



Transform Project Launch 28th June 2018



Meet new People. Achieve. Build a better future.

The Transform Project Launch took place in Youth Link on Thursday 28th June 2018. Approximately 70 people attended the launch including 30 young people who provided feedback on the positive impact and learning gained from their participation on the project to date.

Guests attending included representatives from SEUPB, The Northern Ireland Executive Office, Youth Pact – Quality and Impact Body, The Department for the Economy, key representatives from consortium partner organisations and 14 members of the Transform Staff Team.

Patrick White, Youth Link Director in his opening remarks welcomed everyone to the Transform Project launch and said that their presence at the event was an indication of the significance of the project, their engagement with it and support for it. In addressing challenges experienced in project implementation to date he paid tribute to the flexibility, skills and creativity of the Transform Project Staff Team, to the officers of SEUPB and to the flexibility and creativity of the young people involved in the project itself. He also acknowledged the additional financial contribution to the project from the Executive Office in Northern Ireland, the Department of Rural Development and Community Development in Ireland and the Department of the Economy.



Mr. Paul Sheridan, SEUPB, Director of Corporate Services gave an overview of the Peace IV Programme and in welcoming the Transform Project said that the Transform Project will help combat sectarianism in transforming the lives of almost five hundred young people. It will give all of the participants a unique insight into the views and opinions of other people from a different cultural and religious background. They will also engage in sporting and cultural activities from a wide-range of traditions and gain invaluable volunteering experience, allowing them to take part in civic life with more confidence.



The 4 year Project is being delivered through a collaborative partnership involving Youth Link: NI (Lead Partner), Youth Initiatives and Mencap.

The purpose of the Transform project is to reduce barriers to learning, enhance employment prospects and enable young people to take their place as active citizens and peace builders within their own communities and beyond.

The Project is committed to delivering 3 Positive Outcomes – Personal Development, Good Relations and Citizenship.

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