

Deliver Practical Actions And Solutions

"The training was excellent. It really showed how people think in different ways. Doing the small group work, proved that no one is right or wrong and that you never get two people thinking the same way."

(Maximising Community Space participant)



- EU Building Sustainable Prosperity and EU Peace programme closure realising a total rural investment of £18m to 265 community based projects
- With financial assistance from the International Fund for Ireland
 - 125 community projects supported to the value of £38m in grant aid leveraging an additional £48.5m in match funds.
 - Development Support offered to 25 groups and 14 Community Relations Plans agreed
 - 76 community groups from Northern Ireland and Border Counties participating on Maximising Community Space Crossing Borders Programme
 - £3.5m invested in minor works to halls
 - OCN level 1 Maximising Community Space course developed and 382 learners have gain accreditation to date
 - Further programme of support being implemented to advance and embed Good Relations
 - 73 community groups from Northern Ireland and Border Counties participated on Integrating Communities Support Programme
 - 43 partnerships supported for Integrating projects to the value of just over £3.5m
- Partnership working with Countryside Services Ltd and AI Services implementing axis one measures of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme
 - 2,449 applications received from farm family members for skills training grants
 - Over 1,400 Letters of Offer issued to farm family members for skills training courses to the value of approx £650,000
 - 1,330 training courses completed as result of securing a skills training grant
 - Development of collective training model focusing on 3 themes (ICT; Animal Welfare and Health & Safety)
 - 750 farmers/farm family members completing an ICT Awareness course to date
 - 1,478 completing BVD Awareness to date
 - 351 completing FarmSafe Awareness to date
- Partnership working with NIHE and Tides Training implementing the EU Peace III funded BRIC programme
 - 591 NIHE staff currently undertaking Good Relations training
 - 88 resident/community associations to be engaged in Good Relations training
- 115 good relations courses delivered
- Good relations and rural proofing Housing Executive Policies
- £90,000 invested in good relations activities across Northern Ireland
- 5 pieces of research
- EU Peace III Rural Respecting Difference Programme
 - Partnership working with Early Years and BCCN delivering the Rural Respecting Difference Programme
 - 30 primary schools and 30 after schools to be engaged in the programme
 - Provide training for teachers and after school leaders, parents, Board of Governors and Management Committees
- Northern Periphery Programme & DARD Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Framework (TRPSI) funded
 - Rural Youth Entrepreneurship (RYE) project
 - International partnership with Greenland, Finland, Iceland and Northern Ireland.
 - Workshops delivered to over 300 young people (as of Spring 2013)
 - Online Young Entrepreneurs Toolkit developed