



PEACE IV E-Newsletter May 2017

Are we there yet?

Our council's PEACE IV Programme is almost over the line and keen to begin as soon as we get the final go ahead from our funder SEUPB!

The programme will run 'on the ground' roughly from June 2017 to December 2020, and the PEACE IV Team have been working hard to ensure we will get as quick a start as possible once everything is signed, sealed and delivered. We are looking forward to working a wide range of individuals and communities over the lifetime of PEACE IV on a broad range of reconciliation focused programmes.

HOLD THE DATE: Wednesday 21st June. If you want to meet us and find out more in person about what to expect from the PEACE IV programme then please put the date of our formal launch into your diary. It will be an open invite event (lunch provided) showcasing in a 'café culture' interactive style what the opportunities in the PEACE IV programme are for community groups and individuals. More detail to follow soon!

In the April newsletter we focused letting you know the broad requirements of the programme – such as the emphasis on reconciliation; on sustained cross-community work; how participants are counted; the geographical urban, rural and cross-border spread of the programme, and equality and sustainability. This e-newsletter is focusing on how to **benefit** from the PEACE IV Programme.

'How can my group get funding?'

'How can my group get PEACE IV funding?' is probably the most frequently asked question to the programme. The PEACE IV Programme undoubtedly does have opportunities for groups to get funding, but a better question to ask might be 'How can my group *benefit* from PEACE IV funding?'

1. Apply for a grant.

There will be a grant aid programme with very specific criteria for sustained cross-community reconciliation work which has not already been covered extensively in other parts of our programme. The money will fund relevant projects from 10-20 groups and is likely to be quite competitive. This grants programme would only be recommended to groups with previous experience of managing significant levels of public funding given the input required to meet EU requirements in both applying and managing your project. It will be live in Autumn 2017 but we hope to have some details at our launch event in June and will have a series of public information sessions probably in September to publicise the opportunity.

2. Be on a Project Steering Group.

The programme has approximately 25 big projects or 'interventions'. Most of these programmes are either tendered (i.e. A contract is competitively awarded to an applicant to co-ordinate and deliver) or are council led (i.e. Specific areas of council will develop and

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deliver the programmes). These programmes generally are required to have a 'Project Steering Group.' This means they will seek representatives from local community groups or relevant individuals to discuss and help frame the project so that it is meaningful to local people from diverse backgrounds. If you have a specific knowledge or expertise for example in community tourism; victims/survivors; youth citizenship/democracy work; youth wellbeing; children and youth cross-community work; Irish or Ulster Scots culture; gender based reconciliation work; community planning; Black and Minority Ethnic strategic work etc there will be key opportunities. You can help your group and your service users to benefit from PEACE IV by your strategic input rather than handling the 'red tape' and bureaucracy of funding directly. We will have more information on early opportunities for this at our launch event in June.

3. Be a Participant.

Our programmes have to engage 5600 people approximately. Initially that might not sound a lot, but a 'participant' can only be counted if they are involved regularly over at least 6 months in a PEACE IV project. We will be seeking participants from all ages and walks of life. There will be extensive youth based programmes (wellbeing, participation and democracy, youth zone planning, skills based paid placements, community leadership programmes, cross-community programmes). There are also projects benefitting particular spaces and places (Castledearg, St.Columb's Park, Waterside Shared Village site, Strabane Riverine, Newtownstewart, Bonds Street and Triangle, Interfaces, rural areas). Our adult community programmes cover wide ranging themes like history, heritage, culture, sport, gender, inclusive communities, training, community planning, community tourism and more!

4. Tenders

A number of our tenders are already issued but there are more to be issued over the forthcoming months on <http://www.derrystrabane.com/Business/Tenders> Keep an eye on the site in the middle of each month when tenders are publicly advertised. We also provide links to tenders where possible in our e-newsletters.

5. Recruitment

There are a few jobs within council which are being publicly advertised connected to the PEACE IV Programme. These will also be advertised on the 'jobs' section of council's website <https://derrycityandstrabanedistrict.erecruit.co.uk/erecruit/company/jobs.do>

There are also paid work placements for young adults coming up under one of our skills related programmes and it is likely that there will be job creation generated directly and indirectly across our council area connected to the roll out of our wider programme.

Thanks!

Please continue to encourage other organisations and individuals to sign up for PEACE IV e-bulletins by going onto the web page www.derrystrabane.com/Peace-IV where there is also more detailed information on the programmes.

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