

TUAIRISC CHUIG CRUINNÍÚ NA COMHAIRLE A REÁCHTÁLADH AR AN:
REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON:
MARCH 25th 2024

UIMHIR NA MÍRE AR AN CHLÁR / AGENDA ITEM NO:_____

ACHOIMRE AR AN TUAIRISC / SUMMARY OF REPORT

Donegal LCDC Annual Report 2023

CINNEADH ATÁ DE DHÍTH / DECISION REQUIRED:-

To note the Donegal LCDC Annual Report 2023

Leam Ward.

STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍSE
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE

11th March 2024

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LCDC Annual Report 2023

Background

Putting People First – An Action Programme for Effective Local Government envisaged a range of reforms including an enhanced role for Local Government in community development. This enhanced role was provided for in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which included a requirement to establish Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each local authority area. Donegal LCDC was established in June 2014 in accordance with guidelines outlined by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. LCDC's replaced the County Development Board structure and aim to enhance the strategic planning and coordination of local and community development activity.

Key Responsibilities for 2023 for Donegal LCDC

- Prepare the community element of the 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).
- Co-ordinate all community development programmes in the local authority area such as the management and overseeing of the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) and the Social Inclusion, Community Activation Programme (SICAP).
- Ensure effectiveness, consistency, co-ordination and avoid duplication of public funded programmes.
- Administration of Community Support Fund 2023
- Administration of the Community Recognition Scheme 2023
- Administration of Healthy Ireland Programme
- Administration of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme
- Prepare an annual report on the performance of the LCDC functions.
- Administration of DRCD supported funding schemes such as the Community Development Programme and the Empowering communities Programme.

Composition

LCDC's are required to comprise both public and private sector members, including local authority members and officials, State agencies and private sector local and community development representatives to work in partnership to achieve its objectives. Donegal County Council provide administrative support to the LCDC and Paddy Doherty is the Chief Officer of the Committee. Donegal LCDC is made up of 19 representatives, with one position being vacant at the end of 2023.

Donegal LCDC Membership at the end of 2023

Name	Sector	Organisation
Cllr. Niamh Kennedy Chairperson	Local Authority, Councillor	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Martin McDermott, Vice Chairperson	Local Authority, Councillor	Donegal County Council
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher	Local Authority, Councillor	Donegal County Council
John McLaughlin	Local Authority Official, Chief Executive	Donegal County Council
Brenda Hegarty	Local Authority Official, Local Enterprise Office	Donegal County Council
Paul Hannigan	State Agencies	ATU
Maria Ferguson	State Agencies	Health Service Executive
Michael Mac Giolla Easbuig	State Agencies	Udárás na Gaeltachta
Anne McHugh	State Agencies	Education Training Board
Shauna McClenaghan	Local Development Company	Inishowen Development Partnership Ltd
Padraic Fingleton	Local Development Company	Donegal Local Development CLG
Joe Boland	Social Inclusion Interest	PPN
Charlene Logue	Community Voluntary Interest	PPN
Vacant	Community Voluntary Interest	PPN
Aengus Kennedy	Environmental Interest	PPN
Siobhan McLaughlin	Social Inclusion Interest	PPN
Liam McElhinney	Trade Union	ICTU
James O'Donnell	Farming & Agriculture	Famers Rep
Maire Ui Mhaoilain	Islands interest	Comhar na nOilean

Meetings

Donegal LCDC comprises both public and private sector members and members met nine times in 2023 and also hosted a Special meeting on the Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 as well as two joint meetings with the Economic, Enterprise and Emergency Services SPC regarding the emerging LECP. Meetings are held in accordance with Standing Orders established by the Committee and hosted in a blended manner (in person and online via Teams).

Key Achievements

Donegal LCDC has had a very busy and productive year as we moved on from the COVID 19 pandemic and continued with the challenges faced by the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis. To date, the Committee has in accordance with requirements overseen the following:

1. Review of the Local Economic & Community Plan

The Donegal Local Economic and Development Plan sets out, for a six-year period to 2029 the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic, local and community development of County Donegal, and fulfils the requirements as set out in the Local Government & Reform Act 2014, informed by the Local and Economic Development Guidelines 2021.

The process for the development of the LECP initially consisted of four broad phases: preparation, public consultation, development of High-Level Goals, objectives and outcomes, and finalisation of the LECP. This will be followed by a fifth stage for implementation that will include the Implementation Plan process and a sixth stage of monitoring, evaluation and review of the plan.

The development of the Donegal Integrated Framework LECP 2023-2029 is ongoing and has involved a huge level of public consultations across the county to include public consultation events, municipal district engagement, themed workshops as well as numerous individual meetings with key stakeholders. Preparation, public consultation, development of High-Level Goals are complete, work is now progressing, and engaging with our stakeholders, in developing objectives and outcomes towards finalisation of the LECP before the end of Q1/2024.

2. LEADER Programme 2014 – 2022

Donegal LCDC delivers the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme. The LCDC also acts as the Local Action Group (LAG) working in partnership with Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, and with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development CLG, Inishowen Development Partnership Ltd, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán.

Donegal LCDC, in its role as the LAG approved the full allocation of LEADER funding awarded to the county for the 2014-2020 programme to projects recommended by the Evaluation Committees of the local Implementing Partners. The total allocation to Donegal for the 2014 - 2020 programme was €13,413,875. Project funding of €10,063,586 was received with €3,228,467 for administration and animation of the programme by our Implementing Partners. A total of 231 projects in Donegal were approved by the Donegal LAG for the programme in period 2014-2020.

In March 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, T.D. announced details of the €70 million Transitional LEADER Programme. €45 million funding for the Transitional LEADER Programme came into effect from 1st April 2021 and €20 million for the EURI (European Union Recovery Instrument) Programme which came into effect from 30th July 2021 following approval by the EU Commission.

The Transitional Programme ran from April to December 2022 with Donegal LAG being allocated a total fund of €3,815,464 broken down as follows:

- Transitional Project Budget – €1,981,106
- Transitional Administration Budget – €660,369
- EURI Projects Budget – €880,492
- EURI Administration Budget - €293,497

Donegal LCDC also approved the full allocation of both Transitional & EURI Programme funds by the end of December 2022 with a total of 62 projects being approved, 13 of which were approved under the EURI Programme.

The Department of Rural & Community Development further extended both the Transitional & EURI Programmes to the end of December 2023 which allowed the LAG to approve an additional 6 projects with a total value of €152,997.71 and this funding became available for re-allocation as a result of de-committed funds from projects previously approved.



Pictured: Cara House



Pictured: Manus O'Boyle project

LEADER Food and Co-operation Projects

The Department announced the closure of the LEADER Food Initiative on 15th December 2021. LAGs and Implementing Partners had the opportunity to apply to the Department for funding to develop projects under the Food Initiative where there was €15million available nationally.

Donegal LCDC approved a total 6 LEADER Food Initiative Projects with a total value of €452,632.99.

The Department announced the closure of the LEADER Co-operation measure on 13th December 2022. LAGs and Implementing Partners had the opportunity to apply to the Department for funding to develop projects in cooperation with partners in other parts of Ireland or across the EU under the LEADER Cooperation heading where there was €13million nationally.

Donegal LCDC approved 18 Projects (7 of which were preparatory co-operation projects and the remaining 11 being full co-operation projects) under the Co-operation measure, with a total value of €927,378.09.

A new call for LEADER Food Projects was opened on 8th August 2023 with project proposals to be submitted to the Department by 31st August 2023. Donegal sent a total of 12 project proposals for consideration by the Department with 3 being approved in principle for progression to the LCDC/LAG for full approval by 31st December 2023. Donegal LCDC approved 2 additional new Food Projects on 13th December 2023 totalling €25,728.79.

New LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027

In its capacity as the Local Action Group (LAG), the LCDC will administer the Rural Development/LEADER Programme in the County in 2024 through the LEADER Local Development Strategy 2023-2027. Donegal has been awarded a €10.4m allocation for the delivery of the new LEADER programme to cover the period. The new LEADER Local Development Strategy was submitted on July 14th, 2023, following 9 Public in person consultation events across the county in partnership with Implementing Partners and combined with the new LECP and PEACEPLUS programme consultation and this proved very informative for all three plans. On November 2nd, 2023, the DCC received correspondence from the DRCD which stated that following consideration of the LEADER Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 submitted by the Donegal LCDC, the plan was deemed to be of an excellent standard to deliver on the LEADER key priorities, its themes, sub-themes and objectives. The LEADER funding agreement was signed by all partners and returned to the DRCD on December 14th, 2023.

3. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022

Donegal LCDC continued to manage and oversee the implementation of the Social Inclusion, Community Activation Programme (SICAP) with 2023 the final year of the five-year SICAP programme running from 2018-2022, following the addition of a year to the programme.

The SICAP Programme had a budget of €2,008,917 per year across the lifetime of the programme, however a budget increase was allocated in 2023 bringing the total budget for the three SICAP Lots in Donegal to €2,334,828.

Two Local Community Development Companies deliver the SICAP Programme on behalf of the Donegal LCDC across the three Lots in County Donegal as follows:

Lot 33-1 Donegal Inishowen	Inishowen Development Partnership
Lot 33-2 Donegal Gaeltacht	Donegal Local Development CLG
Lot 33-3 Donegal	Donegal Local Development CLG

Donegal LCDC worked to ensure the implementation of these plans and programmes at a local level ensuring the effective co-ordination of funding programmes for the benefit of local communities in the county.

In 2023 the core SICAP Programme again extended to include delivery of supports to Ukrainian Refugees with an additional budget allocation of €507,816 to the Programme Implementers for provision of supports.

New Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028

By open Invitation to Tender dated the 19th July 2023, Donegal LCDC invited tenders for the provision of services under SICAP 2024-2028. During October 2023 the tenders were assessed by the LCDC SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee and

approved in line with guidance received from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Following evaluations, the SICAP Sub-committee recommended that the SICAP lots be awarded as follows:

- Lot 1: Inishowen to be awarded to Inishowen Development Partnership.
- Lot 2: Donegal Gaeltacht to be awarded to Donegal Local Development CLG.
- Lot 3: Donegal to be awarded to Donegal Local Development CLG.

A resolution to agree the recommendations of the SICAP sub-committee was agreed at the LCDC on November 15th, 2023, with the respective Funding agreements signed between all partners in December 2023. Donegal County Council will continue to administer the SICAP funding on behalf of and in accordance with the instruction of LCDC as the lead financial partner.

4. The Community Recognition Fund 2023

The Community Recognition Fund 2023 aimed to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. The funding was specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants ('new arrivals') across Donegal.

The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine and is administered by Donegal County Council on behalf of Donegal LCDC. Applications from 51 Community Groups seeking funding were successful, receiving funding totalling €3,014,395. This programme will run into 2024.



Pictured: Newtowncunningham First Responders

5. The Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund was provided by the Government to support a wide and diverse range of local community groups with energy bills and running costs. The Community Support Fund supports groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas:

- With their non-pay running costs for example energy costs (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills.
- Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.
- An element of the funding has been ring fenced for award to Women's Sheds for operating/running costs.

This funding helps communities, community groups and committees, allowing them to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area, and in the process strengthen the bonds that tie communities together. Funding totalling €372,786.74 has been rolled out across 2023 including €175k in large grants and €197,786.74 in small grants, supporting critical community infrastructure and groups.

6. Community Development Programme and Empowering Communities Programme.

2023 also saw the LCDC continue to work with the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) on the roll out of a number of schemes initially developed in 2022 on behalf of the Department.

- In 2021, the DRCD awarded seven applicant organisations funding under a €1 million, three-year pilot **Community Development Programme** to trial community led interventions that address poverty, social exclusion and inequality and promote human rights. Donegal Intercultural Platform was approved funding under the theme Migrants to tackle racism and promote inter-culturalism, human rights, equality and inclusion across County Donegal. The LCDC has financial oversight of the development of the project locally and issued funding of €125,000 to Donegal Intercultural Platform in 2023.
- The **Empowering Communities Programme** targets a number of smaller areas experiencing challenges affecting the quality of life for those people living in them.

Arranmore Island is a pilot location for the Programme and Donegal LCDC administers the annual funding of €120,000 for the programme and continues to work closely with DLDC who are delivering a programme of activities to the community on the island.



Pictured: Chair Aerobics at the Day Care Centre on Arranmore

7. Creeslough Together Initiative

The LCDC, on behalf of Donegal County Council, had in 2023, entered a Funding Agreement with Creeslough Community Association and the DRCD to ensure that funding in the sum of €497,000 be allocated towards the Creeslough Together Initiative. The funding will be allocated over three years and 2023 saw the delivery of the first tranche of funding which focused on the opening of a local Community Hub for the group, as well as the recruitment of staff to develop, manage and oversee Pastoral care of the Community, Community Activation (development, support and funding of small community activities) and Support future infrastructural development needs under the Creeslough Plan 2024-2027.



Pictured: Opening of the Creeslough Association Community Hub

8. Healthy Ireland – Healthy Donegal

The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025), with an approved budget of €233,122 represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 runs from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.

A Healthy Ireland Fund Local Strategy (HIFLS) 2023-2025 was developed, using an evidence-based approach that incorporated public consultation, local knowledge of the health area and aligned with existing relevant health strategies to identified target groups, outcomes, and activity selection.

In 2023, Donegal LCDC through Healthy Donegal supported key priority target groups through local activities under the Healthy Ireland Programme.

Civic Dollars Pilot Project



Pictured L-R: Liam Ward, Director of Community Development and Planning Services, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee and Wendy McCarry, Manager Bluestack Special Needs Foundation

The Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), Cllr. Niamh Kennedy launched the Civic Dollars project - a community reward platform designed to increase time spent in outdoor, local recreational spaces across Donegal. Through this community currency app, Donegal County Council aims to provide people with an incentive and support to improve their mental health, increase their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.

Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme



Healthy Donegal in conjunction with Balor Developmental Community Arts invited adolescents and young people to join the Balor Theatre Summer Academy

Programme. The programme consisted of rehearsals in June and July and resulted in a musical production taking place from 1st - 6th August. The purpose of this programme was to bring young people, artists and educators together through drama, art and music to promote positive mental health, decrease the sense of isolation and provide positive role models.

Role-playing activities enable adolescents to learn and practice social and decision-making skills and makes it possible to present situations in a non-threatening way. The impact of drama can also go beyond the stage, stimulating discussion and serving as a means of distributing information to the wider community. In promoting participation-focussed activities, like the Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme, Donegal LCDC is helping empower adolescents and young people to develop interpersonal skills to communicate, build relationships and interact with others, which are significant contributors to their health and overall wellbeing.

Letterkenny Pride Festival

To empower, support and promote sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous communities, is a key objective of Donegal County Council. We were proud to support the Letterkenny Pride event on 19th August, which works towards building healthy, inclusive communities.



Walk and Talk 100km Staff Walking Challenge

In keeping with Donegal County Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan and following on from the success of 2022 pilot workplace walking challenge, Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin announced the winners of the Walk and Talk Staff Walking Challenge in June 2023. The campaign was rolled out over a four-week period, through the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office in conjunction with Healthy Donegal, to encourage staff to get more physically active and promote healthy habits.



Pictured Seated (L-R): Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin, Overall Winning Team – Mayo for Sam - Sean Reid, Eileen McLaughlin, Tony Browne and Healthy Ireland Coordinator, Margaret Fitzgerald. **Back Row (L-R):** Health and Wellbeing Team, Marie Murphy, John McCandless, Mary Frances Doherty, Bernadette Glenn, Dominic Morris, Kathy Gallagher, Health and Wellbeing Team, Declan McKernan, Marie Kerr, Tanya Kee and Sinead McGlynn.

Over the four-week challenge, teams collectively walked over 11,000km - the equivalent of walking from Malin to Mizen and back ten times - with staff feedback saying that the fun competitive event created an ideal environment to encourage staff to get out and get moving!

Moments of Happiness at your Library

Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Martin Harley launched the Healthy Ireland Moments of Happiness at your Library initiative which uses the innovative award-winning Tovertafel games system to positively influence the quality of life for children with autism, seniors living with dementia and adults with intellectual disabilities using interactive light projected games that stimulate physical activity, social interaction, cognition, and moments of happiness.



Pictured: Students from Robertson National School, Stranorlar and Bluestacks Training and Progression Programme creating Moments of Happiness using the Tovertafel.

Donegal Playground Passport



Clockwise L-R – Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Donegal County Council; Cllr. Liam Blaney, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council; Seamus Canning, Area Manager, Donegal County Council; Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Mayor of Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District; Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator, Donegal County Council and Mr. John G. McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council.

Then Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Liam Blaney was delighted to announce the launch of the Donegal Playground Passport. To encourage active and healthy communities, as well as promoting positive mental, physical and emotional health Donegal County Council, through the Healthy Ireland Programme, developed the Donegal Playground Passport - a free convenient, pocket-sized guide to playgrounds across Donegal. The resource comprises of a map of Donegal with forty playgrounds numbered and listed in each Municipal District. Each playground is accompanied by a QR code and GPS coordinates

and also includes details of some of the free or low-cost activities in the nearby area for those looking to extend their day out.

Social Media

A major benefit of social media promotion is the ability to reach and extend our audience. Alongside the webpage, Healthy Donegal is promoted by way of Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube – all of which have links to the national Healthy Ireland accounts and continually promote and include all key messages and campaigns including national Dept of Health campaigns.

Throughout the Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme, Healthy Donegal continues to grow a strong social media following of approximately 5000 accounts, with Healthy Donegal social media posts having a regular viral reach of close to 1 million people.

9. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme

Sláintecare Healthy Communities (SHC) Programme is a cross-government initiative to reduce health inequalities in Ireland. Launched as a three-year pilot in Donegal in two sites, Northwest Gaeltacht and Inishowen, this programme is a Healthy Ireland initiative to reduce health inequalities in Ireland. Two Community Development Officers deliver the programme in the pilot areas, with respective Seed funding per area annually as well as funding to cover staff costs.

Community Enhancement Funding and Seed Funding has been made available by the Department of Health to support the delivery. Donegal County Council have utilised the Community Enhancement Programme to undertake capital projects in each pilot site with a total value of €498,814.





Pictured: Boardwalk & Accessible Equipment Magherawarden Portsalon

During 2023, in Northwest Gaeltacht these projects have been undertaken to redevelop a playground in Dungloe, enhance accessibly the Muckish Greenway project, to help deliver Men's Shed Scioból na bhfear on Tory Island. In Inishowen the projects included works at Barrack Hill in Carndonagh, the Tip O'Neill Trail and the Movice Playground.

In addition, €150,000 seed funding has supported projects and initiatives to positively impact on the health and wellbeing of those who live within the Programme Areas.

Partnerships within Donegal County Council, Donegal LCDC, project partners, relevant agencies and local communities delivered improvements, initiatives and projects fostering a foundation for health and wellbeing.

10. Donegal County Council PEACEPLUS Programme 2022 -2027 - Investment Area 1.1 1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plan

PEACEPLUS is the latest funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. The Programme is a funding Partnership between the European Union, the Government of Ireland, United Kingdom and the Northern Ireland Executive and administered by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The overall objective of the PEACEPLUS Programme is to build Peace and Prosperity and ensure that the Programme will leave a lasting and tangible

legacy across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. The Programme's strategy is to continue to take the opportunities and address the needs arising from the peace process in order to boost economic growth, and stimulate social and economic regeneration and secondly, to promote social inclusion, particularly for those at the margins of economic and social life.

Donegal County Council established a PEACEPLUS Partnership as a sub-structure of the Local Community Development Committee in September 2022. The principal role of this Committee is to oversee the design and implementation of a co-designed process in the County which will be used to inform the development of an overarching PEACEPLUS Action Plan.

The Local Community Development Committee established a PEACEPLUS Partnership of 28 members from the following sectors within Donegal as detailed below:

Elected Members (Pillar 1) (6)	Statutory Bodies (Pillar 2) (5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 elected members with 1 from each Municipal District • Chief Executive or his nominee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Údarás na Gaeltachta • Health Service Executive • An Garda Síochána • Tusla • Donegal Education & Training Board
Social Partners (7)	Social Partners (Pillar 4) PPN (10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inishowen Development Partnership • Donegal Local Development CLG • Irish Business & Employers Confederation • Farming community • Trade Unions • Environment • Comhar na nOileán (Islands) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minority Ethnic • Older People • Youth • Travellers • Women • LGBTQI • Minority Faith (3) • Disability

During 2023 Donegal County Council coordinated a local community co-designed process with the wider community to develop the Action Plan for the County. The Plan, informed by the local community engagement process, will enable and empower communities to assist in the development of priority projects and programmes for Donegal under the PEACEPLUS Programme,

which will result in shared and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces; and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.



Pictured: PEACEPLUS launch with Donegal PEACEPLUS Partnership

The three thematic strands have been selected upon which to design the content of the PEACEPLUS Action Plans and are as follows;

- Local Community Regeneration and Transformation
- Thriving and Peaceful Communities
- Building Respect for All Cultural Identities

Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated €110m, Donegal County Council has been awarded an indicative allocation of €7,635,396. The PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan will provide the scope to incorporate projects which will span across a range of different sectors and activities including:

- Creation of countywide community facilities for shared usage
- Youth development Programmes
- Health and wellbeing Programmes
- Cultural, Arts and Heritage Programmes
- Environmental Programmes
- Initiatives to building positive relations.
- Social innovation/ enterprise initiatives
- Education and skills development Programmes.



Pictured: One of the 48 workshops putting the codesign process into the PEACEPLUS context

Highlights of the co-design process during 2023 included:

- Commencement of co-design process and Consultation Launch, with over 600 people attending 48 Countywide & Online workshops over 3 Stages
- 1,477 votes casted in polling and discussions at workshops.
- 239 people completed an on-line Survey.
- Over 60 people attended workshops specifically focusing on sectors or equality groups.
- Over 2,000 people accessed information from the website and web page.
- 82 Concept Forms received, to assist in the formulation of Programmes and projects.
- Sign off of 32 countywide Projects by Partnership & Submission of Application to the SEUPB by 28th March 2024.

Paddy Doherty
Chief Officer
Donegal Local Community Development Committee