



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: YouthPact

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€1,407,852.69

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YouthPact is a cross-border project acting as a Quality & Impact Body for the EU Peace IV Children and Young People's programme. The objective of this partnership is to support the work and workers in the Peace4Youth programme, specifically for groups running peace-building programmes for young people aged 14-24 across Northern Ireland and the border regions.

YouthPact offers training to youth workers to improve their peace-building work with young people, with a focus on key themes which feature across all projects:

- Good relations and peace-building
- Facilitating growth for and with young people
- Engagement with hard-to-reach groups
- What is youth work?
- Citizenship and building social activism

"The positive influence of the Quality and Impact Body could not be overstated by the youth workers. Practitioners praised the quality of YouthPact's staff and their expertise. Trainings and support activities offered knowledge-exchange opportunities to address challenges and share best practice".

~Queens University Phase I evaluation for the YouthPact programme~



Duncan Morrow (Ulster University) and Joe Hawkins (NYCI) conducting a training on Citizenship in February 2019.



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The project will provide this role through a range of activities including learning and best practice events, Young Voices events, guidance and resources as well as progression advice. This will allow them to ensure the quality of the delivery projects and to maximise the impact of their projects.

YouthPact creates and disseminates new and existing resources to Peace4Youth workers on youth work approaches, toolkits for specialised themes, on-line youth work materials and YouthPact Practice and Policy Papers to connect the impact of Peace4Youth practice with emerging government initiatives and policies in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

"It's good to be on the programme. It pulls you out of your comfort zone whenever you know it or not. It builds your confidence. It's just amazing meeting people from your own area that I didn't know and getting to know people from other communities".

~Participant in the Young Voices event held in 2018~

Project Key Outputs:

The number of young people aged 14-24 who are most marginalised and disadvantaged completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and respect for diversity: 7,400



Leighann McConville and Elisabeth McArdle presenting the 'Stories from Peace4Youth Practice' in May 2019.



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