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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HAILED AT PEACE IV LAUNCH

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys launched the County Cavan PEACE IV Local Authority Action Plan at a packed Hotel Kilmore on Friday evening, 19 October.

The PEACE IV Programme, 2014 – 2020 is a European Union initiative which helps address the peace and reconciliation needs of Northern Ireland and the border region. The funding is administered by the Special EU Programmes Body.

Cavan County Council, through PEACE IV Programme Manager, Jane Crudden, is the lead programme partner and the PEACE IV plan implementation is overseen and approved by the Cavan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The main delivery partners in the delivery of the €3.2 million PEACE IV Programme locally are Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board, Cavan Arts, Cavan County Library Service, Cavan County Museum, Cavan GAA County Board and Cavan Traveller Movement, in addition to local community groups and organisations.

Projects delivered under the PEACE IV programme facilitate initiatives under the three categories of 'Building Positive Relations', 'Children and Young People', and 'Shared Spaces and Services'.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Humphreys paid tribute to the communities across the County and the border region who have contributed to PEACE IV projects, which have furthered the process of peace and reconciliation in this region.

“I would like to compliment the local communities who have embraced the spirit of the programme with open arms,” said Minister Humphreys.

Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council, Cllr Madeleine Argue, hailed the “tremendous work” of lead partner Cavan County Council and its partner agents for their work in “promoting positive relations characterised by respect and where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance”. Also launched on the night was ‘Voices of the Troubles’, a PEACE IV funded archival programme where over 100 individuals from Cavan and Fermanagh who were affected by the conflict in Northern Ireland came together to recount their experiences.

Co-ordinated by Cavan County Library Service, and conducted by Irish Life and Lore, this audio archive will act as a permanent reminder of the effects of the Troubles on the border region and will be available to the public through Cavan County Library Service branches.

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Notes for the editor:

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- The Special EU Programmes Body is a North/South Implementation Body sponsored by the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in Ireland.
- It is responsible for managing two EU Structural Funds Programmes, PEACE IV and INTERREG VA which are designed to enhance cross - border co-operation, promote reconciliation and create a more peaceful and prosperous society.
- The Programmes operate within a clearly defined area including Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and in the case of INTERREG VA, Western Scotland.
- The PEACE IV Programme has a value of €270 million and aims to promote peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.
- For more information on the SEUPB please visit www.seupb.eu