

Report on	Live here Love here community awards and grants
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of the Award recipients from the Mid Ulster District at the Live Here Love Here community award ceremony in February 2018 and to advise on an information evening for communities for funding under this programme.
2.0	Background
2.1	Keep NI Beautiful through the Live Here Love Here Campaign organised a sponsored event to recognise and celebrate environmental work being carried out across NI.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Live Here Love Here is a campaign aimed at promoting civic pride and a community can-do attitude by improving environmental quality in Northern Ireland. It aims to tackle issues such as poor environmental quality, littering and dilapidation by encouraging volunteers to take practical action in their local communities.
3.2	A sponsored celebratory event took place in February 2018 to thank and celebrate volunteers within in the community and recognise their achievements.
3.3	There was a prize winner within each Council area who are partners in this programme and an additional five awards covering all of NI.
3.4	The recipient at the awards ceremony of the MUDC Litter Heroes award was Mr Brénainn Brunton (see attached photograph in Appendix 1).
3.5	An honorary mention was given to Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society, Blessed Patrick O'Loughran PS Eco Council, and Screen Eco- Schools.
3.6	The NI overarching award under the Spirit of Live Here Love Here Award presented by DAERA was awarded to Screen Eco schools in the Draperstown area (see attached photograph in Appendix 1).
3.5	As part of the partnership arrangement, fifty percent of MUDC's contribution to the Live Here Love Here campaign comes back into the Mid Ulster District area through a community small grants programme.

3.6	The community grants applications for next year will be available from April onwards. To aid the communications of these Grant opportunities, an information session has been arranged to take place on Monday 9th April at 6.30pm in Ranfurly House, Dungannon.
3.7	The workshop takes place in advance of the call for applications and the session is intended to be practical, with the aim of encouraging an increase in quality applications from the Mid Ulster area. Live Here Love Here staff will deliver a presentation, showcasing case studies of successful projects and give advice in terms of best practice. The main objectives will be to help participants to develop their ideas, complete the application form and there will also be a Q&A session.
3.8	Details regarding this information session will be communicated through the Council's social media and website and through existing community contacts within MUDC. All Members are welcome to attend.
3.9	As with the previous year, assessment of the applications will take place through a panel arrangement with members across the numerous funding partners including MUDC.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: Within previously agreed funding from MUDC (£21,000) Human: Staff time</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Note the award winners and the small grants programme information event.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Photographs of the award winners from within Mid Ulster District Council area.

Appendix 1

