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A Look at the Impact of the Schools and College Project (Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council PEACE IV Action Plan)

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.

Schools and College Project

This project aimed to deliver a cross-community, schools and college programme within primary schools and secondary schools, providing a platform to discuss a familial approach to addressing good relations work.

Programme activity encompassed a series of workshops and non-curricular activities looking at exploring flags; symbols and emblems; healthy relationships; conflict management; migrant awareness training; grief; and trauma and listening skills.

Non-curricular activities included trips to the Leisureplex, Dundonald bowling, Clip n Climb and the Nerve Centre's Fab Lab.

The project operated in seven primary and four post-primary schools. Participating primary schools were: Largymore PS; St Joseph's Lisburn; Moneyrea PS; Carryduff PS; St Joseph's Carryduff (x2 classes); St Aloysius and Knockmore PS. Participating secondary schools were: Ballynahinch High and St Colmcille's Crossgar and Breda Academy.

Key Project Outputs:

- 1) 222 pupils engaged;
- 2) Primary school pupils engaged in between six and ten after-schools programmes, as well as participated in a range of trips, family events and project workshops;
- 3) Seven primary schools worked with a community artist to design an outdoor mosaic, representing their learning from the PEACE IV Programme;
- 4) Post-primary school pupils participated in a residential and a range of trips, family events and project workshops;
- 5) Two post-primary schools completed a shared learning activity with HIP (Helping Improve Performance) on Building Resilience;
- 6) Three primary schools and two post-primary schools participated in a Principal's Animation Programme.