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**Shared Spaces** 

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# **Project Case Study: Monaghan Peace Campus**

The Monaghan Peace Campus will create a new shared community space comprising a new four-storey community building and parking in the centre of Monaghan town.

The new space will include:

- A Youth Facility (350 sq.m);
- Cultural Heritage Centre (610 sq.m);
- A Library and Peace Archive (481 sq.m);
- A Shared Community Multi-functional Space (1,171 sq.m);
- A Welcome Zone and temporary Exhibition/Event Space (743 sq.m);
- An external events space (3,235 sq.m).

"The Peace Campus project was developed to address the needs that still exist in our communities today such as issues of segregation, fears to engage and an unwillingness to express identity. This project will allow all communities to come together to engage in a safe setting. It will be of major significance as it is the first time that the Orange Order and the Ulster Scots Agency have engaged in a Peace Programme in County Monaghan."

Eamonn O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council



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The Peace Campus was developed through cross-community engagement and consultation sessions, focus groups and online questionnaires. This included representatives of the Protestant and Catholic Community.

The project has, for the first time, secured the involvement, support and commitment of the Orange Order and Ulster Scots Agency. This is the first time either agency has participated in a PEACE Programme in County Monaghan.

The new shared space has been designed to increase engagement of individuals and communities on a cross-community and cross-border basis through meaningful, purposeful and sustained activities in a proactive programme of activities and events.

Core activities that will be explored in the new space will include:

- The impacts and experiences of partition and the conflict;
- Immigration past and present and how that continues to shape society and sense of community today, including challenges for BME Communities;
- Culture and tradition with a focus on exploring and presenting Protestant culture to a wider audience.



**Artist impressions of the Peace Campus**