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The Antrim and Newtownabbey Local Authority Action Plan will be focused on three key areas: Children & Young People; Shared Spaces & Services; and Building Positive Relations.

It will support a number of locally-based projects and initiatives that will promote positive relations between people from different communities and backgrounds.

*“The event was really well organised and the guest speaker Kerry provided us with some really good gardening tips. It’s good to see events like this being organised by the Village Community Group as it enables the community to come together and help improve community relations. Can’t wait for the next event!”*

**Gladys Dawson - Resident of Straid Village**



**Residents of the Straid Village**



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### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (£603,383.66):

This part of the plan will support four projects including a leadership and life skills programme for approximately 238 young people in the Borough, helping to build leadership and team work skills and empowering the young people to build their emotional intelligence and coping skills.

**Key Output:** Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 1,307

### SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (£1,280,413.99):

This part of the plan will involve four projects including the delivery of a sports, arts and recreation engagement programme involving approximately 230 participants. The programme will aim at widening participation rates across different communities in non-traditional activities, building relationships locally and addressing the challenges of sectarianism, racism and prejudice.

**Key Output:** Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public areas/buildings: 1

### BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (£1,360,392.68):

This part of the plan will involve eight projects including a dialogue programme involving approximately 48 participants which will undertake dialogue in safe places on hard / difficult issues within eight areas, helping build capacity and resilience skills.

**Key Output:** Local Action Plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: 1

*“We are well aware that this is not the usual type of programme that Sport Changes Life normally runs, but please take great heart from the fact that it has definitely benefited these young people, their families and our club. If the last six months are anything to go by keeping these young people engaged in sport and engaged socially – as we believe it will - has done a great job.”*

Jenny Bubby - Templepatrick Cricket Club Secretary



Sport Engagement Project participants