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Project Case Study: Journeys Project

THEME:

Children & Young People

FUNDING (ERDF + Match):

€5,074,283.26

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Department of Children
& Youth Affairs

LEAD PARTNER:

Springboard
Opportunities Ltd

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Roe Valley Residents Association, Cavan & Monaghan Education & Training Board and 19 associate partners (see website for full list)

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Start Date: 01/08/2017

End Date: 31/12/2021



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The cross-community and cross-border based project will use a variety of programming activity to engage marginalised young people with the aim of developing soft skills and a respect for diversity. It is working with young people from a range of backgrounds including NEET, Looked After Children (LAC), young offenders and those affected by paramilitary activity, mental health issues and addiction. Activities will include thematic workshops, residentials and events, community based projects and the provision of an accredited qualification – OCN Level II Good Relations / Diversity and Personal Success & Wellbeing.

Speaking at the launch of the project, Angila Chada Executive Director of Springboard, said: *“We are delighted to formally launch the Peace IV Journeys programme today. The ‘wrap around’ programme model offers young people an opportunity to increase personal and social capabilities and wellbeing, value and engage positively with people of diverse backgrounds and circumstances, as well as contribute positively to communities through active citizenship.”*



Young beneficiaries taking part in a cross-community residential.



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The Journeys project is an innovative cross-community/cross-border initiative of tailored programme interventions; to support distinct groups of disadvantaged and at-risk young people from diverse communities in Greater Belfast/Limavady & Monaghan/Cavan. Young people will realise their potential and become active contributors in building a shared, united and more cohesive society. Together they will build individual capacity, develop an appreciation of diversity and active citizenship. Over four years the initiative will bring about positive change for young people from across traditions and cultures.

“I’m like a different person after being on Journey’s. I feel more confident, I have new friends and I have a plan for my future. Before I was lost, now I am happy and my life is just getting started. The Journeys project had a major impact on me, I don’t know where I’d be if I didn’t join, Now I know what I want and how to get it. The Journeys project has changed my life and a lot of other young people’s lives for the better, in so many ways. If you want to change your life for the better definitely get in touch; you will not regret it.” Journeys Participant.



Project Key Outputs:

- The project will engage with 813 young people aged 14-24 years old who are most disadvantaged, completing approved programmes that will develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity.



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