

Press Release



Fermanagh District Council

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‘Connecting People’ Exhibition Opens

‘Connecting People’, an innovative cross border exhibition, opened at Fermanagh County Museum, Enniskillen Castle, on Thursday, 12 June 2008. The ‘Connecting People’ exhibition is the result of a highly successful partnership Project developed by Fermanagh County Museum and Cavan County Museum. The Project has been running since 2006 and has brought together 12 schools and 8 adult groups from Fermanagh and Cavan.

The ‘Connecting People’ exhibition explores the shared and diverse heritage of this border region, including people’s opinions, memories and pictures. The children have created their own heritage trails, which are on display at the Museum and on the world-wide web. One of the centrepieces to the show is a bridge - a stunning visual representation of the sentiment behind the project.

Speaking at the launch, Councillor Thomas O’Reilly, Chairman of Fermanagh District Council said:

‘The vision behind this exhibition is to show how history and heritage can be shared and enjoyed. Rather than dividing people, it can unite them.’

Frances McDermott, Chairman of Cavan County Council added:

“Connecting People’ has given those involved an opportunity to interact and get to know each other. *Co-operation Ireland* has recently informed us that the project has obtained extra funding to continue this important work with the adult groups until the end of August.’

The ‘Connecting People’ Project received financial assistance from the Peace II Programme – Measure 5.3 Developing Cross Border Reconciliation and Understanding. The Project was part financed by the European Union through the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the Cross Border Consortium.

The ‘Connecting People’ exhibition runs until 14 September 2008.

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