



## Press Release

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### **New service launched for carers of victims and survivors of the troubles**

The pioneering project SACRED, based in Markethill and with an outlet in Enniskillen, was launched yesterday with the aim of giving carers a break from their responsibilities through the provision of respite activities and services.

The project, which will work with 100 carers living in the Fermanagh South Tyrone and South Armagh, has been instigated and implemented by FAIR victims group in Markethill, supported by Ely Centre in Enniskillen, and funded under the European Union's PEACE III Programme, managed on behalf of the Special EU Programmes Body, by the Community Relations Council and Pobal Consortium.

Speaking at the launch event, Andrew McGaffin, Project SACRED Coordinator, said:

"I'm delighted to launch the project today and I feel it will be of great benefit to those who take part in it. We have researched and planned the programmes thoroughly and are confident we will deliver much-needed relief and release to the carers and their dependents. All the staff at Project SACRED are highly motivated and enthusiastic to make sure this project makes a real difference to those involved."

Attending the event SEUPB's Chief Executive Pat Colgan said:

"The PEACE III Programme under Theme 1.2 is aimed at acknowledging and dealing with the past. This project demonstrates how provision of respite services for individuals, families and groups affected by the legacy of the conflict can make an important contribution to progress towards a peaceful and stable society.

"The PEACE III Programme will carry forward key aspects of the previous PEACE Programmes – (PEACE I and II) with a continued and renewed emphasis on reconciliation."

The launch event was attended by more than 50 people including carers and their dependents, as well as local representatives.

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**Notes to editors:**

SACRED is an acronym for “Support and Active Carer Respite for Excluded Dependents”.