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#### LEAD PARTNER:

Youth Link: NI

#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

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The TRANSFORM project will engage with approximately 480 young people (aged 14-24) from across Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland to help fulfil their potential; develop their skills; build their confidence; help them gain OCN qualifications; and contribute positively as active citizens within their communities.

The project will be delivered through a youth work approach using non-formal learning environments and tools for change.

The projects geographic areas will include: Antrim; Down; Fermanagh; Tyrone; Derry-Londonderry; Armagh; Cavan; Monaghan; Louth; and Donegal.

*"I feel that the work that we are doing has never been more important than in the current fragile political state that our country is in. Challenging the 'us and them' mentality that exists in our community and helping shape the idea that we are 'one community' has been a key component in this cohort. My favourite part of the whole Transform project is supporting those meaningful conversations between two people who would have never met, because of the religious/political affiliation and helping them see that they really are not that different. Opening up the possibility of creating meaningful friendships based on shared interests, rather than avoidance of someone because of their political identity."*

Transform Youth Worker



Transform Area Wide Fun Day on Saturday 17th August 2019 in Portadown



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Participating beneficiaries will be from the Protestant, Catholic and minority groups and will experience three cross-cutting themes: Personal Development; Good Relations and Citizenship. Such activity will enable personal development in self-awareness; understanding; relationship skills; and active citizenship.

It is anticipated that all participants will have gained volunteering experience and have participated in a sporting event from a tradition different from their own. In addition, it is also anticipated that they will have participated in a cultural/arts event tackling issues of sectarianism, racism and discrimination.

*“Transform has presented me with so many opportunities to grow as an individual and it really helps young people like me to develop skills that are useful for our future. It has also brought so many different people together that would typically never really get the chance to interact with one another and we get to learn about each other’s backgrounds and what unites us. We have built an incredible support network for ourselves, not only from the participants of the Transform Project but also our leaders.”*

*Anna, aged 18, Portadown cohort*



Participants from Belfast Mencap cohort at the Transform Annual Celebration event on Saturday 23rd November 2019.

#### Key Outputs

2.3: Pilot Phase 1. The number of young people aged 14-24 who are most marginalised and disadvantaged completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 120

2.4: Phase 2. The number of young people aged 14-24 who are most marginalised and disadvantaged completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 360



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