

Update on the Peace IV Programme

The Sligo Peace IV Programme is currently being implemented by Sligo County Council as lead partner. Projects will be delivered across the three themes of Children & Young People, Shared Spaces & Services, and Building Positive Relations.

Funding of €860,000 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.

The Sligo Local Community Development Company (LCDC) established the Peace IV Sub Committee in 2016 to oversee development of the Programme and now it monitors the implementation. Members of the Peace IV Sub Committee are drawn from the LCDC and other key interest groups. These members come from both main faith traditions and bring great knowledge and experience to the Sub Committee.

The first project to be completed was the very successful Residential Outdoor Activity Camp under the Children & Young People theme.

A further thirteen projects are due to be delivered by the end of the Programme in December 2019. These projects, grounded in Peace, will greatly help to improve and reinforce community relations

Councillor Sinéad Maguire
Chairperson Sligo LCDC & Peace IV Sub-Committee



Pictured above are Sligo Peace IV Sub Committee Members
Standing L-R

Aisling Smyth Administrative Officer Sligo County Council,
Shane McManus Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education & Training Board,
Chris Gonley Sligo Leader Partnership Company, Chris
MacManus Tus Nua, Michael Kirby Sligo PPN
Seated L-R

Dorothy Clarke Director of Services Sligo County Council,
Councillor Sinéad Maguire Chairperson Sligo LCDC & Peace IV
Sub-Committee, David Simpson Minority Faiths
not in photo - Sharon Boles Sligo PPN, Hugh
MacConville Social Partner Irish Congress of Trade Unions,
Philip Maree An Garda Síochána, Gerry O'Connor Sligo PPN

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



Shared Spaces & Services

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



Building Positive Relations

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

Shared Space Development

Under the Shared Spaces & Services theme, the Peace IV Programme will develop a cantilever structure on the banks of the River Garavogue at Stephen Street Car Park.

This public space will be a new focal point in the centre of Sligo. It will act as a venue for a range of outdoor public performances. It will also be a gathering point for locals and visitors alike.

The Community Placemaking Project (funded under the Building Positive Relations theme) will play a major part in helping to ensure that this new space will be embraced by all sections of the community here in Sligo.

CST Group (Civil Structural Traffic), based in Sligo, have recently been appointed consultant engineers for the project. The development and construction of the cantilever structure is scheduled to be completed by end of Summer 2019.



Residential Outdoor Activity Camps



The Residential Outdoor Activity Camps were delivered by Northwest Adventure Tours over the course of two weeks in August 2018. A total of, sixty participants in the 12 -16 age range enjoyed a range of activities on land, lake and ocean plus teambuilding exercises in the neutral setting of the Sligo landscape. These activities were complemented with opportunities for dialogue on the topic of Peace. This Project was deemed a great success by participants with many new friendships formed and participants gaining a better understanding of the importance of good community relations. The Project concluded with a recognition event held in September when participants received certificates of participation.



Official Launch of Sligo Peace IV Programme



Speakers at the official launch of the Sligo Peace IV Programme L-R: Dorothy Clarke Director of Services Sligo County Council, Linda Ervine Turas Project, Brenda Hegarty Special EU Programmes Body, Councillor Sinéad Maguire Chairperson Sligo LCDC & Peace IV Sub Committee, Councillor Seamus Kilgannon Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council

The Sligo Peace IV Programme was officially launched at an event held in City Hall, Sligo on Tuesday 10th April 2018. This was a significant date as it was 20 years to the day since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

The event was addressed by Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, Chair of the Local Community Development Committee and Peace IV Sub Committee Councillor Sinéad Maguire and SEUPB Peace IV Programme Manager Brenda Hegarty. The guest speaker was Linda Ervine of the Turas Project, an Irish language initiative in East Belfast. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services Sligo County Council, was M.C. for the event.



Linda Ervine of the Turas Project, guest speaker at the official launch of the Sligo Peace IV Programme



Speakers and guests in the Council Chamber at City Hall, venue for the official launch of the Sligo Peace IV Programme

Community Placemaking Project



Members of Community Placemaking Group pictured at the site of the Shared Space in Stephen Street Car Park in Sligo City Centre

The Community Placemaking Project is an output of the Building Positive Relations theme. The Project is being delivered by Maeve McCormack of Connect PR. The Project is focussed on ensuring that there is community input into the programming of and identifying potential uses for the Shared Space Project at Stephen Street Car Park. A steering group of 15 people from Peace IV target groups has been formed. This group therefore represents a range of sectors and interests including the arts, crafts, local authority, retail, tourism, youth, older people, minority communities and the environment. This core group will, over the course of the project lifetime participate in workshops, cross border exchanges and undertake site visits to other shared spaces. This will help ensure that the Shared Space here in Sligo and its uses are grounded in and reflective of the ethos of Peace. The Project is due for completion in September 2019.

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