



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

# Project Case Study: Black Mountain Shared Space Project

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Shared Spaces  
Capital Development

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Belfast City Council

### PROJECT PARTNERS:

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The Black Mountain Space project will see the creation of a shared space facility at the foot of the Black Mountain in Belfast, offering a range of integrated services and facilities.

Facilities will include indoor leisure; outdoor recreation; community space; capacity support; health and wellbeing; educational links; and multipurpose spaces.

The project will allow sustainable and meaningful contact between communities currently divided by significant physical barriers and has three objectives:

1. Improve the quality of life and prospects of those living in the surrounding interfact areas;
2. Bring about the conditions for community dialogue linked to removing 12 interface barriers in the locality and;
3. Deliver a range of educational, employment and personal development related programmes to the local population.

*“This brilliant new facility will help create connections and remove barriers between communities in the Ballygomartin and Springfield areas of the city. When it opens the new facility will deliver a mix of uses including community programming, sports, offices, meeting and informal gathering spaces for communities to mix and spend time together in an attractive, welcoming and neutral shared space.”*

Councillor Daniel Baker, Lord Mayor of Belfast



Black Mountain 3D Design



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The project will deliver 45 programmes during the first three years of operation, across three phases:

- Engagement and Familiarisation;
- Better Knowing Me and Knowing You and;
- Building Long Term and Lasting Relationships

A number of initiatives will be delivered as a result of this new shared space including:

- A family learning programme;
- A youth mother's support programme;
- Story of my community art programme;
- Cross-community women's programme;
- And a cross-community men's shed programme.

*“When we were established in 2010, our primary objective was to improve community relations by working with people on the ground to build relationships, break down barriers and build capacity within the community. This new shared space represents a new chapter for our organisation and will be an invaluable asset for people in the surrounding communities.”*

**Paul Millar, Chairman of Black Mountain Shared Space**



Black Mountain Shared Space Plans