



The County of Sligo is to benefit from the Peace IV Programme (2014-2020) with a budget of €860,505

The Peace IV Programme is a cross-border initiative, financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of the European Union and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). It has been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. In addition to supporting peace and reconciliation the ERDF also contributes to the promotion of social and economic stability, in particular through actions to promote cohesion between communities.

As Lead Partner, Sligo County Council, will be responsible for the delivery of the Peace IV action plan which will promote peace and reconciliation in the County. The plan will focus on three key themes: 'Children and Young People', 'Shared Spaces and Services' and 'Building Positive Relations'.

The funding will be used in the delivery of local community initiatives for children and young people involving music, sport and capacity building. There will also be elements focussing on our shared literary and built heritage. Allied to the creation of a shared civic space will be engagement of local community representatives in a placemaking programme. A small grants programme to support grass roots peace building activities and initiatives will also be rolled out.

Peace IV aims to increase the percentage of people who think relations between Protestants and Catholics have improved and an increased cultural awareness of minority ethnic communities.

Match-funding for this element of the Peace IV Programme has been provided by the Executive Office in Northern Ireland and the Irish Government.



Children & Young People

Outputs to include:
Capacity & Inclusion through Music
Youth Citizenship/Leadership
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 Place-making
Heaney Yeats Literary Trail
Heritage Programme
Small Grants Fund

PEACE IV - SMALL GRANTS FUND

The Small Grants Fund is one of the outputs of the Building Positive Relations theme. The specific objective of the Fund the theme is:

"The promotion of positive relations characterised by respect, where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance."

The Fund value is €159,811 and represents an opportunity to support peace building initiatives here in County Sligo. Community and voluntary organisations will be eligible to apply. Funding awards will be from a minimum of €7,500 to a maximum of €40,000. The fund will open for applications in Spring 2018. To register your groups interest please e-mail peace@sligococo.ie



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