

Building Great Communities

We all want to live in good houses and have the best facilities and amenities on our doorstep. A parent wants: the best education; quality healthcare, clean and safe streets; job opportunities that give hope and lets their children have a bright future.

But great communities don't just happen they must be made. There are no shortcuts. It takes everyone to play their part and be prepared to invest time and a huge effort to build a community.

But this building work is more than just putting up nice looking houses - that's the easy bit. How do you build the spirit or soul into a street, a district, a neighbourhood where people want to live?

The great community comes about by all of us doing our bit. The 'outsiders' aren't going to do it and that only leaves those in the inside and the insiders are US!

So we must create opportunities for the people in the area to have their say. It is about our many community groups working on the communities' behalf to get the services to people when they need it. It is about us helping the schools, the doctors, the Council, the health visitor... to do things the best way possible.

How this is done is seen both in the small and simple things such as making sure the broken lamp posts are fixed; no dog fouling; cleaning graffiti, getting a bus to pass a part of the district.

But change is also about the bigger things such as making sure we have world class education provision; the most modern healthcare; access to training that leads to proper jobs with a long-term future.

Add all the efforts and together we build a vibrant, safe and prosperous community.

New Partnership

Over the past two years all the community groups and statutory agencies in the Upper Springfield Whiterock area have worked hard to develop a new integrated partnership. The partnership helps to ensure we work better together so that the area benefits. Strong relationships between communities and public bodies result in better decision making and offer better solutions to local challenges. With the proper support, local people can collectively build communities based on mutual respect and social justice. Strong confident communities work together to identify and solve problems.

We believe this new partnership will strengthen local voices, improve people's lives and create better places to live.

Five Integrated Theme Teams

Integrated working is very simply working together guided by a shared vision that helps to bring about lasting change for our community. The new partnership has five thematic groups which are:



The Focus is Children!



The partnership's overarching theme is - children young people and families. Strong and stable families are the foundation of a strong and stable society and are key to ensuring children develop into healthy, happy and successful adults.

Success will be seen by improvements in children's lives through services which: support children, young people and families; help families overcome the disadvantages they face; and enable children and young people to achieve the same outcomes as their more advantaged peers. To get it right for children and young people this means being safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. For services this means a unified approach by all of us who live and work in this community.

To build a vibrant,
peaceful, prosperous,
clean and safe
place to live.

Partners

Active Communities Network
Ardmonagh Family Centre
Barnardos
Black Mountain Shared Spaces
Centre for Health & Well Being
Corpus Christi Services
Full Service Community Network
Glór na Móna
Healthy Living Centre
Holy Trinity Centre
Holy Trinity Youth Centre
Integrated Services Children & Young People
Matt Talbot Youth Club
Newhill Youth & Community Association
Newhill First Steps
Springhill Community House
St. Vincent de Paul
Saol Úr Sure Start
Upper Springfield Whiterock Community Safety
Upper Springfield Development Trust
Upper Springfield Federation of Residents' Association
Upper Springfield Resource Centre
Voices Women's Group
Whiterock Children's Centre



Upper Springfield Whiterock
Integrated Partnership

Vibrant
Community
Partnership **Springfield**
Clean Environment
Prosperous **Education**
Ambition Integrated
Health Employment
Well Being **Whiterock**
Positive Training **Children** Residents
Jobs Families
Peaceful **Young People**
Career **Youth Housing**
Choice **Collaboration**
Opportunities

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