



## What is the project about?

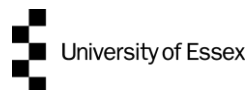
Future Innovators aims to further peacebuilding and reconciliation within and between communities North and South of the Border. Future Innovators will work with communities to develop plans to improve the social economy through harnessing the potential of social innovation, and in doing so, will build, improve and sustain relationships between communities addressing issues of trust, prejudice and intolerance.

## Who is delivering the project?

The project is being delivered through a partnership led by Co-operation Ireland, with Belfast Interface Project, Donegal Youth Service, Animorph (a software development co-operative) and the University of Essex.

## What areas will you be working in?

Future Innovators is a regional project that will be based in each of the 5 Urban Villages and the border region of Donegal.



Funding for the Future Innovators project has been awarded through the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

## When will the project take place?

The Future Innovators Project will be officially launched on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and will finish at the of March 2023.

## What are the main project activities?

**18** Community outreach events to raise awareness of the project and meet with the local communities.



Through outreach events and online activities we will engage 500+ individuals in the project.



90 Individuals (15 from each of our target areas) will be selected to take part in a local Future Innovators training programme to learn about social innovation and develop local solutions.



8 Community organisations will be selected to receive direct support to develop their social enterprise ideas.

## What are the main project outcomes?



Capacity will be built in communities to use social innovation to address local challenges. Through working together towards a common objective, stronger relationships will develop leading to improved social cohesion.



Social Innovation Action Plans will be produced for each area. These reports will be co-designed by the community, tailored to their specific needs and issues, and will detail their recommendations for using social innovation to develop practical solutions to local challenges.



A digital toolkit will be created that will equip communities with easily accessible, effective tools to imagine and design the future of their areas.