



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Action Plan

THEME:

Building Positive Relations: Local Authority Action Plans

FUNDING (ERDF+MATCH):

£2,536,661.77

MATCH FUNDERS:

The Executive Office,
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The Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Local Authority Plan will support a number of locally-based projects and initiatives that will promote positive relationships between people from different communities and backgrounds.

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

The programme of activity, which was designed to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland, has recently been announced.

“Our Action Plan has enabled and empowered all sorts of people, all ages, all backgrounds, to get involved in community based peace building projects through this significant EU investment. One example of this is the recently opened 3G pitch at the Ballybeen Sport and Wellbeing Hub. The facility will be used on a sustained and shared basis by teams from across local Lisburn Castlereagh communities and further afield. The facility also complements the local highway to heath initiative. The responsibility of managing it is now handed over to Ballybeen Improvement Group (BIG), the local community group, which further embodies the notion of community spirit, health and wellbeing.”

Niamh O’Carolan, Peace IV Programme Manager



LCCC Chief Executive, David Burns, refereed a friendly soccer match between Dungoyne FC and Carryduff Colts FC at the new Ballybeen 3G pitch.



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BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (£1,102,884.75):

This part of the plan will include activities that will increase cultural awareness, respect for diversity and capacity; as well as reducing isolation, polarisation, division, prejudice, sectarianism and racism between/among groups. Projects include the development of a BME (Black, Minority and Ethnic) Cultural Forum, with the aim of providing understanding, collaboration, dialogue and creating connections between BME communities and the wider local community across 11 areas.

Key Output: Local Action Plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: 1

SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (£900,702.54):

This part of the plan will include activities which explore new shared spaces and difficult issues (both visible and invisible) in the local area. One of the projects includes 'Reimagining Your Area'. It will look at the ongoing or remaining issues affecting local communities (including the environment; associated flags; and inter-community tensions) getting participants to 'reimagine' their space.

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

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (£533,074.48):

This part of the plan will deliver five initiatives, including a cross-community 'Good Relations Twinning Programme' to 10 primary schools, with 200 participants and four secondary schools, with 100 participants.

Key output: Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 785

"My friendship circle has just got bigger."

"Making our own flag and community was great."

"The conflict session on the residential was really interesting, I didn't know how bad the troubles were here in Northern Ireland."

Young Beneficiaries

Children and Young People
School Project

