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Programme Objectives

- ◆ Knowledge of Information Technology
- ◆ Develop skills to gain employment or Self-Employment
- ◆ Work placement in Ireland & Morehead, USA
- ◆ Development of Social, Cultural & Mutual Understanding



Programme Participants

- ◆ Participants aged between 18 and 28
- ◆ 14 from the Ballymena Borough Council
- ◆ {7 Protestants / 7 Roman Catholics}
- ◆ 7 from the area of County Cavan
- ◆ Participants were from an unemployed background



Programme Training Ireland

- ◆ European Computer Driving Licence {ECDL} for the development of Information Technology Skills
- ◆ Managing IT Files
- ◆ Word Processing
- ◆ Spreadsheets
- ◆ Database
- ◆ Power Point Presentations



Programme Residential Ireland

- ◆ East Coast Adventure, Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland
- ◆ Galgorm Manor, Ballymena, Northern Ireland
- ◆ Team Building
- ◆ Personal Development
- ◆ Confidence Building
- ◆ Conflict Resolution
- ◆ Mutual Understanding



Programme Work placement USA

- ◆ Family Dollar Distributors
- ◆ St. Claire Medical Centre
- ◆ Morehead News
- ◆ Morehead State University
- ◆ Morehead Utility Plant Board
- ◆ Morehead Tourism Office
- ◆ Morehead City Hall



Mutual Understanding USA

- ◆ Ceremony of Peace at Morehead State University Lake
- ◆ Talking Circles
- ◆ Weekly Personal Awareness
- ◆ Self-Analysis Classes
- ◆ Creative Writing



Programme Group Visits USA

- ◆ Whitesburg Festival
- ◆ Brakes National State Park
- ◆ Kentucky Horse Park & Museum
- ◆ Northern Kentucky Aquarium
- ◆ Carter Cave State Resort Park
- ◆ Kentucky Kingdom Adventure Park



Programme Delivery Partners

- ◆ Ballymena Business Centre Ltd
- ◆ Cavan Information & Opportunities Centre
- ◆ Morehead State University

Programme Funders

- ◆ Ballymena Borough Council
- ◆ International Fund For Ireland

Thank You

