



Rural Enabler Programme

Building Peace Locally



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Rural Community Network
SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

The Rural Enabler Programme is aimed at assisting rural communities to develop ways to deal with the things that still divide us in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland. Each county will have an Enabler who will support groups and individuals to take a step in a new direction in challenging sectarianism and racism and how things have been done in the past. There will also be an Enabler working with rural institutions across the region.

‘Facilitatory Development’ grants will be available to enable groups to use activities or bring in the expertise they need to make a difference in their area.



Themes Identified

Young People

- give them a safe space to design their future

Community Development

- embed the practice of excellence

Interfaces and shared spaces

- access to all services for all

Housing

- benefits of social and residential integration

Flags and Emblems

- how to balance the rights with the responsibilities

Race relations

- maximising the contribution of all

Rural Institutions

- how they can assist in developing a shared future



A local launch of the programme will take place in each county to highlight the opportunities for groups and individuals. Groups can nominate themselves to take part in the programme by contacting Rural Community Network with local council and peace plans also being used to identify possible projects. The participant groups will have the support of the Enabler and the opportunity to apply for a small grant to assist their work in peace building initiatives.

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