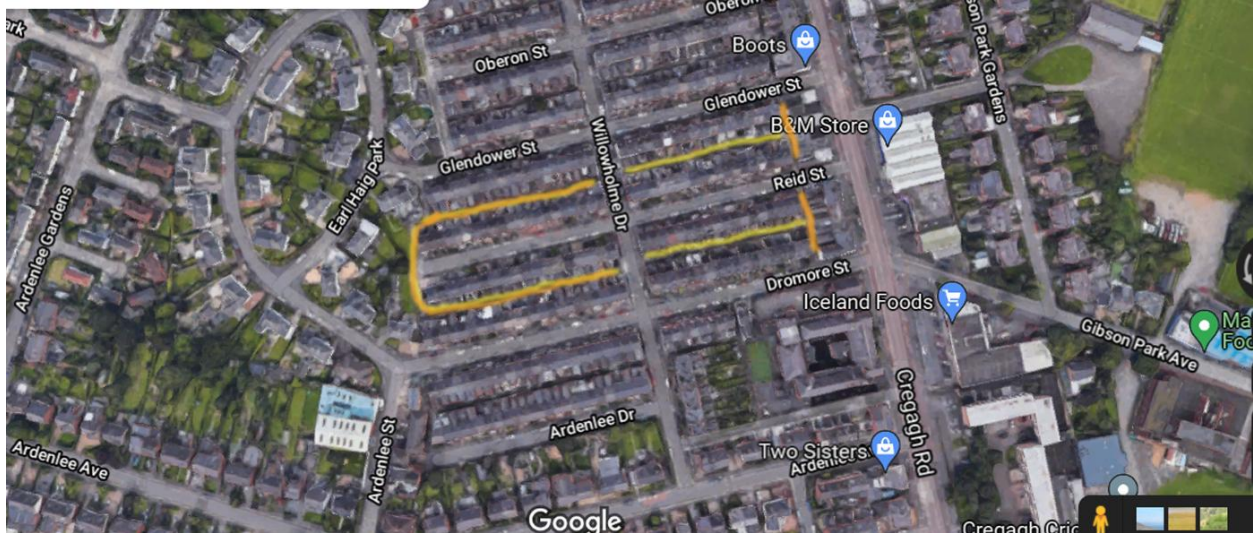


Rainbow Alley - Cregagh Road, East Belfast



Rainbow Alley is a large, 'U - shaped' ungated stretch of alley accessible from Ried Street, off Cregagh Road East Belfast.

The alley also borders houses on Glendower St and Dromore Street and is cut through by Willowhome Drive.

There are approx 160 houses with direct access to the alley and approx 10 businesses backing on to it from the main Cregagh Road. It is an actively used space and a number of residents have been working to improve the alley over the past 2 years. They are currently in the process of forming 'Rainbow Alley' into a registered CIC in order to be able to access more funding for development and initiatives. They have been investing in vegetable boxes, planters and pallets for community growing, greening and connection. You can see some of their work so far on [Facebook](#)

The main section of 'Rainbow Alley' is at the bottom of the crescent where there are a number of benches, pallet planters, vegetable boxes and such. They have painted some walls and hung sections of solar lights. The residents have sadly experienced several occasions of theft and antisocial behaviour and are hoping to have alley-gates installed to better protect the community garden they are working to create.

Info for Artists

The large size and variety of spaces in this alley give it many possibilities as an exhibition space. Selected artists have the options of spreading work out in the space or focusing on particular sections but ideally there will be some connection to the main 'u bend' section of the alley where the planting is concentrated. Please note this alley is currently ungated so all work will be open and in the public domain for the whole show.

Album of images taken from the down from Cregagh Road entrance;

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iBYz3Qhr1LFsxlZdm3A_arrVHAMz7ns8?usp=sharing

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^ Image above highlights scale of this alley section