



NEWSLETTER



Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan



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The Hidden Half – "Leitrim Women in Focus" launch 15.10.25

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PEACEPLUS Programme 2026 Update

We are pleased to share an update on the progress of the Leitrim County Council PEACEPLUS Action Plan. As we move into early 2026, a wide range of projects are now active, progressing through tendering, community engagement, training delivery, and preparatory phases. Significant milestones have been reached, and many strands are entering delivery in the coming months. The Leitrim County Council PEACEPLUS Team are now fully in place and we look forward to delivering on the plan throughout 2026.





PEACEPLUS – Climate Action week event – Organic Centre



The Hidden Half – “Leitrim Women in Focus”

On 15th October, ‘The Hidden Half- “Leitrim Women in Focus’ programme was launched at The Glens Arts Centre, Manorhamilton. This programme, delivered by Women’s Collective Ireland and coordinated by Assumpta Kelly, aims to shine a light on the stories, skills, and strengths of women in rural areas, creating new opportunities for growth, connection, and leadership. For details on upcoming events throughout 2026, call 071 985 6220.

A strong year lies ahead for women’s empowerment initiatives:

- Both the Women’s Forum Project and Women Through the Troubles programmes are scheduled for tendering in Q2, with delivery to begin in Q3 2026.

Thriving & Peaceful Communities

The Community Capacity Building Programme continues to expand across multiple levels. QQI Level 7 has exceeded its participant target, with 27 learners now fully enrolled, and the course commenced online on 14 January 2026, with the first residential to follow in early February. QQI Level 5 Understanding Community Development is advancing, with meetings scheduled with MSLETB in January.

The Volunteer Support programme has been awarded to the Leitrim Volunteer Centre and the project initiation meeting is scheduled for early 2026 with programme progressing then.



Biodiversity Programme Steering Group Committee

Environment & Biodiversity

Momentum continues across the environmental strands:

- The Project Steering Committee met in December, with the next meeting scheduled for 16 February 2026.
- The Cross-Border Environmental & Biodiversity Programme has been confirmed, with community surveys planned for early 2026.
- Cross-Community Biodiversity opened calls for expressions of interest in January, with assessments scheduled for Q1. An exciting year of projects lies ahead.



Culture, Heritage & Faith

A variety of cultural and community-building initiatives are underway:

The Intercultural Workshops & Connecting Through Music series began with its first talk on 21 January 2026 in the Methodist Church in Drumshanbo, with speaker Daniel Cauldwell delivering a very informative & though provoking talk. Several intergenerational and storytelling projects are will be delivered in collaboration with the Leirim Arts Office and Narrative 4.

- The Community Peace Garden has completed its first phase, with three communities being explored for future engagement.
- Work on the Sports Chaplaincy Project and the Wellness & Nutritional Programme is progressing through early planning and will commence shortly.



Digital Youth Programme

Digital engagement with young people remains a high-energy area:

- The Digital Programme for Young People has delivered multiple camps and workshops, with further Fab Lab and Young Social Innovator / Scratch activities planned for February–May.
- Cross-border digital collaboration is progressing through development, including VR work with partners in Belcoo and Derry.



Support for the Most Isolated

The Outreach Programme continues delivery in Glenfarne, with plans extending to venues in Manorhamilton and Ballinamore later in the year. The Men's Shed & Railway Heritage Project is progressing with planned site visits and community engagement events planned throughout 2026.

Traveller Community Programme – Project Update

This programme is being delivered by the Local Development Company, and the successful official launch took place in Carrick-on-Shannon, on 10 December 2025.

A newly appointed Traveller Support Officer, marks the beginning of the project's delivery phase. This programme, designed to enhance intercultural awareness and understanding, will involve a Traveller Community Short Story Film Project, intercultural training and an apprenticeship support programme.

For more information contact the Leirim Development Company, phone 0719641770.





Diversity Through Arts

A series of drama-based and arts-technical training camps is underway, with the first camp held in Leitrim Village in July with a cross boarder trip to the “Game of Thrones” film set, there are upcoming workshops scheduled for February in the Glens Centre and later in the year in the Corn Mill Theatre.



The Practical Skills Training Programme

A Practical Skills Training Programme will be commencing shortly by the Ballinamore Area Community Council following a January project initiation meeting. There will be two Cross-border residentials as part of this project.

Celebrating Cultures & Diversity

Active Citizenship & Orientation Programme

Development continues across a suite of civic and intercultural training initiatives: research, consultation, and coordination meetings are underway with local partners, including Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Development Company.

The Community Art & Drama Therapy project is progressing through early planning for delivery in Drumkeeran later in the year. Please email peace@leitrimcoco.ie for more information.

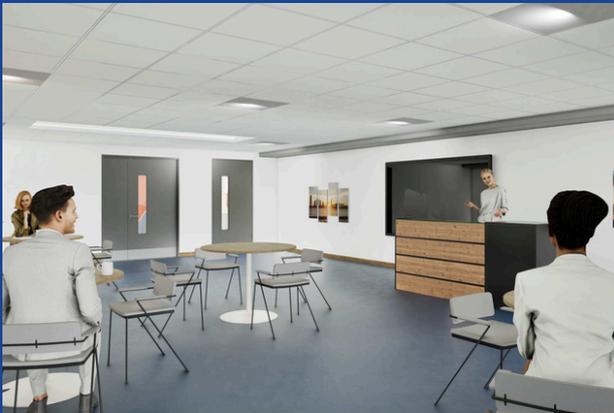


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Capital Project Updates

- Work has commenced on a new Community & Youth Arts centre in Carrick on Shannon, providing a creative hub for workshops, performances, youth engagement and inclusive arts activities. These are due for completion by end of April 2026.



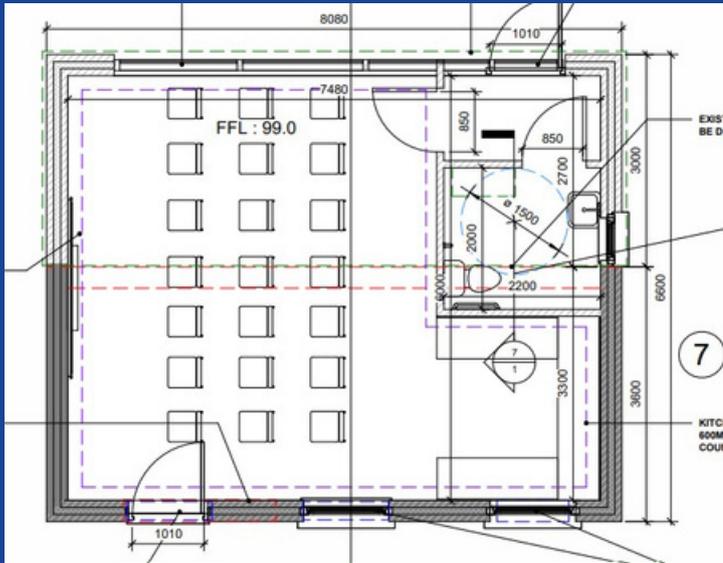
- A sustainability-led proposal to install solar power infrastructure within Kinlough Eco Park, reducing energy costs and supporting environmental goals is in development.





Capital Project Updates

- In Drumkeeran, a project designed to establish a dedicated Play and Art Therapy space, offering therapeutic supports for all in a safe and welcoming setting is near completion.



- In Lurganboy, plans are in development with The Church of Ireland for a new community space, improving access to facilities for meetings, activities, and local events.



What is a MUGA?

A MUGA is a "Multi Use Games Area" that has been marked out for multiple sports or games.

A project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

- A proposed Multi-Use Games Area aimed at expanding recreational opportunities for children, young people, and families in Ballinamore is scheduled for later in 2026.

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