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**Belfast
PEACE IV**
2018-2021

Shared Spaces and Services 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 approximately 600 citizens will have been involved in creating an exciting shared

space. The strand will play a leadership role in creating a network of shared civic space in the north and west of the city and will transform land into a shared civic space which will improve connectivity between the city centre and outlying communities and neighbourhoods.

Forth Meadow Community Greenway

This £5.1 million project will connect existing open spaces in north and west Belfast along a 12km route from Clarendon Playing Fields to the new Transport Hub in the City Centre, with enhancements to sites along the route.

It aims to enable reconciliation and interaction between divided communities while regenerating local neighbourhoods by encouraging residents to make more use of facilities in neighbouring communities.

For more information visit [HERE](#)



An aerial photo of the work completed to date (January 2021) at Springfield Dam.



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Programming Delivered to Date

- A fitness project involving women from both sides of the Lanark Way interface, who came together for keep fit sessions and organised walks in Falls and Woodvale Parks and Bog Meadows.
- A pilot Youth Civic Education project with Clonard Monastery YC and Forthspring Inter Community Group allowed young people from all community backgrounds the opportunity to discuss and address issues that are affecting them, with the aim of helping make informed decisions about theirs' and others' futures.
- Supported detached and outreach work which entailed engaging with young people involved in anti-social behaviour, from both sides of the interface, in and around Springfield Dam and the Innovation Factory and Invest NI sites.

Programming to be Delivered

- Beginning in January 2021, a Volunteer Programme will train up to 60 volunteer ambassadors in cycle and walking lead training. Later in 2021 history tour guides and nature guides will also be trained.

- As part of a shared history, heritage and identity programme local residents will develop narrative panels to reflect the shared history, heritage and identity of the local community and area across the length of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway.



- Young people from communities along the Forth Meadow Community Greenway will be placed at the forefront of developing and designing projects and activities they feel are more relevant to them and their peers, for example youth violence, sectarianism, racism, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health and suicide, etc.