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Local Authority Plans

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**Belfast  
PEACE IV  
2018-2021**

Building Positive Relations is one of three strands being delivered by Belfast City Council as part of their PEACE IV, Local Authority Action Plan.

By December 2021, it's anticipated that 3,260 people will have taken part in one of the various projects under this theme.

Projects aim to: encourage interaction between residents and groups from divided neighbourhoods; explore history in a sensitive manner; build mutual understanding and promote inclusion and integration of minority ethnic communities; as well as give marginalised groups more opportunities to participate in peace and reconciliation.

*“During 2020 and emerging into 2021, COVID-19 has drastically changed how we lead our lives and altered how we work, learn, socialise and play. In spite of all the challenges, one thing that hasn't changed is the resilience, drive and dynamism of our communities. We are very proud of the progress the PEACE IV Programme has made and the positive change it has galvanised and built upon so far among communities in the city, creating an enduring legacy.”*

Councillor John Kyle, Chair of Shared City Partnership (January 2021)

### Roma Support Programme

Delivered by Forward South Partnership, the Roma Support Programme will engage with Roma, settled communities and other minority communities to come together in target areas and provide support and access to services within the local area.

**Key elements include:**

- Roma Support Hub.
- Intercultural Community Programme.
- Skills Development Programme.
- Building Positive Relations Programme.



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### LINCS: Supporting Communities

Delivered by NI Alternatives, in partnership with CRJ Ireland, this project aims to create real attitudinal impacts for adults living in interface communities, including:

- Developing connections between existing communities;
- Reducing isolation, division, prejudice and racism between new and host communities;
- Increasing marginalised communities' engagement in taking part in peace-building and conflict transformation activities for the long term benefit of the city;
- Celebrating diversity and raising awareness of a variety of cultures, histories and identities.

Currently, there are over 80 people participating (January 2021).

### Transform for Change

Since the programme began in late 2019, over 125 participants have completed it and will be focusing on joint projects within their communities. The 10-module leadership course is open to citizens, policy makers and public and statutory service providers; building leadership skills and solutions-based approaches to work collectively to address issues of segregation, prejudice and hate.

Funding for collaborative area-based projects is available upon completion of the course where project groups can apply for £4,000 of funding support to jointly deliver projects on the ground within their cluster area.

Participating areas include: Duncairn, Limestone Road/Alexander Park, White-well Road/Longlands, Peters Hill/Carrick Hill/Millfield, Crumlin Road/Ardoyne/Glenbryn, Lower Oldpark/ Manor Street, Ligoniel and Short Strand Inner East Belfast.