

Institutions

The Programme recognises that Rural Institutions play a leading role in the quality of life of rural communities.

The work of the Rural Enablers across the 12 counties will be enhanced by the Institutions Enabler who will develop relationships with institutions at a strategic level to explore their responsibility to local communities and their role in developing a peaceful future. The institutions identified to date have shown many instances of co-operative working practices at community level and include the GAA, Orange Order, Churches, Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster and Macra na Feirme.



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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.

Rural Enablers will work with local people to develop an action plan to meet the needs of their community. If resources are needed, Development Grants up to £1,500/€2,000 may be available.

Objectives

To increase awareness and understanding of conflict related issues within a rural context through *dialogue*

To increase the *capacity and skills* of groups and individuals in rural society to address conflict and its legacy

To increase the *potential of sharing* of residential, social, environmental spaces and services for the benefit of all in rural society

example

Young people want to encourage their community and elected representatives to take their views on board when planning services for their local area

example

A group of residents are concerned about the flying of illegal flags in their area and want help and support in the form of skills development to address the issue

example

A community group wants to make sure it is open and welcoming to everyone who lives in the area