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Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan

Leitrim County Council received an allocation of €3,334,009 under the PEACEPLUS programme. Funding is split across 3 themes:

- Local Community Regeneration & Transformation
- Thriving & Peaceful Communities
- Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Leitrim's Co-Designed Action Plan was approved for the full allocation in June 2024. The timescale for delivery of our Action Plan is Jan 2025 to July 2027

PEACEPLUS

PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

It will provide €1.14bn investment across 21 individual investment areas.



Local Authorities

€110m has been allocated to 17 County Councils across Northern Ireland and the border counties to develop programmes under Theme 1: Building Peaceful & Thriving Communities - Area 1.1 Co-Designed Local Community Peace Action Plans



Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan

Local Community
Regeneration &
Transformation

Thriving &
Peaceful
Communities

Celebrating
Culture &
Diversity

Co-Design Consultation for the Plan

Phase 1:

Initial consultation and Engagement

- 55 groups engaged in face to face and online consultations.
- 190 project concepts/ideas emerged across the three themes. A Project Assessment Sub-Committee comprising members of the PEACEPLUS Partnership met to shortlist these concepts/ideas to move into Phase 2 of the process for Themes 2 and 3.
- A short list of potential capital projects under Theme 1 were identified and groups were invited to complete an Expression of Interest form on their capital project, aligned to the PEACEPLUS selection criteria.

Phase 2:

Working Groups

- 28 different organisations participated in targeted Working Group sessions in May 2023 to develop projects under Themes 2 & 3 and identify potential delivery models.

Phase 3:

Co-Design Meetings

- Met with reps from 25 organisations & relevant stakeholders to align projects ensuring additionality rather than displacement or duplication.



Leitrim PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee

The Leitrim PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee consists of 18 members across 4 Pillars. The first meeting was held in Sept 2022 and they have continued to meet regularly to oversee the development and the implementation of Leitrim's PEACEPLUS Action Plan.



Current membership of the Leitrim PEACEPLUS Partnership

Pillar 1: Elected Members

- Cllr Justin Warnock
- Cllr Brendan Barry
- Cllr Gary Prior
- LCC Chief Executive
- LCC Director of Services/ Senior Executive Officer

Pillar 2: Public Sector Bodies

- Superintendent Denis Ellard, An Garda Síochána
- Lorraine Sheridan, HSE
- Cormac Hanlon, MSLETB
- Joe Rynn, CYPSC

Pillar 3: Social Partners

- Assumpta Kelly, N. Leitrim Women's Centre
- Chris Gonley, Leitrim Development Company
- Kathleen Kearns, Leitrim PPN/Youth
- Liam Breslin, Leitrim PPN/Environment

Pillar 4: PEACEPLUS Target Groups

- Jimmy McGivern, Leitrim PPN/Re Nua Le Cheile
- Kathryn Hardingham, Leitrim PPN/Minority Faith
- Osa Peter Olabiyi, Leitrim International Community Group
- Margaret Hyland, Disability Network
- Julie Marshall, Minority Faith



Theme 1: Community Regeneration & Transformation

Transforming, re-imagining, developing new or enhanced areas within a community including existing buildings, outdoor spaces & streetscapes to create a shared space & increase cross community & cross border interaction.

Five Capital projects have been approved under Theme 1. The total funding amounts to €836,986 which is 34% of our programme budget. There is an additional €55,000 allocated under Theme 2 to fund cross community and cross-border activities in these new shared spaces.

PROJECT	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS
Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Ballinamore beside the Sports Complex	€224,490	200
Community Meeting Space, Coleman's Building (the old book shop), Main St. Carrick-on-Shannon	€302,322	200
Solar power Supply in Kinlough Eco Park supporting Men's Shed, Community Garden & N. West Canoe Club	€37,710	60
Play & Art Therapy Facility, NW STOP Facility Drumkeerin (to the rear of the old Garda Station)	€222,915	90
Internal refurbishment of Lurganboy Church of Ireland to create a cross-community space	€49,550	50



Theme 2: Thriving & Peaceful Communities

Building the capacity of local organisations through cross community collaboration, developing new community leaders, enhance the capacity of existing leaders & volunteers, deliver heritage, health & wellbeing, education environment & cultural projects.

Seven projects have been approved under Theme 2. The total funding amounts to €893,435 which is 36% of our programme budget.

PROJECT	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS
Community Capacity Building & Volunteer Support Programme - QQI Level 5 & 7 courses in Community development; Volunteer support & youth volunteer programmes	€165,473	525
Environmental Awareness & Biodiversity Programme - Cross Border Farm & Biodiversity Awareness programme; Lough Melvin and Lough MacNea Biodiversity Project; Cross-Community Biodiversity Project working with Tidy Towns, Residents Associations & Community gardens	€181,432	180
Celebrate & Acknowledge our Culture, Heritage & Faith - Intercultural Workshops; storytelling & choirs; Sports Chaplaincy programme & a cross-border drama project.	€116,086	536
Digital Youth Hub Project in 6 locations around the county & cross-border shared Learning in Digital Spaces for Young People	€151,752	440



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PROJECT	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS
Voice of Women in Rural Ireland - Feasibility of a Leitrim Women's Forum/Network; Workshops looking at the role and contribution of women in Leitrim to families, communities, business and farming; Cross community cross-border women's project; explore the experience of Leitrim Women during The Troubles	€128,749	448
Support Programme for those most Isolated - Outreach programme to work with those most isolated; Men's Shed groups in Leitrim linking with Men's Shed groups in N Ireland; Cross-border railway restorative heritage project; a support programme for carers living in border communities	€97,943	236
Shared Space Animation Projects - Activities using new shared spaces to include drama, sports, arts, music, community based events & cross-border engagements.	€55,500	600



Theme 3: Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Engaging those with opposing/dissenting views or those seldom heard. Increase levels of understanding and integration of minority & new communities. Address issues of stereotypes, trust & intolerance and increase civic participation with language support & workshops.

Four projects have been approved under Theme 3. The total funding amounts to €504,913 which is 21% of our programme budget.

PROJECT	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS
Active Citizenship and Orientation Programme - A series of integration and inclusion activity and taster programmes e.g. intercultural sports, food, arts, crafts, drama, music, intercultural volunteering opportunities, to build & share knowledge of Irish and newcomer cultures; training & capacity building for ethnic minority support groups in Leitrim	€197,033	296
Traveller Community Programme - Short Story Film Project by the Traveller community; Intercultural Training Programme for community representatives/schools/Businesses/Service Deliverers	€135,368	173
Ex political Prisoners their Families and Displaced Persons - Practical Skills Training Programme - Tractor skills & safety awareness/Quad Bike/ First Aid/ Safe Pass/security; Facilitated workshops dealing with issues of violence, mental health, drug and alcohol awareness and the legacy of conflict in border regions	€127,274	84
Promoting Diversity through the Arts -Drama project with a group of young people with Non-Verbal Down Syndrome; training camps for young people in in sound & lighting / film / set design & costume	€45,236	88





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