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Overview of PEACEPLUS Programme

PEACEPLUS 2021-2027 is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. The design reflects the importance of peace-building activity, but also the importance of actions that will contribute positively to the economy, building prosperity and adjusting to the new environment and challenges we face.

Locally PEACEPLUS is supported by Louth County Council and Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The PEACEPLUS Programme is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Louth County Council submitted their proposed PEACEPLUS Action Plan in application for funding under Theme 1 of the PEACEPLUS Programme - Building Peaceful & Thriving Communities. There is a total of €4,679,354 availably to Louth County Council under this funding stream. The Action Plan is a result of the peacebuilding needs and issues that emerged via the 23 public consultation meetings held, the e-survey and numerous one-to-one consultation sessions. It details a series of projects that will support peace and prosperity in Louth.

These projects fall under three themes:

1. Community Regeneration and Transformation

2. Thriving and Peaceful Communities

3. Celebrating Cultures and Diversity

The Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership was established in 2022 and is a subcommittee of the Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The Partnership is responsible for the implementation of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan and includes the monitoring and evaluation of the plan over the lifetime of the programme and ensuring that the Action Plan aligns with the Louth Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee is supported by the Council's Peace Secretariat team. The Chief Executive of Louth County Council acts as the Chairperson of the Committee. The PEACEPLUS Programme Manager will support and advise the PEACEPLUS Partnership on the implementation of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan for Louth.

These projects are supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

For more information on the PEACEPLUS Programme, please visit https://www.seupb.eu/PEACEPLUS

Full information on the specification for each project will be given in the Request for Tender document, this document outlines general points about PEACEPLUS and the projects advertised under Theme 1.1

Recruitment and definition of a participant

Theme 1.1 requires **'transformative'**, meaningful, and purposeful cross-community contact. Contact should be worthwhile and have a function; it should result in the participation of shared activities and be of a sufficient intensity to ensure a transformative experience.

A participant is not the same as an attendee. For example, if person X attends a combination of four workshops (2 hours each), a conference (6 hours) and a finale event (2 hours) on a given programme, they will count as one participant who has attended 16 hours of cross-community engagement. They will not count as a new participant each time they attend a workshop or event. A participant must also have provided the required registration details and completed the required monitoring and evaluation templates to be categorised as a Participant.

It is quite possible that people who are not participants may occasionally attend events under PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1 delivery. If they are not registered and have not completed the required monitoring and evaluation form, they will only be **attendees**. If they are attending multiple events, the programme delivery agent should get them registered and track their attendance so that they can count as a participant.

Programme Monitoring & Evaluation Requirements

Following the establishment of baseline data, monitoring and evaluation will be undertaken during and post project, to capture change in perspectives created through programme delivery.

This will include:

- Attendance sheets for activities delivered illustrating the range of participants.
- Pre and post activity evaluation forms tracking qualitative measures of attitude and perception.

- Quarterly Progress Reporting to Louth County Council
- Focus groups of target participants.
- Case studies of activity types and participant feedback.
- One to one in-depth interviews.
- Participant tracking.

Monitoring and Evaluation templates will be provided to the successful Tenderer
Please note that all reports listed may be provided to PEACEPLUS Partnership, SEUPB and other bodies such as Louth Community Development Committee as required. Please note reporting requirements may be subject to change.

For more information on SEUPB's PEACEPLUS programme rules
See the PEACEPLUS programme manual: https://peaceplussupport.seupb.eu/
In the context of EU funded work, the Horizontal Principles are core principles of importance that cut across and have relevance to all areas of work of Programmes and projects supported by the EU. These are:

- Sustainable Development
- Equal opportunities and non-discrimination
- Equality between women and men; and
- Compliance with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

Sustainability

Sustainability is one of the four Horizontal Principles embedded in the PEACEPLUS Programme. Tenderers should give due consideration to how they contribute to sustainable development within their submission.



All applicants should give due consideration to how they are contributing to sustainable development across their project, but due to differences in the focus and objectives of projects, SEUPB recognises that the contributions will look different for each project.

For further information, please refer to the "PEACEPLUS Programme, Demonstrating Contribution to Horizontal Principles. Applicant Guidance". It can be found under the following link : Horizontal_Principles_Applicant_Guidance

Charter of Fundamental Rights

Tenderers should also give due consideration to the principles of equal opportunities, non-discrimination and good relations in respect religious belief, political opinion, gender, race, disability, age, marital status, dependants, and sexual orientation within their submission.

Children Based Programmes

Tenderers should also give due consideration to Children First Guidance and Legislation, EU Child Guarantee and Ireland's National Action Plan. Tenderers are encouraged to incorporate these principles and practices within their submission.

Adopt and consistently apply a safe and clearly defined method to comply with all relevant child safeguarding procedures submitted to the contracting authority with the appropriate risk assessment and safeguarding documentation at contract commencement.

Adhere to best practice in child welfare and protection guidelines and legislation, ensure that the delivery agent personnel have completed the Children First E-Learning Programme.

Comply with GDPR regulations in implementing the programme.

Ensure that all the delivery agent / service provider personnel comply with all relevant Health and Safety and Employment legislation and Child Protection guidelines.

For those projects involving children and young people under the age of eighteen years, prior to their participation in the programme, Tenderers are required to inform the parents/guardians of said children and young people, and the child/young person themselves as appropriate, that by participating in the project, their image/material including their personal data will be captured and shared with SEUPB in line with the Privacy Notice.

If the successful tenderer wishes to engage with schools/colleges as part of programme delivery, they must obtain relevant authorisation i.e. letter from Principal or relevant education body.





Programmes supported by the PEACEPLUS Action Plan should result in;

- Increased levels of social inclusion and cross community integration.
- Incorporate the level of sustained contact between those from different community, cultural and political backgrounds, required to achieve significant attitudinal and behavioural change.
- Increased levels of understanding and integration of minority communities, including newcomer families.

- Improved and sustained relationships between and within communities by addressing issues of trust, prejudice, and intolerance.
- Interventions which contribute towards building positive relations.
- Development of stronger relationships.
- Development of knowledge, understanding and respect.
- Greater sense of belonging.
- Increased knowledge about the circumstances and beliefs of others.
- Greater inclusion, less exclusion, and better interconnectedness.
- Skills enhancement.
- Develop sustained cross border linkage and collaboration.
- Increased environmental awareness & actions.
- Better physical & mental health.