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Bid submitted for £8m PEACEPLUS funding

PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding Programme, designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. The new Programme will continue the commitments made by the European Commission, the UK Government and the Irish Government to support peace and reconciliation. The Programme is a funding partnership between the European Union, the Governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive and will be administered by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Derry City and Strabane District Council and the PEACEPLUS Board have submitted an ambitious bid for €9,254,427 (£8,047,327) of PEACEPLUS funding. The funding is specifically for sustained cross-community programmes with 'transformative' reconciliation impact. The bid, which will engage 9255 participants from a wide range of identities across the city and district, was the result of a huge co-design process with local communities.

This magazine sets out further summary information about what is included in the bid. Most of the projects will be advertised by open, competitive tender. Relevant organisations and local community groups will be encouraged to bid to win the various contracts once the process goes live. To receive monthly e-bulletin updates, please sign up here:

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/community/peace-plus/newsletter-sign-up>



The Co-Design Process

A PEACEPLUS Board was set up in March 2022 to manage decision making and processes about the programme. Following on from that, a major Co-Design process was run with local communities. Ultimately, 58 projects have been included in the bid. 50% of these have come forward from within our 8 local growth partnership areas to ensure there is benefit across the geography of our council area. Another 50% are district level projects which operate more thematically across our city and district. The funding criteria from SEUPB (Special EU Programmes Body) was set out in 3 themes: Community Regeneration and Transformation; Thriving and Peaceful Communities; and Celebrating Cultural Diversity.

The journey so far...

**MARCH
2022**

- **General awareness raising. 300 people. 8 Local Growth Partnerships.**
- **Establishment of PEACEPLUS Partnership Board.**

**SPRING
2022**

- **Stage 1 Co-Design process. Ideas generation. 130 organisations, 261 people.**
- **15 publicly advertised workshops and 3 youth workshops.**

**SUMMER
2022**

- **Section 75 (Equality & Good Relations). 30 meetings, 70 people.**
- **Concept forms for ideas. 95 forms from 62 organisations.**

**SEPT
2022**

- **Stage 2 Co-Design process. Ideas prioritisation and discussion.**
- **9 public workshops (8 DEA geographic areas, 1 Section 75/Thematic).**

**AUTUMN
2022**

- **Scoping and detailed decision making by PEACEPLUS Partnership Board.**
- **58 projects across 8 geographic areas and 3 required PEACEPLUS themes.**

**DEC
2022**

- **Public Survey. Over 1200 responses received.**
- **Submission of Integrated Impact Assessment (Equality, Rural and Climate Impact).**

2023

- **Sign off of bid content by PEACEPLUS Partnership Board and DCSD Council.**
- **Submission of bid once process opened.**

The PEACEPLUS Board

The partnership board meets regularly and has 34 members selected through open call and nominations. It includes representation from Local Growth Partnerships (8); social partners (8); local councillors (12); and statutory organisations (6). Our thanks to Derek Moore and Jacki Connolly, inaugural chair and co-chair in the Co-Design and bid submission phase. Also, thanks to those who were on the inaugural board but have now moved on to other roles.



ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



Aisling Hutton (SF)
 Christopher Jackson (SF)
 Ruairi McHugh (SF)
 Grace Uí Niallais (SF)
 Brian Harte (SF)
 Alex Duffy (SF)
 Lilian Seenoi Barr (SDLP)
 Declan Norris (SDLP)
 Martin Reilly (SDLP)
 Brian Tierney (SDLP)
 Chelsea Cooke (DUP)
 Darren Guy (UUP)

SOCIAL PARTNERS



YouthActionNI (Anne McTaggart)
 Foyle Women's Information Network (Catherine Cooke)
 NW Cultural Partnership (Derek Moore)
 Holywell Trust (Gerard Deane)
 Bogside and Brandywell Initiative (Kyra Reynolds)
 St.Columb's Park Reconciliation Trust (Sharon Doherty)
 Hummingbird NI (Noelle Donnell)
 Foyle Racial Equality Forum (Nikki Yau)

STATUTORY REPRESENTATIVES



NIHE (Mary O'Neill)
 PSNI (William Calderwood)
 HSCNI (Seamus Ward)
 EA (Deborah Cross)
 Department for Communities (Marie Gallagher)
 DAERA (Ciaran McLaughlin)

LOCAL GROWTH PARTNERS



Ballyarnett (Jacki Connolly)
 Derg (Martin Duffy)
 Faughan (Gus Hastings)
 Foyleside (Lisa Moore-Maguire)
 Moor (Charles Lambertson)
 Sperrin (Claire Russell)
 Strabane (Aodhán Harkin)
 Waterside (Alison Wallace)

Community Regeneration and Transformation Theme (CRT)

The Community Regeneration and Transformation Theme makes up 31% of our programmes and includes 13 projects. It will reach 2600 participants. Projects under this theme are designed to empower local people to transform their communities on a cross-community basis. This can include

physical appearance and functionality, developing new or re-imagining existing spaces, and must have the potential to create opportunities for an increased level of cross-community interaction.

PROJECT TITLE	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS	AREA	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	START DATE
INTERCULTURAL CAFÉ	£175,102	150	DISTRICT	An 'Intercultural Café' space and programming for refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and individuals of BAME identity.	DECEMBER '23
GREEN CLUBS	£200,000	200	DISTRICT	Tendered environmental transformation of 10 sports clubs.	DECEMBER '23
UNLOCKING SILENT HERITAGE	£246,500	275	DISTRICT	Capital, genealogy, and heritage project based around 6 historic cemeteries.	DECEMBER '23
WAR AND PEACE	£407,750	450	DISTRICT	Heritage restoration of 4 world war memorials (Derry, Strabane, Castleberg, Sion Mills) with history and dialogue programming.	DECEMBER '23
SKEOGE UNITED	£176,378	245	BALLYARNETT	Minibus, Marquees and accompanying cross-community programming in Skeoge area.	DECEMBER '23
A STITCH IN TIME	£181,972	250	FOYLESIDE	Tendered Rosemount Shirt Factory masterplan plus cross-community history, heritage and social programming.	DECEMBER '23
URBAN SOCIAL FARM	£120,000	300	MOOR	Portacabin and cross-community programming on social farming for people with disabilities.	DECEMBER '23
WATERSIDE TOGETHER	£218,443	300	WATERSIDE	Tendered shared space animation and festivals project in the Waterside.	DECEMBER '23
FOOD POVERTY PROJECT	£86,000	90	WATERSIDE	Container (or similar size) refurbishment into a social kitchen. Cross-community programme on nutrition, cooker and dialogue.	DECEMBER '23
PARK COMMUNITY HALL	£110,000	120	SPERRIN	Upgrade of Park Community Hall toilets, access, heating and kitchen. Cultural, social and history activities.	DECEMBER '23
OUR SPACE, OUR PLACE	£40,000	55	DERG	Tendered scoping of an outdoor youth space in Newtownstewart along with a cross-community summer scheme.	MARCH '24
DERG FUTURE FESTIVALS	£64,500	95	DERG	Tendered Health and Wellbeing festival, capacity development for future festivals; young people's cultural programme.	MARCH '24
STREET ART REIMAGING	£50,000	70	MOOR	Tendered street art visits and workshops to create 4-5 new sport themed artworks to replace negative graffiti.	DECEMBER '24



Thriving and Peaceful Communities Theme (TPC)

The Thriving and Peaceful Communities Theme makes up 36% of our programmes and includes tendered 24 projects. It will reach 3431 participants. Projects under this theme focus on wellbeing, connectedness and empowerment. They build and sustain relationships between different communities and people; invest in cross-community collaboration to identify

issues and opportunities; and develop collaborative projects to bring positive change. Sectoral areas will include children and young people; sport; environment; health and wellbeing; arts and culture; capacity building and community development focused training.

PROJECT TITLE	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS	AREA	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	START DATE
DARE 2 DREAM	£151,500	212	WATERSIDE	An interface project in Tullyally/ Curryrierin building cross-community capacity and resident empowerment programme.	DECEMBER '23
INSPIRE, ENTHUSE, EQUIP	£199,500	275	DISTRICT	OCN Level 1,2,3 community development courses with visits and awareness to sustain future capacity and volunteering in the sector.	DECEMBER '23
GATEWAYS TO RURAL PARTICIPATION	£201,213	305	RURAL	Rural capacity building and leadership project with 15 groups from very diverse identities.	DECEMBER '23
PRE-TEEN TRANSITION PROGRAMME	£142,046	220	RURAL	Cross-community after school's programme for rural 10-11 year olds. Builds confidence and awareness in the move to secondary schools.	MARCH '24
EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES STRABANE	£127,250	177	STRABANE	A networking and empowerment programme for Strabane area groups to build joint decision making and cross-community, cross-border work.	MARCH '24
CREATE: YOUTH DIGITAL & MUSIC PROJECT.	£124,000	164	DISTRICT	A music and digital creativity project for young people aged 14-25 creating art, learning creative skills and showcasing performances and creative work.	MARCH '24
CREATING CREATIVES	£96,562	136	WATERSIDE	Cross-community and cross-border creative community development project. Includes skills, writing and visual arts, and a choir.	MARCH '24
STRABANE YOUTH PROGRAMME	£128,000	177	STRABANE	Strabane youth project with cultural diversity, community engagement, wellbeing, drop-in activity, history, sports and environment.	MARCH '24
OUR PLACE, OUR PLANET	£118,200	164	DISTRICT	Children and youth outdoor culture and environment project. Explores urban and rural shared space through street arts (music, dance, graffiti) and nature based climate action and advocacy.	MARCH '24
CRICKET CONNECTS	£118,800	175	DISTRICT	Intergenerational project bringing cricket to non-traditional cricket communities through street cricket, capacity building and networking.	JUNE '24
IDEA	£117,000	164	DISTRICT	Intergenerational Arts & Culture project using dance and music to promote dialogue on peace and reconciliation topics through workshops and performances.	JUNE '24
F.Y.I. FOYLESIDE YOUTH INITIATIVE	£108,000	150	FOYLESIDE	Youth project with 3 themes: Place & Space; Youth Culture; Sport & Leisure. Includes cross-community links, exchanges and residential.	JUNE '24

PROJECT TITLE	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS	AREA	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	START DATE
BE WILD	£96,000	138	FAUGHAN	An equine and nature assisted learning project for children and their parents along with wider, outdoor and environmental family opportunities.	JUNE '24
FARMING & ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS	£78,920	110	SPERRIN	Cross-community, cross-border farming and environmental project exploring place, heritage, biodiversity, water, wellbeing, sustainability and best practice.	JUNE '24
SPERRIN YOUTH VOICES	£70,000	90	SPERRIN	A Sperrin capacity project for youth aged 12-18 good relations, leadership, peacebuilding, culture, heritage, prejudice, poverty and paramilitarism.	JUNE '24
RURAL TEENS	£80,000	109	FAUGHAN & DERG	Workshops, away days and outdoor activities for Faughan and Derg teens to increase wellbeing, awareness and confidence.	JUNE '24
BALLYARNETT WOMEN'S PROGRAMME	£96,100	136	BALLYARNETT	A cross-community women's project linking Ballyarnett and Waterside women with 3 aspects: women's empowerment, Good Relations and wellbeing.	SEPTEMBER '24
BE DRIVEN	£55,364	78	RURAL	Community mini-bus driver training linked with a cross-community and cross-border social, history, heritage and cultural programme.	SEPTEMBER '24
ARTS & COLLABORATIVE RESILIENCE	£25,000	40	DISTRICT	A strategic project with the community arts and culture sector linking 26+ arts organisations, identifying and delivering on collaborative ideas.	DECEMBER '24
BALLYARNETT EARLY YEAR'S PROJECT	£41,750	58	BALLYARNETT	Early Years programme focusing on parents and toddlers and staff. Includes best practice visits, parent sessions and study trips.	DECEMBER '24
BALLYARNETT MEN'S PROGRAMME	£71,975	100	BALLYARNETT	A Cross-Border, cross-community men's shed project focused on wellbeing, networking through gardening, joinery, storytelling, painting, arts and crafts.	DECEMBER '24
REIMAGE-RECYCLE	£56,000	80	FOYLESIDE	Soft-skills environmental project with focus on recycling, upcycling and zero-waste. Will engage Men's and Hen's sheds and equality/section 75 groups.	DECEMBER '24
CENTRE OF HOPE	£52,048	73	DERG	Project building 'Hope' in Castlederg through workshops series and Hope Ambassadors training to create positive cross-community engagement.	DECEMBER '24
ART: RECOVERY TO DISCOVERY	£72,925	100	BALLYARNETT	Adult mental health community arts programme broadening experience of shared spaces and building friendships through a range of arts workshops.	DECEMBER '24



Celebrating Cultural Diversity Theme (CCD)

The Celebrating Cultural Diversity Theme makes up 33% of our programmes and includes 21 tendered projects. It will reach 3224 participants. Projects under this theme focus on providing support to the most marginalized within our communities. This includes migrants, refugees, Irish Travellers, women, the LGBTQ+ community, older people, those living

with a disability and those with issues arising from the conflict. Projects will build, improve and sustain relationships; increase knowledge and understanding, incorporate conflict resolution/ more direct reconciliation and good relations work; increase civic participation and engage with those with very diverse views.

PROJECT TITLE	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS	AREA	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	START DATE
THE FREEDOM PROJECT	£363,000	520	DISTRICT	Trauma, Addiction Recovery & Mental Health Project through community events, family support, grouped recovery workshops and training.	DECEMBER '23
OPERATION DESPERATION	£157,480	205	DISTRICT	Arts/theatre-based initiative giving voice to local women and exploring domestic violence in historical and contemporary context.	MARCH '24
HUMANKIND	£158,000	220	DISTRICT	Humanitarian project upskilling and enthusing volunteering locally including awareness of international issues, refugees & asylum seekers.	MARCH '24
COLUMBA JOURNEY	£147,225	205	DISTRICT	Inter-faith/inter-church community based education and heritage programme around Columba, culture and identity.	MARCH '24
CULTURE NOW SHOWCASE	£197,700	272	DISTRICT	A headline performance showcase project incorporating Ulster-Scots, British and Irish cultures alongside other diverse contemporary cultures.	MARCH '24
CULMORE CONNECTIONS	£123,000	170	BALLYARNETT	Older peoples local cross-border history, heritage and traditions project with some intergenerational aspects. Includes oral history and site visits.	MARCH '24
OUT AND ABOUT (BAME)	£82,000	140	DISTRICT	Black and Minority Ethnic social and capacity project on understanding NI. Includes diversity facilitation skills, local awareness, trips and residential.	JUNE '24
CONNECT (BAME)	£55,000	70	DISTRICT	A women's project for asylum seeker, refugee and BAME women around informal English language, local awareness and peer learning / support.	JUNE '24
LET'S TALK (YOUTH)	£119,000	165	DISTRICT	Youth Dialogue Project including good relations, human rights, citizenship, wellbeing and environment through workshops and residential.	JUNE '24
MUINTEARAS	£108,975	140	MOOR	Muintearas (Belonging) will build a diverse Irish Language community in the NW, through awareness, courses, events, visits and a residential.	JUNE '24
OUR JOURNEY TO PEACE	£96,000	120	MOOR	A Fountain/Bogside cross-interface project exploring contested history, shared/oral history, training, education, culture and small exhibition.	SEPTEMBER '24
FIT FOR PURPOSE	£79,500	109	DISTRICT	Soccer based citizenship project for young men (u16, u18 and u21) focused on positive attitudes, behaviours and mindsets through workshops and visits.	SEPTEMBER '24

PROJECT TITLE	BUDGET	PARTICIPANTS	AREA	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	START DATE
OUR PRESENT PAST	£80,000	109	DISTRICT	Adult dialogue project exploring the past eg. World War 1 & 2, and/or Colonialism / Plantation and/or Troubles through workshops and visits.	SEPTEMBER '24
FORWARD THINKING	£80,000	109	DISTRICT	Adult dialogue project exploring the future of N-S and E-W relationships, constitutional questions and challenges through workshops and residentials.	SEPTEMBER '24
DISTANCE TRAVELLED	£59,000	80	DISTRICT	Travellers and cross-community project focused on diversity, social issues and wellbeing through workshops series delivered in a range of venues.	SEPTEMBER '24
OUR SHARED HISTORY	£83,200	120	MOOR	Political ex-prisoners (loyalist and republican) and others will explore history through talks, tours, visits, dialogue and tour guide training.	SEPTEMBER '24
THE EXODUS PROJECT	£69,500	200	MOOR	Cross-community project on 'Exodus' and Troubles history including academic research, video, community engagement and a publication.	SEPTEMBER '24
CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER CELEBRATED	£40,000	54	STRABANE	Inter-church community project on C.F.Alexander connecting people of diverse faiths and historical interests in workshops, study visits and lectures.	SEPTEMBER '24
LGBTQIA+ AWARENESS	£40,000	100	DISTRICT	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity awareness and training project for adults including accredited and non-accredited training and a conference.	DECEMBER '24
VICTIMS/ SURVIVORS SOCIAL PROGRAMME	£21,720	30	STRABANE	Strabane area social engagement project for those most impacted by the Troubles and their legacy. Tours, trips, residential, dialogue and workshops.	DECEMBER '24
CULTURE CLUB	£63,000	86	DERG	Cultural club for the elderly in the Derg rural community. Consisting of Good Relations workshops and discussions series for 4 cohorts.	DECEMBER '24







Want more information on the Co-designed Local Action Plan?

This Magazine is a user friendly version of our Action Plan. To see the full Action Plan, get further detail and/or to sign up for e-newsletter updates, please visit our website: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/community/peace-plus>. The PEACEPLUS Team can be contacted on peace@derrystrabane.com or tel: **028 71 253 253**.

Want more information on the wider PEACEPLUS Programme Funding Opportunities?

The local theme 1.1 bid is only one part of a much larger picture of PEACEPLUS funding. The PEACE PLUS Programme is a €1.2bn investment in the social, economic and environmental development of Northern

Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. It is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). It comprises six themes, which encompass 22 individual investment areas.

THEME 1	THEME 2	THEME 3	THEME 4	THEME 5	THEME 6
					
Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities	Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation	Empowering and Investing in Young People	Healthy and Inclusive Communities	Supporting a Sustainable and Better Connected Future	Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration

There are many opportunities for groups to apply for funding across these themes. Of particular interest to local community and voluntary sector groups will be Theme 1.2 'Empowering Communities' where groups will be able to apply directly for small grants of up to €100,000.



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