



**Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Lú  
Louth Local Community Development  
Committee**

## **Annual Report 2020**

**Ms. Joan Martin, MCC, Chairperson, Louth Local Community Development  
Committee**

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

**LOUTH LCDC  
2020  
HIGHLIGHTS**



**€2.04M AWARDED FOR  
LEADER PROJECTS**



**23 INDIVIDUALS  
RECEIVED  
ENTERPRISE  
GRANTS**



**2 FUNDS ADOPTED**



**74 COMMUNITY  
GROUPS RECEIVED  
DEVELOPMENT  
SUPPORTS**



**1,086 INDIVIDUALS  
SUPPORTED  
THROUGH LIFELONG  
LEARNING**



**€235K AWARDED  
UNDER COMMUNITY  
ENHANCEMENT  
PROGRAMME**



**Membership of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in 2020**

Public Sector	
Louth County Council	Cllr. Liam Reilly
Louth County Council	Cllr. Ruairí O' Murchú replaced by Cllr. Kevin Meenan ratified by LCC March 2020
Louth County Council	Cllr. Eileen Tully
Louth County Council	Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Louth County Council Official	Joan Martin
Louth County Council Official	Thomas Mc Evoy
Louth Meath ETB	Sadie Ward McDermott
DSP	Anne Keeley
HSE	Annette McDonnell replaced by Martina Ralph ratified by LCC March 2020
Private Sector	
Louth Leader Partnership	Ciarán Reid
Community & Voluntary Interests	Alison Quail
Community & Voluntary Interests	Joanne Finnegan
Social Inclusion	Kevin Moran
Social Inclusion	Geordie McAteer
Environment	Elizabeth O' Reilly
Farming	Matthew McGreehan replaced by John Carroll ratified by LCC May 2020
Chamber of Commerce Dundalk	Pat Mc Cormick replaced by Sean Farrell ratified by LCC September 2020
Chamber of Commerce Drogheda	Breannán Casey
Louth Volunteer Centre	Gráinne Berrill

## A Message from the Chairperson



Welcome to the 2020 Annual Report of the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). It has been almost a year since the threat of an unprecedented global pandemic became a reality. Since then, Ireland and every country in Europe and throughout the world have had to take dramatic action to contain the terrible toll that this virus can take. Every aspect of social, economic and cultural life has been turned upside down as we have worked to shield those most at risk and to limit the damage.

Since April 2020 when the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic changed so much for us all and with the introduction of restrictions the LCDC decided, for the purpose of business continuity, to move meetings to a virtual platform. The LCDC held its first virtual meeting on the 18th May and all subsequent meetings were successfully held via teleconference utilising Zoom.

The LCDC is required to prepare and submit a report to the Local Authority on its activities during the last year. The LCDC provides strategic leadership at a local level and is responsible for the planning and oversight of a substantial amount of local development spends on behalf of the of the State or by other local development agencies and have brought a new collaborative approach which is reflected in the framework set out in the Local Economic Community Planning process. The input of Members has been crucial in the implementation of the community elements of the Local Economic & Community Plan.

In Louth we have a strong tradition of mutual cooperation between local government and local development sectors both at an informal and formal level and the establishment of the LCDC has helped cement this partnership.

The prospect to promote equality of opportunity through funding programmes is a central motivational factor of the LCDC. Despite the COVID 19 restrictions during 2020 the LCDC continued to embark upon an ambitious work programme with responsibility for the oversight and coordination of many funding programmes including Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), the Communities Enhancement Programme (CEP) Covid 19 Emergency Fund (CEF) and the latest iteration of the Healthy Ireland initiative. Louth LCDC is also central to the Rural Development and LEADER programmes, and 2020 saw the Local Action Group (LAG) approve funding of €2.04 million to projects throughout the county.

This year saw the third year of the implementation of SICAP 2 (2018 – 2022) and ensures continuity in the delivery of this programme by Louth Leader Partnership Company. SICAP provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. The outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic has impacted on the delivery of these programmes with local development companies and community groups having to adapt to meet the ongoing challenges' faced by the imposed restrictions.

Input from the Public Participation Network (PPN), through the five PPN representatives on the LCDC committee and the link they make to the PPN is invaluable. This link is vital to the relevance of the LCDC for our communities and the valuable and positive contribution they make to civic life in Louth. This has never more evident than during the current Covid 19 pandemic.

The work of the LCDC is supported by the staff in the Community section of Louth County Council. The success and relevance of the LCDC is heavily dependent on the commitment and expertise of this staff. I would like to commend the Director of Services and Chief Officer, Paddy Donnelly and all the staff in the Community section for their work in developing and enhancing structures in the LCDC and partnerships with communities, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups.

This year has tested us all. It has tested our determination, our resolve and our resilience. People have lost. People have missed out. Thousands have lost their jobs and their incomes. Many have lost their businesses and their plans for the future. We have all missed out on precious time with our families and we miss out on our simple routines. Most tragically, thousands of families have lost a loved one to this awful virus. I, therefore, send my heartfelt condolences and good wishes to every grieving family.

Recent news of progress with vaccines has brought much needed hope as we finally see some glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. Between today and when the vaccines are widely administered, we must remain vigilant and we must accept the need to limit our activities. As a country, we have worked together to achieve great things in limiting the spread and impact of this deadly virus. This work is ongoing and we have shown how much we can achieve.

*Joan Martin, Chairperson Louth LCDC*

## Introduction

Local Community Development Committees (LCDC's) are required, under the provisions of Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001, to prepare, adopt and submit an annual report to the local authority, no later than the 31st March each year, in respect of the performance of its functions in the previous calendar year. The annual report should be coordinated with the preparation of the local authority's annual report and include an outline of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) activities in the relevant period. At a minimum the report should cover each of the LCDC functions, as outlined in the Act, but also other areas of activity such as development, review or implementation of community elements of the plan and contributing to the economic objectives of the Plan, both in its development and implementation.

## Purpose and Function of Louth LCDC

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.

## Meetings Held in 2020

Louth LCDC meetings were held on the following dates during 2020:-

- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 (Held via Correspondence)
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions)
- 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in consultation with the members the meeting in March was held via correspondence and April's meeting was cancelled. In keeping with the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions it was decided to move to a virtual platform and all subsequent meetings were held via teleconference utilising Zoom.

## 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

## Local Economic Community Plan - Progress Report Updates to June 2019

The LECP was adopted by Louth County Council in April 2016 and implementation of the plan commenced during 2016.

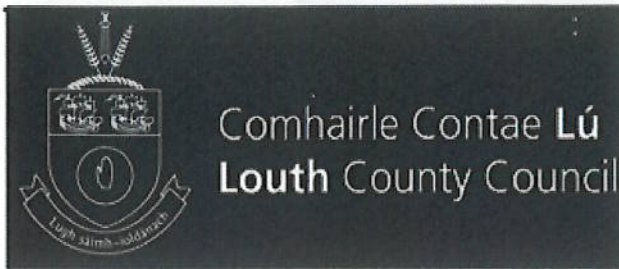
The oversight of the community elements of the LECP is a statutory role for the LCDC. During 2019 a review was carried out of the progress on the implementation of the Community elements of the LECP (8 Goals and 183 community actions). All Community lead agencies were contacted to provide an update on their actions as at the 30th June 2019. A narrative for each action was included in the report. The report emphasised the positives & negatives and also highlighted actions which had not yet started or at risk. The report was presented for noting to the LCDC at their meeting in February 2020.

Members approved the report and acknowledged there were only a small number of actions in the - not yet started or at risk category and suggested these be closely monitored in future.

The delivery of community actions has been assisted by various initiatives and events throughout the year including:

Notable achievements in 2020 include:-

- Launch of a Joint Louth Meath New Migrant Integration Strategy
- LCDC Meetings moved to virtual platform held via teleconferencing ensuring business continuity
- Approved funding towards the purchase of two community buses
- €2.4M in LEADER Funding approved for projects economic, social and rural
- PPN membership rose by 25% to 401 registered groups
- Continued communication to community groups through the Friday Communiqué
- Members approved the progress report on 183 actions supporting community goals contained in the LECP
- Sustainable, Inclusive & Empowered Communities: A five year strategy to support the community & voluntary sector in Ireland 2019-24 was approved.
- LEADER launched the County Louth Social Enterprise Strategy 2019-2022



## Louth and Meath New Joint Migrant Integration Strategy 2019-2022

Louth County Council and Meath County Council have developed a joint Migrant Integration Strategy for 2019-2022.

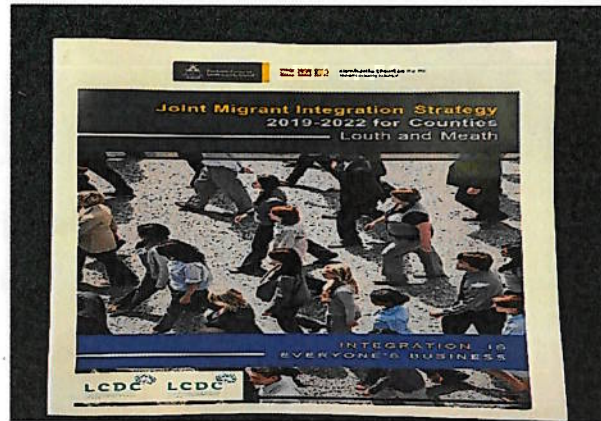
The population of Counties Meath and Louth have become more diverse over the last number of years. It is timely for both counties to focus on integration and inclusion of new communities and to consider what is needed to enable the areas to enjoy the benefits of diversity.

Effective integration requires on-going engagement by migrants, public services, businesses and communities. Communities play a crucial role in making those living within them feel at home.

Migrant Integration is a dynamic, multi-faceted and long-term process aimed at mutual accommodation and acceptance of the migrant and host populations. The new Joint Strategy aims to build on the National Migrant Integration Strategy 2017-2020 whose vision is that migrants and those of migrant origin are facilitated to play a full role in Irish society (in communities, workplaces and politics), that integration is a core principle of Irish life and that Irish society and institutions work together to promote integration.

**The Joint Meath & Louth Strategy foresees actions centered on five broad thematic headings:**

- Employment and economic activity;
- Education and training;
- Active civic and civil participation;
- Social inclusion - engaging and interacting with service providers and
- Social inclusion - expressing culture and identity; addressing discrimination and racism.



### Louth-Meath New Joint Migrant Integration Strategy and Forum

In September, nominations were sought of Representatives seeking election to the 'Louth/Meath Migrant Integration Forum' on behalf of Louth PPN.

Nominations were sought from Migrant Groups in the Louth PPN Social Inclusion Pillar.

Flora Okobi from Culture Connect has been nominated to sit on the Forum.



Minister for Justice and Equality, Helen McEntee pictured with Cathaoirleach Cllr. Dolores Minogue and Joan Martin, Chief Executive and Chair of the Louth LCDC, at the recent launch of the New Joint Louth Meath Migrant Integration Strategy.

During 2020 the LCDC provided oversight in the allocation of funding across various funding programmes.



**Health Ireland Fund Round 2: Reallocation of Funds:**

At the February LCDC meeting members approved, subject POBAL consented, the proposed reallocation of the unspent money by Actions 2, 5 and 6, received under Round 2 of the Healthy Ireland Fund, to the 5 Actions which reported an eligible over spend as set out above.

SUMMARY OF HEALTHY IRELAND FUNDING: ROUND 2					
Action	Name of Group	Total Budget	Total Spend	Over Spend	Under Spend
Action 1	Louth Age Friendly	€ 8,587.00	€ 9,302.50	€ 715.00	€ -
Action 2	Louth Sports Partnership	€10,433.00	€ 7,359.71	€ -	€3,073.29
Action 3	Dundalk Youth Centre	€ 9,000.00	€ 9,197.00	€197.00	€ -
Action 4	Youth Work Ireland	€ 9,000.00	€ 9,612.46	€612.46	€ -
Action 5	TURAS	€ 8,170.00	€ 7,750.78	€ -	€ 419.22
Action 6	Scouting Ireland	€10,000.00	€ 9,880.82	€ -	€ 119.18
Action 7	O' Hanlon Boxing Club	€10,810.00	€10,984.06	€174.00	€ -
Action 8	Louth Leader Partnership	€ 9,000.00	€ 9,100.00	€100.00	€ -
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>€75,000.00</b>	<b>€73,187.33</b>	<b>€1,798.46</b>	<b>€3,611.69</b>

**Health Ireland Fund 2019 - 2021 Strand 1 Round 3 Reallocation of Funds:**

At the July LCDC meeting members approved the proposed reconfiguration of the Healthy Ireland for Louth fund and with a budget of €45k from the under spend on the employment of the Healthy Ireland Coordinator. This money will focus on addressing significant identified issues by the Louth Community Call Forum arising from the lockdown during COVID-19. The money will be spent in the Community Engagement section of the fund and will deliver targeted Healthy Ireland engagement in the context of particular high profile issues arising from the lockdown.

**The targeted areas are:**

1. LGBTI+ young people in lock down with their parents while not out and struggling with their sexual identity
2. Young People suffering various forms of social abuse and thus losing confidence in their own identity
3. Older People being cocooned for 12 weeks and becoming dependent on people, often not family members or even people they may know, to ensure they are supplied with essentials

Project Lead	Project Title	Allocation
Louth County Council	Tobacco Free Playgrounds	€7,500
Dundalk Youth Services	Sexual Health Programme	€15,000
ALONE	Independent Living and Care for Older People in Their homes and Communities	€28,000
Social Farming Ireland and Louth Leader Partnership	Social Farming	€12,000
North Regional Drugs Task Force	Louth Young People's Peer Health and Wellbeing Programme	€15,000
Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator		€30,000
Louth County Council	Community Mental Health Fund Action: <b>Small Grants</b>	€30,000
Louth Leader Partnership	Community Mental Health Fund Action: <b>Wellness Programme</b>	€32,050
Louth County Council in partnership with North Leinster Citizens Information Services, ALONE, Dundalk Youth Services, and Outcomers Dundalk	Community Engagement	€75,000
		<b>Total</b> €244,550.00

The Department also provided a contribution towards the salary costs of a Healthy Ireland Fund coordinator for Louth-Meath. The new coordinator has been appointed and is actively engaging with the Department, POBAL and all projects leads, across both counties, to ensure the successful implementation of their respective programmes.

A full financial and progress report on all agreed Actions has been successfully submitted to POBAL ,via its online portal, ensuring compliance with all reporting commitments as set out in the Programme Guidelines.

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### Healthy Ireland Fund - Community Resilience Fund 2020

Members were informed that the Sláintecare Unit in the Department of Health, through the Health Ireland Fund (HIF) has allocated funding for a new initiative called the “Community Resilience Fund”. Some of this funding is allocated to Local Authorities. LCC’s allocation was €67,220.00. The activities funded under the Community Resilience Fund will contribute to the overall Government Plan for “Living with COVID-19”.

Louth County Council, under the Community Resilience Fund, are required to activate and deliver on key actions under the themes of “Staying Connected” and “Switching off and being creative” and have allocated funding to 9 actions under these themes as set out below.

Theme	Allocation
Your County	€20,720.00
Switching Off and Being Creative	€29,500.00
Staying Connected (Community Call)	€17,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€67,220.00</b>

All members received, for their information, a detail breakdown of all the actions/projects funded under this initiative.

### Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2020

The LCDC at its meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 approved funding, under the CEP, in the amount of €64,790. Funding was allocated across each Municipal District Area. The Dundalk District received €29,044, Drogheda District received funding of €22,341 and Ardee District receiving €13,405. In total 28 different projects were awarded funding from a total of 44 applications.

Area	No of Applications	Allocation
County	15	€29,044.00
Dundalk	9	€22,341.00
Drogheda	4	€13,405.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>€64,790.00</b>

## Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2020: Community Centres & Buildings

The LCDC at its meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 approved funding, under the CEP – Community Centres & Buildings, in the amount of €169,823. Funding was allocated across each Municipal District Area. The Dundalk District received €76,128, Drogheda District received funding of €58,560 and Ardee District receiving €35,135. In total 29 different projects were awarded funding from a total of 36 applications.

Area	No of Applications	Allocation
County	11	€76,128.00
Dundalk	11	€58,560.00
Drogheda	7	€35,135.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>€169,823.00</b>

## National Integration Fund Application 2020

### 1. Purpose of the grant:

The purpose of the NIF 2020 is to support communities across Ireland to play a greater role in promoting the integration of migrants. This application was open at a regional and national level.

Louth LCDC and Meath LCDC together with the new Louth Meath Joint Migrant Integration Forum made an application to assist implementation of the Louth Meath New Joint Migrant Integration Strategy (LMNJMIS). The application covered all of counties Louth and Meath, however both LCC and MCC proposed to deliver the programme in each of their respective areas using the same approach as the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF).

The value of the fund at national level was €750,000 per year for 3 years with a minimum grant of €10,000 and a maximum grant of €250,000.

Louth LCDC made an application in the amount of:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
€80,559	€61,559	€60,719	€202,837

Unfortunately Louth was unsuccessful in its application, on behalf of Louth LCDC, submitted to the Department of Justice & Equality for funding under this initiative.

**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 LCDC awarded the contract to Louth LEADER Partnership Company.

In 2020 SICAP supported 74 community groups and registered 1086 individuals.

- 74 community groups received developmental supports
- 18 Local Community Groups received small grants
- 1086 individuals engaged in lifelong learning labour market supports
- 11 individuals were supported into employment
- 48 individuals referred by the Department of Social Protection were supported to establish their own businesses through the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
- 80 individuals received education grants
- 23 individuals received enterprise grants
- 3 Social Enterprise received a social enterprise grant



**Andrew Forde PO DRCD addressing the launch of the Social Enterprise Strategy**



**Cllr Liam Reilly Chairperson LCDC addressing launch of SE strategy**



**Series of SICAP wellbeing videos in response to COVID-19, Hosted on [www.louthleaderpartnership.ie](http://www.louthleaderpartnership.ie)**

**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 measures:-

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



Throughout 2020, which was the final year in the current LEADER Programme, work continued to deliver support for rural development projects, initiated at a local level, in order to revitalise rural areas and create jobs: Items worth noting include:

- The Local Action Group (LAG) approved funding of €2.04 million to projects across all three measures. Grant aid awarded ranged in size from €1,254.61 to €199,701.70.
- 68 contracts were issued to project promoters throughout the County.
- Introduction to Composting and Introduction to Energy Training took place at the start of 2020 and was rolled out across the County with over 60 participants taking part in the programmes.
- Monasterboice Tourism and Tidy Towns were awarded grant aid of €7,484 towards the costs of carrying out work on a wetland, woodland and nature walk in their area.
- Funding of €10,323 was granted to Dinosca Limited, a company based in Ardee, towards the cost of specialised equipment to assist their business expansion plans.
- The LAG awarded, under the Activity/Adventure Tourism measure, a grant of €76,125.00 to Carlingford Adventure Centre which will enable them to roll out the expansion of their tourism adventure and activity offering for families and groups.
- Grant aid was awarded to a number of wide-ranging community projects including the upgrading of community centres/facilities.
- The Red Door Project in Drogheda received grant aid of €138,520. This funding will enable essential upgrade work to take place at their premises on the Dublin Road in Drogheda.
- Under the Social Inclusion measure, Dunleer Community Development Board was awarded grant aid of €7,290 to launch the 'Dunleer Young People 5 Year Plan'.
- 141 Expressions of Interest for Funding were received in 2020 by the implementing partner, Louth LEADER Partnership. Louth County Council is the lead financial partner for the LEADER Programme in Co. Louth.
- The Local Authority, in their role as lead financial partner, continued to carry out Article 48 checks on all project application and claims.

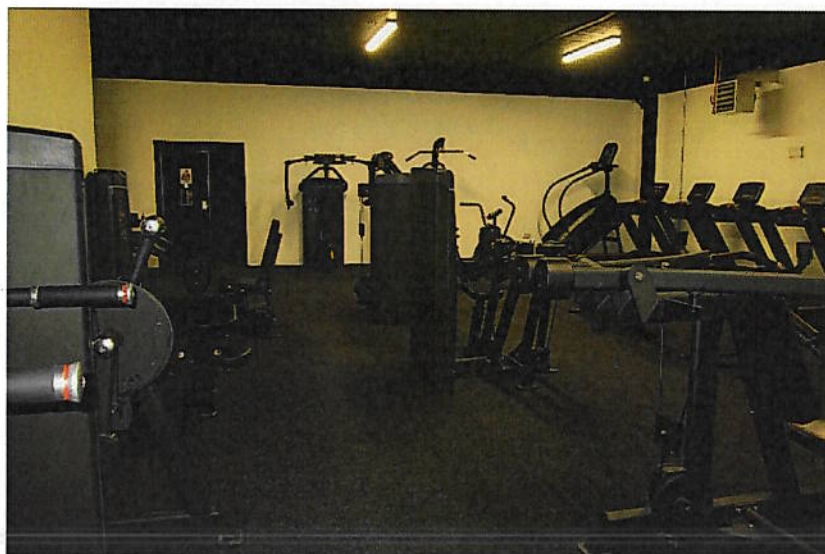
**LEADER**



**Ardee St. Mary's GFC Walking Track which received LEADER funding**



**Drogheda Alzheimers accepting their Letter of Offer for Grant towards the building of their new Day Centre in Drogheda**



**Zoo Fitness in Ardee which received LEADER Grant Aid towards the cost of Equipment.**

**LEADER Programme in numbers:**

	TOTAL	2017	2018	2019	2020
Expressions of Interest (EOI) Received	569	159	127	142	141
EOI eligible for Funding	96.67%	94.97%	95.28%	97.88%	98.59%
Ineligible for Funding	3.33%	5.03%	4.72%	2.11%	1.41%
Contracts Issued	171	19	34	50	68
Initial Project Meetings	793	141	267	311	74
Site Visits	327	41	104	136	46
Website Visits	9588	3612	2453	3523	3736
<b>LAG Funding Approval</b>	<b>€4,490,218</b>	<b>€220,775</b>	<b>€962,758</b>	<b>€1,265,211</b>	<b>€2,041,474</b>
<b>Provisional Approval</b>			<b>€257,459</b>	<b>€222,101</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,490,218</b>	<b>€220,775</b>	<b>€1,220,217</b>	<b>€1,487,312</b>	<b>€2,041,474</b>

## Peace IV Programme



The PEACE IV Programme is a unique cross border initiative, financed through the European Regional Development fund (ERDF) of the European Union and managed by the Special EU Programme Body (SEUPB). It has been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

The programme in Co Louth targets those groups particularly impacted by the legacy of the troubles/conflict e.g. young and older people, women, the faith community, victims and survivors, those suffering from physical or mental disability arising from the legacy of violence, political ex-prisoners and displaced persons.

Implementation has been progressing satisfactorily on the live projects throughout 2020 and a positive impact is being evidenced, particularly in relation to youth projects.

Due to the Public Health Crisis in Ireland with the spread of the Coronavirus in March, most Peace IV projects in Louth quickly moved to online delivery to continue with implementation.

Over the summer period, we were pleased to see that so many projects emerging from the restrictions and adopting novel ways of working so that meaningful and safe contact occurred for their participants, thereby ensuring the continuation of their services.

### ***Highlights from 2020:***

#### **Anti Clockwise Project – Featured in Prestigious EU magazine**

We were delighted when the Anti clockwise project in Louth was selected to be showcased in the Spring edition of the **SEUPB Corporate Magazine - Your EU**.

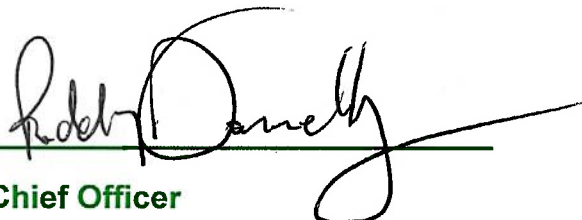
The article featured the celebration event held by the Anticlockwise project at An Tain Arts Centre in February in which ten acts took to the main stage to show the results of the time spent working with professional artists. The exhibition included a

short video montage of the young people's work including visual arts, theatre performances and live music.

In the article, Project Manager Kwise Boyce said: "This is a celebration of the young people's accomplishment and bringing communities together. I have witnessed the growth of the young people throughout this process, starting from a place of uncertainty and feeling challenged, growing to a place where they have a voice and expressing this voice through art."



*The Art Exhibition Poster, Feb 2020*

Signed:   
Chief Officer

Date: 18th February 2021