

## **Ards and North Down PEACE IV E-Zine**

**March 2020**

### **2020 welcomes a new e-zine from the Ards and North Down Borough Council PEACE IV Partnership.**

Ards and North Down Borough Council was awarded almost £3.34M from the European Union's PEACE IV Programme to deliver the PEACE IV Action Plan.

The programme is supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

A total of 19 projects were developed to support peace and reconciliation and have continued to be rolled out across the Borough, with a completion date of September 2020.

This e-zine summarises the progress and achievements of the following programmes.

### **Children and Young People Programme**

#### **Capacity Building and Youth Leadership programme delivered by the NI Youth Forum**

The Capacity Building and Leadership development programme for peace building is aimed at young people aged 12-24 and has two elements. Firstly, a cross-community and cross-border youth voice activity linked to the creation of 8 cross-community youth forums engaging with c.12 young people per forum which will connect to the emerging Youth Council locally, and a mentoring and peer leadership activity working with 24 youth champions recruited from target areas where the visible manifestation of the conflict are more distinct.

To date 70 participants have been recruited from areas including Glen Estate, Westwinds, Kilcooley, Whitehill, Rathgill, Donaghadee, Bangor, Millisle, Ballywalter, Cloughey, Comber, Portaferry and Ballygowan, 22 of the participants have formed the Ards and North Down Youth Council.



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## **Building Positive Relationships**

### **Musical Traditions programme delivered by Blu Zebra**

The aim of this programme is to deliver a Musical Traditions programme with a minimum of 10 bands and musicians from flute, pipe, silver and accordion bands along with Ulster Scots and Traditional Irish musicians. The project will research the history and traditions of bands/musicians and will capture an oral history through recordings, videos and interactive electronics. The project will also produce a collaborative piece of music, an information booklet and a mobile exhibition.

Work is continuing with the engagement of participants and the appointment of a musical director in the preparation of a musical tradition's performance.



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## **Celebrating Cultural Diversity programme delivered by The Rural Centre**

The aim of this programme is to promote and build 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 programme will recruit 40 participants from throughout the borough.

A launch event for the programme took place on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Workshops are on-going and site visits are being organised to various places of worship including the Mosque, Islamic Centre and Indian Cultural Centre. Further trips to the Chester Beatty Museum and the Irish Jewish Museum in Dublin are being planned to conclude the delivery of the programme.



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## **Shared Spaces and Services**

The objective of the Shared Spaces and Services theme is to create a more cohesive society through increased provision of spaces which can be used by all of the community. Within the Shared Spaces and Services theme, Ards and North Down Borough Council PEACE IV Partnership is delivering projects that will transform and create shared spaces in Comber, Holywood, Portaferry and Portavogie.

Each project proposed under the shared spaces programme has been suggested by the community during community consultations on the needs of the area as the type of projects that would bring communities together and enable the interaction of those from different community backgrounds. The proposed projects will transform the four community spaces in the Borough into inclusive community shared space and provide a PEACE IV legacy in each of the four areas.

FP McCann have been appointed as the contractor for the SSS programme and the following construction timelines are below:

### **Comber**

13/01/2020 – 31/03/2020

This will include a new skate park with fencing and lighting, drainage works to the existing family kick about area and an upgrade and widening of the existing path surrounding the entire field which will connect the Comber to Newtownards Greenway.

### **Holywood**

30/03/2020 – 04/05/2020

This will include new entrance signage and gate, new paving and improvements to existing paths, tree planting and wildflower meadow seeding

### **Portaferry**

Nugent's Wood -13/02/2020 – 08/04/2020

This will include improvements to the existing walking trail path, drainage works, seating, sculptures and entrance signage to be installed.

Ropewalk - 13/01/2020 - 16/03/2020

This will include installation of an official walking trail gravel path, seating, sculptures and entrance signage to be installed.

### **Portavogie**

New Harbour Road - 09/04/2020 – 22/05/2020

This will include a new skate park with fencing and lighting and a community garden.

Portavogie Anchor Car Park - 17/04/2020 - 07/05/2020

This will include outdoor gym equipment.

### **Want to take part?**

Get in contact with the delivery agents to secure your place today.

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