



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: The Courthouse Shared Space Creative Hub

THEME:

Shared Spaces

Capital Development

FUNDING

(ERDF+MATCH):

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MATCH FUNDERS:

The Department for Communities NI and the Department of Rural and Community Development, Ireland

LEAD PARTNER:

Enterprise Causeway

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The project will create a shared space creative hub in Bushmills, County Antrim. This will be achieved through the renovation and three-story extension of the derelict Courthouse Building in Bushmills.

The Shared Space Creative Hub will be a creative space, capable of engaging the local community of Bushmills and people from across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough, as well as those from across the border to participate in community cohesion and integration programmes via creativity and shared heritage (arts, design, theatre and artisan food and produce).

The facility will include:

- Visitor facilities and a shop;
- A Café;
- Messy studio;
- 15 workshop spaces;
- Three shared meeting spaces;
- Car parking;
- A garden area.

The project will also deliver the following on a cross-community basis:

- **Confidence and Connecting:** a one year, pre-construction community confidence building initiative to engage the existing community infrastructure, youth organisations and schools in Bushmills and the surrounding area;
- **Engaging with Bushmills:** a regional sculpture trail project to develop up to four bronze sculptures telling the story of Bushmills;
- **Schools arts and crafts workshops;**
- **Generational Change:** which will deliver taster events in traditional maker disciplines such as glass, pottery and textiles;
- **Telling the Story:** a community animation and dialogue programme to develop a range of drama and interpretive pieces focused on the culture and heritage of Bushmills and the surrounding area.