



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Peace Action Plan

THEME:

Building Positive Relations: Local Authority Plans

FUNDING (ERDF+MATCH):

£6,749,330.35

MATCH FUNDERS:

The Executive Office,
Department of Rural and
Community Development

LEAD PARTNER:

Derry City & Strabane DC

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Start Date: 01/04/2016

End Date: 30/06/2021



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The Derry City and Strabane District Council PEACE IV Plan includes a range of tendered, council led and small grants projects across the geography of the city and district. Under the themes of 'Children and Young People,' 'Shared Spaces and Services' and 'Building Positive Relations' it aims to deliver cross-community reconciliation programmes tackling issues such as sectarianism, racism and the legacy of the past. Children and Young People's projects focus on wellbeing, empowerment, participation, democracy, culture and leadership. Shared Space projects include interface work, creation of new shared spaces in St. Columb's Park and in Castleberg, work on bonfires/alternatives and Peace Tourism. Building Positive Relations work includes themes of culture, identity, traditions, decade of centenaries, patriarchy, work with victims/survivors, Black and Minority ethnic inclusion, reaching marginalised young adults, tackling the culture of paramilitary-style attacks, and use of sport and environment to bring communities together.

"Our funded projects are making make a real difference on the ground to peace and reconciliation. They are tackling hard issues and making change happen. Communities and people who didn't know each other, or hadn't worked together before, are now engaging regularly to promote awareness and respect. At this mid-way point, 2,806 participants are already involved from the Sperrins and Strabane, Castleberg to Claudy and Derry~Londonderry. Our beneficiaries include people from areas of deprivation, rural and urban, interfaces and single identity communities, young and old and diverse ethnicities, identities and opinions. Together we are contributing to building a peaceful, united community. This funding is vital to our shared future."

~Sue Divin, Programme Project Manager (Peace IV)~



Chair and Co-Chair of the PEACE IV Board signing the 'We All Belong' Anti-prejudice campaign pledge.



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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (£1,418,359.16): the Programme will invest in children and young people aged 0-24 so that they can reach their potential and maximise their contribution to a more cohesive society. It will bring about change in the form of clear, meaningful and sustainable 'distance travelled' for individual young people in terms of good relations, personal development and citizenship.

SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (£2,396,513.12): the Programme will support local initiatives with the aims of making public spaces in cities, towns and villages more inclusive; this will often involve addressing sensitive topics around parades, flags, emblems, graffiti and other issues which can serve to intimidate and make some members of society, whether based on religion, race or other factors feel unwelcome in some areas.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (£2,934,458.34): the Programme will promote positive relations characterised by respect, where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance. The Programme will support actions to facilitate the full participation of women and also target those particularly impacted by the legacy of the troubles/conflict.

Key Project Outputs:

- Children & Young People: Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 2,070.
- Shared Spaces & Services: Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public areas/buildings: 1
- Building Positive Relations: Local Action Plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: 1



Young people on the 'Youth Participation and Democracy' project.