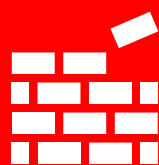




Growing Up in the Market

- GUIM family analysis completed – QCAP completed the analysis on the family interviews and is being utilised as a basis for relevant and rapid interventions such as the Community Wellbeing Kitchen and the Connector Course.
- GUIM Publication schedule – Based on year 1 findings QCAP have developed a publication schedule outlining possible journal articles and evidence reviews. This schedule will be refined as year 2 interviews are completed.
- Publication on Digital Inclusion – Findings from the first round of interviews has identified Digital Inclusion as a challenge area with potential to develop rapid interventions that address this need within the Market area.



Social Economy + Community Wealth

- FTC Business Case submitted (£2 million) – QCAP provided technical support with the application for a Financial Transactions Capital loan to scale East Belfast Mission's Homeless Transitional Housing model currently being piloted with Commonweal.
- Shared Prosperity Funding (£9.8 million) – QCAP worked with the Belfast Works consortia to complete a client analysis using GIS and SROI techniques to support their Shared Prosperity Fund application process. The funding was secured and will run until 2025 to replace the withdrawn investment from the European Social Fund.
- Shankill Development and Enterprise Trust – QCAP have helped BUILD engage with other relevant partners (inc. the Partnership Board) to establish the new trust. TODD and Gravity architects are also now working with BUILD and QCAP to work up potential housing and other regeneration proposals across the Greater Shankill area.



Communities + The Knowledge Economy

- BA-RIA Knowledge Frontiers Symposium – QCAP participated and subsequently submitted two applications to the British Academy seed fund for cross-jurisdictional collaborative projects (£10,000).
- Smart City-zens project funded by GII Pilot Project /BRCD Pump-Priming fund (£11,676) – Ethics have been approved, an RA recruited, and the workshop programme for participants is currently being co-designed with ECIT and the MDA.
- Connected communities proposal – QCAP collaboration with TCD and NCAD, is being considered by BCC and DCC for Shared Island funding. Progress has also been made in relation to QCAP's involvement with the development of CODI – BCC.
- Community Adjacent Schools Network: a meeting between the leadership of schools serving the Market has been arranged to unpack possibilities for collaboration.



Community Health + Wellbeing

- Dr. Karen McGuigan joined the QCAP team in March 2023 as Irwin Fellow in Child and Adolescent Mental Health, the first dedicated cross-disciplinary Fellowship in Mental Health at QUB.
- Agility fund application submitted for a community wellbeing kitchen (£9,500) – This will provide a tangible footprint in the Market for health and wellbeing initiatives and help the MDA better respond to some of the issues highlighted in the GUIM.
- QCAP and MDA are working collaboratively on a community-based programme called 'Tackling Substance Use Together' – The programme involves 3 work packages: 1. exploring the feasibility of family support intervention, 2. co-design of targeted interventions and 3. early intervention and prevention around substance use.
- QCAP are also working to develop and trial a signposting resource using QR code technology that will better connect the Market community with existing services.



Pilot Partner Engagement

- QCAP Ethics Training – Ethics training and research governance planning delivered to MDA in line with the Innovate UK Community Research Network funding.
- Community Health Consultation – QCAP and MDA facilitated 'Tackling Substance Use Together' that was attended by 40 residents in Feb 2023.
- Connector to Access – QCAP and MDA facilitated a co-design workshop with residents in the Market Sure Start in April 2023, with a focus on developing a bespoke training course to be delivered in partnership with QCAP and Belfast MET.
- Data dashboard and Theory of Change Training: QCAP have delivered sessions to the MDA to embed dashboard and ToC practice across their existing systems.
- MDA local advocacy campaign successful – This will enable the community-led Tunnels project (£3.5 million) to proceed and QCAP are working with the MDA to explore opportunities around social clauses and links with other capital projects.



Wider Community & International Engagement

- Artez University of the Arts in the Netherlands – QCAP is widening its community reach by supporting a Greater Shankill collaboration with Artez who have recently moved into the mission building in a process that has been facilitated by BUILD.
- UNESCO Chair in Issues Based Arts Education, Intercultural Dialogue, Identity and Conflict Prevention – QCAP have also endorsed an Artez application to secure this.
- 2-day US/Irish Research Symposium – The Chapin Hall Chicago visit will take place in May 2023 and will involve the QCAP team collaborating with Chapin Hall staff on papers feeding into a special issue of the Journal of Child and Family Studies.
- Forward South Engagement – QCAP KE strand met FS to explore the possibility of how to develop the school-to-school infrastructure across South Belfast.
- Twitter analytics show how the online presence of QCAP continues to grow with 317 followers. Since Feb 2023, QCAP's twitter page has created over 57,500 impressions, 2,484 engagements, 230 link clicks and 153 retweets.



Research Bids

- Regional LPIP Centre bid to UKRI with partners Birmingham, Glasgow and Cardiff University in Jan 2023 – value £2-3 million was successful (decision embargoed)
- UKRI bid focussed on developing local grid-square data applications is being developed by QCAP in collaboration with NINIS statisticians and other QUB staff.
- UKRI Centre in community participation and connectedness consortia being developed with University of Sheffield, Cardiff and Stirling to be submitted May 2023 – value £5-9 million.
- HSCRND – The Belfast Youth Development Study 21-year follow up study submitted – value £504,432.
- DfE/Widening participation QUB – connecting to access course for communities – value (£180,000).



Knowledge-Exchange

- QCAST's podcast series 1 launched – This has involved the production of 6 episodes including a special issue on the Good Friday Agreement and community perspectives with input from MDA and representatives from the BUILD group.
- Fulbright Specialist Award Scholar – Dr. Janet Corcoran from New York will be based at QCAP during the forthcoming months and working directly on a community research project linked to the Belfast City Deal.
- QCAP showcased at the US Strategic Partners Event/AG25 conference and the International Town and Gown Network Conference Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- QCAP submitted an ethics framework (including data management plan) for data ethics and governance which will offer a protocol on how it conducts research with existing or new community partners in a safe and secure manner.