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SMART VILLAGE NETWORK PROJECT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding Programme, designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. PEACEPLUS aims to build upon the work of the previous Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland (PEACE) and Interreg Europe Programmes.

Derry City and Strabane District Council (DCSDC) are seeking to identify up to 8 prospective partners from rurally based organisations to participate in a funding bid to establish Rural Smart Digital Hubs within the council area under PEACEPLUS Funding Investment Area 2.4.

DCSDC Business Team has established a cross-border partnership to develop the bid for the **Smart Village Network Project (SVNP)**, which will harness the benefits of Rural Connectivity, Digital Transformation, and the Green Transition to deliver growth and wellbeing across our rural economies, environment, and society.

Expressions of interest are encouraged from organisations for delivering projects located within the following Derry City and Strabane District Council areas:

- Derg DEA rural wards of Finn, Sion Mills, Newtownstewart, Glenderg, and Castlederg.
- Faughan DEA rural wards of Eglinton, Claudy, Slievekirk, Enagh and Newbuildings.
- Sperrin DEA rural wards of Glenelly Valley, Park, Donemana and Artigarvan.

Visit www.derrystrabane.com/rural/ for more information, including detailed Guidance Notes and Application form.

Smart Village Network Project (SVNP) Expression of interest

Email your expression of interest to smartvillagenetwork@derrystرابane.com
on or before Friday, 15th September 2023 at 12 noon

Organisation details	
Organisation name	
Full Address	
Landline phone number	
Organisation email	
Website (if applicable)	
Contact details	
Primary contact name	
Primary contact mobile number	
Primary email contact	
Secondary contact name	
Secondary contact mobile number	
Secondary email contact	

Pre-Application Support Important Dates:

Visit www.derrystرابane.com/rural/ to book your place for the following:

Information sessions	<p>6 September 2023 2pm-4pm, Killeter Heritage Centre, 16 Main Street, Killeter, Co. Tyrone, BT81 7EL</p> <p>6 September 2023 6pm-8pm, Glenely House, 11b Main Street, Plumbridge, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, BT79 8AA</p> <p>7 September 2023 10am-12noon, Eglinton Community Centre, 40 Main Street, Eglinton, Co. Londonderry, BT47 3AD</p> <p><i>Interested parties can attend any session. A video recording of the information session will also be available from 8 September.</i></p>
Familiarisation Visit to Rural Digital Hubs	13 September 09:30-16:00
Pre-application workshops (attending one of the workshop sessions is mandatory to apply)	<p>19 September 2023 9am-12noon, Aghyaran Community Centre (St Davog's GAC), 5 Aghyaran Road, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone, BT81 7YA</p> <p>19 September 2023 2pm-5pm, Orange Hall, 16a Lisnarragh Road, Donemana, Co. Tyrone, BT82 0QL</p> <p>20 September 2023 9am-12noon, Diamond Centre, 630 Baranailt Road, Claudy, Co. Londonderry, BT47 4EA</p>
Pre-application clinics	3 & 4 October 2023 1-2-1 sessions booked in advance.
Application process closes	19 October 2023 (12 noon)

