



A Look at the Impact of the Reimagining Your Area 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 promoted positive relationships between people from different communities and backgrounds.

Reimagining Your Area

This project aimed to address the more difficult issues that had manifested themselves within the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area, both visible and invisible.

Hard issues that existed were regarded as murals, flags, emblems, memorials and the effects of paramilitarism on the community. Bonfires were contentious in some areas. Building resilience and capacity in single identity communities was required to address these.

The project incorporated dialogue opportunities, particularly for young people, that aided the exploration of the past. It also facilitated discussions around on-going / remaining issues affecting local communities including the environment, associated flags and intra/ inter-community tensions.

12 areas were selected for participation, having been identified as displaying physical manifestations of the conflict, with activities tailored in each area to help 'reimagine' the community space; building ownership of, and respect within, local areas and communities to contribute to the creation of a sense of belonging.

Key Project Outputs:

- 1) 12 areas reimaged (Ballybeen; Killynure; Moneyreagh; Warren; Seymour Hill; Old Maze / Halftown; Ballymacash; Glenavy; Hillhall; Hilden; Stoneyford; and Derriaghy);
- 2) 120 people engaged;
- 3) Dialogue and Development element delivered;
- 4) Breaking down Barriers element delivered;
- 5) 10 Local History project sessions delivered.