



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

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Building Positive Relations: Local Authority Action Plans

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£2,853,631.84

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The Executive Office,
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LEAD PARTNER:

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The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Local Authority Plan will support a number of locally-based projects and initiatives that will promote positive relations between people from different communities and backgrounds.

The Action Plan will be focused on three key areas: Children & Young People; Shared Spaces & Services; and Building Positive Relations.

“The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area has a rich heritage in all areas of the arts and I am delighted that you, as the next generation, have been afforded the opportunity to embrace that heritage through the Creative Cafes programme. I would like to thank FOCUS which has been delivering the Creative Cafés programme on behalf of the Council. Your work is greatly appreciated. From looking at the exhibition, the fun filled workshops have obviously been a tremendous success.”

Council Chairman, Councillor Howard Thornton (speaking at an exhibition of the Creative Cafes Programme)



Some of the children who participated in the initial phase of the Creative Cafes programme at Strule Arts Centre.



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BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (£1,192,556.55):

This part of the Action Plan will support five projects including an inter-linkage programme, which will create local history and cultural trails and a twinning programme for sports clubs.

Key output: Local action plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: 1

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (£600,987.97):

This part of the Action Plan will support six initiatives including a programme where children and young people will engage in peace and reconciliation themed activities, incorporating music, arts, multi-media, drama and history.

Key Output: Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 950

SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (£1,060,087.32):

This part of the Action Plan will support four initiatives including a re-imagining programme for existing shared spaces that will serve to enhance community cohesion. This programme aims to provide up to 25 community groups/ organisations with the opportunity to access investment in programmes that will encourage and promote the use of existing spaces on a shared basis.

Key Output: Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public areas/buildings: 1

“I would like to offer my congratulations to all the clubs who have expressed an interest in participating in the PEACE IV cross-community Twinning Programme for Sporting Clubs. I am confident this programme will have a lasting and positive impact in terms of supporting peace-building and cross-community interaction across a range of sporting activities. It will help build positive relations through sport networking opportunities where members of all sides of the community will be encouraged to attend. The networking opportunities will enable interaction and encourage respect for cultural diversity.”

Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh PEACE IV Partnership, Councillor
Sean Clarke



Sporting clubs attend an event to launch the cross-community Twinning Programme for Sports.