



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Louth County Council Local Authority Action Plan: Progress Update

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The Louth County Council Action Plan is delivering local community initiatives for Children and Young People, facilitating programs for Shared Space and Services by making public space in towns and villages more inclusive and is Building Positive Relations by providing opportunities for sustained, meaningful and purposeful contact between individuals and groups of different backgrounds on a cross-border basis.

Progress Update

In February 2020, 180 children and young people explored peace through the arts as part of a project called Anticlockwise. Working with a group of artists over a number of months the young people explored peace, conflict and resolution through various art forms. As part of the project ten acts took to the stage to showcase the results of the time spent working with professional artists. The exhibition included a short video montage of the young people's work including visual arts, theatre performances and live music.

“This is a celebration of the young people’s accomplishment and bringing communities together. I have witnessed the growth of the young people throughout this process, starting from a place of uncertainty and feeling challenged, growing to a place where they have a voice and expressing this voice through art. This is not a quick fix, but an ongoing process to understand conflict and promote peace. Using ones creativity is a great place to start.”

Kwaise Boyce, Anticlockwise Project Manager





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From Oriel to Brexit

This PEACE IV funded cross-border project is using the arts, music, poetry/prose, and theatre to engage with the legacy of the past.

1. Creative Writing and Photography element

A very enjoyable and productive day was had by participants in the film studios of Ulster University, where they read their creative pieces and were filmed by Dr. Declan Keeny (an award-winning academic, documentary filmmaker and Director of Photography at the university).



2. Kabosh Theatre – Theatre element

Transition year students from Bush Post-Primary School, County Louth, enjoyed a series of workshops by Kabosh Theatre company, Belfast.

“It’s fantastic to engage with young people in the Cooley area on an ambitious journey of creative music making, and personal development. A key aim of the project will be to develop the young people’s confidence and social skills through sharing and learning music. We are keen to involve groups of young people (eight + age group) that have little or no opportunity for involvement in music.”

Zoe Conway, lead facilitator ‘Reimagining Songs and Music of the Oriel’

3. Reimagining Songs and Music of the Oriel element

In late February three cross-border primary schools took part in a creative composition traditional music project, known as Reimagining Songs and Music of the Oriel. The three schools included Scoil Naomh Lorcan, Omeath; St. Oliver’s National School, Carlingford; and Mullaghbuoy National School, Mullaghbuoy.

