

Ulster University's Game-Changing Indoor Sports Arena Project

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Ulster University (UU) has announced plans for a groundbreaking indoor sports arena on its Londonderry campus. This ambitious project, funded by the PeacePlus program, will transform the local sporting landscape and provide a world-class facility for students and the wider community.

The new arena, spanning approximately 15,000 square meters, will accommodate a range of sports, including rugby, soccer, and Gaelic games. It will also serve as a venue for community events, concerts, and other cultural activities.

Prof Cathy Gormley-Heenan, UU's provost, said it was exciting to be able to take the project forward.

"This facility will be quite literally game-changing in terms of enhancing sporting and community facilities in the city and we are delighted to be expanding our offering for both our students and our neighbours in Derry-Londonderry," she said.

The PeacePlus program, a joint initiative of the European Union, the UK government, the Irish government, and Stormont, has awarded over €77 million to various projects across the island of Ireland. The funding for the UU project will enable the university to deliver a world-class facility that will benefit generations to come.

Gina McIntyre of the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) said the projects "will provide places where people can come together, collaborate and engage with one another in a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment".

“They are crucial for peacebuilding and reconciliation,” she said.