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Chief Executive
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14th October 2020

Dear Chief Executive,

ICBAN Member Councils' Annual Contribution (2021/22)

Each October, ICBAN contacts member Councils regarding the Annual Contribution to the cross-border partnership. Member Council contributions are a very important contributor towards our core administration resources and for which we are always most appreciative. The amount to be levied has been agreed by the Management Board to be £15,000 for the 2021 financial year for County Councils, and 2021/2022 financial year for NI Councils. This is the same level as last year.

Our delivery focus continues to be on areas which will benefit our member Councils and through engagement with the Councils Senior Officers' Forum we have worked to complete a new **'Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region' strategic document**. The Framework will be made available to you in the next few days. It is intended that the implementation of this will be driven by ICBAN in promoting key regional priorities to the highest levels of governments, with the ultimate aim of gaining national recognition for the designation of the Central Border Region, as an area of national importance, on both sides of the border. The Framework includes regional priorities and key emerging catalyst projects to help the area respond to the challenges of the **public health pandemic, Brexit, and climate change**.

The attached Update provides more information on our current work programme and project delivery. This include the promotion of creative industries through the [Spot-lit](#) Project, the development of innovative digital marketing and sales software for regional SMEs through the [Digi-2-Market](#) project, the continued advocacy on the need for **adequate broadband**, and representing the communities of Central Border Region on the impacts of **Brexit**, in citing the findings of our engagement research with communities.

With the impending commencement of the second stage of the **Peace Plus consultation**, we will liaise with all member Councils to develop a regional response, to help lever maximum benefits from the programme to the border region's communities.

On behalf of the ICBAN Management Board I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Council for the continued support and assistance. Should you have any queries or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Shane Campbell

Appendix 1b

ICBAN Progress against Action Plan (01 April 2020 - 31 December 2020) PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 - 31 MARCH 2021

ICBAN TARGETS/OUTPUTS 2019/20	ACTIVITIES	PROGRESS
<p>Platform for Cross Border Cooperation in the ICBAN Region.</p>	<p>Facilitate and service Board Meetings, CEO/CM Meetings, other Sector Specific / Thematic Meetings</p> <p>Facilitate and service meetings with key stakeholders and assist in establishing better cross border working relationships and arrangements.</p>	<p>ICBAN Management Board Meetings were held on: 22nd April 2020, 20th May 2020, 17th June 2020, 16th September 2020, 28th October 2020, 18th November 2020, 16th December 2020, 20th January 2021, 17th February 2021 and 16th March 2021.</p> <p>ICBAN Annual General Meeting was held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18th November 2020 <p>Officer Group Meetings were held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15th April 2020, 09th June 2020, 21st July 2020, 26th August 2020, 08th September 2020, 13th October 2020, 10th November 2020, 08th December 2020, 12th January 2021, 02nd February 2021, 09th February 2021, March 2021 (date to be confirmed). <p>Meetings/Events from 01 April 2020 - 31 March 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery of the Border Animator capacity-building programme - online weekly sessions held from 28th May to 02nd July 2020 - Council Senior Officers' Forum facilitated online on 24th June 2020 - BLITZ Project Meetings: 20th April, 29th May, 22nd June, 19th August, 10th September, 08th October, 04th November, 10th December, 14th January 2021, 18th February 2021, March 2021 (date to be confirmed). BLITZ Covid-19 Working Group convened 08th April 2020. Steering Committee Meeting held on 05th November 2020. - Digi-2-Market Project Meetings: 07th April; 7th May; 2nd June; 16th June; 18th August; 8th September; 06th October, 10th November, 8th December, 12th January 2021, 9th February 2021, March 2021 (date to be confirmed).
<p>Contribute to the effective and efficient running of ICBAN.</p>	<p>Ongoing operation of Internal Control System. Annual Financial Statement / Accounts.</p> <p>Supporting the employment of an Administrator.</p>	<p>Internal Control System: The agreed Internal Control System is fully operational. The Accounts and Audit Statement for 2018/19 were ratified at the Board Meeting held on 16th October 2019. The Accounts and Audit Statement for 2019/20 were approved at the Management Board Meeting held on 28th October 2020.</p> <p>Executive Assistant employed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the development and implementation of ICBAN's corporate aims and objectives, through the provision of administration and secretarial services.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing competent, reliable and efficient secretarial, administrative and support services for ICBAN. • Corporate Administration: arranging appointments and service meetings for the ICBAN Management Board and Sub-Committees, Working Groups and others as required. • Financial & Company Administration: including banking, payroll, Assets Register, procurement etc. • Project Administration: maintaining a management information system for all project related documentation.
<p>Support the employment of the ICBAN CEO to lead the organisation moving forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership, management & development of ICBAN. • Develop strategic focus of ICBAN in partnership with Member Councils. • Maintain and grow ICBAN's position in cross border development and promote cross border cooperation. • Communicating the benefits, successes and awareness of ICBAN within the region and beyond. • Establish, develop & maintain robust structures and systems to ensure effective and efficient delivery of agreed outcomes. • Report to the ICBAN Management Board. 	<p>CEO Principal Accountabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acting as a figurehead for ICBAN. ▪ Developing and managing new relationships with Councils (elected representatives & officials). ▪ Working with Partner Council Chief Executives and County Managers. ▪ Maintaining ICBAN's position in cross border development through effective influencing at community, local and central government level. ▪ Providing leadership, managing and developing the ICBAN operational team. ▪ Contributing to the development, implementation of strategic, operational, project plans, in partnership with ICBAN member Councils, and other stakeholders as appropriate. ▪ Overseeing systems and procedures to ensure effective and efficient delivery of agreed outcomes. ▪ Facilitating collaboration between stakeholders in the field of strategic regional development in the cross-border area. Reporting to the Management Board. ▪ Managing public relations and maximising exposure to and awareness of ICBAN's work throughout the central border region. <p>Promoting cross border cooperation through - activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance at the Centre for Cross-Border Studies Annual George Quigley Lecture (online) on 'Re-imagining the island economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis and the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol'- 04th June 2020 - Presentation to Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on ICBAN's Future Work Programme - 21st September 2020 - Attendance and participation at 'Shaping Our Rural Future - Online Engagement Event' with Minister Heather Humphreys on 24th September 2020 - Attendance at the 21st Centre for Cross-Border Studies Annual Conference held online on 25th September 2020. - Meeting with the North South Ministerial Council Joint Secretaries for Ireland and Northern Ireland on 20th November 2020 and 8th February 2021 on advancing the Framework of Regional Priorities within the two governments - Meeting with the CEO of East Border Region on 20th November 2020 on development strategies and Peace Plus consultation responses. - Attendance at the CCBS North South Co-operation webinar on 'The island of Ireland: Challenges Past & Future' on 03rd December 2020.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on the Framework of Regional Priorities at Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (21st September and 10th November 2020), Sligo County Council (06th November 2020), Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council (19th November 2020), Cavan County Council (14th December 2020), Leitrim County Council (11th January 2021), Mid Ulster District Council (14th January 2021), Donegal County Council Corporate Policy Group (24th February 2021). - Meeting with CEO of Mid Ulster District Council, on 8th January 2021 on FRP delivery. - Meeting with Mid Ulster District Council’s Head of Tourism on 8th January 2021, on catalyst projects. - Attendance at Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council launch of the Recovery & Growth Framework on 10th February 2021. - Meeting with Chris MacManus MEP on the FRP, on 12th February 2021 - Meeting with Involve NI on 19th February 2021 Meeting with Jemma Dolan MLA on implementation of the FRP, on 19th February 2021 - Meeting with NI Minister for Finance on implementation of the FRP, on 24th February 2021 - Meeting with SEUPB CEO on FRP priorities, ambitions and project needs for the Region, on 25th February 2021 						
<p>Sustain Existing Jobs</p>	<p>Support the provision of a staff complement to enable ICBAN to achieve its goals. Projected: 3 full time</p>	<p>ICBAN Secretariat:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="800 688 1648 792"> <tr> <td>Shane Campbell</td> <td>CEO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joanne Breen</td> <td>Executive Assistant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Hallewell</td> <td>Innovation Officer</td> </tr> </table>	Shane Campbell	CEO	Joanne Breen	Executive Assistant	Andy Hallewell	Innovation Officer
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<p>ICBAN Strategic Development Function</p>	<p>Digital Connectivity - Telecoms/High Speed Internet Provision</p> <p>Brexit</p>	<p>The Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) has finalised their report into the use of public monies on broadband infrastructure in NI, through BT. This request had originally been put to the Audit Office by ICBAN in 2018. The report is currently going through the formal clearance process phases before publication is expected, now in spring 2021.</p> <p>It is understood that the report will be critical of the historic management of broadband programmes delivery in NI. The specific issues identified include the lack of competition for such infrastructure delivery in NI, the process used by BT for upgrading their own infrastructure, transparencies around costs and gain share, and take up / clawback and what arises when the number of users is greater than expected in a build area.</p> <p>The challenges of home working / schooling during the public health crisis have featured in the report and NIAO had asked for any anecdotal evidence on frustrations with using and accessing broadband during lockdown. Examples from Mid Ulster have been cited.</p> <p>Following publication of the report ICBAN will actively engage with NI Assembly and Westminster Public Accounts committee and political stakeholders in following up on the recommendations.</p> <p>ICBAN keeps abreast of Brexit developments, through monitoring of current affairs and governmental updates. ICBAN has been submitting evidence to a number of committees and</p>						

	<p>Creative Industries & Tourism</p>	<p>consultations and uses such opportunities to make representations on behalf of the Central Border Region.</p> <p>On 25th November 2020, ICBAN received a Letter of Offer from the DFAT Reconciliation Fund for €11,250 for delivery of a new community engagement initiative on Brexit in 2021, and in particular dealing with the latest impacts as the UK and NI leaves the EU. This will be delivered with QUB and will include a formal published report, which will be made available to the governments, EU and other key stakeholders in September 2021. Delivery on the project commenced in January 2021, with a weekly review of Brexit related information in the media.</p> <p>The EU INTERREG NPA funded BLITZ/ Spot-Lit Project is focused on the opportunities that local SMEs can derive from literary tourism. Monthly updates are provided to the ICBAN Management Board.</p> <p>ICBAN is committed through the strategic objectives of the RSF (Regional Strategic Framework, 2014) to work in partnership with Councils to promote and develop the attractiveness and economic benefit provided by tourism destinations across the Region. The development of Literary Tourism as a niche, yet strategically significant aspect of the tourism offering in the Region, encompasses the support and added value we can bring to Mid Ulster over and above its already well-developed product in the form of the Seamus Heaney Home Place.</p> <p>The Literary Tourism SME support element of the BLITZ project commenced in the Central Border Region (including Mid Ulster) in January 2020. This has led to a more extensive Product Incubation Programme of business mentoring and support, which commenced on 19th June 2020. Seven SMEs are participating in the programme and are beneficiaries of monetary supports. Todd's Leap Activity Centre in Mid Ulster is one of the seven participants. The total innovation support to the SMEs totals €40,000. Payments to the SMEs is based on satisfactory progress against agreed project milestones.</p> <p>The other main focus of the project is the development of a mobile phone digital app for NI and counties Cavan and Monaghan. Development work coordinated by the app developer, Kajaani University in Finland, continues. A number of apps will be developed for the project. In our region these will include the following app amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northern Literary Lands - developed by ICBAN and Arts over Borders and featuring literary assets within the council areas of Cavan, Monaghan, Fermanagh and Omagh, Mid Ulster and Armagh Banbridge Craigavon. This app also covers the rest of the NPA programme territory - Northern Ireland excluding Belfast. <p>The content of the apps is currently being finalised with a view to a launch in spring 2021, including to businesses, facilities, amenities and stakeholders involved in the promotion of LT services across Mid Ulster, and who can promote free content to help attract business and visitors.</p> <p>The overall project will run until 31 March 2022.</p>
	<p>Roads Infrastructure</p>	<p>Continued lobbying and representations, including participation in consultations, on the need for progress in delivering the complete planned A5 and A29 arterial routes.</p>

	<p>Urban & Rural Development Cross-Border Linkages</p>	<p>EU Consultation Response ICBAN submitted a regional response to the ‘EU Consultation - long term vision for rural areas’ on 30th November 2020.</p> <p>Council Senior Officers’ Forum - A meeting of member Council Directors on strategic cooperation was facilitated by ICBAN on 24th June 2020 through the Council Senior Officers forum; with seven Member Councils represented, including Mid Ulster. The focus of the meeting was on high-level strategic factors in each jurisdiction; including an update on the Mid South West Growth Strategy and discussion on finalising the ‘Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region’ strategic document.</p> <p>‘Border Animator’ Project With an award of €12k from DFAT Reconciliation Fund, ICBAN, together with project partners, the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICRLD), delivered a modular programme of capacity building and animation for Management Board members and Senior Council Officers between 28th May and 2nd July, including those from MUDC. The objective was to develop skills and capacity in how to address challenges of sustainability, Brexit, the public health pandemic and other impacts on the Region, in strategic and collaborative ways.</p> <p>‘The Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region, 2021-2027’ The Framework of Regional Priorities (FRP) strategy document provides a timely and important refresh of the Regional Strategic Framework (RSF) (2013 - 2027). This strategic initiative recognises the geopolitical, economic and social changes that have occurred since the publication of the RSF, initially due to Brexit, and subsequently due to climate change and COVID-19. In early 2020, ICBAN completed a consultative and research process. Working in collaboration with the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD), ICBAN sought to take stock of regional assets, challenges, and opportunities, and, at the mid-way point in the timeframe of the RSF, to identify new and emerging strategic priorities for the area. The resultant FRP has been informed by consultations with the Council Senior Officers (CSO) Forum, a survey of the ICBAN Board members and of the Senior Officers in the eight affiliated local authorities, and secondary research undertaken by ICBAN and ICLR D.</p> <p>This FRP is motivated by, and seeks to give effect to, ICBAN’s vision of a region with a thriving and diversified economy that will be strengthened and sustained through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging investment in value-added industries and promoting innovation; • embracing new technologies and enhancing connectivity; • expanding knowledge capital; • enhancing quality of life; and • utilising the environment respectfully and responsibly. <p>The Framework reports (synopsis and full report) have been issued to the Chief Executives and Directors of Member Councils. Support has been received from all eight Member Councils.</p>
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	<p>Other EU Projects</p> <p>Collective Advocacy on behalf of the Region</p>	<p>ICBAN is currently researching the potential of developing the five emergent regional catalyst projects identified in the FRP. Desk research is underway, and contact has been made with Councils' Officers and other relevant stakeholders on potential project developments. It is envisaged that thematic working groups will be convened in April/May 2021.</p> <p>Two post-graduate students from Queen's University Belfast commenced their internships with ICBAN on 01st February 2021. One intern will be focussing on the potential of food trails/clusters within the Central Border Region. The other will be completing work on the impact of Brexit on identified priorities with the FRP, initially this will be on water quality and biodiversity.</p> <p>Graphic design of the reports is complete, with an online launch planned for March 2021.</p> <p>Progress implementation of 'Digi-2-Market' Project</p> <p>Digital City: The online gated business community</p> <p>Ulster University has now set a timing of spring 2021 for launch of the project's web-based resource for SMEs, known as the Digital City. The website is currently being populated with information and resources. A test version can be viewed: https://projects.invisionapp.com/share/C5YDR92SK4P#/screens/428026689</p> <p>The Digital City will be a gated business community where companies sign up to use the site's resources and to interact internationally on solutions. Businesses will be able to download resources as well as upload their own product stories and details in the form of case studies. This should lead to further opportunities for product collaboration and the potential access to new overseas markets.</p> <p>In 2021, ICBAN will provide SMEs from the area with opportunities to develop digital marketing tools for their products and services. This will be provided through webinars for interested local businesses from Mid Ulster and across the Central Border Region on the resources available through the Digital City.</p> <p>The ICBAN Board is currently finalising elements of the implementation programme for the FRP strategy document. The proposals recognise that to be effective, implementation of the Framework strategy will require a multi-sectoral partnership approach, drawing on a range of expertise, experience, and capacities. It is incumbent on ICBAN to bring Councils and stakeholders together to address these challenges and to harness regional/cross-border assets. Through such a 'mixed economy' approach, there is a need to involve local authorities, government agencies, third level education, community and voluntary sectors and private sector etc.</p> <p>Funding opportunities are being followed up to assist with the implementation programme.</p> <p>ICBAN continues to actively engage in consultations relating to the key regional strategic priorities. This has included with SOLACE NI into successor funding for the EU funding programmes.</p>
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<p>Events / Promotion / Materials</p>		<p>Updating Facebook, Twitter and the ICBAN website on project developments and promotion of project activities. A dedicated website and social media accounts have been created for the Spot-lit and Digi-2-Market project.</p> <p>A promotional programme has been devised to promote and disseminate the Framework of Regional Priorities. An online launch of the Framework is planned for March 2021.</p>
<p>Cross Border Linkages - provide opportunities for shared learning and ensure a coherent impact of investment throughout the eligible area.</p>	<p>Continue to strengthen the working relationships with the East Border Region, and North West Region, to share learning and good practice</p>	<p>ICBAN has continued to build effective working relationships with the other Cross Border Groups in North West and East Border regions.</p> <p>ICBAN works very closely with the other Cross Border Groups, sharing information on a range of topical issues relating to cross-border working and recently attended the Centre for Cross-Border Studies 21st Annual Conference. A meeting with the CEO of East Border Region was held on 20th November 2020 to discuss both organisations' strategy documents and inputting into the next stage of the Peace Plus consultation.</p> <p>ICBAN attended a number of events at the European Week of Cities and Regions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross-Border Cooperation and Covid-19 (14 October 2020) ▪ Time to measure impact in border regions: Covid-19 crossing borders (15 October 2020) ▪ Literary Tourism: Untapped Potential (15 October 2020) which was delivered by the ICBAN-led BLITZ Partnership. <p>The referenced 'Border Animator' programme was a key capacity development investment for the cross-Councils ICBAN Board and for all the Council Officers who had attended, including officers from the MSW Growth Deal secretariat. Through this, international examples of best practice in border regions were engaged with on a range of project developments, including, Scotland / England, Canada / USA, and Romania / Hungary, as well as river catchments projects in Counties Limerick and Tipperary.</p>
<p>Role in wider EU Context.</p>		<p>ICBAN has continued to be a member of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) and avails of the networking opportunities provided by Membership.</p> <p>ICBAN participates in 2 EU partnerships for the Region - BLITZ and Digi2Market.</p> <p>The Brexit reports completed between 2017-2020 with QUB have been shared with key EU stakeholders, and member governments, including with the UK and EU Brexit negotiating teams.</p> <p>In October 2020, ICBAN moderated an EU Regions virtual session on 'The untapped potential of literary tourism in the EU'. The session was attended by more than 30 organisations from various parts of the EU. The event helped to promote the work of the Spot-Lit project in promoting literary tourism in our Region and those of partners, as well as the role of ICBAN as a cross border organisation.</p>



COALISLAND & EAST TYRONE Historical Manufacturing Base of Mid Ulster

PROGRESS REPORT

10 February 2021

Report by Keith Beattie
Heritage Officer, Lough Neagh Partnership Limited



1 CURRENT STATUS

As a result of the ongoing situation caused by Covid-19, it has been necessary to revise the original activity programme which was planned for Coalisland & East Tyrone – Historic Manufacturing Base of Mid Ulster. With the authorisation of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, an alternative format has been agreed and each of the project components have been adapted in order to minimise risk to the public, our staff, facilitators and supporters.

The project has been extended until 30 September 2021 and everything will be completed at no extra cost or additional expenditure. If the vaccination programme proves successful and public meetings are possible by the summer, we may be able to bring small, socially distanced groups together in exceptional circumstances e.g. to take part in archaeological excavations or guided walks. However, in most cases, the events and activities will now be in a 'digital' format, which means that talks, performances, meetings and training will be delivered as online broadcasts or as digital resources on a website.

2 PROJECT WEBSITE <https://www.coalisland-lnp.com>

Following a tendering process, our new website has been designed by [2b Creative](#) and is now ready. Publicity will be circulated to various media outlets in the coming days and this will hopefully generate fresh local interest in the project and our activities.

The website will provide free access to information about every aspect of the project. It will also direct visitors to other useful web links which focus on industrial heritage in East Tyrone. On completion of the project in September 2021, www.coalisland-lnp.com will be a legacy resource that will be maintained by Lough Neagh Partnership.

Following a tendering process, technical services for the creation of digital content for the website is being provided by Corr Digital Media. A wide range of material has already been produced for the website. The content will be expanded between February-September 2021 as more resources are generated and new information is uploaded. In addition, it will be an interface through which Lough Neagh Partnership can keep the local community up to date with the project in the months ahead.

3 WEBSITE CONTENT

The following documents, videos & podcasts are available to watch, listen to, download or view on-screen:

3.1 Pamphlets and booklets

A series of brief publications on historical topics such as:

- Coal mining in East Tyrone
- Roan Spinning Mills
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3.2 On-line exhibition

Graphics from the exhibition “Digging Deep – A history of East Tyrone coalfields”.

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The full report into the excavation at the former Derrybuoy pottery site in June 2019 by Sarah Gormley of the Centre for Community Archaeology at Queen’s University, Belfast.

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Lesson plans and powerpoint slide shows for schools on topics such as:

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3.5 Video & podcasts

Website visitors can watch pre-recorded videos and listen to a series of podcasts on:

- [Excavation at the former Derrybuoy pottery site](#)
- [East Tyrone place-names](#)

3.6 Drama

You can enjoy an audio recording of the play [“Coalisland Tales: Grafted, Crafted, Woven & Spun”](#) by the Craic Players.

3.7 Picture galleries

Photographs from events and venues:

- [“Coalisland Experience” heritage centre](#)
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The website also provides information on other aspects of the project which are being delivered remotely.

4.1 Craft workshops

The ceramic workshops are proceeding as remote tutorials. [Diane McCormick](#) has recorded a video giving instructions on how to make a clay art piece ([see this link](#)) which participants can follow from the safety and comfort of their own homes. Each participant is provided with a sterilised Home Craft Kit which includes clay and any equipment and tools they may need to make their own clay creation.

It is intended to deliver Home Craft Kits to 50 homes in the coming weeks. Any art pieces which the participants create will be considered for a major public artwork which will be displayed in the Craic Theatre.

4.2 History talks and podcasts

A series of history talks and more podcasts are planned for the coming months. These will be recorded and made available online through the website.

4.3 Drama

The playwright Mark Shields has been commissioned to write four short plays for the Craic Players. The working titles are:

- The Lock-keeper's Wife's Tale
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Each play will be 15-20 minutes and recorded on video on location with a small crew and no more than two actors. The video of each play will then be made available through the website.

5 AFTER LOCKDOWN

In the event that the lockdown restrictions are eased and public meetings are possible by the summer, we may be able to deliver the following programme of activities:

- Craft workshops in blacksmithing, jewellery making and crocheting.
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- Community education will resume with socially distanced walks and talks which would be open to a limited number of participants.

6 BURSARY

The proposed apprenticeship scheme has been re-structured as a bursary. It is available for residents in the project area who wish to undertake further or higher education/training to help move towards starting their own business or beginning a career in the heritage sector. The bursary provides 75% of the course fees, up to a maximum total of £3,000.

[Please see this link.](#)

7 FORWARD PLAN

In April, we will be inviting consultants to tender for the development of a detailed sustainable three year plan for the future of the industrial heritage sector in the East Tyrone area. This will involve engaging with local stakeholders and will be delivered by utilising social media, the new website and, if possible, face to face consultation.

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Appendix 2B - Coalisland Great Places Change of Funding Request 3.2.21

LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP



Colin McKenna,
Mid Ulster District Council.

3 February 2021

Dear Colin,

“Coalisland & East Tyrone – Historical Manufacturing Base of Mid Ulster”

Thanks to the support of Mid Ulster District Council, the above project has been able to continue during the recent difficult times caused by Covid-19. However, the impact of the virus means our programme of delivery has been disrupted. As a result, I would like to ask if it would be possible revise the allocation of funds from Council, as outlined in the supplied documents.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,

Keith Beattie
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Lough Neagh Partnership

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