



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Housing Associations Integration Project (HAIP)

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Building Positive Relations
Regional Projects

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€1,092,576.85

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The Executive Office & Department for Rural and Community Development

LEAD PARTNER:

NI Federation of Housing Associations

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Apex; Clanmil; Radius; & Choice Housing Associations; TIDES Training Consultancy and the Irish Council for Social Housing.

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Start Date: 01/09/2017

End Date: 31/08/2020



<https://haiptogether.org/>



Housing Associations
Integration Project

The HAIP project is a unique cross-border initiative aimed at promoting good relations across housing associations in Northern Ireland and the Border Regions of Ireland.

Approximately 1,000 social housing tenants, from 40 housing schemes across Northern Ireland and Donegal will take part. Participants will be from the Protestant, Catholic and ethnic minority communities.

The project aims to build, improve and sustain positive relationships with local people and their neighbours from different cultures and countries.

"I'm delighted to see that the team will be working with residents across Northern Ireland and the border counties. They are working to build a better society and I feel this initiative will have a huge impact on helping to bring communities together. It's important to be able to live and work well within any community."

Eamon Melaugh, a tenant with Apex Housing Association.



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Project activities will include:

- Opportunities for tenants to have views, thoughts and opinions heard through local community audits.
- Community events and workshops delivered in local communities to increase skills and abilities / get tenants to become more involved in their neighbourhoods.
- Opportunities to engage with tenants from other communities and explore common themes and interests.
- 24 cross-border/inter community visits to historical locations to learn about shared histories and cultures; and engage in cross-community/inter-cultural events.

“This event allows the residents of Cairnmartin Crescent an opportunity to get to know each other as a community. Moving forward, we hope we can meet with residents from other areas, cultures and religions, and begin to form partnerships for the future.”

Alfie McCrory, Twadell & Woodvale Residents Association speaking at a HAIP



Clanmil tenants from Enniskillen taking part in a craft workshop

Key Project Outputs:

- 40 housing schemes recruited to project with 200 tenants involved in formal/informal community workshops and 1,000 tenants taking part in community building activities.
- 12 neighbourhoods involved in ‘Twinned’ programmes.
- 100 tenants taking part in accredited training days, 200 tenants taking part in non-accredited training days, 24 cross-border/inter-community visits and 8 cross-community/inter-cultural events.