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Press Release

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New Outdoor Play Space at Derrygonnelly Community Centre

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is pleased to announce that construction of a new play park will begin in the coming weeks at Derrygonnelly Community Centre.

The project forms part of the Outdoor Recreational Capital Programme, included in the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, which will see 10 community spaces transformed across the district. The project is funded by PEACEPLUS with match-funding provided by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

The Local Action Plan is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). Developed through a collaborative co-design process with the local community and voluntary sector, the Action Plan aims to unite communities, build new connections, and celebrate cultural diversity.

Overall, the Action Plan will deliver 13 projects across three key themes: Local Community Regeneration and Transformation, Building Thriving and Peaceful Communities, and Celebrating Cultures and Diversity.

The Outdoor Recreational Capital Programme, part of the Local Community Regeneration and Transformation theme, seeks to create more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive community spaces. The new play park at Derrygonnelly will provide opportunities for play, recreation, and community gatherings, promoting social interaction, physical activity, and cross-community engagement.

Cllr McElduff, Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council said,

"We are delighted to see work beginning on this important project in Derrygonnelly and for the people of Derrygonnelly. This is a significant investment in high-quality, inclusive play facilities which helps to bring people together, supports healthier lifestyles and also serves to strengthen community spirit. This new play park will provide a welcoming space for families and residents of all ages to enjoy for years to come."

Cllr Thompson, Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Partnership added,

"The PEACEPLUS Partnership is committed to ensuring that projects within the Local Action Plan deliver meaningful and lasting benefits for our communities. The redevelopment of this space demonstrates how collaboration and local engagement can create shared spaces that promote inclusion, connection, and positive community relations across the district."

For more information on the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, visit the Council website or contact the PEACEPLUS team by email on peace@fermanaghomagh.com.

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- PEACEPLUS is a cross-border funding Programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland and has a total value of €1.14 billion, to be delivered over the next four years.

- PEACEPLUS is co-funded by the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive