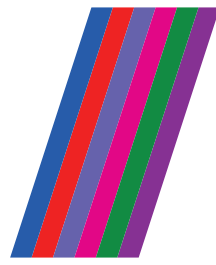


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"Protect Lough Melvin" Village Art Installation

In June 2026, P5 and P6 pupils from St. Martin's Primary School in Garrison worked together, alongside local artist Michelle Duffy, to create this colourful piece of artwork.

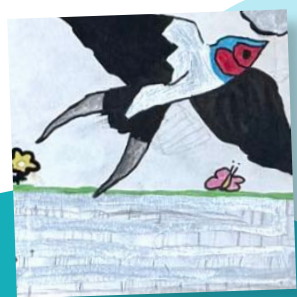
The initiative was undertaken as part of an education outreach programme, led by the WEST (Water Enhancements through Sustainable Treatment) project, which explored how the children and the wider community could help to protect water quality in Lough Melvin.

Through creativity and conversation, the children explored themes of water, nature, community, sustainability and environmental responsibility. Their ideas and artwork have been brought together in this large-scale installation, entitled "Protect Lough Melvin", creating a lasting reminder of the connection between people, place and the environment.

Each of the 30 children involved also produced his or her own mini canvas, depicting the themes of water, wildlife and the environment. These beautiful pieces are on display at the following premises around the village:

- > **Melvin Pharmacy**
- > **Gilroys Spar**
- > **T. Keown Electrical**
- > **The Bilberry Restaurant**
- > **True Colours Hair Salon**
- > **Fermanagh Lakeland Properties**
- > **Camlake Canvas**
- > **Melvin Recreational & Resource Complex**

This installation and the wider art trail have been produced to encourage residents and visitors alike to reflect on their role in protecting local waterways. The children's work serves to highlight the importance of responsible wastewater management in safeguarding our environment for future generations.



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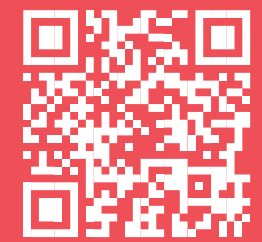


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About Michelle Duffy

Michelle Duffy is the artist and designer behind Camlake Canvas, in Garrison. A passionate artist and photographer, Michelle is inspired by the beauty of the natural world, particularly the spectacular sunsets and landscapes surrounding Lough Melvin and the nearby Wild Atlantic Way.

Working primarily in acrylics, her paintings capture the colour, light and atmosphere of places she knows and loves, from the shores of Lough Melvin to the dramatic coastlines of Rossnowlagh, Bundoran and Mullaghmore.

Alongside her artistic practice, Michelle delivers community art and craft workshops for people of all ages and abilities. She is passionate about making art accessible and enjoys helping others discover their creativity and confidence through hands-on learning.

About WEST

The WEST project is a cross-border initiative being delivered by NI Water in partnership with Uisce Éireann. The project aims to contribute to improved water quality in Lough Melvin, Lough Erne and Donegal Bay through sustainable upgrades to wastewater treatment works in Garrison, Belleek, Blacklion and Ballybay. An extensive programme of modelling work in the wider Erne catchment also forms part of the project.

The WEST project is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). PEACEPLUS is co-funded by the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive.

Artists

P5 & P6 pupils (June 2026), St. Martin's P.S.
Lead Artist: Michelle Duffy, Camlake Canvas

Thank you

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