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Project Case Study: The Impact of the Engagement and Signposting Service Project



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Building Positive Relations:
Local Authority Plans

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Projects funded under Louth County Council's Local Authority Action Plan (LAAP) continue to find new and innovative ways to deliver upon their outputs in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recently, a number of projects under the LAAP came to a close such as the Engagement and Signposting Service project.

Funded under the LAAP's Building Positive Relations objective, and led by Youth Work Ireland, the project focused on rural engagement of young people in the areas of Dunleer, Ardee, Omeath, Carlingford and Clogherhead.

40 young people (aged 16 – 25) took part in the project over a two year period.

Following the on-street targeting of youths for the programme, data gathering from the participants highlighted their need for local social spaces, local mental health services and local youth services in the rural areas in Louth.

The project offered support, advice and a referral system to young people within the five areas; equipping them with the skills to access a wide range of resources.

As a direct result of the project, some of the young people went on to undertake youth training courses to assist with junior summer camps and youth clubs occurring within their areas.

"The project brought all the different youth councils together and we made good friends on the residential."

"The training programme makes me think about different cultures and how we treat them without knowing."

"I got to meet local politicians in the youth centre. I think they actually listened to us."

Participant Statements