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# Project Case Study

## Monaghan County Council PEACE III Partnership

Programme:  
**PEACE III Programme**

Theme:  
**Building Positive Relations**

Funding:  
circa €7million.

Lead Partner:  
**Monaghan County Council**

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Geographical area: Border  
Region of Ireland

Monaghan County Council has created a Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan which sets out how the Council will work towards building positive relations at a local level. To help achieve this goal the Monaghan PEACE III Partnership established a sub-committee of the Monaghan County Development Board. Members of the Partnership are drawn from agencies and organisation represented on this Board, along with some additional local community representatives.

Funding is provided to **many hundreds of different local community based projects** and initiatives within the Council area.

One such example would be the 'Supporting the integration of New Communities' initiative which has been designed to address the specific needs

of host communities and new immigrant communities, in order to challenge attitudes and develop greater levels of mutual appreciation and tolerance.

The initiative provides financial support to a number of local community based projects which raise awareness of the extent, nature and value of diversity within the county and the wider region.

The initiative also helps build the capacity of immigrant communities to become actively involved and positively integrated into their adopted community. Projects include cultural events such as 'Africa Day', intercultural networking tours and a wide-range of other social integration focused participation activities.



Pictured (l-r) is Abin-Bola Adetoi James and Folake Akinola, both participants in the 'Supporting the Integration of New Communities Programme'.

### Key Project Outputs:

- **Raise levels of understanding, respect and tolerance within the Council area.**
- **Build capacity of indigenous communities to pro-actively engage with their neighbours.**
- **Facilitate enhanced levels of community contact and participation.**
- **Enhance knowledge of other cultures.**