



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Youth Network For Peace

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Building Positive Relations:
Regional Level Projects

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YouthAction NI (YANI)

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Youth Network for Peace will engage approximately 10,000 young people who care about creating change, and in changing attitudes and behaviours across Northern Ireland and Ireland.

Social action; research & insight polls; youth-led dialogue events; and conventions will all form part of this dynamic network.

At the heart of the project is an online radio station and social media channel, which will be run by the young people themselves.

Called Radio YNP, it will feature weekly content which is both unique and informative, highlighting young people's issues and aspirations. Aiming to engage young people on both sides of the border the station will feature live music sessions, political debates and blockbuster reviews.

"The Youth Network for Peace, through its 13 cross-border partners, has been reaching out to young people in local communities to build positive relations through a range of inspiring activities including Youth Bank; Radio YNP; Dialogue events; Campaigns and Social action initiatives. The focus on nurturing the visibility of young people in shaping decision-making and peace-building remains at the forefront. As well as building relations across the region among young people the project is further building relations across the partnership in developing new synergies and possibilities. A committed movement of young people and peace activists through youth work continues to rise and grow."

Martin McMullan - Assistant Director - YouthAction Northern Ireland



Young people and staff from Radio YNP meet with young leaders from the EU road-trip project - a European Commission campaign aimed at young Europeans (18-24). This campaign involves young European travellers meet with other young influencers across Europe.



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The project will encompass a range of activities, including:

- 16 cross border, youth led Dialogue Events, with 960 young people.
- YouthBank committees of diverse young people; trained in good relations, assessment of needs, committee & grant giving skills.
- 3 cross-border cohorts of young people training & leading on Social Action projects, targeting exclusion & encouraging peace building through joint activities.
- 4 Campaigns researched & supported by young people each year on legacy & contemporary issues, with 3 cross-border conventions led by young people.
- 6 Influencing actions & 3 cross-border, youth led participative democracy events.
- 1 on line, internet regional radio & social media station to be set up & run by young people, connecting young activists with debates, live shows and topical discussions.
- 6 Insight youth polls conducted by young people to test & monitor attitudes.

Young people engage in an interactive art workshop exploring the legacy of the conflict and projecting ideals for a better future. The newly developed 'pathway to peace' board game helped them to have conversations on issues that may be sensitive or controversial.



Key Outputs :

- Regional level projects that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: 1
- A Youth Democracy Hub connecting 10,000 young people.
- A Youth Steering Body of 75 diverse young people will co-ordinate all activities and contribute to broadcasting targets.