



Derry City and Strabane District PEACEPLUS Partnership Board

Meeting Date: Tuesday 10th June 2025
Time: **10.00am – 11.30am**
Venue: Park Community Hall, 109 Altinure Rd, Claudy, BT47 4DE.
Meeting in person only – WiFi Connections not strong enough for Hybrid.

AGENDA ITEM

1. Meeting Opening (Chair Catherine /Co-Chair Martin)

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

1.2 Conflict of Interest.

Members are reminded to declare any specific conflicts of interest as and when any issues arise in the agenda which are over and above what is already held on the written declarations.

1.3 Minutes of previous meeting / Matters arising (p.5-11)

Recommendation: Review minutes for any changes and/or actions and adopt.

2. Guest presentations followed by Q&A opportunities.

Park Community Hall Project Tour & Talk (CRT Theme) – Min McCann & Other Board members.
Let's Talk Youth (CCD Theme) – Dominic Bonner

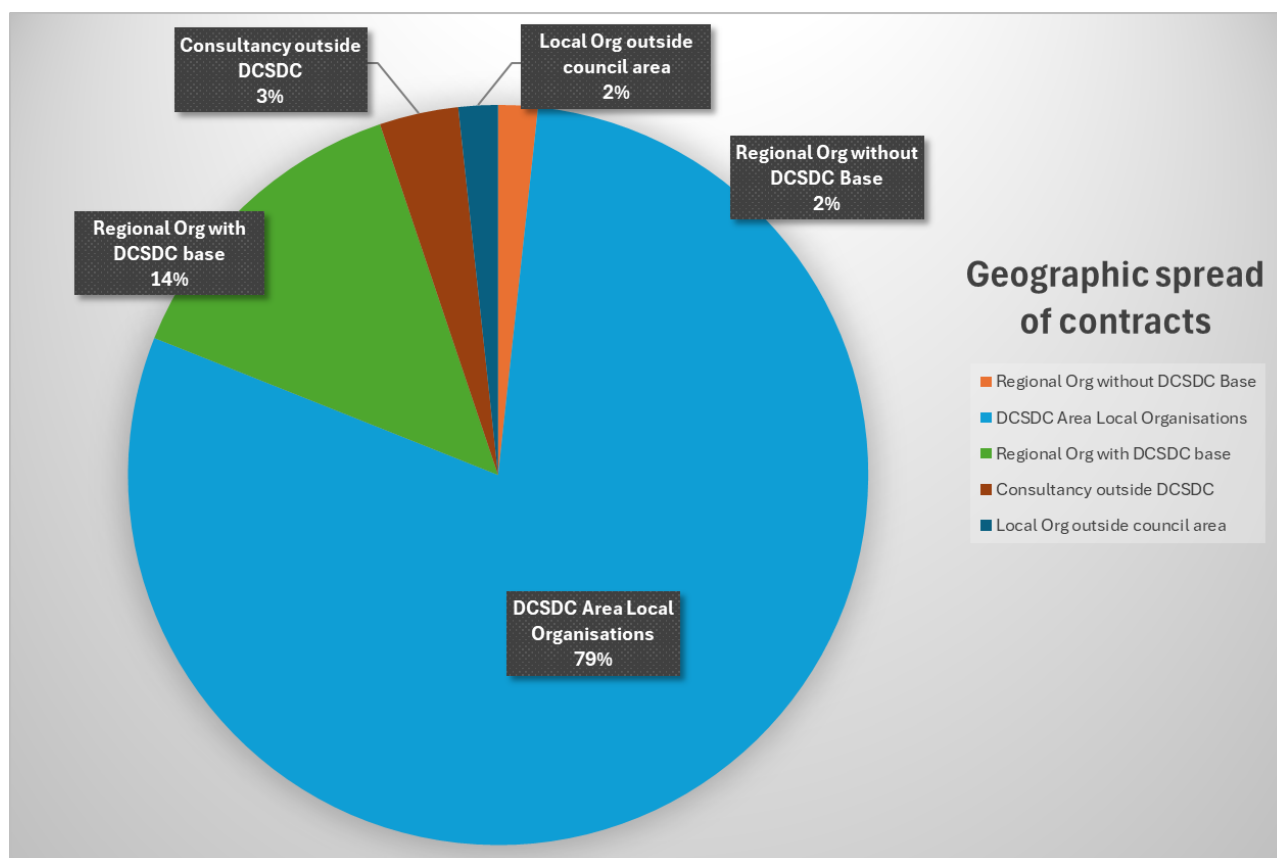
3. Update from PEACE Team (Sue)

3.1 General update on PEACE Team work

May and June: Key focus was on completing all final pre-contract checks/contracts. Nearly there! Also, Clare's induction into Finance Role. Following through on appointment of Controller Function. Aiming to complete 'onboarding' the newest projects by end June. Also encouraging all remaining projects to hold their launches before end June as a key milestone.

July and August: Planning the first main projects networking meeting for early Autumn. Completion of KPMG appointment and all paperwork. Ensuring submission of JEMS claims and reporting – preparing content to address the backlog of claims & reporting. Communications work on next magazine and networking event.

3.2 Team and Board Roles with project implementation – Discussion



4. CRT (Comm Regen & Transformation)/ Management / Comms Update

4.1 Steering Group Update (Chair: Gerard Deane)

Group met Tuesday 13th May in the Old Library Trust. 4 Board members attended. Increased attendance would be welcomed where possible. Main update was on the KPMG (external controller) onboarding process. Steering group discussed the provisional estimate figure from KPMG of £155K. DCSDC 'onboarding' was taken in the 2nd batch of projects by KPMG to SEUPB after the PEACE Team highlighted the urgency of getting an item to June council to ratify any potential appointment. Also discussed the IT/Evaluation workshop planned for 21st May and the final mandatory training for 29th. On communications it was agreed that the bi-annual magazine was not a priority – work on it not yet started. Updated on the level of compliance from projects with submitting the Bi-monthly reports and relevant back up information on sharepoint. About half the projects not returning these without significant reminders & support – taking toll on team time. Team also updated on their preparations/learning for the 1st claim submission.

Recommendation: To encourage attendance at future steering group meetings.

4.2 Communications Update (Sue)

Monthly E-bulletin: 324 subscribers. Open rate 30-40%. Click through rate. 2.9% - 3.6%.
Press coverage: 51 items of tracked press coverage to date. See appendix for some more recent coverage in April/May 2025. Most projects liaising with PEACE Team & using template etc.
Magazine: Definite target to have something ready for the Autumn.

4.3 Financial Update (Clare)

Total project costs	<i>£8,047,328.37</i>
Project start date	<i>1st Sept 2023</i>
Project end date	<i>31st Dec 2027</i>

Cost Category	Total Budget £	Expenditure to May 25
1. Staff Costs	£911,517.61	£339,328.09
2. Office & Administration	£136,727.64	£26,493.38
3. External Expertise & Services	£6,576,320.37	£1,663,906.20
4. Travel and Accommodation	£63,806.23	£1,998.98
5. Lump Sum	£86,956.52	£69,697.51
6. Infrastructure & Works	£272,000.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£8,047,328.37	£2,101,424.16

Advance Payment Received	£1,609,466.00
Deficit	-£491,958.16

See appendix G for expenditure to date by project.

4.4 Team and Traffic Lights Update (Mary Claire/Fiona)

CRT projects update. See traffic lights. Mary Claire / Fiona will talk the board through specific project updates.

5. TPC (Thriving Peaceful Communities Theme) Update

5.1 Steering Group Update (Chair: Alison Wallace)

Limited attendance at the group. Group met Wednesday 7th May 25 'on location' at the Koram Centre in Strabane which delivers our Victims/Survivors PEACEPLUS CCD project. Adrian gave a tour of the new building, talked about their general work and also the hopes for the recently launched PEACEPLUS project. Some conversation, similar to CRT group, on controller costs impact & project training coming up. TPC theme is the last theme to complete pre-contract checks and issue final contracts but nearly there.

Recommendation: To encourage attendance at future steering group meetings.

5.2 Traffic Lights Update (Mary Claire / Fiona)

See traffic lights. Mary Claire / Fiona will talk the board through specific project updates.

6. CCD (Celebrating Cultural Diversity Theme)

6.1 CCD Workplan Update (Chair: Sharon Doherty)

Limited attendance from Board members. Group met in the Churches Trust premises and began with an update from the two CCD projects being delivered there – Columba Journey and the recently launched Cecil Frances Alexander Celebrated. Columba Journey is quite well progressed – series of events already held and good engagement. CFAC project launch was very lively and has participants across the city and district from various faiths and traditions and history interests engaged. In the remainder of the meeting it was raised that there were differing community perspectives on the recently awarded TPC Theme Ballyarnett Women’s Project and some conversation on the Journey to Peace project. Updates also given on all CCD projects. Similar discussion to other Steering groups on JEMS claims compilation, training events, potential controller costs.

Recommendation: To encourage attendance at future steering group meetings.

6.2 Traffic Lights Update (Mary Claire / Fiona)

See traffic lights. Mary Claire / Fiona will talk board through specific project updates.

7. Meeting Closing

7.1 AOB – It’s Connor’s last Board Meeting.

7.2 Date of Next Meetings (see updated appendix for 2025-26):

The next Board Meeting is **Tuesday 14th October. Venue Hope Centre**, Duke St. TBC – taking Board meeting ‘on the road’. Hybrid Meeting / online attendance cannot be guaranteed to function.

Steering Groups: **CRT 9th Sept 10am.** (Holywell TBC – Capital War Memorials & Cemeteries)
 TPC 3rd Sept 10am (@ SDC. Strabane Empowered Communities Project)
 CCD 11th Sept 10am.(Possibly @ Culmore Hub/Culmore Connects Project)



Derry City and Strabane District PEACEPLUS Partnership Board

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday 8th April 2025
 Time: 10.30am-11.30am
 Venue: Glenelly Room, DCSDC Offices, Strabane

Sue Divin	DCSDC	Adrian Kelly	Glen Dev
MaryClaire Kerlin	DCSDC	Grace Ui Niallais	SF
Connor Crawford	DCSDC	Jacki Connolly	Ballyarnett
Fiona Lafferty	DCSDC	Alison Wallace	Waterside
Clare Wilson	DCSDC	Martin Reilly	SDLP
Shannagh Farren	PSNI	Dominic Bonner	YouthActionNI
Declan Gallagher	EA	Aisling Hutton	SF
Sharon Doherty	ST CPH	Ciaran Hanna*	SEUPB
Derek Moore	NWCP	Patricia Logue*	SF
Claire Russell	Sperrin	Ruairí McHugh*	SF
Adrian Kelly	GDI (Guest)	Amanda McDermott	GDI (Guest)
Martin Duffy	Derg	Noelle Donnell	Hummingbird
Lisa Moore-Maguire	Foyleside	Christopher Jackson	SF

*Members who attended online

1 Meeting Opening

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Gerard Deane, Nikki Yau, Marie Gallaher & Catherine Cooke.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the Ciarán Hanna (SEUPB) who joined online and Clare Wilson, the new Finance Officer, who will commence her role on 1st May. A welcome was also extended to Amanda McDermott and Adrian Kelly (GDI), Guest Speaker for the Stitch in Time (CRT) Project. A brief round of introductions followed.

1.2 Conflict of Interest –

Members are reminded to declare any specific conflicts of interest as and when any issues arise in the agenda which are over and above what is already held on the written declarations.

None were declared.

1.3 Minutes of Previous meeting/Matters arising - Board meeting of February 2024 were held to be an accurate record.

Adoption of minutes: **Proposed:** Sharon Doherty **Seconded:** Claire Russell

2. Guest Presentation

Amanda McDermott and **Adrian Kelly** delivered a presentation to the Board on the *Stitch in Time* project. The Board is encouraging and welcoming projects to present and showcase their work at future meetings.

Amanda provided a synopsis of the project, highlighting the following key points:

- The official project launch took place on 9th July 2024, with 83 attendees.
- The launch received media coverage, including a radio interview.
- A variety of community activities are being organised, including tea dances, with an upcoming event scheduled at the All-Saints Centre.
- A previous funday attracted attendees from across the area, including outside the Glen and Rosemount communities.
- Additional events are planned, including a May funday and another at the end of June.
- Historic trips are being organised, including a visit to Carrickfergus Castle, which has already exceeded expected numbers.
- A community consultation is underway regarding the Rosemount Factory, with ongoing discussions around plans to acquire the site for future community work.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in a discussion regarding the project's future direction and community engagement:

- **Sharon** inquired about the intended use of the old factory equipment. In response, **Amanda** shared plans to create a factory museum that will also serve as a venue for workshops and feature an oral history component involving those who previously worked at the factory.
- **Amanda** further explained that interviews are being conducted with individuals from both Glen and Waterside to capture their experiences and preserve local history for inclusion in the museum.
- She also noted that a key part of the long-term vision involves engaging the community in determining what they would like the legacy of the project to be.
- **Grace** asked whether the recorded stories and interviews would be made available online. Amanda confirmed that once compiled, the materials will be presented at a dedicated event and made accessible thereafter.
- In response to a question about project learnings, Amanda emphasised the value of hearing firsthand accounts from former factory workers, which has provided deep insights and learning for the project team.
- **Aisling** highlighted the intergenerational impact of the project, suggesting that local schools could benefit from involvement. **Claire Russell** seconded this, supporting the idea of greater youth engagement as a valuable extension of the project's outreach.

The Board thanked Amanda and Adrian for taking the time to attend the meeting and for providing such an enthusiastic and informative presentation.

3. Update from PEACE Team (Sue)

3.1 Update from SEUPB

Introduction of Ciarán Hanna (SEUPB)

Following the project presentation, **Sue** introduced **Ciarán Hanna** from the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). Ciarán outlined his role, explaining that he is responsible for ensuring that project funding is used appropriately and in line with programme guidelines.

He informed the Board of recent updates to SEUPB procurement guidelines:

- Lead partners now have the autonomy to decide whether or not to engage the Central Procurement Directorate (CPD).
- These changes will have implications for upcoming projects, including *Unlocking Silent Heritage*.
- CPD remains available as a support mechanism, particularly as a safety net for lead partners who may lack the necessary procurement expertise for capital projects.

Sue informed the Board that **KPMG has been appointed as the top auditor for the PEACE Programme in the SEUPB Framework document** and the onboarding process for DCSDC into this system is currently underway. However, she noted that **a final figure for the audit cost has not yet been confirmed**. KPMG had verbally indicated their opinion that SEUPB had severely underestimated costs for controller appointments in their advice to PEACEPLUS Lead Partners. There is a possibility that the final cost may **exceed the budget currently set aside by the team** even though the DCSDC figure is more than double that advised by SEUPB tables. The Board took note of this update and the potential budgetary implications.

Sharon inquired about the proposed turnaround time for the audit.

Sue responded that **no specific dates have been confirmed at this stage**. She explained that part of the delay is due to **being asked to provide sensitive data**, the nature of which has raised **legal concerns** regarding its appropriateness and compliance. The Board acknowledged the delay and noted the importance of ensuring all data requests are handled within legal and ethical boundaries.

Changemakers Fund

Community information sessions for the Changemakers Fund (Small Grants under Measures 1.2 and 6.2) were held in the DCSDC area in March. The fund is expected to open for applications by the end of April. Community groups are encouraged to register with Co-operation Ireland to receive updates and access available support. Board members can help to spread awareness of this opportunity across our council area.

PEACEPLUS Events

The Executive Office (TEO) has requested a schedule of PEACEPLUS events taking place between April and June. This will support the planning of potential ministerial visits to associated events or initiatives. Ciarán Hanna requested to be kept in the loop of any TEO requests.

3.2 General update on PEACE Team work

Sue provided the following update from the team

HR/Recruitment

Clare Wilson has been appointed as the new Finance Officer and will commence her role on 1st May. Additionally, Connor Crawford has been formally appointed on a temporary contract as clerical/administrative support. His contract runs until the end of June 2025 to provide cover during this transitional period.

The final two tenders under the PEACEPLUS programme: Ballyarnett Early Years and Ballyarnett Women's Programme are now in an appointable position and are scheduled for ratification at the April Committee meeting.

The DCSDC Procurement Team have reported ongoing challenges stemming from changes in UK tender legislation introduced on 24th February. These changes are complicating the process of linking tenders to both the OJEU and the Republic of Ireland's E-Tenders service. Key issues did get resolved, but DCSDC has sought guidance from SEUPB on this matter, particularly to resolve issues affecting the two SLA projects still requiring capital procurement.

Throughout April and May, the team will focus on completing all outstanding pre-contract checks and finalising contracts. All remaining contracts, with the exception of the final two tenders, are expected to be in place before Easter.

Work continues on appointing the Controller Function, with discussions between KPMG and SEUPB currently underway.

A key focus for the spring period will be onboarding newly approved projects. One final mandatory training session is scheduled for Thursday, 29th May in Strabane. In addition, a bespoke workshop focused on IT support, evaluation, and monitoring is planned for the week commencing 19th May. It has been noted that several projects are not yet uploading data on cross-community participation percentages or completing the anonymised participant reporting tabs. Further communication will be issued to projects to reinforce these requirements, which are essential for effective programme monitoring.

Plans are underway to organise a project networking meeting in June.

Finally, the team is actively working to familiarise themselves with the JEMS system and is in the process of compiling the programme's first financial claim.

4. Confidential Update on Tender Assessments

Before the update, Martin, Alison, Jacki, and Clare Wilson declared possible interests and left the meeting room.

4.1 Tenders Update: Non-confidential (processes fully completed since last Board Meeting)

Sue provided an overview of the details around the following 2 tender processes, stressing that this information is confidential and must be treated as such:

Tender Ref:	Tender Title: Awarded to Amount
T25-009BUS	PEACEPLUS Ballyarnett Early Years Project (Re-issue)
T25-008BUS	PEACEPLUS Ballyarnett Women's Programme (Re-issue)

T25-008BUS PEACEPLUS Ballyarnett Women's Programme (Re-issue) (3rd), subject to council ratification will be awarded to the Verbal Arts Centre.

T25-009BUS PEACEPLUS Ballyarnett Early Years (Re-issue) (3rd) will be awarded to the Rainbow Child and Family Centre, subject to council ratification.

Claire Russell inquired whether the group that was not successful in securing the Women's Programme tender had previously applied. Sue confirmed that they had. The Board noted the information.

5.0 CRT (Comm Regen & Transformation) Management / Comms Update

5.1 Steering Group Report (Chair: Gerard Deane)

The Steering Group convened on Tuesday, 11th March at Holywell. Recruitment developments were noted at the outset.

A key focus of the meeting was the need for enhanced project support around IT systems, evaluation, and monitoring. The group endorsed the delivery of a tailored, optional training session for projects requiring assistance in these areas.

Discussion then turned to the upcoming appointment of the Controller Function (KPMG). While members expressed concern about the potential financial implications, it was confirmed that any increased costs would not affect projects already under contract. Should expenses exceed budget projections, adjustments would be made through flat rate overheads where feasible.

Plans for the next issue of the PEACEPLUS magazine were reviewed. It was agreed that hard copies would be distributed via community hubs and public venues to improve visibility.

Finally, the group agreed rotating Board meetings across various funded project locations. Future Board (and possibly Steering Group) meetings should be hosted at a range of PEACEPLUS project sites to strengthen direct engagement with programme delivery.

While potential issues with hybrid connectivity were acknowledged, members felt the benefits, particularly improved insight and engagement, outweighed the challenges.

5.2 Team and Traffic Lights Update (Mary Claire / Fiona)

Mary Claire and Fiona talked the Board through the various project updates in the traffic lights. Two specific issues arising:

- **Newtownstewart 'Our Space, Our Place' update:** Fiona and Sue explained that this CRT project needed a formal (relatively minor) change in one aspect of its contract. This requires Board and SEUPB approval. The project contract had included a scoping exercise (value within tender approximately £9950) to analyse the potential for 3 identified sites, including 2 from NIHE, for developing into a MUGA. After establishing the steering group including NIHE, initial assessment has ruled out ALL 3 potential sites. The delivery agent has scoped a possible alternative option which is different, but which fits well with the CRT theme, fits the budget and has the support of the steering group in that area. They propose

a potting shed would be installed in a community garden in the village for cross-community use.

Derek asked about land ownership. Fiona clarified the community have a 10 year lease which is appropriate within SEUPB programme requirements.

Ciaran clarified that the approvals process for SEUPB would be to draft a formal email to him. Identify the issue. Identify the budget and identify the solution. He will then take it through appropriate processes and come back with a formal SEUPB response. There then may need to be relevant changes made on JEMS and an addendum on the original contract between DCSDC and the Delivery agent.

Martin supported the request, indicating that with his knowledge of that geographical area, there was a definite appetite and support in Newtownstewart for that type of project.

Decision: The Board approved that the relevant change in this contract can be made, subject to SEUPB approval.

Action: Sue will formally request that change from SEUPB and, if approved, a relevant addendum will be issued to that contract.

- **Mid-Way Progress Report** – Sue explained that some projects are already at the mid-way stage. Projects at that point need to do a mid-way progress report. This is basically a ‘health check’ on where they are at with their contract deliverables and is led by their project officer (Mary Claire or Fiona) usually before the 3rd stage payment. Sue presented the draft progress report template.

Decision: The Board approved the Mid-Way progress report template.

6. TPC (Thriving Peaceful Communities Theme) Update

6.1 Steering Group Report – Meeting of 5th March, Shared Future Centre

The Steering Group convened on Wednesday, 5th March at the Shared Future Centre. Attendance was noted to be lower than usual. The session focused on building a deeper understanding of the monitoring and evaluation systems required of funded projects. Members explored the current frameworks in place, identifying potential areas where additional support or training may be beneficial for project teams.

The group also reviewed the use of the traffic light system for project reporting. Time was taken to ensure clarity on what the visual indicators represent and how they reflect project status and performance. An overview of the projects under the TPC theme was provided. Members discussed individual project progress and expressed satisfaction with the trajectory of each initiative to date.

There was also discussion around the role of Local Growth Partnerships. Members encouraged the PEACE Team to continue raising awareness among project leads of the potential benefits of engaging with these partnerships, as familiarity with them varies across projects.

Finally, the group reiterated support for the idea of rotating Board and Steering Group meetings across various PEACEPLUS project venues, recognising the value of direct engagement with funded work on the ground.

6.2 TPC Workplan Update (PEACE Team / MaryClaire)

Mary Claire and Fiona talked through updates on the projects from the traffic lights.

Sharon also gave a good update on the ideas coming forward from the community in the Dare to Dream project. Claire noted that the links between the Sperrin Youth project and the Sperrin DEA had progressed – there are real opportunities for the Sperrin area and the project is on the right track now.

7. CCD (Celebrating Cultural Diversity Theme)

7.1 CCD Workplan Update (Chair: Sharon Doherty)

The CCD Steering Group met on Thursday, 13th March at the Shared Future Centre.

Members, like other steering groups, discussed the newly initiated auditing/controller function and the evaluation and monitoring systems currently being implemented. There was a particular focus on understanding the implications if auditing costs exceed the budget. The group sought clarity on how any overspend would be managed. Positive media coverage from associated projects, circulated with the meeting papers, was welcomed and acknowledged by the group.

Now that the programme has transitioned from the procurement phase to delivery, the group noted that project reporting, particularly the traffic light system, offers increased detail and insight, supporting more effective oversight. The group also received feedback from a recent engagement event held the previous evening on the WNP BAME *Out and About* project. This collaborative initiative, involving WNP, Fuse Arts, and the PEACE Team, was highlighted as a strong example of effective partnership-building with the BAME voluntary sector and supporting project implementation.

7.2 CCD Workplan Update (PEACE Team / MaryClaire)

Board Members had the opportunity to talk through the traffic lights updates with Mary Claire and Fiona. Dominic gave update on how they've made good connections on Raphoe family centre. No issues arising.

8. Meeting Closing

8.1 AOB

Sharon Doherty stated how there needs to be more attendance to steering groups meetings. Members agreed.

Action: Board members to note the dates for their respective steering groups and try to attend.

8.2 Date of Next Meetings (see appendix as well):

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday 10th June. Venue TBC – taking Board meeting 'on the road'. This may mean that Hybrid Meeting / online attendance cannot be guaranteed to function. If anyone needs a lift, contact the team in advance and they may be able to assist.

Steering Groups:

CRT 13th May 10am TRIAX Offices, Creggan.

TPC 7th May 10am Strabane, Glenelly Room (TBC)

CCD 8th May 10am Shared Future Centre

Appendix A: Board Member's Attendance 2024/25

Statutory Pillar		1/24	3/24	6/24	10/24	12/24	2/25	4/25
William Calderwood (d. Shannagh Farren)	PSNI				x			x
Deborah Cross (d. Declan Gallagher)	EA			x	x	x	x	x
Marie Gallaher (d. Sharon McCullagh)	DfC		x	x		x	x	
Mary O'Neill (d.Noel McNulty)	NIHE	x	x	x	x		x	
Seamus Ward (d.Bronach McMonagle)	WHSCNI	x	x		x	x		
Ciaran McLaughlin (d. Gerard O'Neill)	DAERA	x	x		x			
Social Partners – Local Growth Partnerships								
Jacki Connolly (d.Darren Kirby)	Ballyarnett	x	x			x	x	x
Martin Duffy (d. Andy McKane)	Derg	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Aodhán Harkin (d.Ursula Doherty)	Strabane	x		x	x		x	
Gus Hastings (d.Martin McCartney)	Faughan	x		x	x	x	x	
Charles Lamberton (d.Seamus Breslin)	Moor	x		x		x		
Claire Russell (d.Patricia McNulty)	Sperrin	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Alison Wallace (d.Geraldine Doherty)	Waterside	x		x	x	x		x
Lisa Moore-Maguire (d. Jim McColgan)	Foyleside	x	x	x	x			
Elected Representatives Pillar								
Aisling Hutton	SF		x	x				x
Ruairi McHugh	SF	x	x		x	x	x	x
Brian Harte	SF		x				x	
Christopher Jackson	SF	x	x		x	x	x	
Patricia Logue	SF	N/A	N/A		x	x	x	x
Grace Uí Niallais	SF	x	x	x		x		x
Martin Reilly	SDLP	x				x	x	x
Declan Norris	SDLP	x			x	x	x	
Brian Tierney	IND	x						
Chelsea Cooke	DUP	x	x	x	x	x		
Darren Guy	UUP			x				
Paul Gallagher	IND	N/A	N/A					
Social Partners Pillar								
Gerard Deane (d. Sara Duddy)	Holywell	x	x		x	x	x	
Catherine Cooke (d. Cassie Buckley)	FWIN	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sharon Doherty (d. Michelle Simpson)	St.CPH	x	x	x		x	x	x
Noelle Donnell (d. Sinead Barr)	H'bird	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Dominic Bonner (d. TBC)	YANI		x				x	x
Derek Moore (d. Kyle Thompson)	NWCP	x	x	x		x		x
Chris McDonagh	BBi	x		x	x	x		
Nikki Yau (d. Agnieszka Luczak)	FREF	x	x	x		x	x	

Appendix B: PEACEPLUS Timetable of meetings for Board & Steering Groups

	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sept 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	March 26	April 26	May 26	June 26
PEACEPLUS Board (Wk 2 Tuesdays)	-	-	-	14th	-	9th	-	10th	-	14th	-	9th
CRT (Cityside Wk 2 Tuesdays.)	-	-	9th	-	11th	-	-	-	10th	-	12th	-
TPC (Strabane Wk 1 Wednesdays Glenelly or Function Rm, Strabane DCSDC Office)	-	-	3rd	-	5th	-	-	-	4th	-	6th	-
CCD (Waterside Wk 2 Thursdays. Shared Future Centre)	-	-	11th	-	13th	-	-	-	12th	-	14th	-

** No Board or Steering Group Meetings July or August (except exceptional circumstances)

Appendix C – Membership of PEACEPLUS Steering Groups

CRT Community Regeneration & Transformation, Management and Communications.	TPC Thriving and Peaceful Communities.	BRCI Celebrating Cultural Diversity.
Venue: Cityside	Venue: Strabane	Venue: Waterside
Day/Time/Week: Tue am Week 2 of month	Day/Time/Week: Wed am Week 1 of month	Day/Time/Week: Thurs am Week 2 of month
1 Ciaran McLaughlin (DAERA)	1 Marie Gallaher (DfC)	1 Deborah Cross (EA)
2 Mary O'Neill (NIHE)	2 William Calderwood (PSNI)	2 Seamus Ward (WHSCNI)
3 Gerard Deane (Holywell)	3 Noelle Donnell (Hummingbird)	3 Catherine Cooke (FWIN)
4 Chris McDonagh (BBI)	4 Dominic Bonner (YouthAction NI)	4 Sharon Doherty (St.Columb's Pk House)
5 Derek Moore (NWCP)	5 Alison Wallace (Waterside DEA)	5 Nikki Yau (Migrant Centre NI)
6 Charles Lamberton (Moor DEA)	6 Lisa Moore-Maguire (Foyleside DEA)	6 Martin Duffy (Castlederg DEA)
7 Aodhán Harkin (Strabane DEA)	7 Gus Hastings (Faughan DEA)	7 Jacki Connolly (Ballyarnett DEA)
8 Brian Tierney (IND)	8 Claire Russell (Sperrin DEA)	8 Christopher Jackson (SF)
9 Aisling Hutton (SF)	9 Darren Guy (UUP)	9 Martin Reilly (SDLP)
10 Chelsea Cooke (DUP)	10 Ruairi McHugh (SF)	10 Paul Gallagher (IND)
11 Patricia Logue (SF)	11 Declan Norris (SDLP)	11 Grace Uí Niallais (SF)
	12 Brian Harte (SF)	

Free Choice	Statutory Partners	Social Partners (Open Call)	LCGP Partners	Elected Representatives
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Appendix D: PEACE Plus Live Standing Conflict of Interest Declarations

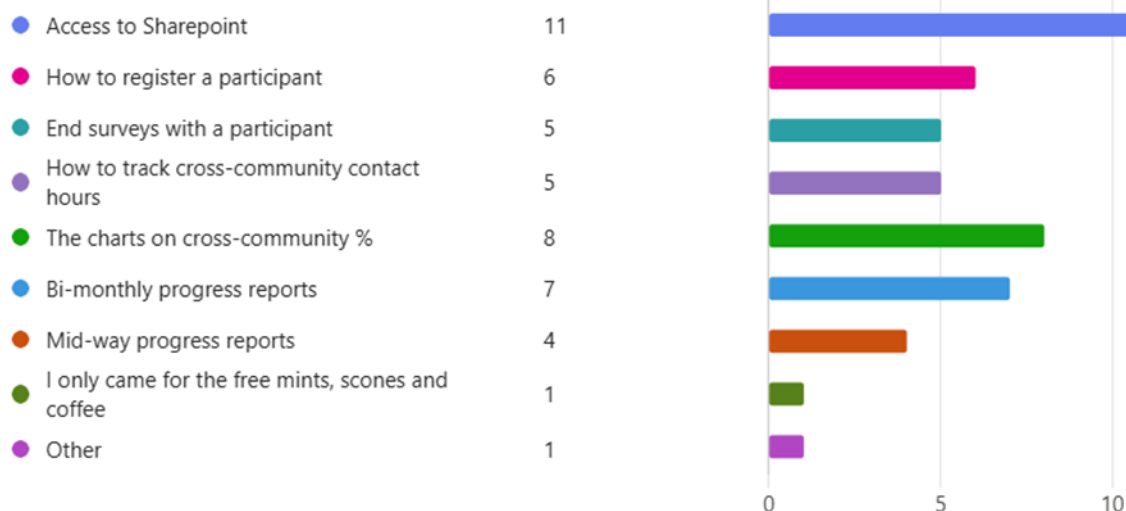
Community Regen & Transform. (CRT)		Thriving and Peaceful Communities Theme (TPC)		Celebrating Cultural Diversity Theme (CCD)	
Project Title	C.O.I Declaration	Project Title	C.O.I Declaration	Project Title	C.O.I Declaration
Intercultural Café	Lillian Seenoi Barr	Dare 2 Dream	A.Wallace, S.Doherty, D. Guy, Chelsea Cooke	The Freedom Project	Seamus Ward, Cllr Aisling Hutton
Green Clubs	Aódhan Harkin	Inspire, Enthuse, Equip		Operation Desperation	
Unlock. Silent Herit.		Gateways to Rural Participation	D.Moore, K.Thompson	HumanKind	
War and Peace	Gerard Deane	Pre-teen transition Programme		Columba Journey	
Skeoge United	Jacki Connolly	Empowered Communities Strabane	Aódhan Harkin	Culture Now Showcase	Derek Moore
A Stitch in Time	Lisa Moore-Maguire	Create: Youth Digital & Music Project.		Culmore Connections	
Urban Social Farm	Charles Lamberton,	Creating Creatives		Out and About (BAME)	Nikki Yau
Waterside Together	A.Wallace, S.Doherty, C.Cooke	Strabane Youth Programme	Dominic Bonner, Aódhan Harkin	Connect (BAME)	
Food Poverty Project	Sue Divin	Our Place, Our Planet		Let's Talk (Youth)	Dominic Bonner
Park Community Hall		Cricket Connects	D.Moore, K.Thompson	Muintearas	
Our Space, Our Place	Martin Duffy	IDEA		Our Journey to Peace	Derek Moore, Kyle Thompson
Derg Future Festivals	Martin Duffy	F.Y.I. Foyleside Youth Initiative	Lisa Moore-Maguire	Fit for Purpose	
Street Art Reimaging	Charles Lamberton	Be Wild		Our Present Past	G. Deane, D.Moore, K.Thompson
		Farming & Environmental Champions	Noelle Donnell	Forward Thinking	Gerard Deane
		Sperrin Youth Voices		Distance Travelled	
		Rural Teens		Our Shared History	
		Ballyarnett Women's Programme		The Exodus Project	K.Reynolds, D. Guy, D. Moore
		Be Driven	Claire Russell	CF. Alexander Celeb.	Aódhan Harkin
		Arts & Collaborative Resilience		LGBTQIA+ Awareness	
		Ballyarnett Early Year's Project	Jacki Connolly	Victims/Survivors Prog	Aódhan Harkin
		Ballyarnett Men's Programme		Culture Club	Martin Duffy
		Reimage-Recycle			
		Centre of Hope	Martin Duffy		
		Art: Recovery to Discovery	Alex Duffy		

Appendix E: PEACEPLUS IT & Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop Feedback May 2025

Average rating 4.85/5 stars for overall how good the training was.

100% of participants said they'd got help with things they needed support with.

2. What had you been specifically hoping to get help with? (Tick as many as apply)



Some feedback from participants:

Feedback Comments:

"Useful and practical which I find works best when learning."

"Very informative and efficient process. Thank you."

"Sue was really clear and helpful."

"Very useful. It would have been more useful at the start."

"It was very good and helpful." "It's so good to have the team to lend a helping hand."

"Doing refresher training a few times throughout the project would be really useful as it's easy to forget all the finer details." "Informative and got issues cleared with tech help."

"Very clear descriptions on each section and great 1-to-1 support. Thanks, Sue and team."

"This has been very valuable and helpful to be able to complete reporting."

"Very useful and got all questions answered. Delighted I attended."

"Sue did an excellent job, really informative and beneficial thanks so much for having us."

Cecil Frances Alexander Project (CCD) – 8th April 2025 – Derry Journal.

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New project focuses on Cecil Alexander

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The Churches Trust has announced that the official launch of the Cecil Frances Alexander Celebrated (CFAC) Project will take place on Wednesday, April 9 at 1pm at their headquarters on Limavady Road.

The new initiative, which is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), aims to celebrate the life, legacy, and music of Cecil Frances Alexander, the renowned hymn-writer of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

Cecil Frances Alexander spent much of her life living and working in the Derry & Strabane area. Born in Dublin in 1818, she would later become the wife of clergyman and later the Anglican Bishop of Derry, William Alexander. She was buried in Derry City Cemetery, having passed away in 1895 and her grave can still be visited today.

The CFAC Project will explore Alexander's significant contributions to social welfare, community building, and interfaith work, with a particular focus on Strabane and surrounding areas.

The project will offer a series of workshops, study visits, a lecture series, and a celebration event, bringing together people from diverse faiths and backgrounds to honour Alexander's enduring impact on local communities and her legacy as a peacebuilder.

"We are delighted to bring the CFAC Project to life, celebrating Cecil Frances Alexander's incredible legacy and contributions to our shared communities," said Mary Holmes, CEO of The Churches Trust.

"Through this initiative, we aim to foster cross-community dialogue, promote cultural heritage, and enhance tourism in the region, all while bringing diverse communities together to engage with this important story of unity and understanding."

Key aspects of the CFAC Project include: Workshops and Study Visits exploring CFA's contributions to society; Lectures and Resources on her lasting legacy and influence; Celebration Event to commemorate her music and community work, and Opportunities for cross-community and cross-border collaboration, focusing on Strabane and other areas, including Aghyaran.



Parishioners from St. Columba's Cathedral in prayer during their annual Easter Pilgrimage to the grave of Cecil Frances Alexander.

Art: Recovery to Discovery Launch (TPC) – Derry Journal p.18 14th April 2025.

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'Recovery to Discovery' Derry art project launch

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Greater Shantallow Community Art's new 'Art: Recovery to Discovery' project has been launched at Studio 2 in Derry.

The new project is an adult focused, mental health, community arts programme with the aim of building stronger community relations.

Funded by Derry City and Strabane District Councils PEACEPLUS Local Co-Designed Action Plan, the project will "utilise the active engagement in community arts as a vehicle to introducing marginalised isolated adults from all backgrounds to a new and welcoming shared space at Studio 2".

Participants will be offered

arts workshops to help develop new skills and interests and the opportunity to forge new friendships whilst "building peace and bringing communities together to celebrate the cultural diversity that enhances all our lives".

Speaking at the launch, Shauna Ferry, GSCA's Peace Plus Project Officer said: "The Recovery to Discovery Project programme will use a wide range of different community arts practices. These may include, for example visual arts, painting, drawing, photography, crafts, dance, music, drama, film, creative writing or any other relevant art forms."

"Our cross-community, cross-border project is arising from the co-design process in the Ballyarnett District Electoral Area (DEA). Our project will strive to bring key benefits



Representatives from GSCA and invited guests at the launch.

to that area, supporting our older people to actively engage in activities that they might not

have previously experienced, unlocking the opportunities for building new friendships

and greater understanding and respect for diversity and difference.

"GSCA are delighted to have been given this opportunity to lead what we know will be an amazing, life-enhancing project and we look forward to welcoming all our new participants to Studio 2 during the year ahead."

Speaking on behalf of DC-SDC PEACEPLUS Team, Fiona Lafferty said: "We are delighted that Greater Shantallow Community Arts have been awarded this tender."

"It will not only benefit the wider community in the Ballyarnett area but also further afield within the city, district and on a cross-border basis."

The project is being supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) under the Theme of Thriving Peaceful Communities.

War and Peace (CRT) 3rd April 2025 Strabane Chronicle.

Local war memorials to be repaired and restored

THREE local war memorials are to be repaired and restored as part of a new project.

The memorials in Strabane, Castleberg and Sion Mills honour those from the areas killed in the First and Second World Wars.

Derry City and Strabane District Council has secured funding for the restoration project from the PEACEPLUS programme, which is supported by the European Union, the British Government, Irish Government and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The programme is designed to 'support peace and prosperity' across the North and the border counties.

The council has issued a tender for a Conservation Architect led Integrated Consultant Team to carry out the restoration and repair works on the three Tyrone memorials, along with the war memorial at the Diamond in Derry's city centre.

There is no indication on the tender of the estimated value of the project.

Cecil Frances Alexander project launched by Trust

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The Hershey Company and its flagship brand, Hershey's, celebrates Team USA.

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The CFAC Project also aims to celebrate Cecil Frances Alexander's legacy in the context of modern Northern Ireland, using cultural tourism as a platform to foster peacebuilding and strengthen local communities.

The Churches Trust, founded in 1993 by leaders from the Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches, is committed to promoting peacebuilding, social cohesion, and community development across Northern Ireland. The Trust addresses sectarianism, racism, and poverty through a variety of community initiatives.

Frances Alexander Celebrated – Derry Journal 22nd April 25

(CCD) Cecil



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New project to reveal hidden stories of historic graveyards

A UNIQUE new heritage initiative is set to shine a light on some of Tyrone's oldest and most storied graveyards, unlocking their secrets and reconnecting local people with generations past.

Unlocking Silent Heritage (USH) is a cross-community project launched in partnership between PEACEPLUS and Derry City and Strabane District Council, with the goal of uncovering valuable local knowledge and bringing the history of six historic cemeteries to life.

Four of these are located in the wider Strabane district: Urney, near Strabane; Corrick, in the Plumbridge area; Pubble, outside Newtownstewart; and Scarvagherin, near Castlederg.

These graveyards – many of which are little-known beyond their immediate communities – hold a wealth of untold stories. Through guided tours, genealogy workshops and hands-on research, the project aims to make these sacred spaces places of shared learning and connection.

Derry City Cemetery and Strabane Cemetery will also feature as part of the site tour and engage-

ment programme.

Running until March 2027, the initiative is designed to complement a wider council-led capital project to improve awareness of, and access to, these historic sites. The focus is on using local heritage to foster cross-community dialogue and provide opportunities for skills development, family research, and education.

USH is coordinated by Creggan Enterprises, working in partnership with Friends of Derry City Cemetery, Guildhall Press, and Hive Studios. The project is funded through the council's PEACEPLUS Local Co-Designed Action Plan under the Community Regeneration and Transformation theme.

The initiative will formally launch on May 15, at 11am in the Guildhall, and all members of the public with an interest in local history, genealogy, or community heritage are encouraged to attend.

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