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Project Case Study: Leitrim County Council Local Authority Action Plan

THEME:

Building Positive Relations
Local Authority Plans

FUNDING (ERDF + Match):

€1,821,933.74

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& Community
Development Ireland

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Leitrim County Council's Local Authority Action Plan will provide support to projects that contribute towards the promotion of greater levels of peace and reconciliation. It will place a strong emphasis on promoting cross-community relations and understanding in order to create a more cohesive society.

The plan was developed around three specific themes: Building Positive Relations, Children and Young People and Shared Spaces and Services.

"These projects aim to support communities along the border area to live, learn and socialise in an open, inclusive and supportive environment. It is also important to communicate the message of integration in the county in order to erase all forms of hate, discrimination and conflict. To promote living in peace, unity and harmony; raise awareness of greater understanding and knowledge of other communities and embracing multiculturalism."

Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Leitrim County Council & Leitrim PEACE IV Partnership



International Culture Night funded under PEACE IV Building Positive Relations programme providing support for new communities in Co. Leitrim



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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (€387,158.29):

This part of the plan will enhance their capacity to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background through cross-border activities, diversity and peace learning programme. Among the funded projects includes 'Ukes for Youth' - a collaborative project with the education and training board Ireland, which is linking young people in Carrigallen with young people in Enniskillen in a series of ukulele, voice and light percussion workshops.

Key Output: The number of participants aged 0 – 24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 487

SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (€843,798.96):

This part of the plan will support a number of locally-based projects and initiatives throughout County Leitrim. This theme aims to create a more cohesive society through new shared civic spaces that will be used by all sections of the community, leading to changes in both attitudes and behaviour. Funded projects includes the refurbishment of Kiltyclogher Community Centre, which will strengthen the cross-community partnership between the two border communities of Kiltyclogher and Cashel.

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

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (€590,976.48):

This part of the plan will promote positive attitudes to diversity in young people in Leitrim and more broadly, at a community level. It will build on issues identified in the PEACE III Programme, specifically targeting segregation of Christian minorities, addressing existing community divisions, fostering greater trust between both sides by bringing local people together to work towards a common goal. Seven projects were approved under this theme including Support for Ethnic Communities, which includes activities incorporating: the arts, culture, sports and common interests and support for rural communities along the border.

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



Participants of Music element of Diversity Project - Same Difference under Children & Young People.