

Special EU Programmes Body

Project Case Study

Programme:
PEACE III Programme

Theme:
**2.1 Creating Shared Public
Space**

Funding:
€7,044,706.00

Lead Partner:
**Skainos Development
Corporation**

Skainos Village in East Belfast

The main aim of the Project is the creation of a new shared space 'urban village' in inner East Belfast located on the Newtownards Road between Dee Street and Templemore Avenue.

This village, built around a specially created new street/village square, will model new approaches to economic activity, training and education, access to services, community interaction, including that between the traditional communities in Northern Ireland and the new ethnic minority communities in East Belfast.

With its strategically chosen partners it aims to normalise life for all communities in the area by providing a safe space within which the traditional communities of Northern Ireland will encounter one

another in the ordinary activities of everyday life.

The heart of this village involves a range of strategically chosen partners in a suite of buildings sharing the ethos of the project to normalise life for all communities in the area. The Skainos Project will provide safe spaces within which people of the traditional communities of Northern Ireland will encounter one another in the ordinary activities of everyday: nursery care for infants and children, social activities for older people, education and training, shopping, job search and youth work.

Key project outputs:

- Provision of space for youth work.
- Elderly care services provided by Age Concern on behalf of Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.
- Training and employment programmes provided by Stepping Stone.
- A range of community based services provided by East Belfast Mission.
- Adult education programmes delivered by Belfast Metropolitan College.
- Day care facilities for children of age 0-3 provided by East Belfast Mission.
- A café to service the site to be operated by East Belfast Mission.
- Additional retail and office space for rental to voluntary sector or commercial tenants.

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Geographical area:
East Belfast



The vertical garden at Skainos.