

A More Equal Place

A place that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background or circumstances).

Current position and actions

The Llanelli Rural area contains a wide range of people experiencing different socio-economic circumstances. In areas with higher than average deprivation a range of existing programmes target their efforts to help close the gap between the poorest and more affluent communities. Communities First, Families First and Flying Start all operate in some of the Rural area wards offering programmes to tackle access to jobs, improved health and education. Lack of access to a wider network of social and work related contacts is seen as an important barrier to tackling inequality. The proximity of communities with greater social capital alongside more deprived areas enables these networks to develop across the area. Areas also expressed particular concerns regarding availability of youth service provision.

Proposed Interventions

Expansion of street/village buddies programme

Investing in creating a network of local contacts designed to improve informal advice and support and signposting to support programmes learning from the pilot approach linked to the Time Credits Programme.

Youth Facilities development programme

An Audit of provision and Youth services development programme – capital and revenue – and work with communities to develop responses in identified gap areas.

To address the perception of lack of facilities – outdoor (see Green Space Trust – page 11) and indoor in specific locations and concerns regarding drug use and anti-social behaviour, outlined on page 14.

Partners – Communities First, Spice, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC)

Measures of progress – Number of cross-community support initiatives

Local priorities - Links to Open and Green Spaces Trust - specific concerns in Llwynhendy, Five Roads