

Special EU Programmes Body

# Project Case Study

Programme:  
**PEACE III**

Theme:  
**1.1 Regional—Building Positive Relations at the Local Level**

Funding:  
**£1,723,552.00**

Lead Partner:  
**Arts Council NI**

Website:  
**<http://www.artscouncil-ni.org>**

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Geographical area:  
**Regional**

## Building Peace through the Arts — Re-imagining Communities

This is a community initiative project which will assist community groups in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland to tackle signs of sectarianism and racism within their communities.

The project aims to support the delivery of 80-100 community based projects by offering grants of up to £15,000 for small initiatives and up to £50,000 for larger scale projects.

This projects follows on from the Re-imagining Communities Programme (2007-2009) and is of relevance to artists, community and voluntary groups and local authorities, with applications encouraged from projects that have a rural and/or cross-border focus.

The funding supports arts projects that

promote a shared future and build positive relations within and between communities. It seeks to enable community groups to employ artists to work with local groups and to create vibrant and attractive public spaces through the use of creative arts.

Of the total project costs of £3.18 million, £1.7 million is provided under the European Union's PEACE III Programme. Additional contributions are provided by the International

### Key Project Outputs:

- **Deliver 80-100 projects in under-represented communities.**
- **Establish local advisory panels in each of the 7 cluster areas.**
- **Complete 21 feasibility studies, 28 small community based projects, and 14 larger community based projects.**
- **Actively target and successfully implement project activities in the 9 council areas identified which have had little or no participation in the pilot programme (Fermanagh, Omagh, Strabane, and the border regions of Louth, Monaghan, Cavan, Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal).**



Pictured in the Playhouse in Derry/Londonderry are (L-R): Dr Adrian Johnston, IFI; Roisin McDonough, Arts Council; NI deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness MLA; and Pat Colgan, SEUPB.