



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Building Positive Relations with Cavan PEACE IV Action Plan

THEME:

Building Positive Relations:
Local Authority Plans

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Department of Rural and
Community Development, Ire-
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LEAD PARTNER:

Cavan County Council

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Cavan and Monaghan
Education and Training Board;
Cavan County Council Library

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The Building Positive Relations strand of Cavan County Council's PEACE IV Action Plan involved engagement with a number of target groups including: Women; Minority Groups; Community & Voluntary; Local Development Companies; Social Inclusion; Environment; Older People and Disability Interests; Youth; Local Businesses, as well as Agriculture and Farming.

Voices of the Troubles

This unique oral history project involved 85 people from the border area of Cavan and Fermanagh, who were interviewed during 2017 and early 2018 to find out how 'the Troubles' (1968-1998) affected their lives. The interviews were carried out by Maurice O'Keeffe, of Irish Life and Lore on behalf of Cavan County Library Service. All interviews were handled in a sensitive manner, allowing participants the opportunity to discuss their feelings and emotions in many instances for the first time. You can find the audio archive [HERE](#)

"Many people have spoken on our behalf, now we can speak for ourselves."

Voices of the Troubles Participant

Fostering Shared Communities

This project aimed to engage minority and marginalised groups with members of the wider community in a bid to: reduce existing levels of isolation; polarisation; division; prejudice; racism and stereotypes through the development of community co-operative style hubs. The two hubs were located in Cavan Town, with 43 participants taking part and Ballyjamesduff, Cavan, where 85 participants took part. Some participants were encouraged to train as community leaders to ensure the project benefits extended to the wider community.

Building the Capacity of Minority Communities

This project aimed to increase the capacity of 30 Cavan Travellers to build better relations and understanding with the wider community. The Traveller community in Ireland is considered highly disadvantaged, with low educational levels, poor health outcomes and discrimination being well documented. Peace IV provided the opportunity to build on the work/support offered to Cavan Travellers during Peace III. The new programme included dealing with conflict situations between Travellers and the wider community and created opportunities for social interaction and integration between both communities.