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Project Case Study: Youthscape

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LEAD PARTNER:

South West College

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Donegal Youth Service, TIDES Training.

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Department of Children and Youth Affairs

The Youthscape project is a cross-border, cross-community interventionist programme developed in association with South West College (as Lead Partner) Donegal Youth Service and TIDES Training. It will operate in Counties Tyrone, Fermanagh and Donegal covering the five areas of Omagh, Enniskillen, Dungannon, Ballybofey and Letterkenny and will deliver a proactive, youth focused programme to 800 of the regions most marginalised young people.

“Once a young person has decided they may like to participate their Key Youth Worker will work with them to address any anxiety they may have about joining a group setting and help solve any transport issues. They will help the young person identify and tackle any other barriers they may have and sign-post them to the help they may need,” Youthscape project worker.



Young beneficiaries from Ballybofey.



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The Youthscape project focuses on a 'co-design' and 'person-centred' approach to learning and development enabling the participants to have the opportunity to input into and form the structure and make-up of the programme.

There will be an opportunity for participants to join The Youthscape Youth Forum and become Peace Apprentices. These initiatives will be key mechanisms in empowering participants to utilise their voice to improve their individual life circumstances and become key influencers to relations and peers.

Each young person will be assigned a Key Youth Worker who will help support them throughout the programme and work with them to build good relations, become an active citizen in their community and support them to overcome barriers to their personal development.

"I left school because I was not in a good place with my mental health. My family and the school were against it but I could not go back. Youthscape was the best choice for me at that time, and it really helped me with my anxiety. I am still not sure what I will do in the future, but after Youthscape finishes I am hoping to do some courses."

Aaron, 16, current Cohort 4, due to complete in October 2019.



Young beneficiaries take part in a citizenship homelessness awareness sleep out.



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