



Guidance Notes

PEACE IV – Cross Border and Cross Community Youth Sports Programme



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Introduction:

In its role as lead partner Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wishes to invite Expressions of Interest under the PEACE IV Cross Border and Cross Community Youth Sports Programme - enhancing the capacity of children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society through minority sports participation.

This element will invest in children and young people so that they can reach their potential and maximise their contribution to a more cohesive society. It will bring about change in the form of clear, meaningful and sustainable 'distance travelled' for individual young people in terms of good relations, personal development and citizenship.

This intervention will result in an increase in the percentage of 16 year olds who socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community; who think relations between Protestants and Catholics are better than they were five years ago; and who think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be better in five years' time.

What are the programme priorities?

It has been determined that at least 12 Youth Minority Sports Groups should be established or supported in the Fermanagh and Omagh District.

The objectives of the Cross Border and Cross Community Youth Sports Programme is to:

- Establish or support a minimum of 12 Youth Minority Sports Groups in sports which are not traditionally played in the Fermanagh and Omagh area and where a recognised club does not currently exist.
- Deliver an inclusive youth initiative, supported by Leisure, Recreation and Sports PEACE IV coaches, involving minority sports that engage young people in sporting activities which they enjoy while forming positive relationships with people that they would not normally socialise or play sport with.
- Provide training for members to attain coaching / leadership qualifications in order to





sustain sport clubs post funding, build on their capacity and create networks for implementation and delivery of sporting leagues.

- Develop cross community and cross border links through partnership delivery, coaching, participation and competition.

The delivery team will endeavour to achieve as equitable spread across the District Council area as possible.

For the purposes of this programme please see the following definitions:

- **Youth / Young People:** 8 - 24 age range.
- **Minority Sports:** sports which are not traditionally played in the Fermanagh and Omagh area.

A minimum of 240 young people from both communities will be participating in a new sport in line with the requirements of the PEACE IV Programme. The level of engagement for each young person will equate to a minimum period of 6 months and/or 26 hours of participation in coach-led sessions.

To under-pin the delivery of the programme and support sustainability beyond the period of the programme, a minimum of 24 young people / members will be trained in specific minority sports coaching.

Groups Eligible for Selection:

- Community Groups
- Voluntary Groups
- Charity groups (must have a registered charity number)
- Youth Clubs
- Sports Clubs
- National Governing Bodies for Sport
- Parent Teachers Associations (for after school activity programmes)
- *Recreational groups - non constituted groups will have to provide a letter of support, if successful

Programme Specific Criteria



1. Can you demonstrate why there is a need to establish a Youth Minority Sports Group in your area?

Assessment criteria

- Can you demonstrate why there is a need to deliver your project?
- How did you identify the need to develop the project?
- Minority Sport of interest / selected?
- Is it additional to what you is currently being provided in the area?

2. Please describe who benefits from the provision that the group currently provides?

Who potentially will benefit from the new youth minority sports group?

Assessment criteria

- Participation Numbers
- Frequency of group sessions
- Demographic - meet programme targets? E.g. 50% Catholic, 50% Protestant
- Consulted with potential programme participants

3. Please outline how the group will achieve cross - community engagement in the programme to enhance peace, reconciliation and participation in the area? Once engaged, how will the new youth minority sports group be sustained beyond the PEACE IV Programme?

Assessment criteria

- Evidence of cross – community
- Evidence of cross - border links
- Catchment area for target participants e.g. primary schools / other sports clubs
- Post programme, how will you ensure participants stay involved?

4. For the minority sport/s identified, please advise any suitable facilities in the area that could be utilised for the project?

Assessment criteria

- Who owns the facility? Contact details?
- Suitable for delivery of minority sports selected?
- Cost per hour / session?
- Availability after school?

Selection



The selection of groups / organisations to establish or support Youth Minority Sports Groups will be based on the submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) stage. EOI's will be subject to an assessment and at least 12 groups deemed most suitable will go forward provided they pass the minimum eligibility threshold.

A number of additional eligible groups should also progress and be held in reserve, based on the assessment outcome. After scoring all applications they will be ranged in order starting at the highest scoring application in 1st position.

The Expression of Interest form can be downloaded from www.fermanaghomagh.com or a copy can be requested by emailing ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com or by contacting Ryan Hanna on 0300 303 1777 ext. 21168.

Completed forms should be returned no later than **12 noon on Tuesday 30 November 2017** in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside '**PEACE IV Youth Sports Programme**' to:

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co.
Fermanagh, BT74 7BA or The Sperrin Centre, 1 Market Street, Omagh, Co.Tyrone, BT78 1EE or alternatively, via email to ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com.

Expressions of Interest received after the closing date and time will be deemed ineligible.

For further information on the Expression of Interest process please contact Ryan Hanna on [0300 303 1777 ext. 21168](tel:03003031777)

