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## Project Case Study: Mid and East Antrim Youth Reflect on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

**THEME:**

Building Positive Relations  
Local Authority Plans

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Mid & East Antrim BC

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ough Council

A group of 20 young people took part in a six-month initiative examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on teenagers and young adults in the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council area.

Organised as part of the PEACE IV funded *Youth Active Citizenship Programme*, participants were drawn from a number of local youth and sporting groups including members of Carlisle Coaching; Ballymena United FC; Larne YMCA; and Sunnylands and Woodburn Community Development Group.

Participants were provided with the opportunity to undertake workshops in a range of areas including leadership, communication, emotional intelligence and mental health.

Delivered by Copius Consulting, the project saw Ballymena team players Trai Hume and Ben Wylie deliver a virtual presentation to the groups about the importance of their role in becoming an active citizen within their communities.

The group members then worked on individual pieces; reflecting on their own COVID-19 experience through video, poetry, art and music.

*“The Young Active Citizens Programme has been an absolute joy to manage. Working with such talented and strong minded young people over the past year, and seeing their development over the course of the programme, has been something that myself and everyone at Copius takes great pleasure in.”*

Jack Breslin, Project Manager, Copius Consulting

This programme is just one of the project’s funded as part of the Council’s PEACE IV funded, Local Authority Action Plan. The Action Plan involves a unique partnership between the public, private and community sectors across the Council area and aims to address reconciliation, cultural diversity, conflict transformation and equality issues.