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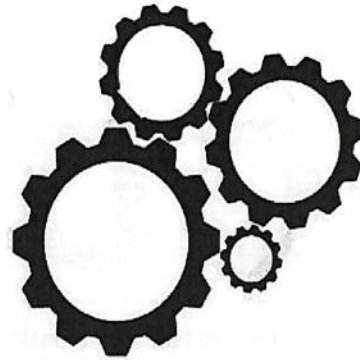
Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Lú  
Louth Local Community Development  
Committee

# Annual Report 2018

**Councillor Liam Reilly, MCC, Chairperson, Louth Local Community Development Committee**

**Mr. Paddy Donnelly, Chief Officer, Louth Local Community Development Committee**

# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



**€1.7M AWARDED FOR  
LEADER PROJECTS**



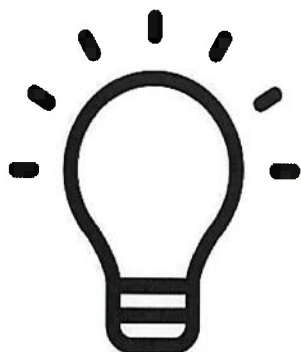
**7 SCHOOL  
ENVIRONS  
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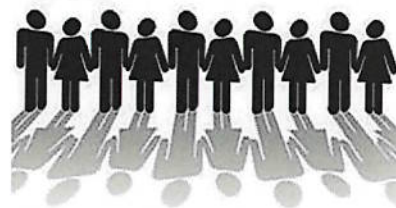
**5 PEACE  
PROJECTS  
COMMENCED**



**5 PLANS ADOPTED**



**1,025 INDIVIDUALS  
SUPPORTED  
THROUGH LIFELONG  
LEARNING**



**€450K AWARDED UNDER  
COMMUNITY  
ENHANCEMENT  
PROGRAMME**



## Introduction

National policy envisages a central role for local government in the planning and oversight of local and community development programmes while maintaining a key role for local development entities in front line delivery.

The enhanced oversight role by local government in this area is consistent with its purpose of promoting the well-being and quality of life of citizens and communities. The policy envisages more joined up working between the local government and local development sector to ensure local communities derive maximum benefit from local, national and EU resources targeting social inclusion, community and rural development.

Part 6 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to this national policy including the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC's) in each local authority administrative area.

## Purpose and Function of Louth LCDC

Louth LCDC has been established for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development and the inaugural meeting of the committee was held on 25th April 2014. The committee is made up of representatives from the local government and local development sectors, public bodies and representatives of social, economic, environmental and community interests.

Specifically the LCDC is responsible for the strategic coordination, governance, planning and oversight of local development expenditure by local authorities on behalf of the state or by other local development agencies and structures.

The functions of the LCDC are set out in Section 128A of Local Government 2001 (as inserted by section 36 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014). They are as follows;

- Prepare and adopt the community elements of the 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
- Implement or arrange for the implementation of the community elements of the LECP
- Review the 'community elements' of the plan at least once over the six year period and amend as considered necessary
- Monitor and review implementation of the community elements and revise actions and strategies as appropriate
- Coordinate the management and oversee the implementation of the programmes that have been approved either by the local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and other public bodies
- Ensure effectiveness, coordination, consistency and the avoidance of duplication between publicly funded local and community development programmes.
- Optimise resources for the benefit of local communities and improve the efficiency with which publicly funded local and community development resources are used
- Consider and adopt a statement in respect of the economic elements of the Plan to be prepared by the local authorities

- Prepare and submit an annual report on the performance of its duties no later than the 31st March each year in relation to the performance of its functions for the preceding year.



**Development of Joint Louth/Meath Migrant Strategy**

## Meetings Held in 2018

Louth LCDC meetings were held on the following dates during 2018:-

- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

## Main Achievements in 2018

### Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) - Community Goals

The Louth LCDC has prepared a six year local community plan which includes actions to tackle poverty and disadvantage, support enterprise, employment and training, develop community infrastructure and the promotion of economic development. The actions (183 in number) are contained within eight overarching goals as follows:-

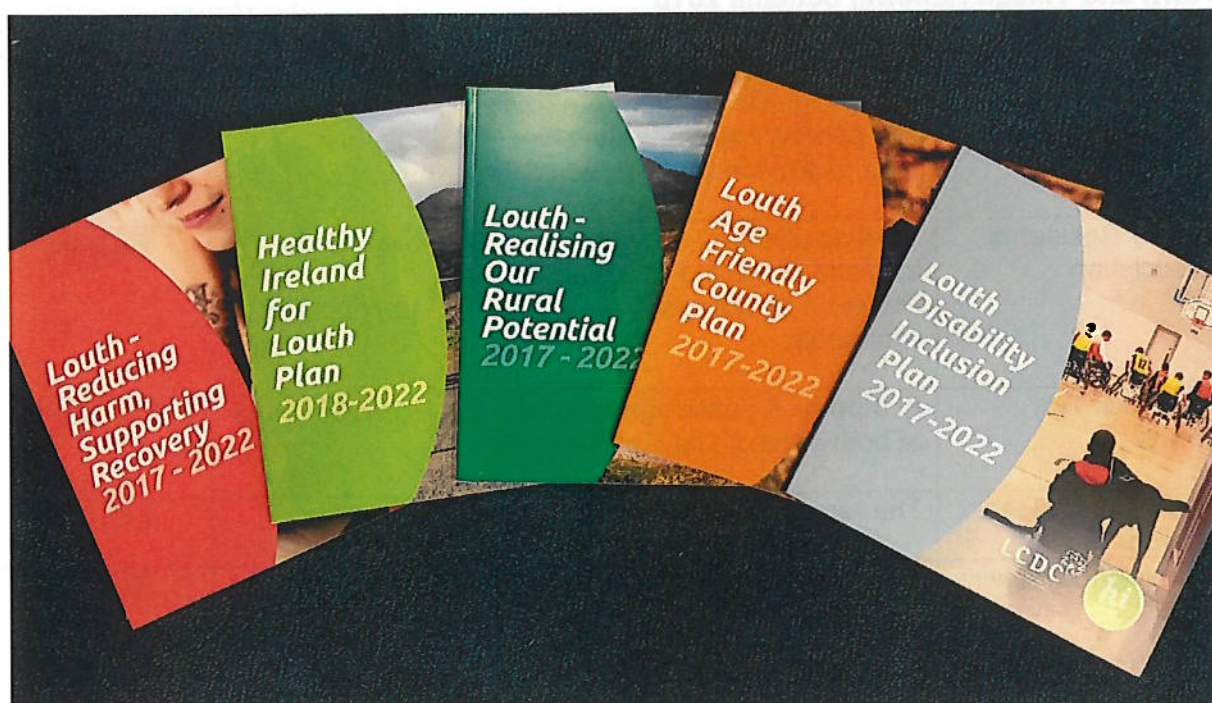
- Goal 1: Strong, safe and flourishing communities
- Goal 2: Access to education
- Goal 3: Prosperous, inclusive communities and places
- Goal 4: Health and wellbeing
- Goal 5: Nurturing children and young people

- Goal 6: An age-friendly society
- Goal 7: Entrepreneurship, innovation and enterprise
- Goal 8: A valued environment

The LECP was adopted by Louth County Council in April 2016 and delivery of the actions continued during 2018. During 2018 two programme updates on the delivery of actions were presented to the LCDC on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The delivery of actions has been assisted by various initiatives and events throughout the year including the development and adoption of the following plans:-

- Healthy Ireland for Louth
- Louth Age Friendly Strategy
- Louth Disability Inclusion Plan
- Louth Reducing Harm Supporting Recovery Plan
- Louth Realising our Rural Potential



During 2018 the LCDC provided oversight in the allocation of funding across various funding programmes.

### CLÁR 2018

CLÁR Funding under Measure 2		
Group	Grant purpose	Allocation
Bush Post Primary	Footpath, Bus Shelter, Lighting, Signs, Ramps, Road Markings	€50,000
Cooley Community Enterprises Ltd - Fr Malachy Conlon	Improvements to Rathcor Shore	€7,087.50
Monksland National School	Footpaths	€30,000
Scoil Naomh Brid, Ardagh	Soft surface play area	€19,214.41

Jenkinstown Project Committee	Footpaths to link amenities	€30,000
Mullaghbuoy National School	Footpath & railings	€17,550
Rampark National School	Outdoor play area	€7,650
Dulargy National School	Outdoor play area	€16,020
Muchgrange National School	Construct walk way around football pitch including drainage works	€20,685.37
St Olivers National School Carlingford	Soft surface play area	€18,000
Cooley Complex	Refurbish all weather pitch	€50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>€266,207.28</b>

### Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018

Town/Village	Overview	Allocation
Togher Annagassan Dev Co (TADCO)	Ramps, public lighting from village to Ballygassan, a bus parking bay & the development of the harbour area to provide facilities for camper vans.	€100,000
Baltray Residents Association	Viewing platform, outdoor Exercise equipment & upgrade of lighting at the promenade. Provision of storage shed and village greenhouses/allotments.	€42,400
Blackrock Tidy Towns	Footpaths & public lighting along the Rock Road and at both ends of Old Golf Links Road.	€100,000
Friends of Collon Church	The repair of roof of Collon Church of Ireland.	€80,000
Dromiskin Tidy Towns	Extension of footpaths to add to works carried out under the 2017 scheme.	€72,000
Drumshallon Forge Heritage Centre	Resurface car park & construction of hard surface path around the old cottage.	€76,000
Greenore Tidy Towns & Residents Association	Repair cast iron railings & hedgerow between Anglesey Terrace and the Golf Club. The addition of 3 new cast bronze plaques. Planting of new trees along Greenore Promenade.	€75,809
Kilcurry Tidy Towns	New footpaths in Kilcurry.	€100,000
Kilkerley – Community Development Group	Resurface of existing car park at Kilkerley Community Centre.	€28,000
Louth Village Community Development Group	Provision of Heritage Signage. Installation of Wi-fi Hotspots. Improvement works to community centre, including disability access and improvements to lighting and the alarm, plus resurface of car park.  Installation of play equipment in playground for use by persons with a disability and upgrade of surface in the playground.	€57,948

	Addition of signal lighting to pedestrian crossing from playground to Eddie Murphy's shop.	
Monasterboice Tourism & Tidy Towns	The design, build and erection of 2 stainless steel/stone sculptures on R132 approach road into village.	€60,000
Termonfeckin Community Group	The upgrade of the beach car park and enhanced entrance at Seapoint beach. The upgrade of public lighting to assist an application for Green Coast Flag for Seapoint beach.	€100,000
		<b>€892,157</b>

### Healthy Ireland Fund 2018 - Strand 1 Round 2

Project Lead	Project Title	Allocation
Louth Age Friendly Alliance	Cycling without age	€8,587.50
LSP	Playground Marking Project	€10,432.50
Dundalk Youth Centre	Youth Health Project	€9,000
Youth Work Ireland	Travellers Womens Health Programme	€9,000
TURAS	Promoting Health & Wellbeing in Soberity	€8,170
Scouting Ireland	Healthy Food for Camp life	€10,000
O'Hanlon Park Boxing Club	Outdoor Obstacle and Associated Works	€10,810
Louth Leader Partnership	Social Farming Health and Wellbeing	€9,000
		<b>Total €75,000</b>



**Dancing for a Healthier Ireland**

## Community Enhancement Programme 2018

Group Name	Items	Final Grant Award
Ferdia Park, Ardee Environmental Group	Water pump (cast iron) & 2 seater bench	€1,000.00
Accord Drogheda	1 x CCTV camera for front door with monitor and installation	€584.53
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	Boiler replacement	€4,426.00
Ait Na Ndaoine Teoranta Cuidigh Linn	Office equipment - 2 x office chairs, 2 x office desks and 2 x mobile desk drawer	€806.88
Ardee & District Community Trust CLG	Ramps to building for disabled users and ancillary works, 10 x yoga mats, defibrillator, CCTV and blinds	€10,000.00
Ardee Concert Band	Re-roofing of 6 flat roofs to include insulation, flashing, guttering and water proofing etc.	€15,000.00
Autism Support Louth & Meath	1 projector, 1 Go-Pro, 1 Go-Pro accessory kit, 1 Laptop, 1 iPad, 1 camera, crash mat, sports equipment (1 no. rebounder, 2 x goals)	€1,500.00
Beechwood Drive Residents Association	1 no. Karcher push sweeper	€558.60
Cara Cancer Support Centre	Kitchen appliances - 1 no. x fridge, 1 x freezer, 1x tumble dryer, 1 x washing machine, 1 x kettle & toaster set, 1 x coffee maker, 1 x dishwasher, 1 x tower fan, 1 x cooker, 1 x cooker hood	€2,121.97
Castlebellingham - Dromiskin Cardiac First Responders	8 x Mannequins and accessories for CPR exercises and training	€4,280.40
Castlebellingham / Kilsaran Env. Group & Tidy Towns	Signs	€800.00
Claddaghs Treasures Preschool	Upgrade of playground - 1 no. piece of equipment and 3 additional pieces i.e. swing & slide set	€4,035.00
Clann Naofa Boxing Academy	1 x Boxing Ring	€2,000.00
Connect Family Resource Centre	Financial package - training & laptop x 2. 1 x CCTV camera with monitor and installation	€4,284.00
Cox's Demesne Youth & Community House)	Upgrade to facility (outside painting) and exercise equipment	€4,048.00
Craobh Rua Community Youth Project	1 x Marquee, 1 x flooring for marquee, 6 x folding tables & 48 x chairs	€5,423.27
Creative Spark CLG	Defibrillator	€1,345.00
Dealgan Amateur Boxing Club	Rubber flooring and boxing sports equipment	€13,086.00

Development Perspectives	IT Equipment - 2 x Dell notebooks, 1 x projector, 1 x scanner - including set up and anti-virus	€1,918.73
disABILITY Louth	Hearing Loop & Samsung Galaxy Tablet	€3,000.00
Drogheda & District Support 4 Older People	Internal lobby area to exclude drafts, two wall mounted electric radiators and desk screen divider	€12,740.00
Drogheda ABACAS	1 replacement door	€1,800.00
Drogheda Community Services Trust	2 no. Filing Cabinets (fire proof)	€4,797.00
Drogheda Homeless Aid	Upgrade flooring in common areas. Additional items include kitchen deep clean	€11,316.55
Drogheda Job Initiative CLG	1 no. Printer, installation and toners (2 sets)	€1,173.42
Drogheda Resource Centre Ltd	1 Defibrillator	€1,345.00
Drogheda Schools Community Programme	110 Chairs	€2,750.00
Drogheda Special Olympics Club	Refurbishment of main hall & purchase sports equipment - floorball rink	€17,907.14
Dundalk Red Cross	4 x defibrillators & First Aid Training Class. Additional items include CCTV	€3,500.00
Dundalk Sheltered Housing	Fencing around sheltered housing	€8,342.55
Dundalk Social Service Council	Packaging for meal distribution	€4,000.00
Dundalk Youth Centre	Painting of exterior of building and provision of an IT suite	€18,363.00
Dunleer Community Development Board	2 new printers	€1,000.00
Epilepsy Ireland	Training course - 2 resource workers	€1,350.00
Failte Isteach - Dundalk (3rd Age)	1 x tablet	€1,005.00
Family Addiction Support Network	Launch event and printing of research project report	€5,000.00
Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre	1 no. Defibrillator & PHECC training course for 6 participants	€5,000.00
Grove Rangers Boys & Girls Soccer Club	Upgrade of football pitch & container for changing rooms	€10,000.00
Hollys Horse Haven Charity	Pro Wood Lathe / Pottery Wheel and Craft Kiln, projector, cctv and signage	€4,058.54
Holy Family Parish Community Creche	1 no. Defibrillator	€1,345.00
Ionad nDaoine an tShlanaitheora Teoranta	Installation of fire safety doors	€11,365.20
Irish Wheelchair Association	4 no. pieces of new accessible exercise equipment	€5,973.15
Irish Wheelchair Association - Ardee	Bathroom upgrade & develop sensory garden	€21,573.28

Lifestyle Development Group CLG	New shed, New telephone system, Artificial grass, 1 printer, 3 office shredders, 1 cabinet, 1 pc and set up	€11,067.00
Lourdes Brass Band	Student Cornets, refurbishment of learning environment, music stands etc.	€4,030.00
Louth - Irish Water Safety	3 x Kayak / Surf Skis	€4,800.00
Louth Village Community Centre Committee	1x Audio Visual Equipment System, 1x speaker system, replace chairs, tables & soft furnishings, Bouncy Castle/soft play equipment etc.	€24,215.61
Louth Volunteer Centre	1 x Projector screen, 1 x portable speakers with microphones, 1 x bluetooth speakers- 2 no. encrypted laptops + phone system	€3,600.00
MAD Youth Theatre	1 x camera and 1 x tripod for training in film/photography classes for youth workshops	€982.97
Moneymore Community House	Business size - 1 x tumble dryer, 1 x dishwasher, 1 x steam cleaner, 1 x vacuum cleaner, 1 x lawnmower and new soffitts and fascias	€14,557.02
MS Ireland - Louth Branch	Yoga Exercise class equipment mats and bands. Purchase of 1 x iPad	€1,100.00
Muirhevnamor Community Council	Energy efficiency works	€20,000.00
Muirhevnamor Community Youth Project	Replacement of all floor coverings in after-school rooms and purchase of kitchen equipment i.e. Cooker, fridge, dryer etc.	€3,368.04
Muirhevnamor Football Club	Dugouts and Ballstops	€13,353.00
NR Louth Alzheimers Soc. of Ireland	IT equipment - 3 no. iPads and cases. Additional items to include Laptop (hi Spec) and Kitchen Equipment (white goods)	€4,682.00
Oriel Traditional Orchestra	Music stands with lights, portable instruments i.e. Keyboards etc.	€5,508.00
Redeemer Celtic FC	Ride on lawnmower and installation costs for netting	€7,000.00
RehabCare Group	IT equipment, sporting equipment and defibrillator	€9,016.50
SOSAD Ireland	5 Computers	€3,000.00
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland	1 x iPad & keyboard	€524.84
St. Laurence's Gate Brownies Unit of the Irish Girl Guides	1 printer, 1 camera and 5 no. play/activity packs	€914.48
St. Oliver's Scouts	IT equip to include: 1 x Projector, 1 x GoPro Camera, 1 x GoPro kit, 1 x laptop, 1 x iPad Pro, & Sports Equipment - 1 crash mat, 1 x Goal	€1,000.00

St. Patrick's Scout Group	1 x Exterior sign with signage lighting	€1,861.40
The Ferrard Day Centre	16 chairs upholstered, 1 folding table & 1 storage unit	€4,221.36
The Louth Age Friendly County Initiative Ltd.	36 x Tablets	€9,987.60
The Red Door Project	Alarm system &/or cctv system +4 participant laptops	€8,629.70
Tredagh Lodge Day Care Centre Alzheimer Society	1 no. Digital Chair Weighing Scales & Computer	€1,680.00
Turas Counselling	2 x laptops, 1 x hoover, 1 x printer, 1 x tablet, 9 x office chairs and 4 x tables	€6,959.27
Women's Aid Dundalk	IT Equipment - 4 PC's with monitors, software and anti-virus. Additional items to include attic Insulation and refurbishment of Den for refugees	€6,500.00
		<b>€408,482.00</b>

## LEADER

The LEADER Programme 2014-2020 was launched in Co. Louth in February 2017 with a project budget of €4.5million to be allocated to projects under three programme measures:-

- Economic and Enterprise Development and Job Creation
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Environment

### Notable Achievements in 2018 included:-

- 2018 saw the Local Action Group (LAG) approve funding of €1.7million to projects across all three measures.
- 34 contracts were issued project promoters across the County.
- Women' Aid Dundalk received funding to deliver a training programme 'Parenting Through Trauma-Domestic Violence'.
- Comholtas Ceoltoiri na hEireann was awarded grant aid towards the infrastructural costs of the Fleadh.
- Funding was granted to Louth Tidy Towns Together to deliver development plans for a number of towns and villages in the County.
- The LAG also awarded grant aid to a number of community projects including the provision of a community walking track and upgrading of community centres.
- 127 Expressions of Interest for Funding were received in 2018 by the implementing partner, Louth Leader Partnership. Louth County Council is the lead financial partner for the LEADER Programme in Co. Louth.

### LEADER Programme:-

	TOTAL	2017	2018
Expressions of Interest (EOI) Received	286	159	127
EOI eligible for Funding	95.10%	94.97%	95.28%
Ineligible for Funding	4.90%	5.03%	4.72%

Contracts Issued	53	19	34
Initial Project Meetings	408	141	267
Site Visits	145	41	104
Website Visits	6065	3612	2453
<b>LAG funding approval 2018</b>	<b>€1,183,533.20</b>	<b>€220,775.09</b>	<b>€962,758.11</b>
<b>Provisional Approval</b>			<b>€257,459.08</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>€1,220,217.19</b>

### **Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP 2018 - 2022)**

Following a public tendering process for the delivery of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme 2018-2022 in late 2017, Louth Local Community Development Committee awarded the contract to Louth LEADER Partnership CLG. Louth LEADER Partnership have delivered a range of Social Inclusion programmes in the County over the past 20 years.

The SICAP programme is overseen by the LCDC and the LCDC have established a Social Inclusion sub-group to support and monitor the implementation of the SICAP programme.

#### ***SICAP 2018-2020 has two high level goals:***

##### ***Goal 1: Supporting Communities:***

'To support communities and target groups to engage with relevant stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues, developing the capacity of Local Community Groups and creating more sustainable communities'

##### ***Goal 2: Supporting Individuals:***

'To support disadvantaged individuals to improve the quality of their lives through the provision of lifelong learning and labour market supports'

#### **Notable achievements during 2018 include:**

In 2018 Louth Leader Partnership supported 66 community groups and registered 1475 individuals.

- 66 communities developed community plans
- 11 groups received small grants
- 1,025 individuals engaged in lifelong learning labour market supports
- 110 individuals were supported into employment
- 146 individuals referred by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection were supported to establish their own businesses through the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
- 37 individuals received education grants
- 39 individuals received enterprise grants

#### **Peace IV Programme 2018**

- Targeted and locally-based response to needs identified in the Peace IV Cooperation Programme.

- Outcome: results-focused Action Plan focusing on three specific themes: projects based on tangible outputs and measurable change within lifetime of plan.

## Peace IV Themes

The themes are children and young people, shared spaces and services and building positive relations with a focus on reconciliation activities, including cross border initiatives, connections with PEACE III and quality of cross-border and cross-community activities and relationships.

## Peace IV Target Groups

The targets groups considered in the programme include women, victims and survivors, communities with low social capital, young people, older people, faith communities, disability arising from legacy of violence and ex prisoners.

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) has approved 16 projects with a combined value of €3.1m

Allocation for Louth's Action Plan (ERDF 85%): **€3,129,717.33**

Theme	Amount
Children & Young People	€736,969.95
Shared Spaces & Services	€867,838.40
Building Positive Relations	€1,524,908.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,129,717.33</b>

## Official Launch May 2018

The official launch of Louth Peace IV Action Plan took place in May 2018 and was attended by many members of LCDC and Louth PPN.

Chief Executive of Louth County Council, Joan Martin stated: "We are confident that with the full support of the LCDC, PEACE IV Partnership, the SEUPB, and most importantly, engagement and participation from the wider community, that the rollout of the Local Action Plan will help to promote and to stimulate economic and social development in Co Louth."

In her address, Chief Executive of SEUPB Gina McIntyre commented: "The European Union's PEACE IV Programme has been specifically designed to promote greater levels of reconciliation within local communities. Approximately one third of the total value of the programme has been allocated to councils like Louth to help to deliver this, through PEACE Action Plans. The support available under these plans will be delivered at a local level, where it is needed most, in order to develop new cross-community partnerships that will help to heal divided communities."

## Procurement Process

The final letter of offer received by Louth County Council in 2018 has been signed and returned to SEUPB.

The procurement process for the Peace IV Programme commenced and contracts have been finalised and signed off on the first five Peace IV Projects in Louth.

*The successful projects are as follows:-*

- Creative Interventions – €279,495.00
- Muirhevnamor Peace Programme - €111,996.00
- Anti Clockwise - €162,500.00
- Civic Leadership & Peace Building Project - €100,000.00
- Youth Arts Peace Building Programme - €50,000.00

Three projects namely Youth Arts Peace Building Programme, Civic Leadership & Peace Building Project & Anti clockwise held their official launch in 2018.

The objective of the projects is to make a real and lasting difference to young people's lives in Co. Louth. The projects will impact directly on the lives of 600 young participants. The projects are within the Children & Young People theme.

The procurement process continues for the remaining projects.

## **Funding Scheme Timeframes**

The LCDC was pleased to avail of and oversee the drawdown and successful allocation of the Department funding grant schemes including, CLÁR 2018, Town & Village Renewal 2018, Healthy Ireland Fund Strand 1 Round 2 and Community Enhancement Programme despite the challenging timeframes associated with these schemes.

## LCDC Membership in 2018

Public Sector	
Louth County Council	Clr Colm Markey
Louth County Council	Clr Dolores Minogue
Louth County Council	Clr Pearse McGeough
Louth County Council	Clr Liam Reilly
Louth County Council Official	Joan Martin
Louth County Council Official	Thomas Mc Evoy
Louth Meath ETB	Sadie Ward McDermott
DEASP	Anne Keeley
HSE	Annette McDonnell
Private Sector	
Louth Leader Partnership	Ciaran Reid
Community & Voluntary Interests	Larry Magnier
Community & Voluntary Interests	Joanne Finnegan
Social Inclusion	Kevin Moran
Social Inclusion	Geordie McAteer
Environment	Breffni Martin
Farming	Matthew McGreehan
Chamber of Commerce Dundalk	Michael Gaynor- replaced by Pat McCormick ratified by LCC June 2018
Chamber of Commerce Drogheda	Breannán Casey
Louth Volunteer Centre	Grainne Berrill

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

