



LIVING
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TOGETHER

HEALTH & WELLBEING THEMATIC SUMMIT



NMD Strategic Stakeholder Forum

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What is the Strategic Stakeholder forum?

The SSF is the vehicle through which the Community and Voluntary sector can **provide input to and participate in improving local service delivery and infrastructure.**

The SSF ensures that there is community involvement at **all levels** of the Community Planning process, including participation from the seven local District Electoral Area Forums, the Thematic Groups and the Community Planning Partnership Board.

SSF Members

- County Down Rural Community Network
- Clanrye Group
- Community Advice NI
- Women's Aid Armagh Down
- Kilkeel Development Association
- Bolster
- Volunteer Now
- Community Development Health Network
- Action for Children
- Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency
- Pips Hope & Support
- Confederation of Community Group
- Down Business Centre
- Down Community Transport
- MyMy
- Mourne Heritage Trust
- N&M Community Transport
- Rural Health Partnership South Armagh
- NMD Community Grower
- Altnaveigh House
- YMCA

Challenges

- Unprecedented demands for our services
- Cost of Living / Hardship
- Poverty
- Falling Income and rising costs
- Budget & funding Cuts
- Uncertain job prospects in C&V sector makes recruitment problematic
- Increasing mental health issues in the population
- Hospital Waiting lists

Successful projects

- Covid Response
- Social Supermarket
- Hardship Fund
- Cost of Living Fund
- Digital Poverty
- Asylum Seekers Fund
- Multi-Disciplinary Teams Pilot project in the South East Trust area
- Norbrook Trusted Partner Scheme; assisting the community with hardship over the Christmas period
- Community Transport project – Levelling up fund has been successful for 2 no. new buses and a Volunteer driving Scheme

