

PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No 2 – June 2019

Welcome to the second edition of the Louth PEACE IV Newsletter.



The Louth PEACE IV Programme is currently implemented by Louth County Council as lead partner. €3.12 million has been allocated to the Action Plan in County Louth and we have some exciting projects taking place.

Contracts have been finalised and signed off on the first eight PEACE IV Projects in Louth.

All projects have commenced and monitoring procedures have been established. The procurement process continues for the remaining projects.

A number of events have successfully taken place under the Children and Young People Theme.



Launch of 3 Children and Young People Projects at Dundalk Youth Centre, December 2018



Young people from Louth enjoying Berlin



Launch of Muirhevnamor PEACE Programme at Dundalk Sports Complex, February 2019

This project is supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

PEACE IV Update



Anticlockwise

Project Information

The development and co-ordination of a large cross border community outreach project for children.

Through the Anticlockwise project young people from rural and town communities received the opportunity to engage in an art form in their respective youth club. Through this methodology they will develop skills in team working, communication, collaboration and freedom to voice their opinions, ideas and feelings in a safe environment.

Progress to date

The project has recruited 10 groups of young people who are currently engaging in arts and creative activities. There are currently 132 young people in these groups. The project co-ordinator is currently engaging with PUL communities in Armagh, Newry and Down to take part in phase 2 of the project.

This recruitment of the PUL community will be a slower process as we overcome legacy issues of trust and acceptance.

There will be 10 groups recruited across the border region. 3 of the groups will be from Northern Ireland and 7 from County Louth.



Young people taking part in the Anticlockwise Project



Young people developing team working skills under the Anticlockwise Project



Civic Leadership and PEACE Building

Project Information

The Civic Leadership Project will address the gap between young people and the decision-making bodies that make decisions on their behalf. 40 young people (13-18 year olds) will be 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.

- 2 annual ongoing training courses for 20 participants each year
- 2 residential days (2 days duration each year) 20 participants each year
- 4 study visits 20 participants each year.

Progress to date

To date Dundalk Youth Centre have recruited the first group of 23 young people, delivered training sessions and held the first 2 day residential programme. The young people are fully engaging with the programme and key learning's include understanding conflict and the context of the troubles.

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 study visit took place from the 23-26th April in Berlin Germany.



International Study Trip to Berlin funded by PEACE IV



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Youth Arts PEACE Building Project

Project Information

This project will develop young people's awareness of conflict and PEACE building through the medium of the arts (digital arts). It will engage 207 participants from the ages 10-24 years through training and study visits.
5 PEACE building training courses for 70

participants and 5 training programmes in Arts Drama and Music.

Progress to date

15 Young people from Craobh Rua Community Youth Project in Muirhevnamór have been taking part in Visual Art Workshops over the past 3 months. These young people have been working on creative projects for PEACE. As a group they decided they would like to do Murals in their Youth Centre. They have been recreating and personalising a piece of Art from Banksy which they have called their "Pieces of PEACE".

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The Young People learned how to work as part of a team through Drawing and Painting skills. 15 young people from Dundalk Youth Centre have been taking part in a Drama workshop over the past three months. The workshops started off with visual assessment through Music and Art. The young people learned how to listen to instructions, work as a team and how to express their voice.



Youths using art as a vehicle to express their view and options



Young people using art as a vehicle to express their views and options under the Youth Art PEACE Building Project



Young people gathering ideas for their Art Mural

Muirhevnamor PEACE Programme

Project information

This project organised a Multi-Cultural Football Tournament. It took place on 7th April on the all weather pitches at Dundalk Sports Centre,

Muirhevnamor. The tournament involved Dundalk FC, Muirhevanor FC, The House of 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.

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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.

The kids really enjoyed taking part in the football games. It was the first multi-cultural football tournament to be held in Louth and was a great success. It is hoped to make this tournament an annual event.



Dundalk FC team players Brian Garland and Sean Murray



Dundalk FC team players Brian Garland and Sean Murray at the Multi-Cultural Football Tournament held at Dundalk Sports Centre



Attendees at the Multi-Cultural football tournament held at Dundalk Sports Centre, April 2019



Multi-Cultural Football tournament held at Dundalk Sports Centre