



### **RAISE NEWRY Update on the RAISE Call for Locality Led Projects**

Following Assessment Panel, the following proposals from the RAISE Newry Locality have been selected to advance further in the process.

The next step in the process is to seek to agree the terms of a Letter of Offer.

Please note that this does not amount to, and must not be relied upon in any way, as a commitment to funding, and organisations must not commit to spend unless and until a Letter of Offer has been formally made by the Department and accepted by signing and returning it to the RAISE Programme Team.

In terms of next steps, a member of the RAISE Programme Team will be in contact with organisations with a view to agreeing a Letter of Offer, which will include the level of funding required to deliver the project, Project Objectives, Project Measures and Targets, a costed workplan and a profile of expenditure.

Locality	Organisation	Project Title	Indicative Project Value	Summary
Newry	Bolster Community	FRIENDS Resilience Programme Newry	£58,775	<p>FRIENDS Resilience Programme Newry Project will be delivered by Bolster Community and aims to support approximately 400 pupils across primary schools in Newry. Fun FRIENDS (ages 4-7) will use play-based activities such as games, stories, and creative exercises to help younger children build confidence, recognise emotions, and develop early coping and friendship skills. FRIENDS for Life (ages 8-11) will introduce practical techniques to manage worries, problem-solve, and respond positively to everyday challenges. These programmes will improve emotional regulation and resilience; increase attendance and reduce anxiety related absence; enhance confidence, aspiration and engagement, strengthen peer relations and reduce stigma, engage parents and families in supporting wellbeing and build capacity within schools for sustainability.</p>

<b>Newry</b>	Little Sunflower	Little Sunflower Wellbeing	£14,090	Little Sunflower Wellbeing Project will be delivered by Little Sunflower in collaboration with St Malachy's Primary School, Newry and St Joseph's Nursery & Primary School, Bessbrook. The project is an award-winning, early intervention, emotional wellbeing programme for children aged 5 to 8, combining animated stories, interactive workshops, and creative learning to support emotional wellbeing and growth.
<b>Newry</b>	Home Start Newry & Mourne	Big Hopes Big Futures	£78,625	The Big Hopes Big Futures Project will be delivered by Home Start Newry & Mourne and will work with families with children before the child starts pre-school or primary school. The project will help prepare parents and children to make the transition from home to preschool and primary school through an individual programme of support and motivate parents to understand and value the importance of early education.

<p><b>Newry</b></p>	<p>The Magnet Young Adult Centre</p>	<p>Growing Together</p>	<p>£18,800</p>	<p>The Growing Together Project will be delivered by The Magnet Young Adult Centre . The project will provide structured, targeted support for young mothers (aged 16–25) and their pre-nursery children, focusing on the essential milestones of speech, language, communication, self-feeding, toileting, early literacy, and independence. Through workshops and hands-on activities, parents are equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and tools to embed developmental learning in daily routines, complementing nursery and school readiness.</p>
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