

Better Together - Níos Fearr Le Chéile Peace Impact Programme Newsletter

A message from Michael Mullin

Welcome to the New Project

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 'Better Together – Níos Fearr Le Chéile' Peace Impact Programme. I am excited to announce that we have received a further two years of funding from the International Fund For Ireland, which started in April 2024 and will run until the End of March 2026. The main themes of our NEW project include:

- A new Community Services Hub in Ballinamore & cross-border Capacity Development Training;
- Cross-border, cross-community Schools Programme & Digital Wellness through Sport in rural border counties;
- Exploring the Past and Looking to the Future – with a focus on the future.



This new project brings with it some exciting new opportunities, including:

- Building on cross community/ cross border links and friendships already formed during our previous Peace Impact Programmes;
- Continuing to promote peace and reconciliation in the bordering counties of Leitrim, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan;
- Raising awareness among young people around the issues linked to our past, and promoting and fostering good relations. In addition, engaging young people to develop skills to resolve conflict through dialogue, and allowing them to talk openly about the project themes, such as gender, mental health, peace and reconciliation.

Thanks for your continued support and involvement in our project.



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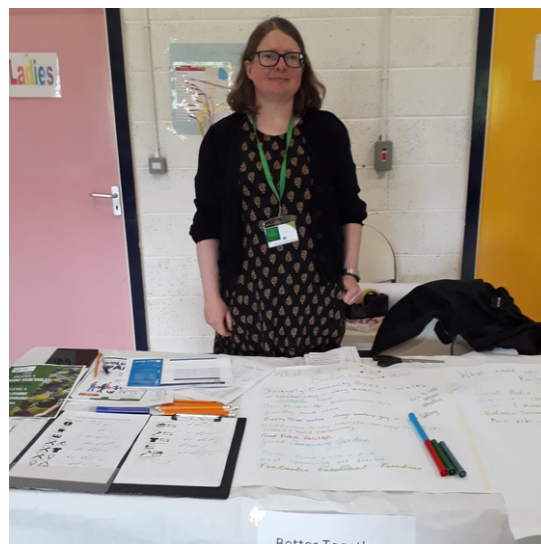
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Community Services Hub

In May 2024 we launched our new 'Community Services Hub' in the Community Den in Ballinamore. Alongside bringing together the many agencies and support services in the locale, the event also provided an information and signposting stall, the opportunity to input into our community needs assessment and a Repair Café.

The volunteer led Repair Café provided free bike maintenance and sewing/ clothing repair for attendees. Since our launch, the Community Services Hub has expanded to include a Swap Shop, a great space to swap clothes, toys, books and plants.



IFI Board Meeting

In June, a small delegation from International Fund for Ireland, alongside international observers from America & Canada, attended a showcasing event at the newly-renovated Staisiún Óige. The event highlighted the excellent work done by both the IFI funded projects in Ballinamore and provided attendees with the chance to explore the town and learn about its fascinating history. One attendee remarked "It was interesting to learn about the ever-changing dynamics in the border region and how they differ to Belfast and Derry [...] there are some great people involved in your project!".

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