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Stakeholder Newsletter

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The Delivering Social Change Communications Team are pleased to provide you with the Latest Stakeholder Newsletter.

In this months newsletter we have a wide range of items, include the T:BUC Camps Programme 2017/18; the Home on Time Project; Dementia Together NI 2017; Urban Villages investing in Colin; a Shared Education project; and a Social Investment Fund project update.

Please do let us have your feedback and any suggestions for items or areas of interest you would like us to include next time.

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T:BUC Camps Programme 2017/18

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The T:BUC Camps Programme is now in its third year with an increasing number of Camps funded this year.

120 Camps are taking place right across Northern Ireland from Lisnaskea to Ballintoy and from Gortin to Millisle with over 4200 young people, aged between 11 and 19, taking part.

Camps will continue to take place up until the end of February 2018.



The T:BUC Camps programme is about bringing young people together from different areas, backgrounds, traditions and abilities to help build positive lasting friendships.

TEO staff working on the programme have been out visiting Camps and seeing the excellent good relations work that is being done and the wide range of activities that have been on offer including outdoor pursuits, art and technology, sport, drama and music.





T:BUC Camps Programme 2017/18

Young People from Different Communities Building Lasting Friendships



- ◆ Feedback from participants and leaders has been very positive with one camp leader saying *“The work that is being provided here is only going to strengthen relationships between communities and further engage in the strategy set out by The Executive, Together Building a United Community”*.
- ◆ A young person who was asked to describe his camp experience said *“special, life changing, unforgettable”*.

We think this is a pretty good endorsement!!



T:BUC Camps Programme 2017/18

Young People from Different Communities Building Lasting Friendships

T:BUC 2017!



- ◆ Follow us on Facebook if you would like to read more about the Camps and see more photographs. www.facebook.com/tbuccamps
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Home on Time

Southern Trust Project Team wins Award



Photograph includes Roberta Brownlee Chairperson of Southern Trust Board (lady in pink) and Mary Logan Head of Lac Service; also Home on Time Project Team Deborah Muldoon Snr Prac ,Maria Curran, Social Worker and Hayley Porter Family Support Worker

The Home on Time Project Team pictured above was recently awarded the Team award at the Southern Trust Excellence Awards.

The project team was also awarded runner up position for the overall award. The criteria which was used by the judging panel was as follows:

Better Together -

Award for Team of the Year (front line)

This will be awarded to the **team** that has done the most through working together to deliver safe, high quality care for service users in the Trust.

This team will exemplify excellence across 3 key areas:

Exceptional Service Delivery – Achieving consistent, measurable results in delivering safe, high quality health or social care to service users.

Impact – Team accomplishments that have had a measurable positive impact on their service, division, directorate or across parts of the Trust.

Trust values – Clear and visible demonstration of the Trust's values which underpin their success as a team.

Home on Time

Southern Trust Project Team wins Award

The Home on Time Project is a regional initiative funded through The Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP), a Northern Ireland Executive/Atlantic Philanthropies Delivering Social Change Signature Programme, funded jointly by the Delivering Social Change fund, DoH, DE, DoJ, DfC, DfE and The Atlantic Philanthropies.

EITP aims to improve outcomes for children and young people across Northern Ireland through embedding early intervention approaches.

The Home on Time Project started over 2 years ago to try and reduce timeframes in achieving permanency for very young children, whether that be to consider rehabilitation homes for birth parents or securing permanence via adoption.

The project is currently up and running in all five Trusts and to date feedback has been very positive.

Staff within the Southern Trust has welcomed the opportunity to review practise and ensure that timely appropriate assessments are carried out in relation to birth parents and children.

Staffing within the project team consists of a Senior Practitioner and a Family support worker, they undertake assessment, educative work and assess contact with birth Family.

The scheme is also supported by Family Placement Services who recruit and support identified couples who are prepared to undertake concurrent placements i.e. a child being placed on a fostering basis with the potential of that couple to adopt that child should the assessment not recommend a return home.

The background to the scheme was that it was acknowledged that very young children were drifting in the Care system while permanence options were being explored, meaning that, on occasions, these children had numerous placement moves, and in many cases permanence was not achieved for a number of years.

The criteria for the scheme was limited to those children referred who were aged 2 years and under and there had been significant concerns re birth parent's parenting capacity due to previous involvement with Social Services.

Most importantly there needed to be capacity to change on the part of the birth parent.

The staff within the project have offered assessment to 12 birth parents some ongoing and outcomes to date indicate that 4 of these children have been adopted within a 17 month time frame with 4 others achieving a Freeing Order.

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Home on Time Southern Trust wins Award

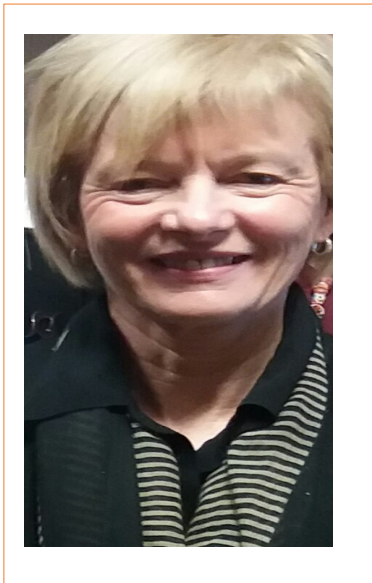
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This is a significantly reduced timeframe in achieving permanence for children. The Southern Trust, to date, have not had any children rehabilitated back to birth parents...

...however this remains the ethos of the scheme, and in fact 4 children to date within Northern Ireland have been returned home and all Trusts will work with what is in the Best Interests of the child.

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**Finally, a special mention must go to the Family Placement Service Manager with lead responsibility for Home on Time in SHSCT**



*Geraldine Mulholland, Family Placement Service Manager, who has been instrumental in developing the service in the SHSCT .*

**Well done to all involved!**

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Getting Ready to Learn



DE-funded pre-school settings across Northern Ireland are beginning another exciting year of the EITP **Getting Ready to Learn Project!**

65% of settings across Northern Ireland are participating this year, engaging with parents to help them support their children's learning at home.



Parents at Denamona Pre-school exploring creative materials.



Parents at Cedar Integrated Nursery Unit finding out about the pre-school curriculum and how to help their children at home.

Last year settings provided a wide range of workshops and activities for parents; sharing information; demonstrating approaches and sign-posting to other services.

Parents were encouraged to participate in events throughout the year and found out how to create better learning environments at home.



Dads at St Joseph's Community Playgroup learning how to develop physical skills and encourage active play.

Getting Ready to Learn

Practitioners have reported that Getting Ready to Learn has had a significant impact; strengthening partnerships between home and pre-school and home:

“This programme has been fantastic. Our level of engagement with the parents has increased tremendously.”

“The parents are now more aware of what is expected developmentally. They are asking how to support their child and becoming enthused to find out they already have all the resources they need.”



A mum reading to children at Holy Family Nursery Unit



Parents and children enjoying a camp fire story session at Windmill Integrated Nursery Unit



Parents and children enjoying a modelled story session at Cloughoge Nursery Unit

Development of a dedicated website, has provided an excellent forum for communicating with settings and encouraging sharing of practice. For Further information visit: www.gettingreadytolearn.co.uk

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Dementia Project (Dementia Together NI)

September 2017

Spotlight on Public Awareness Raising Campaign

A new phase of the 'Still Me' dementia campaign was launched on 4 September and will run across all mass media outlets until 31 December 2017.

The campaign aims to build on the work of the previous phases and continue to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of dementia, reduce stigma and fears about the condition, and encourage those experiencing signs or symptoms to seek help.

The new advertisement continues to feature real people living with a dementia – Evelyn, Danny and Martin. The campaign also features Evelyn's friend Jean, as well as Danny and Martin's sons, also called Danny and Martin.

It shows how all three individuals are still themselves, still living well and pursuing interests and activities, with the support of carers, family and friends. The main advertisement has also been supplemented with an updated leaflet on the 10 common signs of dementia (click [here](#) to download the leaflet) as well as personal videos from Danny and Jean, showing more detail from their lives with a dementia. These videos can be found at the links below.

Jean's Story -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Psryfgufswk>

Danny's Story -

<https://www.youtube.com/watchv=to3zNZw1w9w>

The videos will be highlighted through social media to help the public to better understand that you can live well with a dementia if you have the right support in place.

Danny, Jean and Martin are inspirations as they have adapted their lives to the condition and show us how we can do the same, whether we are supporting someone with a dementia or have the condition. Danny has also helped create a video of his personal top tips for living with a dementia, which some people might find useful.

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#### Danny's Top Tips for Living with a Dementia:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfreiCP1gV0>

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The campaign will help those in the region recognise the symptoms of dementia but also show that there is a value in getting a diagnosis.

The work of the wider Dementia Together NI project and other organisations across the region means there is support there for those affected by a dementia and the only way to access this is to get a diagnosis.

Dementia Project (Dementia Together NI) September 2017

Look out for these flyers...



For further information about dementia please consult www.nidirect.gov.uk/dementia

Urban Villages Investing in Colin

The first sod has been cut on the new £2million Colin Town Centre Transport Hub and Civic Square in West Belfast. The Department for Infrastructure is delivering the project in partnership with Urban Villages Initiative.



L-R: Jude O’Kane, Christ the Redeemer P.S.; Annie Armstrong, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership; Caitlin McCollum, Colin Youth Inclusion Project; Ciaran de Burca, Dept for Infrastructure; Mark Browne, The Executive Office.

The new Transport Hub, which forms a vital part of the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) project will be a state of the art facility and will provide a significant economic boost to the local area. It includes an integrated community space and a civic square that will accommodate public events alongside a coffee dock, waiting area and public toilets.

The Urban Villages Initiative is committed to supporting a number of key projects in the Colin area. As well as investing in the Colin Town Centre Transport Hub and Civic Square, Urban Villages is developing an exciting new park in Colin, the Twinbrook Link public realm project and the Lagmore Community Forum where

construction is nearing completion.

The Urban Villages Initiative is also continuing to invest in the local community in Colin by supporting organisations in the development of a number of community-led projects aimed at improving the lives of people in the area.

Speaking at the sod cutting event for the Transport Hub, **Director of Strategic Policy, Equality & Good Relations Dr Mark Browne said:**

“This new facility will be a major asset to everyone in the Colin area. It will improve accessibility and connectivity with other parts of Belfast, helping people in a very practical way as they go about their daily lives. The addition of community facilities and a new civic square will provide shared space that will bring the place to life with public events and community activities.”

Annie Armstrong, Manager at Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, said:

“This project marks the beginning of an exciting change for everyone living in and visiting the Colin area. In addition to the great new transport system, the integrated community space will allow public events to be hosted, such as markets, carnivals and Christmas celebrations.”

Urban Villages Investing in Colin



Local community representatives and pupils from local schools in Colin with members of the Urban Villages Initiative team.



*Back row - Annie Armstrong, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership;
Mark Browne, The Executive Office; and Linsey Farrell, The Executive Office
Front Row - Caitlin McCollum, Colin Youth Inclusion Project
and Jude O'Kane, Christ the Redeemer P.S.*

The new local transport hub is due to be completed in summer 2018, in time for the start of Belfast Rapid Transit services in September 2018.

Shared Education Signature Project Update

Partnership Activity

Over 370 schools in Northern Ireland are now active participants in Shared Education Partnerships (SESP).

These Partnerships are made up of two or more schools of different management types. Each Partnership is unique and provides opportunities for pupils to engage in new and enhanced learning experiences that take place in their own classroom or at their Partnership school.

Partnerships have the freedom to work across the curriculum including the core areas of literacy and numeracy. The programmes are devised by teachers from the member schools who undertake joint research and planning as well as developing the necessary resources to deliver an enjoyable series of lessons. Opportunities for team building, developing communication, problem solving and thinking skills are all key ingredients of a shared education programme.



Pupils from Greystone PS & St. Joseph's PS, Antrim engaging in Shared Numeracy Activities

The opportunities for children to engage in meaningful learning experiences, while also making friendships, is core to the success of Shared Education.

Schools have valued the chance to engage in Team Building days across educational outreach centres as part of their shared education programme.

The relationships and levels of trust between pupils and teachers has increased as a result of these events thus strengthening the partnership.



Team Building activity day for pupils from Nendrum College & St. Mary's High School

Partnerships share existing resources with one another e.g. Art materials, ICT hardware and Physical Education equipment. This has provided pupils with the opportunity to engage in learning that may not have been possible before.

Shared Education Signature Project Update

Partnership Activity cont...

New resources are being developed by teachers, through joint planning, that have supported shared activity. This opportunity to be innovative and creative has been embraced by teachers throughout the Project.



Pupils from St. Anthony's PS, Larne & Larne and Inver PS participating in a shared arts and ICT lesson as part of the SESP Programme.

Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) within Partnerships

In addition to Shared Pupil Activity, the Shared Education Signature Project also supports Teacher Professional Learning by providing teachers with the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from within their own partnership and beyond.

Schools have identified mutual areas for development and together have worked on strategies to bring about improvement.

School Leaders and Teachers have engaged in peer observation and assessment and have also had the opportunity to discuss pedagogy and practice.

Feedback from teachers strongly suggests that this joint professional development has helped enthuse teachers and raise standards, not only across the Partnership but also within individual classrooms.

TPL Modules

SESP Partnerships will have the opportunity to engage in 15 teacher professional learning modules. These modules will be delivered by Higher Education Institutes & recognised experts and accreditation is available in the majority of these.

The modules will focus on key aspects of supporting shared education and collaboration.

The courses will provide a platform for professional dialogue, the sharing of existing practice, research informed discussion and the implementation of new strategies.

The modules will run twice each term and will take place in EA locations across Northern Ireland.

Shared Education Signature Project Update

EA TV

In collaboration with EA TV, the first in a series of Shared Education Programmes has been created and is now available to be viewed by all schools in Northern Ireland through the EA website. This has supported the promotion of Shared Education and more specifically the Signature Project.

This source of information is now being used by schools to inform teaching and non-teaching staff about Shared Education (see link below).

Moving forward SESP Partnerships will have opportunities to engage in future programmes to share good practice and learning on collaboration to date.

Source of information:-

<http://www.eani.org.uk/tv/news-videos/shared-education-overview/>

EA / ESAGS TV

Social Investment Fund – Seeing is Believing!

Delivery of the Social Investment Fund (SIF) continues at pace with the projects now increasingly visible in local communities.

A further two capital projects have recently completed construction with the Laganview Enterprise extension and the newly built Resurgam Trust 3d Youth Centre formally opened on 15 September.

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## Laganview Enterprise extension

The SIF Investment has enabled a 250 sqm extension to the existing Laganview Enterprise Centre, creating a Healthy Living Centre in old Warren Estate, Lisburn. Old Warren Estate is located within the top 10% most deprived and the top 10% most health deprived areas in NI.



This investment has created a fit for purpose, local facility which is now delivering a suite of health and wellbeing services. It is offering counselling services, parenting programmes, early years and early intervention programmes as well as health advice for local families. The enhanced facility was greatly welcomed by the local community at the launch event.



**Laganview Enterprise extension**

# Social Investment Fund – Seeing is Believing!

## Resurgam Trust 3D Youth Centre

Also located in Old Warren, this dedicated youth facility has been built on the site of the former West Lisburn Community Centre. Originally built in the 1970s, it was no longer fit for purpose and through SIF has been transformed into a new, 375 sqm state of the Art youth centre.



Resurgam Trust 3D Youth Centre

Modelled on other youth development centres, it now provides a safe environment where the community can centralise its youth activities and where young people can develop and interact.

More importantly it will now enable the expansion of vital youth services not just in the Old Warren area but also in other disadvantaged areas within Lisburn and across the wider SIF zone. This represents a vital investment in our young people and in their wider communities.

This increases the number of capital project which have completed construction to twelve. They follow other significant projects such as:

- ◆ the extension to **Fermanagh House**, creating a one stop shop and integrated vital community services across rural Fermanagh;
- ◆ the **Bryson Street Surgery project** which created a new state of the Art GP facility now known as Bridges Family Practice in East Belfast;
- ◆ the purchase and refurbishment of premises in **Sandy Row** to create an enhanced hub providing training and employment support in Belfast South.

These are just some examples of SIF projects now impacting local communities with more due to reach such milestones over the coming months.

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