

PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No. 14 – December 2022



Welcome to the 14th and Christmas edition of the Louth PEACE IV Newsletter.

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World War I Memorial

Theme – Shared Spaces & Services

Work on the World War I memorial at The Crescent, Dundalk completed and a launch event was held on the 27th October 2022. Speakers at the event included Chief Executive Joan Martin, Cathaoirleach Councillor Conor Keelan and historian Dr. Donal Hall.

There was an excellent turnout at the event with students from Coláiste Chú Chulainn, members of the Defence Forces, members of An Garda Síochána, Councillors, and members of the World War 1 Committee and members of the public attending.

Speakers thanked the SEUPB for funding and facilitating the project under the PEACE IV, Shared Spaces funding programme.



Historian Dr. Donal Hall at WWI memorial launch event



Chief Executive Joan Martin LCC at WWI memorial launch event



Members of the Defence Forces at WWI memorial launch event



Louth Councillors and Cathaoirleach Councillor Conor Keelan at WWI memorial launch event



Members of An Garda Síochána at WWI memorial launch event



Aerial shot of the PEACE IV funded development at Peters Hill site, Drogheda



Peters Hill, Drogheda

Theme – Shared Shares & Services

Development of a permanent shared community space at Peter’s Hill in Drogheda at the entrance gates of St. Peter’s Church of Ireland. The site is situated at the junction of Magdalene and St. Peter Street. The development provides for new paving, seating and public art will replace the existing car park at the location.

Construction work for the new PEACE IV funded meeting space by GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd continues at Peter’s Hill, Drogheda with an expected completion date in Q1 2023.



Chief Executive Joan Martin, Senior Executive Officer Colette Moss, and a representative of GLAS at Peters Hill, Drogheda.



Chief Executive Joan Martin, Senior Executive Officer Colette Moss, and Public Realm Designer Aideen Morrissey at Peter's Hill, Drogheda.



Works continuing at Peter's Hill, Drogheda



Muirhevnamór Community Centre Extension, Dundalk

Theme – Shared Shares & Services

Construction work by Hillside Contracts Ltd continues on site with an expected completion date in Q1 2023.

Louth County Council is proud to be involved with this extension project in the Muirhevnamór Community Centre and aims to ensure continued cooperation between the two bodies. Louth County Council recognises the fantastic facilities and services that the Community Centre provide to the area and commends all involved in the Community Council and the Community Centre for their excellent work and absolute dedication.

PEACE PLUS update

PEACE PLUS Partnership

The fourth (4th) PEACEPLUS Partnership was held on 6th December 2022.

The Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership will provide oversight of the co-design process, development and submission of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan and its subsequent implementation and reporting on. The PEACEPLUS Programme will enable and empower local community partnerships, facilitated and coordinated by Louth County Council to select and deliver priority projects on a cross community basis, which will result in shared and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.

The Partnership is also responsible for the implementation of PEACEPLUS Action Plan and includes the monitoring and evaluation of this plan over the lifetime of the PEACEPLUS Programme.

The PEACE Office, at Louth County Council would like to thank all the committee members of the PEACEPLUS Partnership for their hard work and commitment and wish them a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



PEACEPLUS Public consultation

The PEACEPLUS Public consultations took place in November and December. The aim was to get an assessment of need in the community, to form what will be the co-designed PEACEPLUS action plan. The following target groups / meetings were held in Louth at different venues.

- Equality groups
- Geographical meetings targeting tidy towns, art & culture & environmental groups.
- Groups focusing on those living with a disability
- Youth Groups
- Ex-prisoners
- Minority Faith groups
- Ukrainians Groups in Louth

A full schedule of the consultations was published on the Louth County Council website.

The PEACE Office, at Louth County Council would like to thank everyone who attended the consultations and gave their feedback. The events were incredibly informative and will contribute greatly to a robust PEACEPLUS action plan for Louth.

Further consultation sessions will be held in Q1 2023. Please keep an eye on our website and on <https://www.seupb.eu/PEACEPLUS>

Alternatively contact 042 9324240 or peaceplus@louthcoco.ie for further information.

Nollaig Shona Dhuit!