





# Creating New Shared Spaces in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Area

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Building Positive Relations: Local Authority Action Plans

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The Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Local Authority Plan supported a number of locally-based projects and initiatives that promoted positive relationships between people from different communities and backgrounds. A number of welcoming and inclusive spaces were created under the Shared Spaces and Services strand of the Action Plan.

# **Moat Park Garden of Reflection**

The garden incorporated a memorial area, with new landscaping and seating space for rest and reflection for the local community and public; as well as fresh artwork on the PSNI wall, which local schools helped design. As part of this project 14 pupils from P7 Dundonald PS were involved in the Gardening club, helping to plant the garden. The Gardening Club members will help to maintain it.

## Ballybeen 3G Pitch

A new 3G pitch facility was completed, with friendly football matches/ activities organised with Dungoyne FC and Carryduff Colts, on cross-community basis. Good relation sessions were also embedded into the activity of the project.

#### **Welcome House**

The Welcome House build, in Lisburn's City Centre, provides a new multipurpose facility to the community including BME groups, youth drop-in and women. It offers a neutral setting for those wanting to use the training facilities. The project also delivered a cross-community training programme with 18 participants.

# The Welcoming Place

This project delivered a programme of activities that enabled new and settled Syrian communities to avail of opportunities to drop in, socialise, integrate and attend training with the local and other communities.

93 participants completed the suite of programmes including: a Saturday Club, a Friendship Club, Women's and men's Social Groups, six Family Trips, Awareness and Inclusion Sessions, Train the Trainer Programme and five Cultural Celebrations.