

Special EU Programmes Body

Project Case Study

Belfast Urban Sports Park

Programme:
PEACE III Programme

Theme:
Creating Shared Spaces

Funding: £500,000

Lead Partner: Belfast City
Council

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Geographical area:
Northern Ireland and the
Border Region of Ireland

The project was designed to reclaim a derelict site in Belfast city centre and transform it into a community space for urban sport that could be used safely by young people from all sides of the community. It is the first public outdoor skate park in Northern Ireland and has successfully established links with other urban sports facilities, on a cross-border basis throughout Ireland.

The park is located under the M3 flyover, a short five or ten minute walk from Belfast city centre and provides facilities for skateboarding, in-line skating, Parkour and BMXing.

It also includes a capsule bowl and street complex, complete with handrails, hips, quarter pipes, grind boxes and hubbas.

The project includes a youth engagement strategy managed by Belfast City Council and Belfast Urban Sports targeted at young people from deprived areas of the city.

This cross-community strategy encourages young people from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds to come together, learn from each other and participate in urban sports based activities within the park.

It hosts a number of national and international events on an annual basis which have attracted urban sports enthusiasts from across the world.

