

PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No 11 - 2022



Welcome to the 11th edition of the Louth PEACE IV Newsletter.

The PEACE IV projects are 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).

Over the last 2 years we have become familiar with all forms of digital technology, which has been so important in keeping us connected. As things continue to improve in 2022 hopefully it will be a much more physically connected year.

Presently some participant's attending PEACE IV funded projects have been able to once again attend physical events and workshops. We commend all of the project staff and facilitators on their creative efforts to put on these events safely.

A number of the PEACE IV funded projects successfully finished and held remote closing events in December 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved for their hard work and commitment to the PEACE IV programme.

Closing event dates for the following projects

- Good Relations Initiative (BPR): 6th December 2021
- Small Grants Programme (BPR): 9th December 2021
- Creative Interventions (BPR): 10th December 2021
- Adapting Aftermath Archives (CYP): 16th December 2021
- Cross Border Youth Networking: (CYP): 17th December 2021
- Civic Leadership Project: (CYP): 17th December 2021
- Anticlockwise and Youth Arts Peace Building (CYP): 12th November 2021
- Community Capacity Building (CYP) 31st March 2022

PEACE IV Closing Event Invitations



- Community Capacity Building (CYP) 31st March 2022



Diversity Challenges invites you to a screening of

Adapting Aftermath Archives

a celebratory closing event (film) from our project

Children and Young People

Thursday, 16 December, at 3.00 p.m.

Join us on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNvd4L_zmgs



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Community Capacity Building Project

A targeted project aimed at youth and adult participants, including families of political ex-prisoners. It included participants from Dundalk and South Armagh on a cross-border basis. The project ran from February to March 2022 in Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Community Restorative Justice –CRJ Newry/Armagh delivered this project with multiple workshops with cross-community and cross-border groups on themes of anti-racism, anti sectarianism and cultural diversity as well as building community capacity through accredited and non-accredited training. The project involved cross border and cross community political and historical tours, youth engagements and the creation of an extensive resource on inclusivity for community groups. It created a film resource with international students in DKIT.

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

Well done to all involved.



Striving Toward a Restorative Society (STARS) Training



Leadership and Management training



Leadership and Management training to community members



Celebrating Dundalk as a diverse and cosmopolitan community filming



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Community Capacity Building Closing Event – 31st March 2022



Project Updates – Shared Spaces and Services

The Dundalk World War 1 Memorial is now under construction with an estimated completion by end of April. As World War 1 memorials are already in place in Drogheda, Collon, Ardee and Castlebellingham, the motion to have one in Dundalk was first proposed in 2014 when it got full cross party support from all members of Dundalk Town Council. Funding was approved in 2018 by SEUPB as part of the Louth PEACE IV Action Plan (theme: Shared Spaces and Services) following a successful submission by the Dundalk World War 1 Memorial Committee. The memorial will commemorate soldiers from Dundalk and north Louth who lost their lives in the First World War (1914 – 1918). The memorial will be located at The Crescent, Dundalk. An activity programme of history lectures in schools, and public lecture in County Museum will take place in May 2022.



Dundalk World War I Memorial under construction at the Crescent, Dundalk, Co. Louth



PEACE IV funded project Dundalk WW1 Memorial

Ongoing projects – Building Positive Relations

The programme delivery of ‘Louth Leading the Way’ (Theme: Building Positive Relations) continues with participants from a variety of groups both sides of the border engaging in leadership skills and exchange of experiences. This project continues to be delivered remotely. This programme will be completed by the end of April 2022.

PEACE PLUS (2021 – 2027)

The new funding programme builds on the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. It reflects the importance of peace-building activity, but will also focus on the importance of actions that will contribute positively to the economy, building prosperity and adjusting to the new environment and challenges we face. There are 6 thematic areas and the proposed budget allocation for this programme is €1.1b.

The PEACE PLUS Programme was approved in 2021 by the Irish Government, the NI Executive and the North South Ministerial Council. It is hoped that the programme will be approved by the European Commission in early 2022. Some preliminary work took place in 2021 with the 13 participating Local Councils and a consortium of consultants were put in place to assist. A pre-development online workshop took place in December to provide guidance and support for the Area 3.2 Youth Programme. Development work on the setting up of Peace Partnerships and devising PEACE PLUS Local Action Plan (2022 – 2027) for Louth is taking place on various dates in February. SEUPB continue to upgrade their website and PEACE Programme Learning Platform. This is an online, publicly available archive, detailing over 22,500 Peace projects. Visit www.seupb.eu