

Spring 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the PEACEPLUS Newsletter. As Chair of the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Partnership, I am delighted to share what's been happening across the district, highlight progress on local projects, and look ahead to the exciting work planned for 2026.

I encourage everyone to explore the range of cross community programmes now available and to take part in the positive impacts made possible through PEACEPLUS funding.

PEACEPLUS is about investing in places, people and relationships, supporting regeneration, strengthening communities and celebrating diversity. Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far.



Councillor Errol Thompson
Chair, Fermanagh and Omagh
PEACEPLUS Partnership

Building stronger, healthier and more connected communities across Fermanagh and Omagh



In November 2025, the PEACEPLUS Partnership appointed a new Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Errol Thompson and Mr Ryan Tracey.

Open call for appointment of Social Partners - there are a number of positions available for individuals interested in becoming a Social Partner within the Partnership.

To find out more on the role of a Social Partner and how to register your interest, contact a member of the PEACE team by email on peace@fermanaghomagh.com or by telephone on 0300 303 1777.



A PEACEPLUS Networking Event took place in October 2025 with Council staff, Members of the PEACEPLUS Partnership and Delivery Partners.



FERMANAGH AND OMAGH PEACEPLUS LOCAL ACTION PLAN - Programme Updates

Revitalising Community Spaces, Investing in places to bring people together

Significant progress has been made on the ‘**Enhancement to Existing Community Spaces and Halls**’ programme, which is providing capital funding of up to €50,000 to 11 community and voluntary groups across the district. These improvements will help local facilities become more welcoming, accessible and fit for purpose, increasing usage and supporting a wider range of activities. Planning and design work is on-going to ensure high-quality delivery and construction works to commence from April 2026.

Outdoor Spaces for Health and Wellbeing - Creating welcoming places to play, relax and connect

The ‘**Outdoor Recreational Capital**’ programme is focused on improving and creating play and recreation spaces across the district. Construction works to commence early 2026 over a 12month period.



Supporting Young People - Shared spaces and positive experiences

Plans are also progressing for the 'Capital Youth' programme, which aims to create shared youth facilities in Omagh and Enniskillen. While the project remains at development stage, work continues behind the scenes to explore design options and move the programme forward.

Bringing Spaces to Life - Activities that connect communities

Once capital works are completed, the 'Activating Your Space' programme will help ensure new and improved facilities are full of life and activity. Community spaces will host programmes designed to bring people together through shared interests, learning and creativity, helping strengthen relationships across communities.

Empowering Community Leadership and the people behind local action

The 'Investing in Community Volunteers' programme is a major investment in the community and voluntary sector, led by Fermanagh Trust with a strong partnership network. Community-based workshops, across all DEA's, will begin in January 2026, creating welcoming spaces for people from all backgrounds to learn, share and work together. To find out more information contact: sonya@fermanaghtrust.org.

Stronger Connections, Better Wellbeing

The 'Connecting Communities Through Wellbeing' programme, led by ARC Healthy Living Centre, focuses on addressing social and rural isolation while promoting health and wellbeing. Working with partners across the district, the programme will deliver locally relevant activities that help people connect, feel supported and thrive. Engagement events will be announced shortly. To find out more information contact: jenny.irvine@archlc.com.

Celebrating Our Heritage - Sharing the stories that shape us

The 'Exploring Our Local Heritage' programme invites communities to discover and share the rich history of Fermanagh and Omagh, from ancient roots to modern stories. Following consultation, a tender will soon be issued to appoint organisations to deliver key elements of this programme.

Empowering Youth: Active, Creative, Confident

The 'Community Youth' programme, led by Todds Leap Outdoor Activity Centre, is currently being shaped following consultation with young people and partners. This programme will bring young people together through sports and physical activity, arts, music and drama, wellbeing and confidence-building, digital skills, cyber awareness and media. To find out more information contact: fergal@insight-solutions.org.

Caring for Our Environment - Working together for a greener future

The 'Environment for All' programme brings people together to take positive action for the environment. Activities will include Community Repair Cafés and environmental education workshops. A series of consultation events have recently concluded, ensuring the programme reflects what local people want to see in their areas. To find out more information contact: caitilin.jones@fermanaghomagh.com.

Celebrating Culture and Diversity - Understanding, respect and shared experiences

The 'Exploration of Our Cultural Roots Through Music' programme, led by Dún Uladh, celebrates shared musical traditions across communities and promotes cross-border collaboration with Monaghan, Leitrim, and Cavan. The programme is in design stages with the programme launching Spring 2026. To find out more information contact: peaceplus@dunuladh.ie

Building Bridges: Celebrating Diversity and Community

The 'I Want You To Know About Me' programme, designed by FOCUS, fosters peace, integration, and cultural understanding, supporting ethnic minority communities, Irish Traveller groups, and LGBTQIA+ individuals. Consultations events are currently underway to design a programme to promote inclusion, celebrate diversity, and strengthen cross-community relationships through arts, sports, cultural activities, and skills development. To find out more information contact: ryantraceyfocus@gmail.com.

Promoting Healthy Relationships in Our Communities

The 'Healthy Relationships' programme, led by Fermanagh Women's Aid in partnership with Omagh Women's Aid, aims to address domestic violence and promote positive relationships in our post-conflict society. To find out more information contact: kerrie@fermanaghwomensaid.com.

Connecting Communities Through Language

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will deliver the 'Language Support' programme, promoting linguistic diversity and inclusion across the district. The programme will offer informal language classes for BME and newcomer communities, support Irish and Ulster Scots languages, and provide opportunities to engage through sign language initiatives—helping to build positive connections and cross-community understanding. To find out more information contact: peace@fermanaghomagh.com.

Looking Ahead

The months ahead will see:

- Construction beginning on community facilities
- New outdoor spaces taking shape
- Workshops, consultations and activities launching across the district

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Contact Information

For more information about the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan or to register your interest in participating in a programme, please contact the PEACEPLUS Coordinator at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on 0300 303 1777 (local rate) or via email at peace@fermanaghomagh.com.



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