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AIMS OF THE STAKEHOLDER FORUM

- Share information
- Engage and understand the requirements of Stakeholders
- Promote the CCG
- Build positive partnerships
- Inform the management and maintenance of the CCG
- Ensure quality and sharing good practice
- Provide feedback to the CCG Trust and CCG Oversight Group
- Promote and support involvement of others

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The Stakeholder Forum

Many thanks to all our intrepid stakeholders who braved several feet of snow to attend our last Stakeholders Forum on 22nd March 2013 in Inverary Community Centre. Despite the blocked roads, freezing temperatures and general treacherous conditions all our speakers and approximately 30 other stakeholders attended to hear the latest greenway news.

A special thank you to the Belfast City Council staff in Inverary Community Centre who also struggled through treacherous conditions to ensure that the centre remained open and functioning in such adverse conditions.

Our next Stakeholders Forum will be held in east Belfasts new Network Centre in the former Templemore Avenue Primary School on Friday 16th August 2013 from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm. We hope you can all come along and view this fabulous new community resource in the heart of east Belfast.

Project Update

We are now just over one week into the works commencing as part of Phase I of the Connswater Community Greenway.

This week work will be continuing in both parks with continued site clearance, completion of the site compounds, alongside fencing to the first work areas and commencement of temporary roads and pathways.

It is anticipated bridge abutment piling will also commence at Victoria Park, firstly on the Airport Road side and then moving to the opposite bank in Victoria Park. This is in preparation for the new bridge that will link Victoria Park to Airport Road.



BSG Civil Engineering site compound in Orangefield Park

In addition, Belfast City Council have recently appointed engineering firm ARUP to further develop the design for stage II of the CCG which will allow for the final detailed design of the remainder of the CCG ahead of tendering for a contractor to complete Greenway works other than those underway at Orangefield and Victoria Parks.

Avoniel Community Garden—A Community Growing Together

Since January 2013 a group of volunteers from across east Belfast have been designing, building and planting a new community garden on waste ground at Avoniel Leisure Centre developing a fabulous new community resource that has so far hosted fun days , horticultural training classes and community activities.

Participants, some with existing gardening skills and others either keen to learn about gardening or just wanting to get involved with their local community, have created a space for recreation, learning and socialising with new skills being developed and new friendships being made.

Supported by the CCG Team and Belfast City Council several local community based organisations have been involved in developing and maintaining the garden along with local residents. These include;

- East Belfast Missions Going Green Project
- Oasis—Caring in Actions IMAGO Project
- Bloomfield Community Association
- East Belfast Community Counselling
- Lower Castlereagh Community Group
- Swann Training Services.

It is fitting that the first part of the Connswater Community Greenway has been built by volunteers from the local community and the community garden shows exactly what can be achieved when local people take ownership.

Opening times for the garden are;

Monday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Tuesday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Wednesday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

In addition the garden is open on the first Saturday of every month.

Why not call done and find out more from our team of gardeners and, perhaps, get involved, learn how to garden and make new friends. For further information contact Sean on 90467930 or e-mail sean@eastbelfastpartnership.org.



Victoria Park—Bridge Naming Competition

As you may be aware the CCG Team along with Belfast City Council have been running a competition to name the new bridge currently under construction that will link Victoria Park with Airport Road at the Bombardier Factory as part of the CCG Project.

Closing dates for entries is Friday 9th August so there is still time to submit your idea. Perhaps you would like to see the bridge named after someone who has made a significant contribution to the community in east Belfast or someone from this part of the city who has received international acclaim in their field. Alternatively you may want the bridge named after something from our industrial our cultural heritage. All entries will be gratefully received and past to a shortlisting panel with the shortlisted entries going to a public vote across east Belfast.

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