



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Strive

THEME:

Children & Young People

FUNDING (ERDF + Match):

€3,979,785.60

MATCH FUNDERS:

Executive Office and
Department of Children
& Youth Affairs

LEAD PARTNER:

Include Youth

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Youth Initiatives NI,
Newstart Education
Centre, Northern Ireland
Alternatives, Lifford/
Conleigh Resource

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Start Date: 01/08/2017

End Date: 31/12/2021



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Strive is a partnership programme aimed at bringing disadvantaged young people from diverse community backgrounds together to promote change in themselves and their local communities. Young people from both sides of the border work together to set their own learning agenda around the themes of citizenship, personal development and good relations.

Speaking ahead of the launch Strive, Programme Manager for Include Youth, Dearbhla Holohan said: ***“Strive is an innovative and new approach to youth work bringing together five partner organisations – Include Youth, Newstart Education Centre, NI Alternatives, Youth Initiatives and Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre.***

“We all have had a hugely successful first year working intensively with over 200 young people completing cross border and cross community activities, breaking down barriers and building the skills and potential of those involved.”



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This cross-community, cross-border project is delivering a good relations, citizenship and personal development to 800 young people aged 14 to 24. The project will feature young people who are 'Expert by Experience'. They are young people who have come on board to volunteer with the partnership having previously benefitted from engaging with programmes in the partnership organisations. They have reflected on their own personal experiences and developed their leadership skills in order to shape Strive into an entirely youth led and youth centred programme for their peers.

Quote from a 20 year old female participant beneficiary: ***"I got involved in Strive through my local community centre. During my time I have learned how to deal with situations in a positive way rather than a negative. It has helped me to build confidence on how to stand up for myself and speak out in front of others. I have found new friends and have mixed with a lot of people from a different culture. I now approach things more positively and I know that if I put my mind to it I can achieve anything."***



Project Key Outputs:

- The project will engage with 800 marginalised children and young people to develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity.



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