



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

# Project Case Study: Sligo County Council Local Authority Action Plan

### THEME:

Building Positive Relations: Local  
Authority Action Plans

### FUNDING (ERDF+MATCH):

€979,395.27

### MATCH FUNDERS:

The Executive Office,  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

### LEAD PARTNER:

Sligo County Council

Start Date: 01/01/2017

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The Sligo County Council Authority Action Plan will be focused on three key areas: Children & Young People; Shared Spaces & Services; and Building Positive Relations.

The funding will be used in the delivery of local community initiatives for children and young people involving music, sport and capacity building. There will also be elements focussing on the shared literary and built heritage.

In addition to the creation of a shared civic space there will be an engagement of local community representatives in a place-making programme; as well as a small grants programme to support grassroots peace building activities and initiatives.

*"The Conflict to Community Activism Project was very well received by our learners. The Social Studies and Community Development students loved the format, which allowed for broad-ranging discussions around the various topics. The guest speakers came from a variety of perspectives and their first-hand knowledge made for compelling listening and excellent engagement. The outcomes for our learners are really worthwhile. We look forward to the opportunity to participate again in similar programmes in the future."*

David McGuinness – Principal, Ballinode Community College, Sligo College of Further Education



Students of Sligo College of Further Education who participated in the Conflict to Community Activism Project pictured at the final project event



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### **BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS (€404,825.28):**

Funded projects under this theme include: a Heritage Programme; a cross-border Literary Project; a Community Placemaking Project; and a Small Grants Programme.

**Key Output :** Local action plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities: 1.

### **SHARED SPACES AND SERVICES (€394,033.32):**

Funded projects under this theme includes the development of a cantilever structure on the banks of the River Garavogue at Stephen Street Car Park. This public space will be a new focal point in the centre of Sligo. It will act as a venue for a range of outdoor public performances. It will also be a gathering point for locals and visitors alike.

**Key Outputs:** Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public areas/buildings: 1.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (€180,536.67):**

Funded projects under this theme include: Youth Citizenship and Leadership; Conflict to Community Activism; Capacity and Inclusion through Sport; Capacity and Inclusion through Music; Inclusion & Diversity Programme.

**Project Partner :** Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education Training Board.

**Key Output :** Children & Young People: Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity: 243.

*“The Showgrounds Outdoor Museum Project has attracted interest well beyond the club’s supporter base, with all sectors of the community taking the time to examine the exhibits. I believe the fact that Sligo Rovers’ history dovetails perfectly with the themes advocated by the Peace Programme – inclusion and diversity – was the key ingredient in the success of the project. The Museum had a very broad canvas, and in effect is a social history of Sligo town in the 20th century. It is a unique initiative in terms of the League of Ireland, and has greatly enhanced the Showgrounds experience for locals and visitors”*

Aidan Mannion - Chairman of Sligo Rovers Heritage Group



Pictured at the launch of Showgrounds Outdoor Museum were L-R: Michael Moran, Noel Scott and Aidan Mannion (Sligo Rovers Heritage Group), Chair LCDC Cllr Chris MacManus, Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council Cllr Tom MacSharry, former Sligo Rovers Manager Billy Sinclair, Kevin Colreavy (Sligo Rovers Heritage Group), Peace IV Programme Manager Martin McAndrew, Joe Molloy, (Sligo Rovers Heritage Group), Cllr Declan Bree