

UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF THE SLIGO PEACE IV PROGRAMME

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Beatha agus sláinte chugaibh.

Implementation of the Sligo PEACE IV Programme continued throughout 2019 by Sligo County Council in their capacity as Lead Partner.

Projects are being delivered across three distinct themes, Children & Young People; Shared Spaces & Services; and Building Positive Relations.

Funding of €978,890 is being provided by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) through the PEACE IV Programme. Match funding has been provided by the Executive Office in Northern Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development in Ireland.

Each of the fifteen Projects included in the Programme are contributing to improving community relations with peace at the core of all activities. As Projects are implemented and reach completion we are seeing evidence of the benefits of PEACE IV funding. The Residential Outdoor Activity Camps, the Capacity & Inclusion through Music Project and Conflict to Community Activism are just three examples of the success of the Programme. This community legacy will be enhanced further here in Sligo with the capital development of the cantilever at Stephen Street Car Park which will provide a Shared Space.

The PEACE IV Sub Committee of the Sligo Local Development Company (LCDC) which was formed in 2016 to oversee development of the PEACE IV Programme for County Sligo continues to monitor the implementation of the Programme. The members of the Peace IV Sub Committee, are drawn from the LCDC and other key interest groups with representation from both main faith traditions here in County Sligo.

The PEACE IV Programme is due for completion in 2020 with more positive outputs and interventions to come in the following months.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Councillor Chris MacManus
Chairperson Sligo LCDC & Peace IV Sub-Committee

Sligo Peace IV Programme Themes & Projects

Children & Young People

Outputs to include:

Capacity & Inclusion through Music
Youth Citizenship & Leadership
Programmes
Capacity & Inclusion through Sport
Inclusion & Diversity Programme
Conflict to Community Activism

Building Positive Relations

Outputs to include:
Community Placemaking
Heaney Yeats Literary Trail
Heritage Programme
Small Grants Fund

Shared Spaces & Services

Outputs to include:
Development of Shared Space
in Sligo City Centre

Children & Young People

Conflict to Community Activism



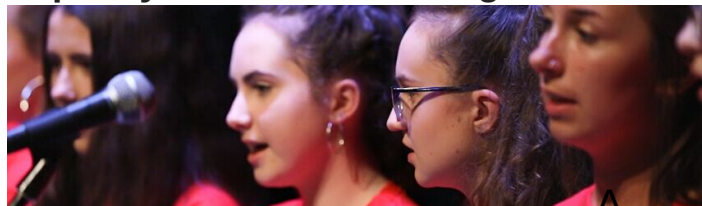
The Conflict to Community Activism Project provided young people with an understanding of the Troubles. This project, successfully delivered by Claire Galligan, was completed in early April. The project involved providing 20 participants (age range 16 – 24 years) with the opportunity to develop an understanding of the history of The Troubles and an awareness of traditions of others from different communities. Participants were recruited from students of Community Development and Social Studies at Sligo College of Further Education. Delivery featured guest speakers from both loyalist and republican communities as well as An Garda Sciochana. The group also visited Derry to learn and discover more about the history and impact of The Troubles.

Inclusion & Diversity Programme



The Inclusion & Diversity Programme, was delivered by Sligo County Childcare Committee. The Programme involved equipping 13 childcare workers from 11 childcare facilities with trainer skills and a knowledge of inclusion and diversity interventions. The childcare workers then shared this knowledge with their colleagues before delivering a series of interventions on inclusion and diversity to children in their facilities. In total some 300 children were exposed to the Programme with 130 being engaged for 30 hours contact time.

Capacity & Inclusion through Music



Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB) successfully delivered this Project on a partner delivery basis. Project engaged with young people from both County Sligo and Co. Fermanagh in the creation of a musical piece to represent their world. Participating schools/youth organisations included St. Mary's College Ballisodare, Youthreach and the Find Centre in Enniskillen. Performances of "Tales & Harmony" took place in The Model, Sligo on Sunday 28th April and at the FIND Centre, Enniskillen on Monday 29th April 2019.

Youth Citizenship & Leadership



The Youth Citizenship & Leadership Programme was facilitated by Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre. The Citizenship element of the Programme engaged 30 young people from throughout County Sligo. Highlights included the staging of a community event which took the form of a colour run in Doorly Park. The Leadership Programme engaged 9 young people and following a series of workshops concluded with a residential stay at the Share Centre, Co. Fermanagh where participants were joined by a group of young people from Belfast for discussions and activities grounded in peace.

Building Positive Relations

Small Grants Projects



Above - Foroige - Launch of the Digital History Project, September 2019



Above - Lest Sligo Forgets - Indicative drawing of the World War 1 Memorial Garden to be developed at Cleveragh



Above- Sligo Rovers - Launch of the Showgrounds Outdoor Museum, October 2019



Above - Northside Community Partnership - Participants in the Pathways to Mediation Project in Derry March 2019



Above - Yeats Society - Performers at the first Salon successfully held in Sligo in March 2019

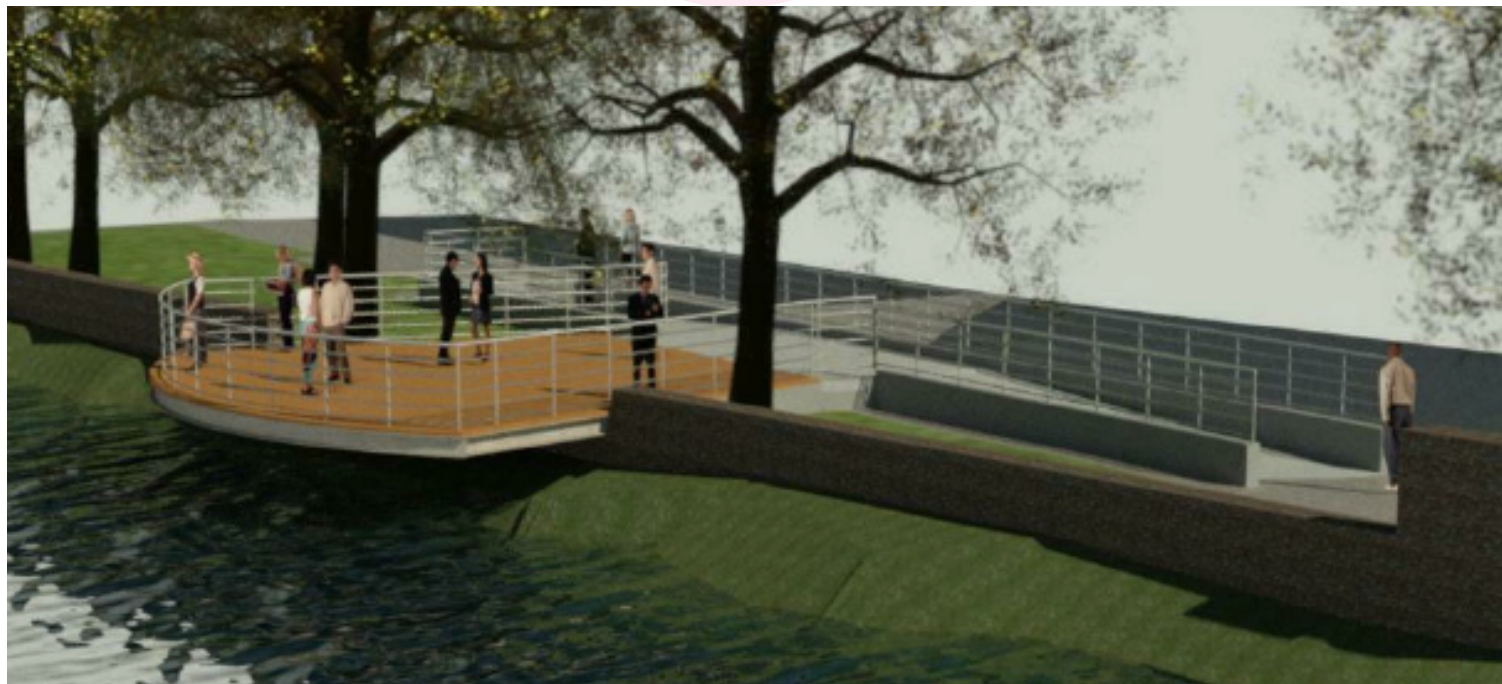
Community Placemaking

The Community Placemaking Project was developed and delivered to make recommendations around the event programming and management of the PEACE IV funded Shared Space to be developed at Stephen Street Car Park on the banks of the River Garavogue. This project was facilitated by Connect PR and ran from August 2018 until October 2019. Participants were engaged to research and make recommendations around the management and programming of the Shared Space. This diverse group representing a range of community interests, was tasked with making recommendations for a workable, sustainable management plan, that include a proposed year-long calendar of events that will promote principles around peacebuilding.



Shared Spaces & Services

The Shared Spaces & Services theme of the PEACE IV Programme will involve the development of a cantilever structure on the banks of the River Garavogue at Stephen Street Car Park. Once developed this Shared Space will be a new multi use piece of infrastructure in the centre of Sligo. As well as having the capacity to host small scale events and activities it will also serve as a meeting and gathering point. It is planned that the Shared Space will be constructed by Summer 2020.



PEACE PLUS

PEACE PLUS is a new EU cross-border programme that will contribute to a more prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. The programme will achieve this by funding activities that promote peace and reconciliation and contribute to the cross-border economic and territorial development of the region. It will build upon previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes.

SEUPB are currently seeking input from to help shape the content of the PEACE PLUS Programme. More details on PEACE PLUS are available at www.seupb.eu/peaceplus and to make a formal response please complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PEACEPLUS

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