

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council PEACE IV Newsletter

Welcome to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's PEACE IV Newsletter.

The Newsletter is an interactive publication with links to web pages and online videos for further reading, and aims to bring you highlights from a wonderful range of upcoming, current and ongoing PEACE IV funded projects throughout the district.

The Council has adapted to how it delivers its PEACE IV Programme projects, throughout Covid19 restrictions, to ensure its communities continue to receive the full benefits of the PEACE IV Programme.

There is a fantastic range of projects currently being delivered under three PEACE IV themes of:

Building Positive Relations Children and Young People Shared Spaces and Services

Within these themes, project delivery agents and participants continue to embrace new ways of engaging and learning to progress and deliver successful project outcomes.



A project supported by the European Union's
PEACE IV Programme, managed by the special
EU Programme Body (SEUPB).

Building Positive Relations: Ethnic Minority & Cultural Diversity Programme



This is the first of twelve exciting projects that will be delivered under this programme, between now and September 2021.

For more information and to get involved, contact - info.beyondskin@gmail.com

The PEACE IV Ethnic Minority Programme also includes Irish Traveller Integration Programmes. Projects in the area of Sports Heritage and Documentary Photography are currently recruiting.

Documentary Photography Project - 'Life Thru My Lens'

This project will provide participants the opportunity to learn the art of photography composition, and the art of storytelling through images. Project activities will be delivered via a blended approach which will involve participant engagement and exploration via online group sessions as well as controlled face-to-face meetings adhering to social distancing protocols. Each engagement session will provide a range of photographic techniques to explore. At the end of the project, participants will host a showcase of their work where the wider public can view their

creations. This project is currently recruiting participants, and in line with Covid 19 restrictions, it is planned to roll some elements of this Programme online.

For more information and to get involved, contact - gemma.gallagher@skillsteam.ie

Sports Heritage – 'A Game of Two Halves'

This project will allow participants the opportunity to experience a variety of sports both team and individual. There will also be an opportunity to attend field trips to notable sporting locations in Northern Ireland. This Project also has an element of online engagement where clients can participate in forums and workshops exploring the sporting heritage of Northern Ireland, sports which are no longer played and sports which participants may never have tried before. There is no minimum level of fitness needed, this project is about trying something new and having fun engaging with everyone on the project.

Participant recruitment for this project is open now, so for more information and to get involved please contact contact - gemma.gallagher@skillsteam.ie



Ballykinlar Hut Engagement Project

This project has produced a fantastic digital Comic Book which illustrates and contains stories about how the lives of three men were interlinked with Ballykinlar Camp, an army base situated along the districts coast near Dundrum. The Comic Book stories are from the first half of the 20th Century and introduce James Hughes, a Belfast-born soldier of the First World War, Peter Byrne, a Dublin-born internee of the Irish War of Independence, and William Wolfe, a Chicago-born GI on his way to the Normandy landings in the Second World War. The Comic Book has been brilliantly designed and illustrated by the CDDA team, Centre for Data Digitisation and Analysis at Queens University Belfast, who promoted this highly successful PEACE IV Ballykinlar Hut engagement project.

To view the online comic, visit: qub.ac.uk/research-centresCentreorDataDigitisationandAnalysis/News

This Comic Book project is linked to another PEACE IV project under the 'Shared Spaces' theme that has recreated a replica military hut from Ballykinlar Camp at Down County Museum. The Design is based on historic plans, and a dismantled hut for authentic design and features. The hut will eventually house an interior interpreting the lives of occupants of the hut c. 1914-1950. The following link is a fantastic timelapse of the hut construction on-site at Down County Museum.

facebook.com/BallykinlarHistoryHut

Building Positive Relations: Shared History and Culture Programme



PEACE IV Community Digs 2018 & 2019 At Cathedral Hill, Downpatrick

Down County Museum, as part of its 'Building Positive Relations' programme funded by the PEACE IV initiative, carried out this cross-community excavation on Cathedral Hill, Downpatrick. The excavation provided an opportunity for a diverse group of volunteers to explore the archaeology of the hilltop fort or 'dún', which gave its name to County Down and was converted into a monastery in the eighth century AD.

The hill is known as the traditional burial place of St Patrick in the fifth century, the site of a ditched enclosure, a round tower and a restored medieval Benedictine abbey, which is now Down Cathedral.

Two locations were identified as sites for investigation, namely the grassed-over former tennis court site to the North-West of the Cathedral, and the grass verge directly opposite the West Entrance of the Cathedral. The dig was hugely successful and a report can be read at the following link; bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47895990

To view a wonderful video showcasing the dig and its unique and newsworthy archaeological find click here or visit; vimeo.com/415298573/3618cab53b

Building Positive Relations: Civic Leadership Programme



This very successful Open College Network (OCN) accredited civic leadership programme for women raised the profile of female voices throughout Newry, Mourne and Down district, equipping women with knowledge and skills to enable them to take an active role in civic, community and political life.

Click on the link below to see coverage by SEUPB of the PEACE IV NMANDD Women in Civic Leadership Programme adapting to online delivery in response to Covid-19

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Building Positive Relations: Cross Community and Intercultural Events



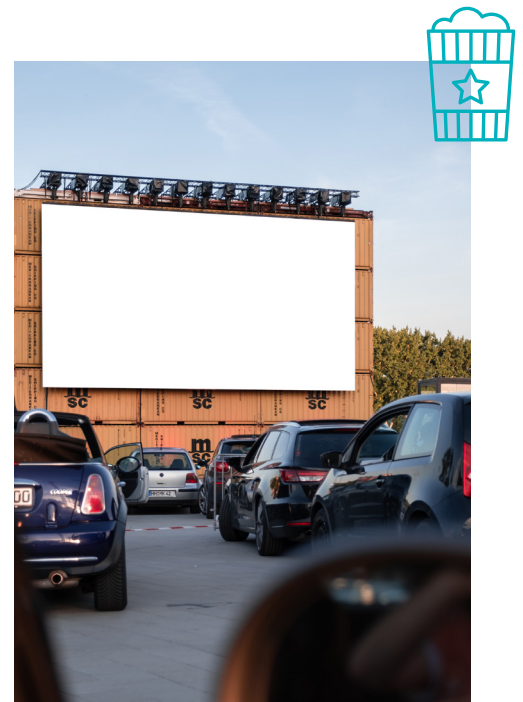
Arts Ekta, Northern's Ireland leading cultural diversity charity is currently delivering workshops as a part of the Building Positive Relations, Cross Community and Intercultural Events Programme across Newry, Mourne and Down district.

Due to Covid-19 circumstances, the workshops have been adapted and creative teams are bringing the engagement online for participants. The Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) group will be the first participants to experience the online programme and recruitment is now open for participants from the Rowallane, Slieve Gullion, The Mournes and Downpatrick DEA areas.

The programme brings knowledge about cultures from around the world, which are explored through dance, art and music. The programme is also a great opportunity to gain OCN Level 2 accreditation in Diversity through Arts. Through the workshops cultural celebrations from across the world are explored such as Mexican Dia de Los Muertos, Chinese New Year, Festival of Lights. Participants then get the chance to co design their own diversity intercultural, fully funded event to bring a taste of different cultures to the local community.

Click here to view the highly successful Crotlieve DEA Event "Mourne Mela" www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJ2L5kOfEw

For more information and to get involved, contact: info@artseкта.org.uk.



Shared Spaces and Services: Engagement Programme

Coming Soon...

DRIVE-IN Cinema events in each of the seven DEA areas. The areas will be used for hosting the events and the movies will be selected by the participants as part of the cross-community engagement programme.

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Children & Young people: Youth led Cultural Diversity

The aim of this programme is to create meaningful youth engagement opportunities, which will help young people, in the border counties, to understand and respect the rights and equality of all without discrimination. The programme opened in September 2019 and is due to conclude in September 2021.

Prior to Covid restrictions being introduced there were 180 young people engaged in the programme and completing group sessions at various venues. When lockdown was introduced the delivery agent had to adjust quickly to ensure continued delivery of the programme. As the pictures show the young people continued to engage and took part in their sessions virtually.

