

PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No 4 – January 2020



Welcome to the fourth 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).

The PEACE IV Partnership

The 22 member Partnership is a sub structure of the LCDC. The Partnership leads the development and implementation of the PEACE IV Action Plan which in turn meets the peace building needs of County Louth over the programme period. The Partnership provides monthly updates to the LCDC meetings.

There are three themes within the PEACE IV Programme, namely:

- Children & Young People**
- Shared Spaces & Services**
- Building Positive Relations**

We are currently at the implementation stage of the PEACE IV Plan and have procured delivery agents for most of the proposals. The role of the Partnership members is to assess and consider tenders for the delivery of the programme and to make recommendations for the LCDC's approval. In conjunction with the Peace IV Secretariat, the Partnership also has a role in monitoring the implementation of the projects.

Implementation is progressing satisfactorily on the live projects commenced and a positive impact is being evidenced, particularly in relation to youth projects.



Attendees at a recent Peace IV Partnership Meeting

Extension to Peace IV Programme in Louth

As the Louth Peace IV Action Plan was subject to a REBID process which resulted in a delay during 2018, it is now apparent that there is a real need to have the project lifetime over all three themes extended to 31st December 2022.

A formal request was submitted to SEUPB in October 2019.

PROJECT UPDATE



Anticlockwise

On Wednesday 2nd of October in the Basement Gallery of the An Tàin Arts Centre an exhibition of art works from young people across 9 youth projects were on display to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the PEACE IV funded Anticlockwise programme.

On the night the group acknowledged the local support of Louth County Council and the European Union’s PEACE IV Programme, managed by Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Teenagers from Youth Groups across Louth flocked to the Basement Gallery in Dundalk. A wide audience from all over the community attended the event to celebrate the achievements of 132 young people from Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee, Omeath, Meigh and Killeen.

Over the duration of the project plan 360 young people will take part in the project elements which will include Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Singing, Movement, Costume Design and Filmmaking.



Pieces of Art displayed at An Táin Arts Centre



Fiona Níric Chaille and Emma Ní Conchúille ALL PICTURES: ARBOR
Rachel Shearwood and Petm Berntson at the exhibition



Project director Kwasia Boyce with Jack McArdle and Loughlin Shannon
Hollie Morgan and Símead Connolly

People enjoying the “Cattle Raid of Cooley” by the project AntiClockwise at An Táin Arts Centre, Dundalk



Exhibition at the Basement Gallery An Táin Arts Centre



CREATIVE INTERVENTIONS

LMETB's PEACE IV funded Project Creative Interventions started its Intercultural Project in St. Oliver's Community College Drogheda.

In November 2019 Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) PEACE IV funded Project Creative Interventions started working with St. Oliver's Community College Drogheda to deliver an Intercultural Project to 120 Transition Year Students. The focus of the Intercultural Project is Global Citizenship.

Eamonn Quinn Project Manager for Creative Interventions said "This is a particularly exciting project as it allows students to appreciate and respect how diverse values, beliefs and traditions contribute to how we all live."

John Heeney Vice-Principal of St. Oliver's Community College said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for our Transition Year students to understand what it means to be an active citizen, with rights and responsibilities in local and wider contexts and how we can take action on causes we care about in our school and community." Creative Interventions' acknowledges the support of Louth County Council.



Students attending the Intercultural Project in St. Oliver's Community College, Drogheda



LMETB's PEACE IV funded Creative Interventions continued its Reach Out Programme at Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan in partnership with Music Generation.

In November 2019 a new harp programme was launched at Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan. A new generation of harpists are now learning to play Ireland's national instrument thanks to a Louth Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) PEACE IV funded project.

Deirdre Ní Bhuachalla of Music Generation Louth has the opportunity to teach harp through the medium of the Irish language.



Pupils and teachers Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan, Gemma Murray Music Generation, who are participating in the LMETB PEACE IV Project Creative Interventions new Harp programme in the Gaelscoil in partnership with Music Generation as part of the Reach Out Programme.



MUIRHEVNAMOR PEACE PROGRAMME

Community Restorative Justice CRJ held their certificate presentation to the young people who recently completed the Young Leaders Award Training Programme on Friday 29th November 2019.

The young people were part of the Muirhevnamor Young People’s Training Initiative under the PEACE IV project Muirhevnamor Peace Programme.

An awards day was held in Muirhevnamor Community Centre to celebrate the achievement of the ten young people who successfully completed the prestigious International Leadership and Management – Young Leadership Programmes , designed and delivered by Roisin Kelly of VAK Consultancy.

Project Coordinator Kevin Meenan praised the dedication and commitment of the students who are a credit to their communities. He said “the Muirhevnamor Peace Programme provides opportunities for our young people, promotes good relations and inclusivity between neighbouring communities”.



Liam Burns Dundalk FC at International Leadership and Management - Young Leaders Certificate Presentation

Dundalk FC community officer, Liam Burns, was on hand to present the certificates. Speaking at the event he said: “I would just like to say congratulations to all of the pupils for getting their awards today. I know awards aren’t handed out easily so they must have put a lot of effort and hard work into them, so I commend them all on that.

Ewan Morgan from CRJ, praised their work and their achievements stating “no doubt our future is safe in the hands of these very capable young people”. He also thanked the Louth County Council for the foresight in developing this type of unique project, which encourages collaborative participations throughout Louth and further afield.



Kevin Meenan Project Co- Ordinator, Ewan Morgan CRJ, Students, Liam Burns, Dundalk FC at the presentation made to the young leaders at Muirhevnamor Community Centre



YOUTH ARTS PEACE PROGRAMME

Piece of Peace Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 9th October 2019, in Craobh Rua, Muirhevnamor the community youth project, Youth Arts Peace Programme PEACE IV held Pieces of Art Exhibition to show case and celebrate the fantastic Peace Murals created by the young people of Craobh Rua.

The exhibition promoted the wonderful work taking place within the project.



Participants at the Launch of Pieces of Peace Art Exhibition – Peace Murals – Craobh Rua, Muirhevnamor



GOOD RELATIONS INITIATIVE

Louth Volunteer Centre launched the PEACE IV contract “Good Relations Initiative” on the 5th December 2019.

Louth Volunteer Centre marked International Volunteer Day by launching their “Good Relations Initiative Project” in the Dolmen Centre, Omearth. The Good Relations Initiative seeks 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 Project team are currently recruiting participants.

The launch was a great success and was attended by many sectors of the community.



Clr Meave Yore, Cllr Erin McGreehan, Cllr Paddy McQuillan, Therese McArdle Programmes Manager, Grainne Berrills Project Manager, Mairead Hearty Project Co-ordinator at the launch of “Good Relations Initiative”