



A Look at the Impact of the Dialogue for Women Project (Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council PEACE IV Action Plan)

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Building Positive Relations: Local Authority Action Plans

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The Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Local Authority Plan supported a number of locally-based projects and initiatives that helped promote positive relationships between people from different communities and backgrounds.

Dialogue for Women

Identified as part of the Actions Plans consultation was the need for: integrated learning; women's only programmes; dealing with stress; community safety; programmes about the facts of the troubles and safe facilitated learning to discuss diverse views. The work of the previous PEACE III Programme had also indicated that women suffer domestic abuse from legacy issues.

The Dialogue for Women project was developed in order to help women's groups build capacity and confidence, as well as empowering them and their families to get involved in peace-building work locally and across the border.

Key Project Outputs:

- 1) 12 women's groups working together (Atlas WC, Ballybeen WC; Resurgam WN; Scoil na Fuiseoige; Homestart; Dundonald LG; Moneyreagh WI; Lagan Valley Vineyard; Lisburn PTA; Dochas Monaghan; Cavan WG; and Inishowen WG);
- 2) 144 Training and Awareness Programmes delivered;
- 3) Nine Educational Cross-Border Trips;
- 4) 11 Cross-Community Collaborative Events;
- 5) Six Practical Resource Allocations;
- 6) One Closing Event.

"This project is a lifeline in my darkest times. I truly found myself. I found out I'm not alone and learnt to love me for me and made lifelong friends. I am living for the moment and see I am growing stronger and positive."

"This course showed us that despite religious and cultural differences underneath, health, happiness and safety is important. We agree on lots of things and disagree on some and that's ok."

Participant Feedback