hollybush PS on Ardan Road) past Culmore Country Park, turning right on to Canning’s Lane in Muff (with a proposed new cycle / pedestrian bridge at the border crossing)

(5) Turning right on to Kilderry Lane & continuing to the R238

(6) Connection on R238 back towards the Community Hall and Muff Community Park, plus an additional link coming out at Borderland on Muff Main St.

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**Greenway Preferred Route on Display**

Plans for the proposed new greenway / shared cycling & walking facility between Derry & Muff will go on public display next week:

**Wednesday 28th November** – Hollybush P.S. from 2.00pm - 8.00pm

**Thursday 29th November** – Muff Community Hall from 2.00pm to 7.30pm

The rationale for the chosen route has been explained in the *Stage 2 Preferred Route Corridor Selection Report* which will be available at both events as well as online from 28 November. For those unable to attend, plans and comments card will be available at:  [www.nwgreenway.com](http://www.nwgreenway.com)

After these events, both Councils will proceed to lodge formal planning applications in both jurisdictions and will engage with landowners along the route to agree accommodation works. The Councils are keen to liaise with residents while minimising disruption during construction. Subject to the planning approval, it is hoped that construction work will commence in early 2020.
Insight Solutions and Council, supported by Culmore Community Partnership, Greater Shantallow Area Partnership and Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership have been working with the Culmore community to develop a new Culmore Village Plan.

The Action Plan element (detailing proposed actions / priorities) has been developed based on comments received from 140 survey respondents (including both quantitative & qualitative information), plus detailed discussion with Council Officers, political reps and local community representatives.

The draft Plan includes a statistical profiling of Culmore and an understanding of local issues - demonstrating need and providing an evidence base for future funding applications - the Plan is still being reviewed by DCSDC but the process is almost complete.

The final Village Plan will be publicly shared and used to inform the emerging Community Planning process / the Ballyarnett DEA Local Growth Plan. The infographics below have been produced based on data generated through the survey work – available at www.dropbox.com/sh/g2lt2cpjjdeafx/AADbdWcxvNRceHwYgatq8_86a?dl=0

**Key Issues**

1. Lack of play area for children
2. No community facilities
3. Broadband and mobile coverage
4. Lack of leisure activities
5. GAA pitch

**Best Part of Living in Community**
- Friendly
- Nice Town
- Country
- People
- Neighbours
- Area Safe
- Quiet
- City Close
- Proximity
- Good Community
- Spirit
- Walks
- Dance
- School
- Countryside

**Key Physical Improvements**
1. Facilities specifically for young people
2. Sport and leisure facilities
3. Play park/playground for children
4. Community building/hall
5. Improving the general appearance of the village

**Key Service Delivery Improvements**
1. Activities specifically for young people
2. Community events
3. Activities specifically for older people
4. Health and wellbeing initiatives
5. Road safety initiatives

**Priority Actions**
- Develop a new community centre at Culmore District Park
- Develop a 3G pitch
- Refurbish Victoria Hall
- Develop a play park for children
- Make road safety improvements in the village
- Make environmental and village appearance improvements
Since the record breaking consultation with over 10,000 young people as part of the EYC19 campaign, Council have been using the feedback to shape an exciting Youth 19 Programme.

Throughout next year, the Youth 19 Programme will have an exciting programme of festivals and events, opportunities for young people to get creative, learn new skills, get active, be the voice and make important decisions about how funding is allocated.

During the consultation phase, one of the key areas identified was the need for greater awareness about the exciting opportunities available for young people in our communities. As a result, the Youth 19 website was co-designed with students from the Ulster University (Magee) and is now live with further testing with young people taking place over the coming weeks.

Youth 19 is led by young people, for young people, and there are numerous opportunities for young people to get involved and participate – in particular a range of specific teams to join.

Check out www.youth19.com for more information on these teams.

Youth 19 Information sessions have also been planned for December 2018 - these sessions are tailored towards adults working with young people, additional information sessions are being organised for young people. You can register your attendance with youth@derrystrabane.com for one of the dates outlined below:

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EDIBLE FOREST GARDENS

Edible forest gardening is the art and science of putting plants together in woodland-like patterns that forge mutually beneficial relationships, creating a garden ecosystem that is more than the sum of its parts. You can grow fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, mushrooms and other useful plants in a way that mimics natural ecosystems - creating a beautiful, diverse, high-yield garden and if designed with care... a garden that is largely self-maintaining.

A local project is being piloted at the Playtrail, Belmont and is looking for volunteers - interested? Contact Marian E. marianfarrell@mac.com

EDIBLE FOREST GARDENS

Nine Layers of the Edible Forest Garden
1. Canopy Tall Tree Layer
2. Sub Canopy Large Shrub Layer
3. Medium Shrubs Layer
4. Herbaceous Layer
5. Groundcover/Deeper Layer

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This qualification is exclusively available to females, aimed at providing basic skills and experiences in leadership that are taught in a sporting context:

- Leadership skills for sports leaders
- Safeguarding sport & activity participants
- Plan, lead & evaluate sport & activity sessions
- Leading sessions that develop fitness
- Adapting sport & activity sessions to be inclusive
- Establish & maintain safe community sport & activity sessions
- Assist in organising & leading sports events
- Developing pathways in community sport & recreation

Participants must be aged 15 or over. The course is usually £140 per person but is being offered FREE – however places are limited. **Venue:** Ulster University, Jordanstown

Course Dates: **Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th January 2019**
**Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th January 2019**

Application Form and further course information available at: [https://www.facebook.com/femalesportsforum](https://www.facebook.com/femalesportsforum) or Email kerry@nisf.net **Deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 30th November**

Don’t Burn Them

Some of the young people from Off the Streets who took part in the Leafair Community Association’s ‘Don't Burn Them - Turn Them’ project.

Benches made at Leafair Men's Shed Workshop over the summer were then donated to Culmore Manor care home and Greenhaw Lodge care centre.
FabSocial Shantallow has relocated to The Hub, Northside Shopping Centre, under the auspices of The Playtrail.

Recent visitor to FabSocial’s new premises … dropping in on weekly Digital Dads workshop

Local Fashion Students from Letterkenny Inst. of Technology visiting FabSocial …. for a talk about how they might use digital fabrication in their design work.

For more info Tel. 7135 4300 or Email: rachel@playtrail.com

Digital technology holds huge potential to help our local Voluntary Community & Social Economy sector develop new solutions to social problems. The Techies in Residence programme, now in its fourth year, brings together the respective expertise of digital technology experts and the VCSE sector to create, develop and implement new digital social innovations in Northern Ireland.

Social Innovation simply refers to the creation and implementation of new solutions to social problems - that are more effective or efficient than existing solutions.

Techies in Residence harnesses technical expertise from Northern Ireland’s leading technology firms to support new social innovation projects devised by local VCSE sector organisations.

The Techies in Residence programme is an initiative of Social Innovation NI, managed by the Community Foundation for NI, and is funded by Comic Relief.

Derry based Innovate-NI have been appointed by the Foundation as Managing Agent for the ongoing development and delivery of Techies in Residence.

If you have an idea and are interested - first stage applications close on 5pm Friday 7th December. Check out http://www.techinres.com

You’ll also find examples of previous projects, including our very own North Townlands Heritage Trail App on the website.
The Galliagh based Good Morning North West project is to be re-launched on 4th December - Leafair Community Association will take over the management and delivery of the service which will still operate out of 82a Brookedale Park with the same team of volunteers.

GMNW is a telephone service established to enable older people and people in need of support to maintain independence in their own homes and to function within the community. It seeks to prevent clients from becoming more dependent, from falling physically and mentally ill (particularly through depression and loneliness), reduce the fear of crime, overcome social isolation and enhance their health and well being by provision of support in times of need.

The service, funded by DfC Neighbourhood Renewal, provides a daily call to clients to check on their well-being and provides signposting advice / information on a wide range of issues including welfare rights, health care & housing repairs. The service runs effectively with the help of a team of volunteers, many of whom are retired and feel they would like to give something back to the community.

GMNW also links into local community maintenance initiatives as part of the service to Good Morning clients with regard to the upkeep and safety of their properties (inc. grass cutting / gardening / smoke alarm checks / small-exterior repairs / rubbish removals etc…)

For more information contact Karyn E. karyn@leafaircommunity.org or T: 7135 3735