



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

# Project Case Study: Louth County Council Local Authority Action Plan

### THEME:

Building Positive Relations:

Local Authority Plans

### FUNDING (ERDF+MATCH):

€3,507,152.33

### MATCH FUNDERS:

The Executive Office NI,  
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Community Development  
Ireland

### LEAD PARTNER:

Louth County Council

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The Louth County Council Action Plan will bring social development within the county, and aims to bring communities from all walks of life together. It also represents a major economic boost for the area.

The project will deliver local community initiatives for Children and Young People involving sport, arts, culture and language. It will facilitate programs for Shared Space and Services by helping to make public space in towns and villages more inclusive.

It will also deliver projects that will Build Positive Relations by providing opportunities for sustained, meaningful and purposeful contact between individuals and groups of different backgrounds and on a cross-border basis.

In total, seventeen peace-building programmes will be delivered under the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

*“Louth County Council has been involved in this funding programme from the very start and we are proud of what has been achieved from our ambitious programmes to date. We have brought together people from different cultures, religions and ethnicities and promoted greater levels of understanding and respect through a diverse range of projects.”*

*Ms Joan Martin, CE, Louth County Council*



Pictured at the Launch of Louth County Council's Peace IV Action Plan

Ms Gina Mc Intyre, SEUPB, Cllr Colm Markey, Louth County Council, Ms Joan Martin, CE Louth County Council



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### Shared Spaces and Services (€1,245,272.00):

This part of the Action Plan will include the implementation of four projects including the development of a permanent shared community space known as Peter's Hill Community. The proposal will include the refurbishment and refit of the existing space, including the creation of a piece of art; seating; paving; lighting and pedestrian crossings.

**Key Output :** Development of a space that will connect people from different communities in shared activities.

### Building Positive Relations (€1,524,908.98):

This part of the Action Plan will include the implementation of seven projects including 'From Oriel to Brexit, Border Reflections, Traditions and Contemporary Issues' - a cross-border project using the arts, music, poetry and theatre as a means where people from the Border Region of Louth and Armagh can share their personal and communal histories, and are able to raise topical / contemporary issues.

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

### Children and Young People (€736,969.95):

This part of the Action Plan will include the implementation of six projects including 'Anticlockwise', which will bring young people from rural and town communities to participate in an art form in their respective youth club. They will develop skills in team - working, communication, collaboration and freedom to voice their opinions, ideas and feelings in a safe environment.

**Key Output :** Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 979



Participants of the Youth Arts Peace Building Programme