

Woodland Manor

OVERVIEW

The Shared Housing Programme and their associated **Good Relations Plans** have been instrumental in benefiting communities in Northern Ireland by promoting social inclusion, reducing social isolation, and improving community relations.

The Shared Housing Programme can benefit communities in several ways:

- Promoting integration:** Shared housing helps to create mixed communities where people from different backgrounds live together.
- Tackling housing inequality:** Shared housing can provide affordable accommodation options for individuals, particularly those on lower incomes or facing housing difficulties. This helps to address housing inequality and provide opportunities for individuals to access decent and affordable housing in Northern Ireland.
- Enhancing community cohesion:** Shared housing can lead to stronger community bonds as residents engage in shared activities, support each other, and work together to create a positive living environment. This can contribute to community cohesion and a sense of belonging among residents.
- Fostering cultural exchange:** Living in a shared housing environment enables individuals to learn about different cultures, traditions, and perspectives. This can promote greater cultural understanding, tolerance, and appreciation among residents.

Overall, the Shared Housing Programme in Northern Ireland aims to build inclusive and cohesive communities, reduce segregation, and address housing inequality, all of which contribute to the well-being and social progress of the communities in Northern Ireland.

GOOD RELATIONS PLAN

Through such plans, communities are empowered to work together to create more cohesive and inclusive neighbourhoods by engaging in a range of bridging and bonding initiatives such as community fun days and festivals, environmental and health and wellbeing programmes and education and training opportunities.

The provision of quality housing has also had a positive impact on community relations by bringing together people from different backgrounds and promoting greater understanding and empathy. Good relations plans cover the housing development and the wider 5-mile radius.

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