

NMDDC EVAWG Local Change Fund Summary		
Organization	Approved Amount	Brief Project Description
Irish FA Foundation	£14860	The project aims to prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG) by using football as a tool for education, awareness, and cultural change. The initiative will challenge harmful gender norms, promote respect and equality, and engage male participants — particularly young footballers, coaches, and fans — in preventing gender-based violence. Over 1,000 young people from across the NMDDC area will take part. The project will be delivered through partnership/collaboration between the Irish Football Association, Women's Aid Federation NI, PSNI, Ulster University and Newry/Mourne/Down based grassroots football clubs.
Bardic Educational Arts and Media	£14900	Bardic Educational Arts and Media (trading as Beam Creative Network), in partnership with Raise Your Voice, proposes to deliver 40 age-appropriate, prevent-and-deter workshops targeting 1,000 Key Stage 3 students across all post-primary schools in the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area. The project will run from May 2025 - February 2026. The programme aims to empower young people to play an active role in prevention and foster cultural change by increasing empathy and de-trivialising sexism and harassment.
Bolster Community	£15000	Layered Lives is a targeted initiative supporting autistic women (aged 16-30) in Newry and Mourne. The project is an essential initiative that addresses a critical gap in VAWG prevention for autistic women - by focusing on awareness, empowerment, and safer environments, the programme ensures participants develop the skills, confidence, and support networks needed to navigate relationships safely and reduce risk of harm.
Shamrocks Youth Club, Newry	£3500	The project aims to raise awareness about violence against women and girls among young people in the community, focusing on its root causes and prevention. Objectives include empowering young people to advocate for the safety and wellbeing of women and girls by engaging them in educational sessions and leadership opportunities, and

		equipping young people with skills and the knowledge needed to build healthy, respectful relationships.
Crisis Cafe CIC	£15000	This project will deliver an initiative to prevent violence against women / girls by providing educative workshops, social media training and a safe space (for girls). The project will deliver to 3 groups (rolling) of 20 young people, 10 boys and 10 girls aged 14 and 16 years living in the NMDDC area. It will be delivered in Newry City. The Safe Cafe will be launched in April and will be piloted for the duration of the project - this will operate as a drop-in facility twice monthly for 4 hours providing a support, education, signposting and advocacy.
St Monica's Boxing Club, Newry	£5000	Gloves Off: Ending VAWG is a transformative awareness and education programme designed specifically for young male boxers to help combat Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). This initiative will harness the discipline, respect, and strength ingrained in boxing culture to promote positive masculinity, challenge harmful attitudes, and encourage young athletes to become allies in the fight against gender-based violence.
Women's Aid Armagh Down	£24474	The Changing Hearts and Minds Project (CHAMP) will have a dedicated WAAD Worker who will actively seek out groups within our community - including schools, youth groups, sporting clubs, social clubs, faith groups, local businesses etc - to offer a range of supports to help them to address VAWG at their grass roots level. CHAMP will help facilitate healthy and respectful challenge and discussion on EAVWG and will deliver information and awareness sessions to build Healthy and Respectful Relationships equipping participants to recognise signs of an unhealthy relationship but more importantly to consider how they can foster healthy relationships, both intimate and interpersonal.

Three Ways Community Association	£12500	Three Ways Youth Group's Ending Violence Against Women & Girls (EVAWG) Project is a youth-led initiative aimed at raising awareness, challenging societal attitudes, and promoting early intervention in the prevention of violence against women and girls (VAWG). At the heart of the project is the creation of a 15-20 minute short film that will explore the real-life impact of domestic violence on women, their families, and the wider community. By holding weekly workshops, the group will also engage with survivors, domestic violence professionals, and support agencies to develop a deep understanding of the issue, ensuring that the film is rooted in real experiences and facts.
The Magnet Young Adult Centre	£4575	The SPEAK OUT project is for young men aged 14-16 years old (from South Down) and is a transformative youth led initiative allowing them to take part in a unique youth project tackling attitudes, behaviours and culture surrounding ending violence against women and girls. The project will encourage young people to explore their own attitudes and their role within society and their community, creating opportunities for them to be challenged, educated and how they can play an active role in preventing violence against women and girls.
Armagh Ladies Gaelic Football Association	£6250	Teams from U14 - Senior Level will participate in weekly health and fitness sessions with a qualified coach. After each session the LGFA plan to run an interactive session for 15-20 minutes on a variety of topics including changing attitudes, behaviours & culture, understanding what violence against women and girls is (including its root causes) and how to play an active role in preventing it. The LGFA will also hold training days for their coaches and volunteers to educate them on recognising any signs of abuse and raise awareness to prevent violence against women & girls.
The Highland Heathers	£3125	This project aims to create community awareness of EVAWG in South Down, including a major event in Kilkeel (on 2 July 2025) which will promote the Ending Violence against Women and Girls campaign, engage professional speakers/facilitators to and provide advice, guidance and support to over 120 women from the local area. Partner agencies supporting the event include the PSNI, NMD PCSP and Women's Aid.

St John Bosco Youth Centre, Newry	£11700	This programme will combine interactive workshops from a variety of sources and facilitators, a residential weekend focused on maximum impact condensed workshops and creative activities to engage our teenagers in critical conversations about violence, sexism, patriarchy and male allyship. The final element of the programme will result in a short play created by the young people that will be filmed and used to raise awareness of these issues to wider audiences.
Carrickcruppen GAA	£793.43	The project will enhance social, emotional, physical and recreational functioning through education and group work which encourages learning, facilitates self-growth, builds resilience and supports independent health and wellbeing. The Club will also establish a Youth Forum for working together to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls and have planned a 12-week programme with awareness sessions from agencies including Youth Action, White Ribbon and Women's Aid.
St Patrick's GAC Saul	£1043.20	A Gaelic for Mothers and Others event was held 26 April 2025 - this had attendees from other GAA Clubs in South Down, with a keynote speaker from Women's Aid highlighting the key messages of the EVAWG campaign and ways to deliver impactful community led initiatives that aid in changing attitudes, behaviours and culture. The project also aims to provide younger male members of the community with an understanding of boundaries in their interactions with others and what is considered to be respectful behaviour so that they can enjoy healthy relationships.
LGBTQ Women's Group Newry	£1700	This project will include a series of workshops and events focused around increasing women's safety and resilience - this will include a mix of sessions, some directly related to safety education and training, and some related to empowering women to have autonomy and control over their own lives. The group also run an educational campaign aimed at educating staff in social venues in how to support women when there is a threat of harassment or sexual or physical violence.

Healthy Kidz CIC	£8500	The RespectHER project will address the root causes of EAWG by providing educational content (videos) and facilitating discussions. By working with schools, youth clubs, and sports clubs, it will empower young and old (namely boys and men) to actively prevent VAWG and promote gender equality and healthy relationships. Participants will explore the root causes of violence, including psychological abuse, and learn about consent, respect, personal space, and gender equality.
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