

PEACE IV Partnership Chair and Vice Chair Announced



The new Chair and Vice Chair of Ards and North Down Borough Council's PEACE IV Partnership have been announced. Councillor Richard Smart is the newly appointed Chair while Alison Blayney, Director of the Kilcooley Women's Centre, is the newly appointed Vice Chair.

The PEACE IV Programme is funded by Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and includes a variety of projects that aim to support peace and reconciliation across the Borough. It focusses on three main themes: 'Children and Young People', 'Shared Spaces and Services' and 'Building Positive Relations'.

Councillor Richard Smart and Alison Blayney are pictured at the Donaghadee PEACE IV bench. The bench reflects the area's culture and maritime heritage and is one of six pieces of public art created along the peninsula as part of the PEACE IV Community Based Arts Programme, delivered by The Institute of Conflict Research and local artists.

Richard Smart newly elected Chair of the PEACE IV Partnership said "I am delighted to be elected as Chair of the Partnership and look forward to seeing the continuing peace building benefits that the programmes will bring to everyone in the Borough. The completed programmes have made a real difference promoting peace and building positive relations."

Match-funding has been provided by the Executive Office in Northern Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development in Ireland

For more information, visit ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/peaceiv.