
Glen Community Parent Youth Group

Statement of Management Committee's Responsibilities for the year ended 31 March 2025

Achievements and Performance

The past twelve months witnessed an increase in the level of Services/activities organised in the Glen Community Complex. More than 55,000 User Visits were made by children, young people, families and adults using our Services for Daycare, After-schools, Youth, Education/Training, Family Support, Sporting, Healthy Living Programmes and Advocacy Services.

We enhanced our Partnership arrangements with St. Gerard's School, Lenadoon Community Forum, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, Education Authority, Outerwest Family Support Hub, Women into Sport, Lenadoon Community Counselling Project and a wide range of Networking Bodies. Our Social Economy Daycare and After-schools Projects enabled us to employ additional staff. We had a very positive Inspection by the BHSCT Early Years Teams in July 2025. We also had several very positive Moderation Visits for our Youth Services by the E.A. Inspectorate in the past year.

Our Inclusion Project with St. Gerard's now runs two days a week. The revenue from the Daycare and Afterschool's Project this year resulted in a greater income and also an increase in our expenditure and outputs. This enabled us to be able to cover the huge increase in Staff and Running Costs for the Group especially with the increase in minimum wage with increases in gas, electric, food, cleaning and running costs, we wouldn't have been able to deliver the same level of Services in the Complex without the revenue raised by our Social Economy Project. It is also proving difficult to recruit staff with only short-term contracts on offer. We lost several daycare staff who obtained long term employment in schools and statutory bodies.

We witnessed an increase in the number of requests to use our rooms and Main Hall for Meetings, Family Contact, Training, Workshops and Sporting/Health Activities and Programmes. We also hosted a number of activities and Events in the Complex as part of the Lenadoon Community Festival. We moved our

Halloween Events Indoors (due to torrential rain) and it proved really successful with over 500 enjoying the Festivities on the evening.

We organised and delivered a 7-week Summer Scheme for over 200 young people and an eight-week Summer Camp for 14 young people. Over thirty-five children from our Daycare Project graduated in June. Our Youth Staff Co-ordinated a Winter Toy Appeal locally which resulted in hundreds of toys being donated and distributed to local families.

We worked in partnership with Lenadoon Women's Group to facilitate a Winter Families in Need Appeal which resulted in over 120 needy local families and individuals receiving food, Clothes, toiletries, fuel, etc. over the Christmas/New Year period and to supply Utility Vouchers to those in greatest need. ADHA Awareness, Adult Safeguarding, Child Protection, Vaping Awareness, Paediatric First Aid, Mindfulness and Suicide Prevention Training, was provided to the Staff and Volunteers in the past 12 months. Our staff over the past 12 months played a key role in facilitating consultations for local people for the Lenadoon Peoples Plan and also taking part in Strategic Priority setting workshops.

The main focus of our activities, programmes and services throughout the year was targeted at disadvantaged individuals and families, many of whom were referred from a variety of Health and Social Care Professionals. We increased our Reserves to reflect the increase in staff and running costs and to ensure that we would have six months cover in the event of an emergency or loss of funding. We are also conscious of the fact that funding for the majority of our staff was due to end in March 2025 and with political uncertainties, Funders couldn't guarantee anything beyond March 31st 2025.

We adhered to all our Charity Commission obligations and had inspections of our facilities carried out by the Health and Safety Executive, Fire Service and Belfast City Council.

We will continue to provide a wide variety of Services to the most vulnerable individuals and families within the Neighbourhood to improve their quality of life. We are indebted to our landlords APEX Housing Association for their support and maintenance service throughout the past 12 months. Our staff and volunteers commitment and endeavour over the past year has been incredible.



GLEN PARENT YOUTH NEWS LETTER

Glen Community Complex 41c Suffolk Road

July/August 2025



In This Issue

Summer special edition 8 week programme including

Morning

Afternoon

and

Evening sessions

6 week partnership programme with boys and girls club

This summer the Glen Parent Youth Group again delivered on a massive summer scheme and summer camp programmes. With over 250 young people signed up as members and regular attendances of over 100 young people in the morning sessions and 70+ in the afternoon sessions not to mention the continued evening youth provision. It's fair to say that the staff and volunteers this year did an amazing job. Outside of the in-house activities that included slime works, arts and crafts workshops, t-shirt making, in house cooking and lots and lots of fun filled sporting and health living programmes. The young people were able to take advantage of the daily trips out including the Bull Run in Colin Glen Forest Park, let's go hydro, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, the Zoo, Belfast Castle, Hillsborough lakes, Mount Panther estate, Spruce Meadows, Pirates Adventure Golf and Cocos in Newcastle (twice) because its "amazing" that's what we were hearing from our young people. These were just some of the adventures that our young people were able to avail of over the summer months of July and August. This year's summer scheme wouldn't have been possible without the support that we received from our junior volunteers, who were there every morning helping out and working alongside the youth staff team. If that's wasn't enough they also took part in a 6 week personal development programme in partnership with the Boys and Girls club and were exceptional ambassadors of the Youth Club.



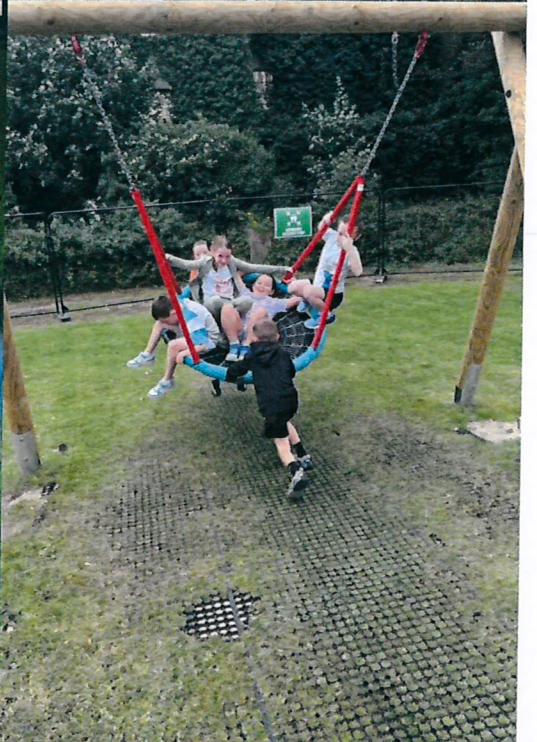
The value of the Youth Service has been more evident than ever this summer. The youth team have pulled out all the stops to ensure they continue to reach out to all young people whether this is in house or trips away morning, afternoon and evening. As always, the Youth Workers have come up with innovative ways to continue to deliver bespoke Youth Work to all our young people" at a time when spiralling costs are having an impact on families we have tried to make this summer as special as possible for all our members including reduced costs for trips and new and exciting programmes for both junior and senior members.



Glen Parent summer scheme enjoying their trip to the Ulster folk transport museum. We got to go back in history and see all various types of transport our great great grannies and grandas would use .



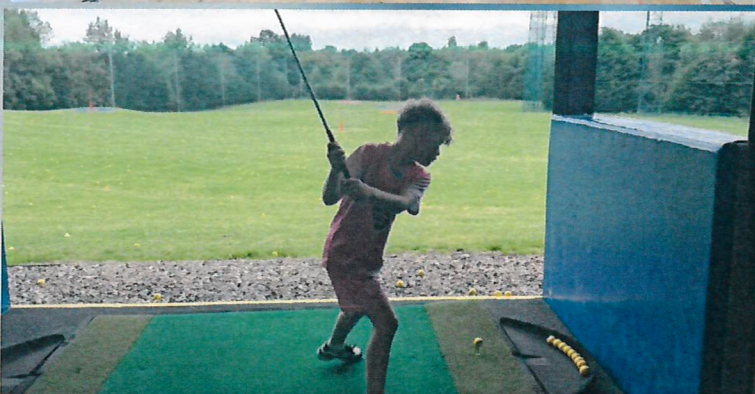
Our aim this summer was to **INSPIRE** our young people to reach their potential, **ENABLE** our young people to have a voice and support our young people to **ACHIEVE**....I hope you will agree that the staffing team were successful in this delivery.





This years summer scheme and summer camp programmes were fun filled and packed with various trips for all ages and young peoples ideas were always being linked in with how we designed are programmes...its fair to say from the some of the pictures below that all our young people had a great time and a happy summer at Glen Parent.





Throughout the summer months of July and August Glen Parent Youth group in Partnership with Boys and Girls club delivered a tailored personal development programme to 20 senior members of the youth club. The 6 week programme had young people focus on group based activities and working together as a team in which we witnessed some of their competitive sides. We also focused on stereotypes and how it can be harmful to judge people before you know them. A series of activities were also delivered looking at racism, ethnic minorities and prejudice within our community and the wider society. Throughout the 6 week the young people were also taking on a number of different trips including the Bull Run and high ropes in Colin Glen Forest Park, Lets Go Hydro in Carryduff, Funtastic in Drogheda, a trip to Newcastle and also the driving range in Blacks Road. The feedback we got from the young people was amazing and without the support of Emma and Kennedy from the Boys and Girls club this wouldn't have been possible.



VISIT GLEN PARENTS FACEBOOK PAGE TO KEEP UPDATED ON ALL WHAT HAPPENS



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September 2025



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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

CoCo's Newcastle, Always a fan favorite for our summer scheme members, so it was only right this was how we ended this year's programme!!

We have had an amazing 7 weeks of fun and adventure with all your children and we thank you for trusting us to look after and entertain them during this time.

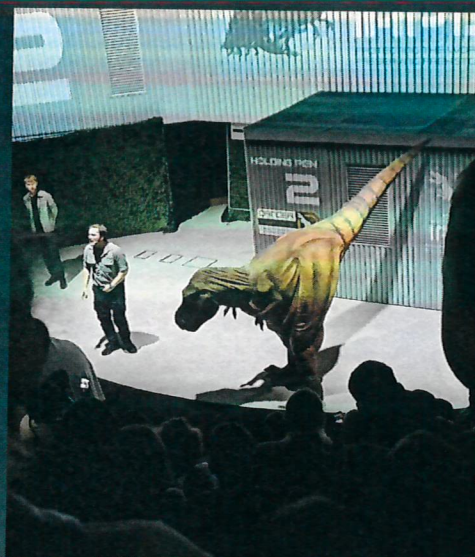
We have had over 180 young people join us over the course of the programme and we feel we have been successful in delivering an action packed summer, offering a wide range of activities to cater to everyone's interests.

From Ark farm to the Belfast Zoo, Pirates adventure golf, to Newcastle , Funtastic and daily trips out for both our summer scheme and summer camp project's we're sure your child came home with stories of their favorite adventures.

The amazing team of staff we have, have worked tirelessly over the past 8 weeks to make this all possible, but we wouldn't have been able to do it without the help of our amazing Junior Volunteers. We appreciate everything you boys and girls done for us over the summer, your commitment has not went unnoticed.

We would just like to end with a big good luck to all the boys and girls starting back to school soon, and keep your eyes peeled for information on our Evening Youth Club returning to normal hours soon





Week 8 summer camp completed.

What an amazing fun filled 8 weeks with over 50 trips booked and organised to give our young people the best summer possible. Today we went out with a bang and finished our 8 week long programme with a visit to W5 and taking part in their interactive dinosaur show with our very own Connor chosen to help tame the dinosaur.

AFTERSCHOOL'S PROGRAMME

After school programme
for primary school
children aged 6+
Delivering a wide range of
programmes, activities &
homework support

WHAT WE DO..

EVENING YOUTH CLUB

Drop-In centre based youth
provision operating 5 nights per
week, providing young people
with a safe space and the
opportunity to get involved in a
wide range of programmes &
activities



Glen Parent & Youth Group

MORNING YOUTH INCLUSION

A bespoke programme in
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and activities

TO FIND OUT MORE JUST GET IN TOUCH..

DETACHED YOUTH WORK

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Programme delivered across the
Greater Lenadoon and Suffolk
area enabling staff to work with
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the community

Another great morning spent at the Community Health and wellbeing event at the Half Moon Lake.
An excellent provision of services available including Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Diabetes UK BCM NI HEART Project Good Morning West Belfast Lab Fitness Lenadoon Community Counselling Service and Boys & Girls Clubs NI as well as some wonderful traditional music.

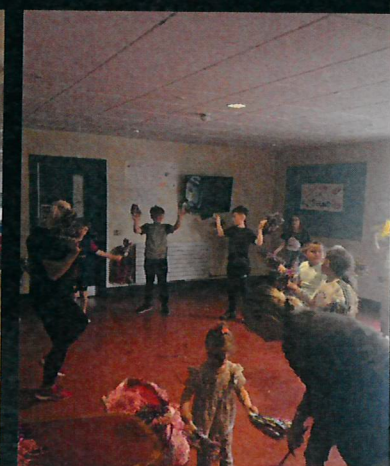
Our youth team prepared and dished out delicious freshly made salad boxes, while some of our members handed out beautiful planters to local pensioners. These planters had been built by the local Men's Shed group at the Half Moon Lake, and then filled by children in our summer scheme

A great morning promoting health and health eating.

Thanks to everyone who came along..



Lenadoon community festival 2025 was a successful event and amazing day even though the event was moved indoors that didn't stop everyone having so much fun....



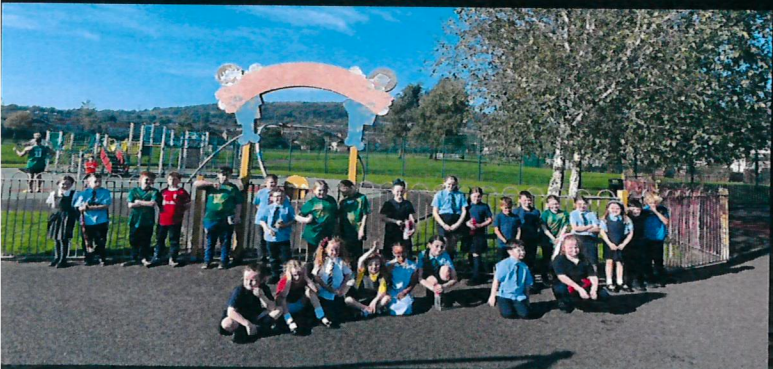
ADMISSION

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Youth Club reopens 1st September
New registration is essential for all!!!
New members welcome
P6+ Mon/Thurs (7-8:15pm)
P7+ Mon/Thurs (7-9:30pm)
Age 6-11(Primary 7) Fridays (6:15pm-8pm)



Glen Parent Youth Group stands in solidarity with Liam Óg !!! FREE MO CHARA!! FREE PALESTINE.



WE'RE BACK

SENIOR MEMBER DROP IN

REGISTER NOW

MON-THUR 7PM-9.30PM

Glen Parent & Youth Group

SUPPORT
GUIDANCE
ADVICE
ENCOURAGEMENT





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October 2025

GREATER LENADOON NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUTH AWARDS



Are you based in the greater Lenadoon area and work with some amazing youth? Then please get in touch if you want to get involved in the running or organising of this great celebration event

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Greater Lenadoon Youth Awards

Are you based in the greater Lenadoon Area and work with some amazing young people? Then get in touch with us if you are interested in getting involved in organising and running this amazing event for the young people of our area.

Glen Parent Youth and Community Group Lenadoon Neighbourhood Youth Providers Forum Lenadoon Community
SOS Kids Together Belfast Suffolk Events Circle Donegal Celtic FC Youth Academy St Oliver Plunkett FC 1969

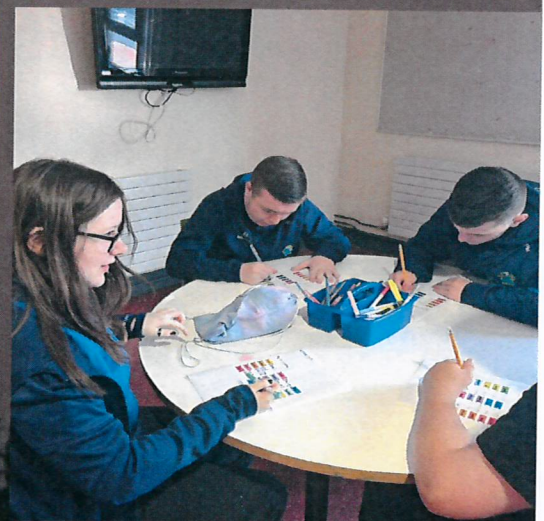




Amazing what difference a bit of colour makes to a wall...

We are delighted with our new calming corner, kitted out with calming strategies and drawers of sensory and fidget gadgets.

A new area that our children can sit and regulate their moods using it as a quiet area to just chill and feel calm...



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Activities for all

As the cold dark nights creep in like tonight our young people are safe in the youth centre enjoying Hocus Pocus movie night, pool/snooker, FIFA and gaming and some 5-a-side football.

Come along and join in if you aren't already registered.
New Members Welcome



Another amazing week in afterschool's, we had fantastic weather to enjoy so we spent as much time outdoors as possible while it lasts, and finished today with group games.

Special Shout out to our 4 students who joined us on work experience from St Genevieve's
We hope you enjoyed your time with us as much as we enjoyed having you.. Thank You Girls



Unwanted Anti Community Behaviour

Over the past month we have witnessed an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area.

Our youth staff team have witnessed emergency services being attacked while trying to extinguish large fires at the shops at Woodbourne, while trying to engage one of our staff members was also threatened that his car would be burned next therefore having to leave the area over safety concerns.

Again our youth staff engaged as the Fire Service was required to attend a larger fire that had been started in The Colin Glen Forest just opposite our complex, where again the fire crew were threatened and attacked.

We also witnessed a number of attacks on the shops below us here at the complex, a group of youths removed a Fire extinguisher from the exit of Dark Tanning Shop, and both the Tanning Shop and Gallagher's convenience shop were ambushed with flour and eggs inside both shops, when youth staff tried to intervene the young people made off into the Forest.

We operate a drop in youth service here 5 nights a week, with limitless activities and programmes for young people to avail of, and we fully support our local businesses who do their best to provide for our community. There is no place in our community for this unwanted destruction, violence and behaviour.



JOIN US FOR HALLOWEEN FUN

HALLOWEEN

GHOSTLY GHOUL WALK AND UV DISCO

Join us for our biggest Halloween event ever this year, in partnership with other local Youth providers.
Meeting at Glen Parent Youth Centre we will parade through the estate to the Glen Community Centre where a UV themed Disco will take place..

2025

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