



PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No 10 – December 2021



Welcome to the 10th and end of year 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 impact of the Coronavirus pandemic continues but the PEACE IV funded projects in Louth continue to find innovative ways to deliver their outputs. Many of the projects are coming to a close at the end of 2021 but with restrictions still in place they will be held in digital format. Nevertheless we will continue to join remotely to help celebrate in the PEACE IV funded project's achievements.



PEACE IV new project:



from the participants to date has been extremely positive and indicates that they benefitted hugely from the level of engagement that enabled their voice to be heard in dealing with legacy of past conflict.

Adapting Aftermath Archives:

Theme: Children and Young People – CYP

The opening event for the Adapting Aftermath Archives took place on 29th July 2021. It was a filmed event via YouTube and provided an outline of the programme that will be delivered. 100 young people were involved in the project part of which was delivered by Kabosh Theatre Company using a specifically designed resource toolkit.



Photo Credit: Kabosh Theatre. Participants at workshop in The Garage Theatre, Monaghan.



Opening Event - Leslie Emerson, Brian Walsh, Will Glendinginning and Paula Mc Fetridge.



Photo Credit: Kabosh Theatre. Participants at workshop in The Garage Theatre, Monaghan.

The project targeting 100 young people (aged 12-18 years old) has incorporated a newly devised educational programme for use in peace building, conflict transformation and reconciliation work. The programme involved participants from Louth, Monaghan, Sligo, Belfast and Carrickfergus. A unique feature of this project involved the setting up of a Young People’s Advisory Group who contributed to the design of the programme and the development of the Aftermath Toolkit Educational Resource Pack. The young people engaged in both online and live workshops, while also experiencing cross community visits, trips to exhibitions and theatre performances. Feedback

PEACE IV Project updates:



Youth Peace Arts Project

Theme: CYP - Children and Young People
Exhibition - July - August 2021

Dundalk Youth Centre’s Youth Arts Peace Project held an exhibition from 31st July to 7th August 2021 in the Marshes Shopping Centre Dundalk. The impressive art installation is a showcase of the collaborative project involving 240 young people. The programme involved sixth class students from St Joseph’s National School, Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan, CBS Primary School, Castletown Girls School and Redeemer Primary School. 24 creative workshops were held with the aim of giving the young people a voice and a chance to express their feelings about the pandemic. Themes included – the best and worst parts of lockdown, messages of hope and a brighter tomorrow.

The workshops were facilitated by Gráinne Murphy, Etaoin O’Reilly and Ulrike Liebetrau and the entire project was filmed by Seán Mc Mahon and will be made available online.



Invitation to PEACE IV – Peace Arts Exhibition



Dundalk Leader 28th July 2021



Small Grants Programme

Theme: Building Positive Relations – BPR

- **Dundalk Select Vestry Tour/talk**

Open days were held at St Nicholas Church of Ireland in Dundalk on 31st July, 2nd August, 28th August and 18th September 2021 as part of the Select Vestry's PEACE IV Project. In addition a short talk on the memorials and churchyard take place at 2.30pm on the open days.

The open days were in conjunction with the development of a new website, which will display photographs of memorials and inscriptions.

www.dundalkchurchyard.ie

- **Ardee and the Irish Revolution**

50 participants took part in this project, 32 participants from a school in Ardee and the remainder from the Active Retirement Group in Ardee.

The project leader was Fintan Malone. The project produced a website and a book. The Ardee Heritage Committee website was used to communicate with the Louth/Ardee Committee in America. www.ardeehertitagegroup.ie

The new publication '**Ardee and The Irish Revolution**' was launched by Mairead McGuinness, European Commissioner on Monday 20th September 2021 in Ardee.

This project undertaken by Ardee Heritage Committee was supported by the EU's PEACE IV Programme, which is managed by Special EU Programmes Body and delivered via LMETB.



Mairead McGuinness, European Commissioner speaking at the Launch of 'Ardee and The Irish Revolution' publication





PEACE IV funded project Anticlockwise, Art Fest exhibition on Culture Night 17th September 2021



Good Relations Initiative:

Theme: Building Positive Relations - BPR
Networking Event

A community networking event took place on 5th November 2021 which brought participants of the ‘Empowering You’ strand of the GRI programme (Capacity Building and Conflict Resolution Training) together with community organisations in the area.

The event combined with the presentation of Louth Volunteer Leaders’ Awards. The purpose of this was to showcase how volunteering is valued in our community and to bring a larger base of community groups and members together to reflect on their role in our community. Certificates were presented to the PEACE IV ‘Empowering You’ programme members. This networking event provided an opportunity to showcase the value of PEACE IV projects in our community.



Invitation to the Community Networking Event



Participants receive their certificates at The Networking Event.



Mary Capplis (EU Programmes Manager PEACE IV and Grainne Berrills (Good Relations Project Manager) at the Networking Event.

Featured in EU magazine – Open Dialogue Project.

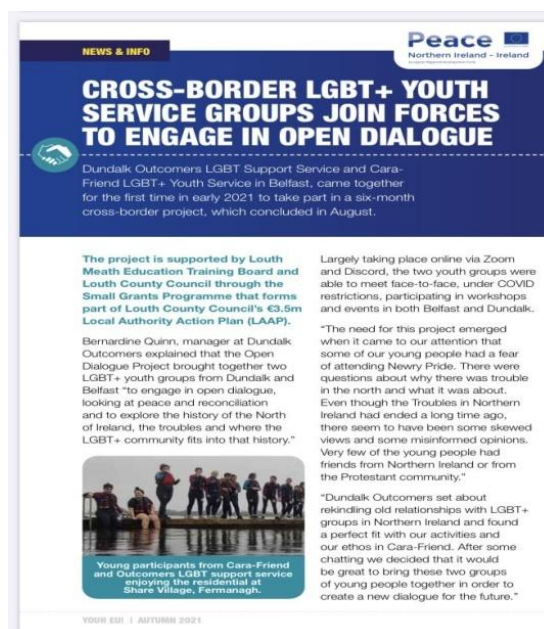
Louth PEACE IV's Dundalk Outcomers Open Dialogue project was selected to be showcased in the Autumn 2021 edition of the SEUPB Corporate Magazine *Your EU*. Dundalk Outcomers LGBT Support Service and CaraFriend LGBT+ Youth Service in Belfast, came together to take part in a six-month cross-border project, which concluded in August 2021.

Project Manager Bernadine Quinn in the article commented *'After only two meetings the young people are making new friends and sharing their experience and showing (as we expected) that all of us have more similarities than differences and share anxieties around our sexuality and gender identity. As we look to the future, we see that the Open Dialogue Project is going to create long lasting friendships and more informed opinions and great memories for all involved'*.

Project Updates:

Louth Peace IV Partnership Committee advertised request for tenders and received submissions for the delivery four new projects, listed below, as part of the implementation of the Local Authority PEACE IV Action Plan. Tender assessment and awarding of contracts took place in September 2021.

1. Community Capacity Building (Theme: Building Positive Relations)
2. The Crossing Field, Drogheda (Theme: Shared Spaces and Services)
3. Dundalk World War 1 Memorial (Theme: Shared Spaces and Services)
4. Muirhevnamor Community Centre Extension (Theme: Shared Spaces and Services)



EU Magazine Autumn 2021 edition

Closing Events:

Closing events for the following projects took place in December 2021.

- Good Relations Initiative (BPR): 6th December
- Small Grants Programme (BPR): 9th December
- Creative Interventions (BPR): 10th December
- Adapting Aftermath Archives (CYP): 16th December
- Cross Border Youth Networking: (CYP): 17th December
- Civic Leadership Project: (CYP): 17th December