



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

### Project case study: Building a Better Future for Young People with PEACE IV, TRANSFORM Project

#### THEME:

Children & Young People

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#### LEAD PARTNER:

Youth Link: NI

#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

Royal Mencap Society, Youth Initiatives NI

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**End Date:** 31/12/2021



**TRANSFORM (Transformative Education for Positive Relationships)** is engaging with approximately 480 young people (aged 14-24) from across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland to help:

- Fulfil their potential;
- Develop their skills;
- Build their confidence;
- Help them gain OCN qualifications;
- Contribute positively as active citizens within their communities.

At the beginning of March 2021, the project concluded with its cohorts in County Down and County Fermanagh with a week-long celebration, which included the delivery of a care package for each participant.

The group took part in lots of games and activities, chosen by the young people. It was an emotional time but the group thoroughly enjoyed the programme, gaining new skills and making lifelong friendships. The TRANSFORM project delivery team are still hopeful that they can deliver a face-to-face celebration event once restrictions ease.

The Fermanagh Mencap group relocated to the Omagh area to work closely with young people in the surrounding areas. The group commenced online engagement, facilitated twice a week, and so far have been enjoying getting to know you activities between staff and young people.

The Belfast and County Down group relocated to Portadown, working in partnership with Goal Line Youth Centre. Sessions are currently being delivered face-to-face, as agreed by the EA Youth Service. The group have been engaging in team building and getting to know you activities, as well as fun music and sports sessions. The two groups are hoping to organise a trip together in the near future when restrictions ease.

