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Introduction

Today I aim to do 4 things

1. Give an overview of the Resurgam Trust Model of Community based Regeneration
2. Explain how we have got to where we are
3. Explore if our Model actually works
4. Highlight some of the challenges we face moving forward

What is Resurgam Trust?

Following 15 years of community, economic and social development in Lisburn in January 2011 and as a direct result of an in-depth community consultation we incorporated: **The Resurgam Community Development Trust Limited.**

OUR VISION

“To create social, cultural, financial and physical sustainability for the Resurgam Trust and the communities we serve by 2020”

OUR MISSION

“to connect individuals & groups and to transform communities to create a sustainable environment within which all are proud to live, learn, play and work”

We are a Development Trust Association which is supported by established and recognised community-based organisations and social enterprise organisations with many years of experience working in communities throughout the city of Lisburn. We **act as a voice and lobby on behalf of our membership to ensure that the needs of our community continue to be addressed.** We have ambitious plans which we feel will connect communities across Greater Lisburn and will **drive community, youth, social and economic development for many years to come.**

We aim to achieve our vision and our mission by delivering programmes focussed on:

Health & Education

Youth

Community Safety

**Social Economy
& Employment**

Regeneration

**Management &
Governance**

Resurgam Membership

- Board of Directors
- 1000 individual members
- 26 Member Groups / Projects
- 10 Social Enterprises
- 100+ Employees
- 500+ Volunteers



Resurgam Trust Social Enterprise Network

Existing Social Enterprises

1. LaganView Enterprise Ltd
2. Lisburn Community Inns Ltd
3. Lisburn Community Self Build Ltd
4. Servo Contract Services NI
5. New Horizons Credit Union Ltd
6. Premier Taxi Company Ltd
7. Laganside Business Services Ltd
8. LaganView Community Gym
9. Resurgam Property Management Services
10. The Thrifty Corner



Current Enterprise Development

1. Vehicle Lease Centre
2. Childcare Provision

How we have got to where we are

Firstly, we are on a journey.

Many organisations do work as good as us and many have much larger and more profitable Social Enterprises **but** not many have taken our holistic approach to Community based regeneration.

Game Changers

- Rathvarna Heights
- Laganview Enterprise Centre
- 2a & 2b Huguenot Drive
- We borrowed money & took Calculated Risks
- Built a huge Community Partnership of groups and individuals

This has been a long hard journey!

Does our Model actually work?

Investment (2014-2015)

£2,278,005 Grant Income

22 new posts created (116 posts in total)

12 properties within Resurgam portfolio

£110,000 invested SE Expansion

£1m Turnover in SE's

Safe Communities

Community Stakeholder Groups – Women, Young People, Ex Prisoners/Combatants (inc older people), Welcome BME, Lisburn Bands Forum

Lisburn SAFE – Lisburn PCSP Project with 70 Volunteers

Partnership Working

Represented in: EIL (Chair), SIF, Resurgam Healthy Living, SAFE, Surestart

Support to other Communities (2014-2015)

12 Host Visits, 6 Good Practice Visits, Capacity Support for community buildings (North Lisburn, Hilden, Bridge Street Welcome House, SIF Projects LEC & WLCC)

Some of the challenges we face moving forward

- Recognition that our Model works and support to develop
- Realise our vision of sustainability by 2020
- Integrate Resurgam's work into the LCCC Community Plan
- Peace
- Political Stability

Conclusion

If our model is not what Central Government and Local Authority wants then we could simply cancel out all of our work towards creating Social Impact Outcomes and concentrate on our businesses.

In doing this we can create employment and make money but what about our social benefits and community change?

Who steps into the breach and addresses the serious issues our community face?

The Resurgam model, we feel, can turn the curve