

## PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No 12 – June 2022



**Welcome** to the 12<sup>th</sup> and summer 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).

All the Children and Young People (CYP) PEACE IV funded projects in Louth have now concluded and the last Building Positive Relations (BPR) project "Leading the Way" held its closing event on 9th May 2022 over zoom.

The PEACE IV secretariat would like to commend and thank all those involved in delivering and participating in the projects in Louth.

As we move through the summer months thankfully we can see that restrictions continue to be eased and we can look forward to the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) projects taking shape.



## Leading the Way - Blu Zebra Ltd

### Theme - Building Positive Relations - BPR

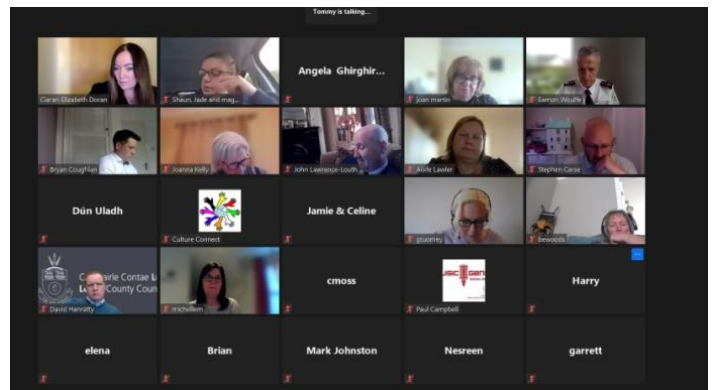
The programme delivery of Louth “Leading the Way” concluded on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with the closing event taking place over Zoom.

64 civic leaders completed the Leading the Way project. The project aimed to develop deep, meaningful, purposeful and sustainable relationships. The programme targeted civic leaders, community leaders and leaders working in statutory and non-statutory sectors on both sides of the border with a remit for community engagement in/with Co. Louth.

The legacy of the conflict was explored from various different perspectives as part of the training, increasing participants understanding and awareness of the views and perspectives of others.

Racism and sectarianism was specifically explored as part of the training and participants were supported to be able to clearly identify what it is and were given strategies to be able to tackle it. The programme explored issues of diversity through the focus on educating people from both sides of the border about conflict, its legacy and transition to peace through leadership.

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Participants taking part in the closing event of the PEACE IV funded project “Leading the Way” on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 over Zoom.



## Peter's Hill, Drogheda

### Theme - Shared Spaces & Services – SSS

The construction contract for the new meeting space at Peter's Hill, Drogheda has been awarded to GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd. The project works are scheduled to commence on site before the end of June 2022.

The Project is funded through the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programme Body. Match funding is also supplied by the Executive Office and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Louth County Council recently tendered for an artist to create an artwork to be placed in the new Meeting Space at Peters Hill in Drogheda's Heritage Quarter. This commission is in conjunction with the planned redesign of the space at Peters Hill, which aims to establish a new shared meeting space and to create a new identity for this area within Drogheda's Heritage Quarter.

Artists were invited 'to consider ideas relating to light, incorporating light, regenerative fire, regeneration, renewal, coinciding events, church bells, sound waves, growth and regrowth, or other concepts relating to Drogheda communities, collaboration and inclusion, giving tangible form to aspects of meeting spaces'.

The successful artist will be responsible for the design, creation, and site delivery and liaising with the Consulting Engineers in the installation - which is expected to take place in September 2022.

Three artworks were submitted and as part of the community engagement and participation, members of the public were invited to choose one of the three design proposals.

The results of this process are just one of the various criteria that the assessment panel will take into consideration in their deliberations.

The public survey for submitting views closed at 5pm on Thursday 5th May 2022.

The three artworks were:

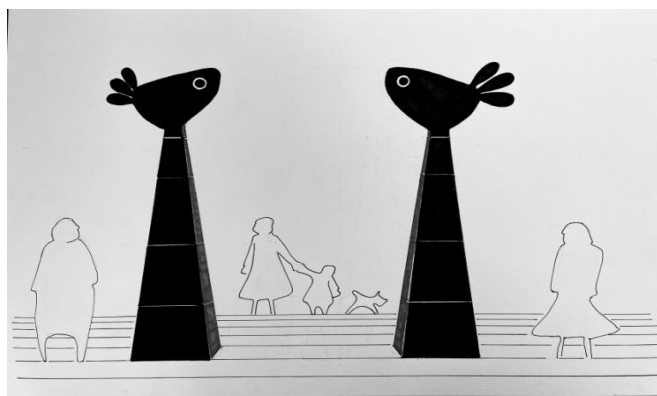
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- Infinity Spiral – Concept Picture 2
- Inspired to Meet – Concept Picture 3



Artwork – Concept Picture 1



Infinity Spiral – Concept Picture 2



Inspired to Meet – Concept Picture 3



## School History Lecture

Theme - Shared Spaces & Services – SSS

On Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> the Sports hall at Dundalk Grammar School was full of activity when it hosted a short history talk aimed at secondary school students. Thank you to Principal Mr. Jonathan Graham and his staff for the use of their wonderful facilities on the day.

Local secondary schools were invited to attend this unique opportunity to learn about and discuss some of the most significant events in Dundalk's history and how these issues remain significant today. Students and teachers from St. Mary's College, the Grammar School, O'Fiaich College and Coláiste Chú Cuchlainn attended the event.

Collette Moss from Louth County Council was the MC on the day.

Local historian, Dr. Donal Hall spoke on the nature of the post war period and the build-up to the War of Independence in Dundalk.

Presenter of RTE Radio's The History Show, Myles Dungan, presented a short paper entitled "*What did you do in the War of Independence Grandad?*" highlighting his family's experiences in the early 1920's. After the papers had been presented there was an opportunity for questions.

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Brain Walsh, LCC, Myles Dungan, RTE, Dr. Donal Hall, Jonathan Graham, Dundalk Grammar School at the PEACE IV funded event at Dundalk Grammar School.



Myles Dungan, Colette Moss, LCC and Local Historian Dr. Donal Hall at the school history lecture held in the Dundalk Grammar School on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

## PEACEPLUS

PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. The design reflects the importance of peace-building activity, but also the importance of actions that will contribute positively to the economy, building prosperity and adjusting to the new environment and challenges we face.

### Role of the PEACEPLUS Partnerships

Louth LCDC will be responsible for implementing the PEACEPLUS Programme in County Louth and will oversee the establishment of the County Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership Board to deliver the programme.

Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership will oversee the design and implementation of a co-designed process in County Louth which will be used to inform the development of an overarching County Louth PEACEPLUS Action Plan. Following approval of the Action Plan by SEUPB, the Partnership will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of their PEACEPLUS Action Plan. Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership will ensure its Action Plan aligns with the Louth LCDC Local Economic and Community Plan.

The PEACEPLUS Partnership Board will be a sub-committee of Louth LCDC and all appointments to the PEACEPLUS Partnership Board will be subject to LCDC approval.

### Proposed PEACEPLUS Partnership Formation

The following four membership pillars are recommended for inclusion in each PEACEPLUS Partnership as outlined below. This reflects the results of the SEUPB’s PEACEPLUS consultation process which identified a need to widen the engagement of those across each local council area in peace building, including those who may not have engaged in peace building work or those who felt marginalised from the programme previously.

