



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

# Project Case Study: Donegal County Council Local Authority Action Plan - Children and Young Person Update

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Building Positive Relations  
Local Authority Action Plans

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### Diversionsary Peace Project

In November 2020, the €182,000 Diversionsary Peace Project drew to a close with a special online celebration event. The event celebrated a project rich with opportunities for young people in Donegal, who have chosen a positive path. Young participants had the opportunity to reflect on their experiences, such as cross-border trips, and the skills acquired since the project started in April 2019.

### Marginalised Youth Project (MAP)

In December 2020 the MAP project also closed with a celebratory online event. MAP brought together over 180 young people; considered to be marginalised in society (due to location, religion, ethnicity, sexuality and ability) to help them find their place within the Donegal community.

The young participants engaged in non-formal education workshops, activities and trips; discovering Donegal and beyond, as well as developing friendships. At the event young participants reflected on the positive impact of the project upon their lives, particularly during the difficult times of COVID-19.

### Reading Rooms

The Reading Rooms project came to a close in 2020. For the first time, Verbal, an arts-based organisation, partnered with Donegal County Council to deliver its successful Reading Rooms model to over 260 children and young people throughout Donegal.

The project is a health and well-being programme that used literacy fiction to explore, in a safe place, themes like conflict resolution, resilience, problem-solving and hope.

Over the past 12 months, groups of participants met weekly to read high-quality and thematically targeted literature read aloud by a trained volunteer.