

Special EU Programmes Body

Project Case Study

Programme:
PEACE III

Back to the Future

Theme:
**Acknowledging and Dealing
with the Past**

Funding:
€340,631.50

Lead Partner:
WAVE Trauma Centre

Website:
[http://
www.wavetraumacentre.org.u
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Geographical area:
Regional

The WAVE youth department provides a continuum of support services to children and young people aged 5-25 affected by the troubles in its centres across NI.

This project delivers a one-year training course to young people aged 18-25, which aims to increase their knowledge and skills in the areas of trauma awareness, conflict transformation and restorative justice.

The overall aim is to enable and effectively equip young people to engage in building peace in their immediate environment as well as in their larger communities. Activities are offered on a cross-community basis and fall into one of four categories:

- Personal and social development;
- Storytelling;
- Citizenship;
- Widening Horizons, incorporating programmes overseas.

A befriending and counselling service is also available for young people in need of additional support.

In support of this, a shorter 'Introduction to Peace-building' programme is delivered to young people aged 14-17 in schools and community organisations.

The programme also provides volunteer, peer mentoring and peer education training for young people and widening horizons.

It complements the offer of the WAVE Trauma Centre which includes: counselling, one to one befriending, educational support and group work, based on the principles of play and art therapy, storytelling, citizenship, personal and social development.

Key Project Outputs

- To assist and support children and young people to become more active participants in their communities.
- To help merge young people's personal experience with theoretical learning and training in order to facilitate discussion/debate;
- To facilitate training and support in the principles of peace-building, trauma awareness, reconciliation, conflict transformation and restorative justice.
- To address negative behaviour by actively recruiting and involving children and young people in training programmes.



During a performance, Clare looks through her scrapbook of the Holy Cross incident she was a part of.