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Local Authority Plans

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The Mid & East Antrim Borough Council PEACE IV Plan involves a unique partnership between the public, private and community sectors across the Council area.

The partnership aims to address reconciliation, cultural diversity, conflict transformation and equality issues.

The Action Plan includes 14 exciting programmes incorporating arts, sports and culture activities. Such activities seek to promote positive relations, where people can live, learn and socialise together free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.

"It is good to move out of my comfort zone and to try other things. Also, good to meet new people in a relaxed, safe environment."

"I never thought I would enter a gym again let alone do exercise classes in my eighties!"

"Getting out to do something completely different and meeting new friends is very exciting!"

Participants on the Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership's Peacing Ages Together project



Over 300 older people gathered to celebrate the friendships and achievements as part of the Peacing Ages Together project.



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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (£658,427.12): This strand of the action plan aims to deliver a series of activities that will enhance the capacity of children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society. Five projects have been approved (see Council website for details).

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (£1,362,225.42): This strand of the action plan aims to deliver activities that will result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities. Seven projects have been approved (see Council website for details).

SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (1,112,501.69): This strand of the action plan aims to create a more cohesive society through an increased provision of shared spaces and services. Two projects have been approved (see Council website for details).

Key Project Outputs:

- Children & Young People: Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: **956**
- Shared Spaces & Services: Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public areas/buildings: **1**
- Building Positive Relations: Local Action Plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: **1**



Participants on the Game of Three Halves sports project receiving their medals on completion of the programme.