



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

# Project Case Study: Donegal County Council Local Authority Action Plan - Building Positive Relations Update

### THEME:

Building Positive Relations  
Local Authority Action Plans

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### LEAD PARTNER:

Donegal County Council

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### Building Intercultural Communities

This €210,000 project is a unique collaboration between the Donegal Traveller's Project and the Donegal Intercultural Platform, encompassing Community Work; Community Empowerment, Participation, Human Rights and Social Justice.

A special Diversity Aware Training Programme was created, tailored for the community and the workplace and will act as a lasting legacy of the BIC project. It was launched at a special event in July 2020 at the Letterkenny Community Centre. Those in attendance stood in solidarity with all those experiencing racism and exclusion around the world, and spelled out the words Black, Traveller, Roma Lives Matter on the centres football pitch.

### Cross-Border Heritage Project

Delivered by Inishowen Development Partnership the €150,000 this project is designed to provide an opportunity to learn lessons from the past and apply them to the present day to create a safer, better future for the citizens living in Donegal and neighbouring border counties. During the first lockdown of 2020 participants engaged with the Shared History Programme in an online genealogy programme, DNA & Ancestry workshops and online lectures/talks. Participants were able to feel a shared connection through history as well as make new friends and learn new technology.

### The Garage Project

In January 2020 this €80,000 project held a special closing event on zoom to celebrate its key achievements. 73 young people (aged 14-25), with an interest in cars and regarded as being at risk as a result of their driving behaviour; came together weekly to work on cars and listen to important safety messages. The young people worked, talked and learned new skills over their five weeks in The Garage. Team-building and personal development were at the heart of the programme.

### Fab Lab Inishowen

This cross-community project will provide training in digital fabrication and creative media activities to inspire and motivate approximately 150 young people (aged 14-17), from cross-community backgrounds, to help build positive relations and develop respect for cultural diversity.