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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN



The project has been supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special European Programmes Body (SEUPB) and supported locally by Louth County Council and Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Match-funding has been provided by The Executive Office in Northern Ireland and the Department for Rural and Community Development in Ireland.





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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL



We are pleased to present this collection of case studies and photographs to mark the end of the Louth PEACE IV Local Action Plan. This plan has been delivered with the support and drive of the PEACE IV Partnership Board and our Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

Louth County Council received the Letter of Offer from the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) to the value of €3,507,150.93 to deliver on the activities proposed in our PEACE IV Action Plan. It was required to build upon the experience of previous PEACE programmes. It equipped individuals, groups, organisations and communities with the skills and capacity to realise their vision of a peaceful Louth.

It was informed by the Louth community's own statement of needs and demands findings and conclusions of extensive research and analysis undertaken by Louth County Council and others in profiling the county and in describing the particular challenges facing Louth as a border county with a demographic that has been shaped by the legacy of the conflict and, more recently, by the social and cultural changes that come with the establishment of the new communities in Louth.

Peace IV Action Plan

The County Louth Peace IV Action Plan was officially launched on the 8th May 2018. In attendance on the day were Cllr Colm Markey, Cathaoirleach Louth County Council, Joan Martin Chief Executive Louth County Council and Gina McIntyre Chief Executive SEUPB along with the members of the Peace IV Partnership committee.

The Action plan contained practical projects which contributed to the programmes results and delivered the agreed outputs of the strategic objectives under the three key themes of Children and Young People (CYP), Building Positive Relations (BPR) and Shared Spaces & Services (SSS).



Children and Young People (CYP)

Enhancing the capacity of children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society.



Building Positive Relations (BPR)

The promotion of positive relations characterised by respect, and where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.



Shared Spaces and Services (SSS)

The creation of a more cohesive society through an increased provision of shared spaces and services.





Shared Spaces and Services

A number of projects under this theme will help create a more cohesive society through an increased provision of shared spaces and services.

The funding has been provided by the EU's PEACE IV Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.



Children & Young People

Projects worth €730,000.00 under this theme will enhance the capacity of children and young people to form positive and inclusive relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society.

The funding has been provided by the EU's PEACE IV Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.



Building Positive Relations

Projects worth €1,024,000.00 under this theme will promote positive relations (interfaith, by region, where culture identity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together, from music, film and interactive).

The funding has been provided by the EU's PEACE IV Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.



Joan Martin

Chair of the PEACE IV Partnership Board

I am pleased to present this collection of case studies and photographs to mark the work done throughout our PEACE IV programme and celebrate all that was accomplished. This was all delivered with the support of our PEACE IV Partnership Board and our Local Community Development Committee.



Back in 2017 we were delighted to receive our letter of offer from the Special EU Programmes Body for just over €3 million to deliver on our proposed activities. The three key themes of these activities were Children & Young People, Building Positive Relations, and Shared Spaces.

The funding has enabled us to deliver activities and provide supports for actions that we would not normally receive funding for. Issues that are present in the border region are unique in Ireland and it is for this reason that PEACE funding and the support from SEUPB are essential to ensure cross community and cross border cohesion is achieved.

Our PEACE IV Action Plan has seen some great achievements, and good progress has been made in building cross community relationships. I look forward to working with our communities and partner agencies on future PEACE programmes.

Niall Gallagher

PEACE IV Programme Manager Louth

It is an absolute pleasure to see the work and fruition of so many great projects. It is sad to see them reach their conclusion but also satisfying to see the success and level of engagement in each one.



Having not been involved with this programme from the very start, I have had the benefit of looking back at all the elements and the overall conclusion, rather than watching it grow in real time. It is astonishing to see the level of detail and passion poured into each of the 16 projects represented.

There were numerous elements to each project and a wide range of activities undertaken, which were at all times underpinned by the delivery of Peace and Reconciliation targets. All of these have contributed to building positive relations and will have a legacy on all who took part and for the wider communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Louth PEACE IV Partnership and PEACE IV Tender Assessment Committee for their work as well as the programme facilitators and all those who provided support during the lifetime of this project as well as our own staff in the PEACE Office of Louth County Council.

Go raibh maith agait.



Louth PEACE IV

LCDC Local Action Plan

A collection of Photographs and case studies from the Louth PEACE IV Programme

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Muirhevnamor PEACE Programme – CYP

Delivered by Community Restorative Justice – CRJ

The development and coordination of a Youth Project, the project engaged approximately 221 Young People in a range of cultural diversity activities, workshops, training in leadership skills. The vast range of programme activities helped to build good relations and community capacity. The project engaged with community youth projects in Newry and Belfast.

The PEACE IV funded project organised a Multicultural Fun Day and Food festival in July 2019. This innovative cultural diversity programme provided the opportunity to create new, forward-thinking partnerships between different groups in order to promote cultural diversity and promote reconciliation.

The project organised a Multi-Cultural Football Tournament on 7th April 2019. It took place on the all Weather pitches at Dundalk Sports Centre, Muirhevnamor. The tournament involved Dundalk FC, Muirhevnamor FC, The House: Cox's and the Dundalk Islamic Centre. It provided an opportunity for young people to increase awareness and appreciate other cultures. The tournament was labelled as a celebration of Dundalk's multi-cultural society and aimed to break down barriers in terms of racism.





The tournament highlighted the good work being delivered through these collective partnerships. The children and young people came from all backgrounds, races and religions. It was attended by Dundalk FC team players Brian Gartland and Sean Murray, and Head Coach Vinny Perth. They spoke to the children and young people and signed autographs.





Youth Arts PEACE Building Project – CYP

Delivered by Dundalk Youth Centre (DYC)

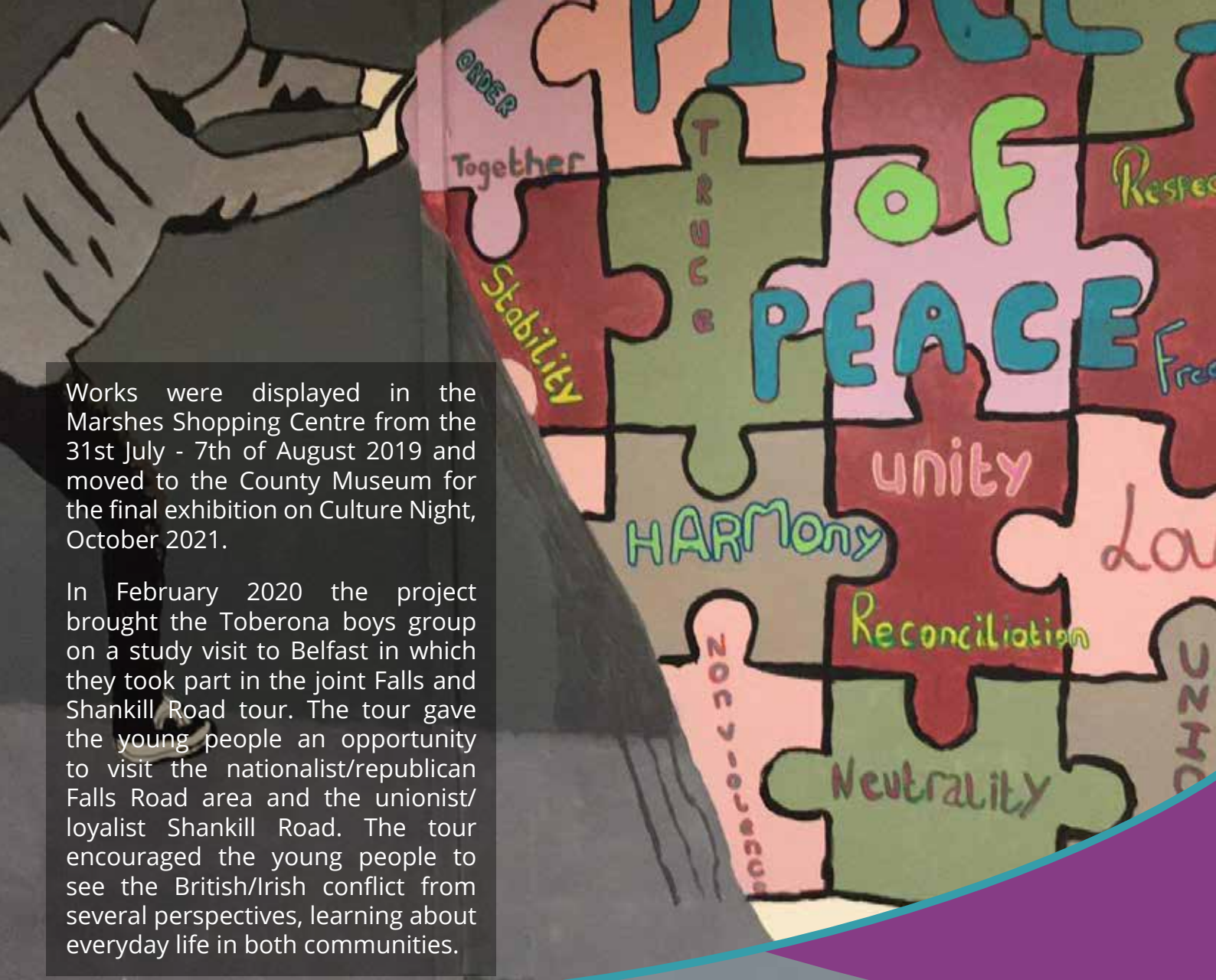
The development and coordination of a Youth Arts Peace Building Programme for Young People

This project aimed to develop young people's awareness of conflict and PEACE building through the medium of the arts (digital arts). This project aimed to target 200 young people (aged 10 – 24 years old). The project started in early 2019 and worked closely with community youth organisations in Dundalk to identify key arts projects and undertook study visits to places of interest in Ireland. The project worked with 224 young people on the various arts courses and based on the ideas generated from discussions with the groups of young people.

Youths from Craobh Rua Community Youth Project in Muirhevnamór took part in Visual Art Workshops. The youths worked on creative projects for PEACE. As a group they decided they would like to do Murals in their Youth Centre and recreated and personalized a piece of Art from Banksy which they have called their "Pieces of PEACE". On Wednesday 9th October 2019, in Craobh Rua community youth project, Youth Arts Peace Programme PEACE IV held pieces of Peace of Art Exhibition to show case and celebrate the fantastic Peace Murals created by the Young People of Craobh Rua.

The project teamed up with three local artists to deliver a series of twenty-four creative workshops with local schools. Class students from St. Josephs, Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan, C.B.S Primary, Castletown Girls Schools and the Redeemer participated in the monumental project to create a huge collaborative artwork project.





Works were displayed in the Marshes Shopping Centre from the 31st July - 7th of August 2019 and moved to the County Museum for the final exhibition on Culture Night, October 2021.

In February 2020 the project brought the Toberona boys group on a study visit to Belfast in which they took part in the joint Falls and Shankill Road tour. The tour gave the young people an opportunity to visit the nationalist/republican Falls Road area and the unionist/loyalist Shankill Road. The tour encouraged the young people to see the British/Irish conflict from several perspectives, learning about everyday life in both communities.





Anti-Clockwise – CYP

Delivered by Dundalk Youth Centre – DYC

The Anticlockwise project used the arts and drama to recruit 430 young people from South Armagh and County Louth. Over the duration of the project, the young people participated in the project elements which included Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Singing, Movement, Costume Design and filmmaking and performed their work at specially designed exhibitions.



From 2nd to 5th October 2019, in the Basement Gallery at An Tain Arts Centre a variation of artwork from young people across nine youth projects was on display to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the PEACE IV funded project Anticlockwise. The exhibition showcased the achievements of 132 young people from Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Omeath, Meigh and Killeen.



The project held a celebration event at An Tain Arts Centre on 19th February 2020 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.

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."



They received training in Peace and reconciliation. The training programme was a fundamental element of the project that built a strong learning group, introduced key learning topics on Conflict such as Racism, Discrimination and Sectarianism. This project gave opportunities for young people to refer this learning to their lives as young people growing up in County Louth and Armagh.

The Anti clockwise project in Louth was selected to be showcased in the Spring 2020 edition of the SEUPB Corporate Magazine - Your EU.





Civic Leadership and PEACE Building – CYP

Delivered by Dundalk Youth Centre – DYC

The Civic Leadership Project addressed the gap between young people and the decision-making bodies that make decisions on their behalf. 40 young people (13-18 year olds) were supported to identify the issues that affect their lives, examine the historical and cultural diversity that exists in this region and develop initiatives that will help to address legacy issues of trust, prejudice and intolerance.

The project aimed to develop dialogue and building Peace in County Louth and the Border Region during one of the most challenging times we probably have ever had due to the pandemic.

Dundalk Youth Centre held a two day residential programme in South Armagh for the group. This was important from a team building perspective and will enable far greater interaction and shared learning in future course elements.

The Civic Leadership Project worked with Louth Comhairle na nOg to provide training, study visits and events to understand Conflict and to help build a more peaceful future.

Louth Comhairle Na Nóg took part in a full day event in Bluebell Glamping in Mullaghbane, Co. Armagh as part of the Civic Leadership and Peace Building PEACE IV Project in July 2020. The members participated in workshops on racism and discrimination, outdoor survival skills and laughter yoga. The young people were delighted to finally get back meeting in person after months meeting over Zoom.

The project went on a Study trip to Berlin in April 2019 to see the impact of the wars on the city.

The closing event took place online on the 17th December 2021.







Cross Border Youth Council Networking Project – CYP

Delivered by Dundalk Youth Centre – DYC

The Cross Border Youth Council Networking Project aimed to bring young people together from both sides of the border to open dialogue around common issues and to develop initiatives to raise awareness, influence policy and to bring young people's unique perspective to decision making.

The project was officially launched by Dundalk Youth Centre on 20th June 2020 with representatives of the youth groups in attendance. The project aimed to bring youth councils from Louth, Monaghan, Cavan, Newry and Mourne, Armagh and Banbridge together for a series of training, dialogue events and study trips.

Activities involved a series of interactive dialogue events on topics such as Conflict, Education, Sport, Advocacy, Community safety and Covid. The project also delivered cross border days and study visits in between the lockdowns in 2021.

The project explored Peace Building from a young person's point of view and in particular looked at the role of young people as future leaders.







Adapting Aftermath Archives - CYP

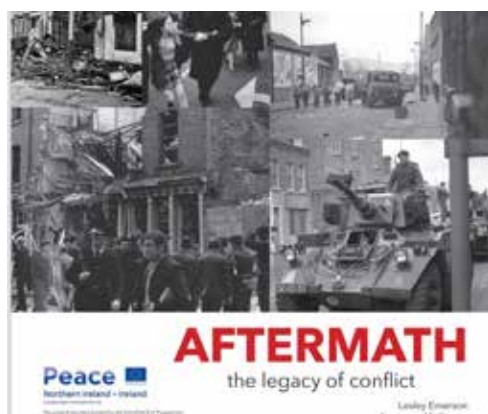
Delivered by Diversity Challenges – DC

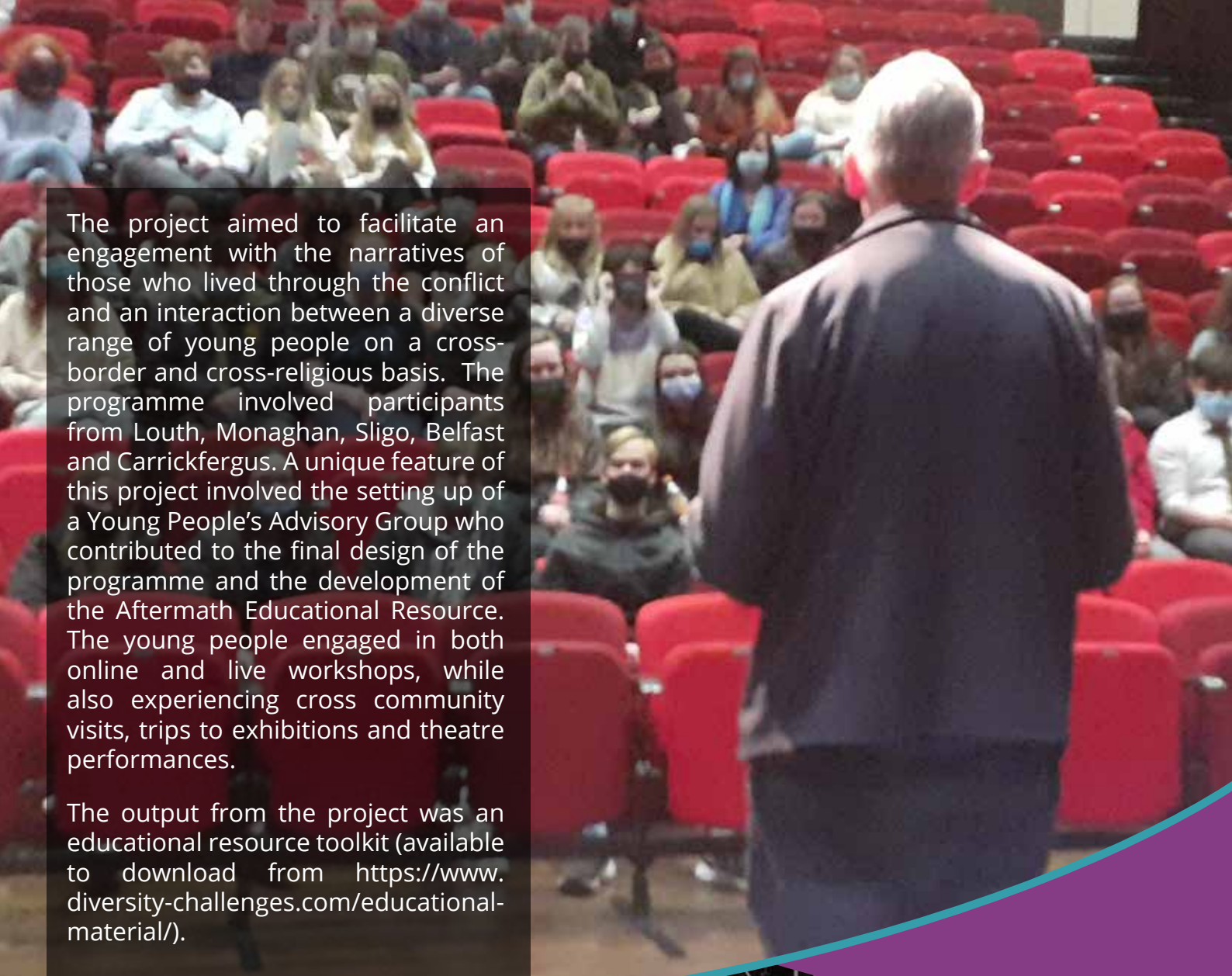
This was the final project of the Louth PEACE IV Programme under the theme CYP – Children and Young People. Engagement between Diversity Challenges and a young person’s advisory group (YPAG) co-developed the Adapting Aftermath Archives Programme.

The project was coordinated by Dr Laurence McKeown who devised and coordinated the original Aftermath project. Laurence therefore had a very detailed and intimate knowledge of the content of the Aftermath archives.

“The Aftermath Archive, as it is now known, was developed out of a project I designed and coordinated back in 2012-2014 called Aftermath (<https://www.diversity-challenges.com/aftermath-project/>). That project was also funded under the EU’S Peace Programme (then PEACE III) and the archive is a collection of both audio and filmed interviews, and photographs gathered from a very broad spectrum of people: former IRA volunteers, former members of the British Army, a former member of the RUC and PSNI, former members of the Irish Defence Forces, victims/survivors, a representative from ‘Families of the Disappeared’, those who reported for the media on the conflict, those who had been displaced from the North due to the conflict and arrived in Louth and reared their families here, and also others who escaped conflict in abroad and arrived in Ireland.”

The other partners in the project were Lesley Emmerson, and Kabosh Theatre. Lesley Emmerson, Lecturer in Education, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, at Queen’s University Belfast, worked with Laurence to develop the toolkit. Kabosh Theatre Company was responsible for the delivery of the toolkit through a series of workshops.





The project aimed to facilitate an engagement with the narratives of those who lived through the conflict and an interaction between a diverse range of young people on a cross-border and cross-religious basis. The programme involved participants from Louth, Monaghan, Sligo, Belfast and Carrickfergus. A unique feature of this project involved the setting up of a Young People's Advisory Group who contributed to the final design of the programme and the development of the Aftermath Educational Resource. The young people engaged in both online and live workshops, while also experiencing cross community visits, trips to exhibitions and theatre performances.

The output from the project was an educational resource toolkit (available to download from <https://www.diversity-challenges.com/educational-material/>).





Engagement and Signposting Service – BPR

Delivered by Youth Work Ireland

The project focused on rural engagement of young people in the areas of Dunleer, Ardee, Omeath, Carlingford and Clogherhead. 40 young people (aged 16 – 25) took part in the project over a two year period. Following the on-street targeting of youths for the programme, data gathering from the participants highlighted their need for local social spaces, local mental health services and local youth services in the rural areas in Louth. The project offered support, advice and a referral system to young people in the 5 areas.

The Signposting and Engagement project was managed by project manager Erin Finnegan, Youth Work Louth. The programme equipped the young people with the skills to access a wide range of resources and supported opportunities that are available to them as well as building positive relations. Some of the young people have undertaken youth training courses so that they can help out with junior summer camps and youth clubs that are happening in their areas.

During the lockdown the youth workers engaged with them over social media with quizzes, mental and physical health tips to get the young people through the days and weeks of lockdown.

The youths on the project engaged in a Zoom call with speakers from Nationalist and Protestant communities including a British Soldier.



The project finished up its Cross Community element with a day to visit to a decommissioned British Army base in South Armagh. The young people also took part in activities on the day.





The Good Relations Initiative – BPR

Delivered by Louth Volunteer Centre

Louth Volunteer Centre launched their Good Relations Initiative project in 2020. The aim of the EU PEACE IV funded programme was to give young people a space to explore who they are and the place of young people in our society. The programme also focused on looking at how diverse our society is and supporting young people to embrace this diversity.

The project sought to empower participants to become leaders in their own communities, leading the way through volunteerism to promote inclusiveness and reduce inequalities; creating more peaceful, cohesive societies.

The Good Relations Initiative was a short-term project that recognised the value of partnership working in creating sustainable outcomes for both individual participants and the broader community. During a global pandemic they were able to adapt all of our programmes to online. While it was very challenging, Louth Volunteer Centre had to be very creative to continue to engage both young people and adults.

The programme delivered seven capacity building training programmes, seven conflict resolution training programmes, and four Lifeskills youth programmes as well as six networking and training events to over a hundred people throughout County Louth and South Armagh.

Participants also explored how important volunteers are to our communities and the benefits of young people volunteering in their own community.



Gráinne Berrill, Louth Volunteer Centre Manager noted "Louth Volunteer Centre's role is essentially about building connections; helping people to feel connected to one another and their community through volunteerism. Now more than ever it is so important for young people to feel that connection so we are delighted to have been able to facilitate these Life skills programmes in Ardee and Drogheda"

In July 2021 an event was held in Bluebell Lane, Mullaghbawn, to celebrate the work of their Cross Border Women's groups. Members of Cooley Connect Well and South Armagh Women's Group were in attendance. The event included a showcase of PEACE quilts. All participants were presented with a certificate of completion by Michael Gaynor of Louth PEACE IV Partnership Committee.





Leading the way – BPR

Delivered by Blu Zebra Ltd

The PEACE IV Leading the Way project worked with a wide range of groups in the development of new skills in leadership for Peace building across Louth and in conjunction with cross border partners.

The programme aimed to increase understanding and appreciation of other cultures and communities and to build positive relations and to develop deep, meaningful, purposeful, and sustainable community relationships that underpin community engagement. Five different thematic groups were engaged in the programme from both sides of the border. Due to covid, the programme comprised online workshops and virtual site visits and virtual talks from guest speakers. Despite the online nature of the engagement, participants were able to engage openly and honestly with one another resulting in high quality and fruitful debate and discussion and new relationships.

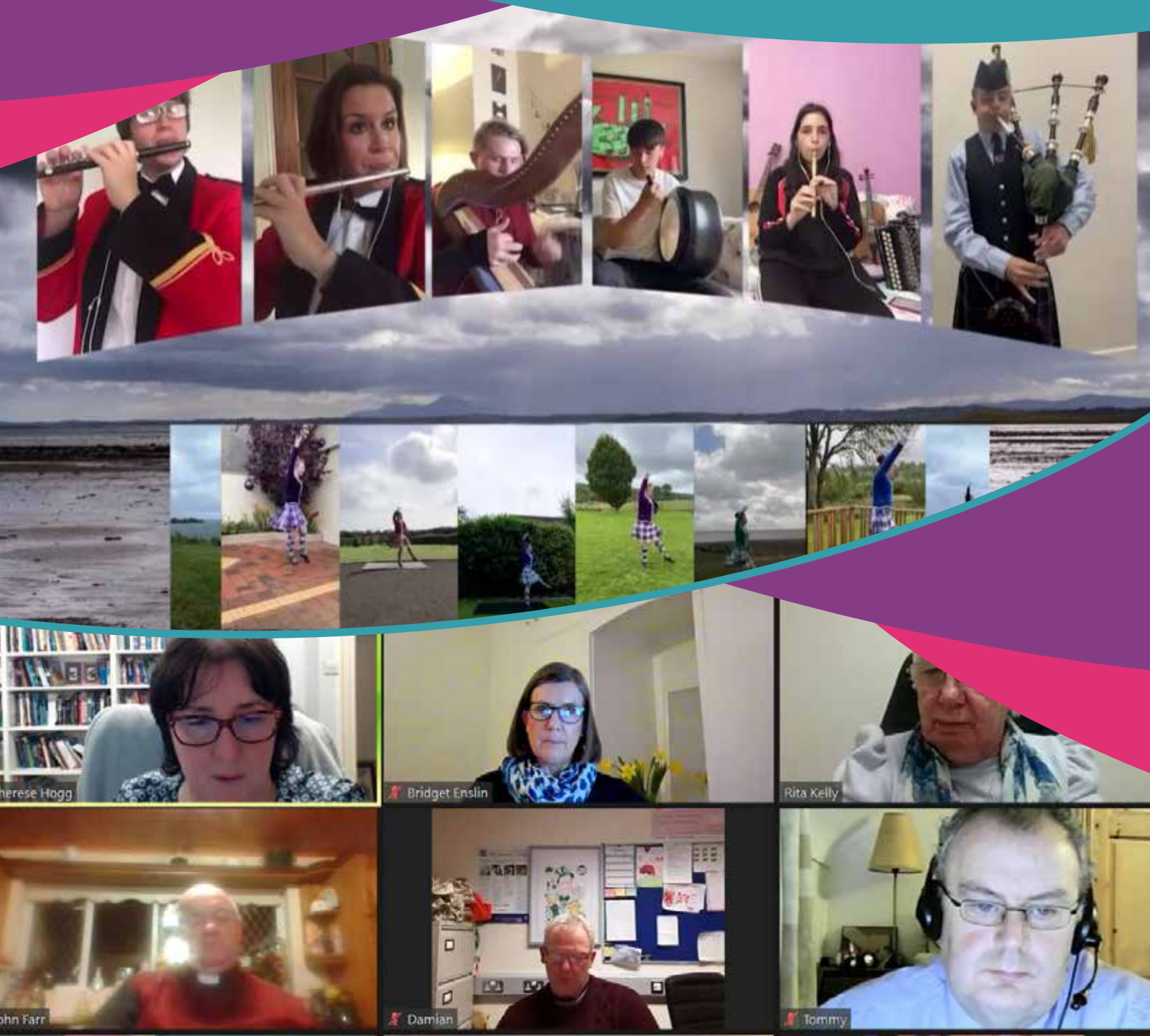
One of the Leading the Way cohorts focused on the integration of ethnic minorities within County Louth and explored how engagement and integration could be enhanced through the new Louth Integration Strategy. It included representatives from a wide range of different ethnic minority communities across County Louth. Alongside the leadership skills focus of this cohort, two cross border virtual site visits explored integration projects in Fermanagh and Lisburn and how these can be enhanced through a bottom-up approach to their development.

A second cohort included music-based organisations representing different musical genres from traditional Irish music and orchestra groups through to concert flute bands, a Scottish pipe band and those engaged in modern pop music. They explored each other's musical traditions, built new relationships and understanding of each other's cultures, and gained new skills in leadership. This also included a focus on the duration of projects with a focus on widening awareness of and engagement in projects.

The role of church and faith in peace building was the focus of the third cohort. It explored the concept of establishing an informal network of churches across County Louth with a focus on the role of churches and faith in community development. This group heard from a wide range of speakers from across the border which prompted debate and discussion. They discussed building relationships across different church denominations and across

different faiths through focusing on common interests linked to the everyday lives of people, on building friendships and investing in those relationships.

The fourth and fifth groups focused on the role of a local authority in the promotion of peace building across all aspects of its work and how social enterprises can help build peace within local communities. Alongside a focus on new leadership tools and techniques for mainstreaming peace building, cross border virtual site visits included talks from Derry City and Strabane District Council, from a social enterprise in Lisburn and from The Executive Office's Urban Village Initiative, all of which helped to identify different area based approaches to addressing complex issues and to help address some of the challenges faced in many of the communities in County Louth.





From Oriel To Brexit – BPR

Delivered by Diversity Challenges - DC

From Oriel to Brexit was a cross-border project using the arts - music, poetry/prose, and theatre to engage with the legacy of the past.

The project had three elements to it: creative writing and photography for women-only, music workshops in primary schools, and theatre with participants from Bush post-primary school, Cooley, Co Louth.

The aim of all the workshops was to encourage participants to artistically express their thoughts, feelings, views and observations on the themes of home, place, identity, borders, and boundaries – whether geographical, social, emotional, or psychological.

Creative Writing and Photography element

A very enjoyable and productive day was had by the participants in the Creative Writing & Photography element of the 'From Oriel to Brexit' project in the film studios of the University of Ulster on St. Brigid's Day in 2021. The participants read their creative pieces and were filmed by Declan Keeny, Professor (Chair) of Screen Technologies and Innovation at Ulster University and Director of the Ulster Screen Academy. The film can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLoFpFwmX4s>

A book of poetry/prose and photographs arising out of those workshops was also published. The book, titled, "In My Own Write" comes from the title of a poem in the collection, composed by Angie Corr, from Carlingford, Co Louth. It was the first writing workshop Angie had ever attended. The full content of the book In My Own Write can be viewed at <https://issuu.com/laurencemckeown5/docs/inmyownwriteinside2>

Theatre element – Kabosh Theatre

The workshops were hosted by Kabosh Theatre company, Belfast. Based on the conversations and feedback arising out of those workshops Laurence McKeown wrote a play titled, "Before You Go". A filmed performance (in lieu of a live performance) followed and the play was streamed over three nights in early March 2021 and was viewed on 1,600 devices. Assuming an average of two people viewing per device we can estimate an audience in excess of 3,000; many, many more than if the play had been performed in a venue.



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Paula McFetridge (Artistic Director of Kabosh) and Laurence conducted a Q&A with an audience of 116 engaging and subsequently Paula conducted special screenings and post-show discussions with a group of artists in Calcutta, a group of students in the University of Ulster, the Shankill Women's Centre, and with several other community groups.

Reimagining Songs and Music of the Oriel element

Reimagining Songs and Music of the Oriel - a creative composition project in traditional music involving children from three primary schools located in the Cooley Peninsula - Scoil Naomh Lorcan, Omeath; St. Oliver's National School, Carlingford; Mullaghbuoy National School, Mullaghbuoy, and two schools from South Armagh, St Patrick's Primary School Crossmaglen and Markethill Primary School, Co Armagh.

Zoe Conway, renowned musician, was the lead facilitator and coordinator of the project in the Cooley peninsula, working alongside guitarist John Mc Intyre as co-facilitator. Zoe Conway had already worked on various musical projects with schools in the Cooley Peninsula over the previous five years so was well-known to the teachers and parents.

The original Tender asked only that the music element of 'From Oriel to Brexit' be located in the Cooley Peninsula but given that the other elements of the project - theatre and creative writing and photography - operated on a cross-border basis, Diversity Challenges added the northern dimension to the music element of the project also by including St Patrick's and Markethill (a Protestant primary school).

Elaine O'Sullivan, coordinator of the Traditional Arts Partnership based in Mullaghbawn, South Armagh worked with Kenny Qua, from Markethill. Elaine is from a nationalist background and Kenny from a unionist one but together they have formed a very strong working relationship that brings children from differing backgrounds together to learn and participate in the music that they all love. We believe this added a very important dimension to both the music element of 'From Oriel to Brexit' and to the project in general.

A closing event (film) of From Oriel to Brexit, which incorporated interviews with tutors and footage from the workshops and participants, was screened on Thursday, 20 May 2021 at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sibxlof_p2g







Creative Interventions - BPR

Delivered by Louth Meath Education and Training Board - LMETB

Creative Interventions began in June 2019 and finished in December 2021. Creative Interventions had an output target of 720 participants completing 26 hours training/course. The Project exceeded its targets with 934 participants completing the programme.

LMETB's Creative Interventions built better relations through implementation of a creativity programme with specific target groups, for example, children and young people, new communities, minority faith groups such as the Muslim Community, ex-political prisoners and disadvantaged young people in Muirhevnamor and Cox's Demesne.

The project delivered courses and workshops in a number of schools and community settings in Louth. Among the many subjects, courses included Intercultural Education, Quilt Making, IT, Murals, Star Weaving for PEACE and Music as a means of building better relations.

The PEACE IV funded Project Creative Interventions kicked off its Songlines Project in St. Nicholas Church of Ireland and Redeemer Boys Schools in June 2019. Songlines was a collection of songs from different cultures which aims to build better relations by exploring diverse cultures through song.

The PEACE IV funded Project delivered a new Harp programme in the Gaelscoil Dundalk in partnership with Music Generation Louth as part of its Reach Out Programme. The project featured on TG4's Nuacht Programme on Thursday 9 Jan 2020.





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The Small Grants Programme – BPR

Delivered by Louth Meath Education and Training Board - LMETB

LMETB delivered The Small Grants Programme PEACE IV to support groups and organisations in Louth who are working to further the goals of peace and reconciliation.

LMETB aimed to combine the learning from the previously funded PEACE projects into The Small Grants Programme. The funding allowed LMETB to continue to work with specific target groups such as children and young people, new communities, minority faith groups such as the Muslim Community and Church of Ireland, ex-political prisoners and disadvantaged young people in Co. Louth.

Under the programme, grants of between €4500 to €70,000 were provided to community groups based in Louth to promote sustainable peace building initiatives.

The Small Grants Programme opened for applications on 24th July 2020 and successfully funded 22 projects from July 2020 to December 2021.



Funded projects

- Cable Project (Foróige): Youth Cross Community Skills Enhancement Project
- Cox's Demesne : Life Skills project
- Cox's Demesne: Music Project
- Connect Family Resource Centre: Women's skills & Leadership Project
- Boyne Fishermen Rescue: Intercultural Rescue Skills Training Project
- DeeHub: New Leaf Cross Border Legacy Project
- Dundalk Select Vestry: Research, Website & Heritage Tours Programme
- Outcomers Dundalk: North/South Open Dialogue Project
- Ardee Heritage Committee: Research, Website and Book Project
- Áit na nDaoine: Trauma Awareness Project
- Muirhevnamór Community Council : Refugee & asylum seekers project
- Muirhevnamór Community Council : Young at heart technology course
- Culture Connect: Cultural Ambassador Training
- Clann Naofa: Boxing Project
- Dundalk Muslim Community: Technology Project
- SBG Drogheda: Mental Arts and Martial Arts Project
- Drogheda LGBTQI:
- Drogheda Civic Trust:
- Youth Work Ireland Louth: Football Project
- Youth Work Ireland Louth: Summer Camps
- Cooley Connect Well: Organic Horticulture Project
- Carlingford Sailing Club: Sailing Technique Programme

At the Small Grants closing event the Director of Further Education and Training in LMETB, Sadie Ward Mc Dermott stated that

"LMETB are proud to work with Louth County Council, to deliver this very valuable programme to build positive relations and foster the values of peace and reconciliation in our local community. Under this programme, grants have been provided to community groups based in Co Louth, to promote sustainable peace building initiatives. LMETB are committed to the development of the local community and this is just one of many successful initiatives which have been developed through the Peace programme, in conjunction with Louth County Council and SEUPB over many years".





Community Capacity Building Project – BPR

Delivered by Community Restorative Justice

CRJ worked with Louth County Council to deliver this project on themes of anti-racism, anti sectarianism and cultural diversity as well as building community capacity through accredited and non-accredited training.

This short and innovative project delivered multiple workshops with cross-community and cross-border groups on the themes of anti-racism and cultural awareness, created a brilliant film resource with international students in DKIT, cross border and cross community political and historical tours, youth engagements and the creation of an extensive resource on inclusivity for community groups. Community Capacity Building Project also built community capacity through accredited ILM leadership and Management training to community members, and crucially, Striving Toward a Restorative Society (STARS) training which successfully engaged community members in learning about a restorative approach.

The project's closing event was held on Thursday 31st March 2022 and included CRJ Newry/Armagh proudly presenting the achievements of this project and a preview of the film trailer which was developed during the lifespan of 'Community Capacity Building Project'.







World War 1 Memorial -SSS

The creation and supply of a permanent World War 1 Memorial.

Funding was approved in 2018 as part of the Louth PEACE IV Action Plan following a successful submission by the Dundalk World War 1 Memorial Committee. It was funded under the Shared Spaces theme of the PEACE IV Programme as a permanent commemoration of those from Dundalk and North Louth who lost their lives in First World War (1914 – 1918).

As part of the funding an activity programme of history lectures took place in the sports hall at the Dundalk Grammar School on the 19th May 2022. Pupils from the Dundalk Grammar School, O Fiach College, St Marys College and Colaiste Chu Cullainn were in attendance. The lectures were given by Dr. Donal Hall local historian and Mr. Myles Dungan RTE radio presenter of “History Today”.

The successful launch of a World War I (WWI) Memorial at The Crescent, Dundalk occurred on Thursday 27 October 2022. Speakers at the event included Chief Executive Joan Martin, Cathaoirleach Councillor Conor Keelan and historian Dr. Donal Hall.

The poem “A Soldier’s Grave” by poet Francis Ledwidge features as the central text on the Memorial. Born in Slane, Co Meath in 1887, Ledwidge enlisted and served in France and Flanders during World War One. He was killed in action at Ypres in 1917.

It is envisaged that the World War I memorial will act as a cross community and cross-border shared space, permanently commemorating the link between Dundalk and Armagh City which was the historic home of the Fusiliers.







Peter's Hill, Drogheda – SSS

Develop Peter's Hill, Drogheda at the entrance gate of St. Peter's Church of Ireland as a permanent shared community space.

This multi-functional meeting plaza, constructed by Glas Civil Engineering Ltd, comprises a seating area with spectacular views of Drogheda and an artwork by sculptor Michael Disley entitled 'Inspired to Meet'. The design shows two spires which are set apart with a large bird on top of each one. The birds are seen facing one another as if chatting to each other. The spires echo the large stone pillars of the gateway and reflect the proximity of the two St Peter churches. The result is a depiction of a meeting between the two birds with the image celebrating both peace and meetings.

The launch of the shared space at Peters Hill took place on Monday 8th May 2023. Speakers at the launch event included Louth County Council Chief Executive Joan Martin and Cathaoirleach Councillor Conor Keelan.

In advance of the launch, Louth Chief Executive Joan Martin said "This shared space is an addition to Drogheda which will provide a place for people and communities to meet, will enhance the social fabric of the town and create a new identity for this area within Drogheda's Heritage Quarter".

It is envisaged that this meeting plaza will act as a cross community and cross-border shared space, providing a significant public amenity for the people of Drogheda and symbolising the reconciliation between the communities on this island.







Muirhevnamor Community Centre Extension – SSS

Extend and develop Muirhevnamor Community Centre, Dundalk to increase its capacity as a permanent shared community space

This 2200 square foot extension provides a shared space for the ongoing work by Muirhevnamor Community Council, ensuring the long term viability of this vital community resource.

The centre provides training courses for lifelong learning, youth leadership programmes, drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings as well as acting as a hub and social meeting place for the local and wider community.

Speaking at the 1st June 2023 launch, Chief Executive Joan Martin emphasise the importance of the EU Peace programmes and their role in building a more integrated, peaceful society, saying: “The facility provided by this extension will allow Muirhevnamor Community Centre to be a focal point for cross community engagement and be of great benefit to the people of Dundalk and the region. It is a beautiful shared space that will be at the heart of reconciliation between our communities.”







more info

USEFUL LINKS

SEUPB – Special EU Programmes Body
www.seupb.eu



Louth County Council
<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/sustainable-energy-cross-border-european-relations/peace-iv/>