

Positive feedback for Farrans on their work with the Local Community

Laura Ebbit, Include Youth

'Farrans have been an invaluable support to our employability service in terms of supporting our care experienced young people into placements, one of which was to apprenticeship level. Farrans have been very accommodating with requests to meet young people and have provided a flexible and supportive environment for learning and development. I look forward to continued work with Farrans for the duration of the current project at Altnagelvin.'

Geoffrey Hunter, Service Manager, Mencap

'Thanks to Nicola from Farrans Construction for conducting the mock interviews as part of our job club activities in Derry/Londonderry. It is so important that our trainees have opportunities to practice their interview skills in front of 'real life' employers and situations and I know each trainee really benefited from Nicola's input and invaluable feedback. I know that Farrans are committed to creating a positive impact within the communities they work and I am looking forward to exploring further opportunities in how Farrans can support Mencap's work in enhancing employment opportunities for people with a learning disability.'

Jenny Elliott, CEO, ArtsCare

'Arts Care, Northern Ireland's leading Arts and Health charity has been thrilled with the development of a new Arts & Business partnership with Farrans Construction Company on an Innovative Arts, Health and Well-being Project that contributes to transforming the patients' experience of healthcare and enhances their sense of overall health and well-being. The creative partnership with Farrans has enabled Arts Care to provide a series of art workshops facilitated by professional artists for patients in Altnagelvin Hospital as well as art workshops for some of Farran's staff at the site to reflect on their health and well-being in their workplace.'

The collection of art works created by Farran's staff and the patients will be installed through a digital process on the Farran's Construction Hoardings around the new North West area in Altnagelvin Hospital thus transforming the construction site into an outside gallery space that primarily showcases the art works of the patients living with and receiving treatment for cancer. The partnership with Farran's has provided funding support to bring the temporary and unique 'Pop Up' outside Art Gallery into existence. It has also generated further funding and business partnership with Arts & Business Northern Ireland securing match funding for the project. The 'Outside Inside Gallery' will not only showcase the patients' work but will also give greater understanding to the general public and staff who work in the hospital insight into what it is like to live with cancer and other illnesses that not only impact on the patient but on their families.'

The new creative partnership between Arts Care and Farran's Construction Company is a good model of how Arts & Business combine to make a real difference in the lives of the most vulnerable and sick in our community offering opportunity to enhance people's experience of healthcare services by reducing levels of anxiety and stress through self-expression and the arts.'

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Derek Loughrey, Principal Architect, Construction Division - Health Projects, Central Procurement Directorate

'Farrans have demonstrated a real commitment and high level of engagement with Western Health and Social Care Trust to maximise training and employment opportunities with particular focus on New Entrant Trainees. To date, working in partnership with Mencap and Looked After Children, Farrans have provided two 'life changing' employment opportunities for two young men. This is testament to the Farrans approach to social cohesion and inclusion as set out in the Buy Social Model. A great effort!!'