



Fermanagh & Omagh
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**PEACE IV – Re-Imaging Programme for
Existing Spaces**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Please Note: This is a single stage selection process.

The information provided in this form should be of sufficient detail to enable the assessment panel to reach a decision on the quality of the proposed project.



Background

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has secured £2.6m to deliver a PEACE IV Local Action Plan for the district to promote positive relations between people from different backgrounds and communities. The programme is supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The PEACE IV Local Action Plan will support 15 programmes or initiatives across three key themes – Children and Young People; Shared Spaces and Services; and Building Positive Relations.

The Local Action Plan was developed following extensive consultation in 2016 with local communities to ensure actions address their needs and issues identified. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will deliver or manage 12 of the 15 programmes while the Education Authority will deliver three programmes under the Children and Young People theme.

A voluntary PEACE IV Partnership - made up of Councillors and representatives from statutory agencies and social partners – will support and monitor the effective delivery of the Local Action Plan.

The PEACE IV Programme is an EU Funded Programme designed to support Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region. It is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). Matching-funding for this element of the PEACE IV Programme has been provided by the Executive Office in Northern Ireland and the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in Ireland.

This project is supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

To be considered for participation in the programme interested parties must complete and submit an Expression of Interest.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed and scored against an agreed Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces Selection Framework. Please refer to Guidelines at Appendix 1.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a competitive programme.

The submission of an Expression of Interest is **MANDATORY** to be considered under the Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces but **DOES NOT** indicate that your submission will be selected for participation in the programme.





Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces Expression of Interest Form

Group/Organisation Details			
1	Group/Organisation Name		
	Address		
	Town		
	Postcode		
	Contact Person		
	Position in Organisation		
	Address for Correspondence (if different from above)		
	Telephone Number:		
	Mobile Number:		
	Email		
	Number of People involved in the beneficiary group/organisation		
Number of People involved in the development of this proposal			

2	Is the group/organisation a constituted community/ voluntary group?	YES/NO	
	Evidence that a constitution has been formally adopted, dated and signed must be supplied.		
	Does the group/ organisation operate on a 'not for profit' basis?	YES/NO	





3	Is the property owned by the Council?	YES/NO	
	Where the land / building is not owned by the Council, written evidence of owner consent must be attached. (For example, a letter demonstrating that the owner would consider a lease for an appropriate period of time).		
	Does the proposed development have the support of the owner of the property?	YES/NO	
	Where the project requires addition/alteration to the fabric or structure of an existing property, written evidence that the owner supports such addition/alteration must be attached. (For example, a letter demonstrating that the owner supports the proposed capital works).		

Please provide location, including address, of the property/area to be developed		
4		For Office Use





Please provide details of community support for:

- the capital works element of the project and
- the proposed activity programme

Appropriate evidence of this support must be provided

5	Community Support for the Capital Works:	For Office Use
	Community Support for the proposed Activity Programme:	
Evidence should be in the form of correspondence from groups/organisations operating in the area confirming their support for the proposed project		





Please provide details of the cost and scope of the re-imaging capital project. Is the project deliverable within programme budgets and does it offer value for money?

(Please attach any draft drawings/plans that may be available)

6	Description of proposed capital works: (max 250 words).		For Office Use
Indicative Costs:			
Fees (e.g. Design, Planning, Building Control)	£		
Construction and/or refurbishment	£		
Capital Equipment ¹	£		
Fixtures and fittings	£		
Other Costs – Detail: ()	£		
Total	£		

¹ An asset is defined as any tangible item with a useful economic life of more than one year and a cost of greater than £1,000 (net of VAT).





Please describe the services/support that your group currently provides from your community premises and who is the service/support for (max 250 words)?

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Please explain how the proposed re-imaging of your premises will enhance your existing provision as a shared space to the wider community (max 250 words)?

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What types of programme activity would your group deliver in the re-imaged space, as a part of this PEACE IV programme, to promote community cohesion and positive relations both within your own group and to the wider community (max 250 words)?

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How does the group/organisation plan to sustain an activity programme that is inclusive in nature and ensures sustained engagement with new user groups post PEACE IV funding? (max. 250 words)?

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I/we can confirm that the details supplied are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signed: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Name(s): Block Capitals _____

The closing date and time for the submission of completed Expression of Interest Forms is 12.00 noon on Friday 8th December 2017. Expression of Interest Forms received after this date and time will be deemed ineligible.



PEACE IV: Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces

Introduction

In its role as lead partner Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wishes to invite Expressions of Interest under the PEACE IV Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces to enhance community groups' current facilities and provide programme activity support to help them attract new user groups and create a shared space that respects the rights, equality, and diversity of all.

Project Definition

It has been determined that the programme will offer support to the Community and Voluntary Sector within the 7 District Electoral Areas (DEA). A total of 25 projects will be funded, with our aim to ensure a fair geographical spread across the District Council area. A number of additional projects may also progress to Design & Pre Capital Works stage and be held in reserve based on the assessment outcome.

Financial support to a maximum of £6,000 (including fees/Technical Assurance Support) is available to provide capital support to the re-imaging of existing premises.

Financial support to a maximum of £2,000 (including Good Relations Support) is available to provide programme activity support towards new initiatives which will help organisations to engage with new user groups from the wider community.

If you are interested in submitting an Expression of Interest the following 3 stage assessment approach will be applied:



Strand 1 Essential Criteria:

Expressions of Interest:

All groups/organisations must meet the essential criteria. Expressions of interest will be required to demonstrate that:

- **The beneficiary group or organisation is:**
 - Located within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Area
 - Operated on a 'Not for Profit' basis
 - A constituted community/voluntary group or organisation
- **The property/building/area to be developed is:**
 - Council owned or
 - Leased by the community/voluntary group or organisation
 - The owner has provided consent for the proposed development.
- **There is community support for:**
 - The capital works element of the project and the ongoing delivery plan.

Strand 2 Quality of the Project: (80%)

The quality assessment of the project will be based on the Expression of Interests' response to the 5 questions outlined below:

- Provide details of the cost and scope of the re-imaging capital project. Is the project deliverable within programme budgets and does it offer value for money?
- Describe the services/supports that your group currently provides from your community premises, and who is the service/support for?
- Explain how the proposed re-imaging of your premises will enhance your existing provision as a shared space to the wider community?
- What types of programme activity would the group deliver in the re-imaged space, as part of this PEACE IV programme, to promote community cohesion and positive relations, both within the group, and to the wider community?
- How does the group/organisation plan to sustain an activity programme that is inclusive in nature and ensures sustained engagement with new user groups post PEACE IV funding?



Strand 3 Needs Based Assessment:

(20%)

Evidence of Need:

The Council will utilise quality assured statistics to develop an assessment of need for the Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces. A full scoping study for this stage will be undertaken and will cover such aspects as:

- There is a higher level of isolation.
- There is more limited provision of local amenities.
- There is evidence of a higher potential for poor cross-community cohesion.

Failure to provide the above information and incomplete expression of interest forms will result in the application being deemed ineligible.

The Expression of Interest form can be downloaded from www.fermanaghomagh.com or a copy can be requested by emailing hugo.sweeney@fermanaghomagh.com or by contacting Hugo Sweeney on 0300 303 1777 ext. 21237

Completed forms should be returned no later than **12 noon on Friday 8th December 2017** in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside '**Re-Imaging Programme for Existing Spaces Expression of Interest**' to:

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, The Sperrin Centre, 1 Market Street, Omagh, BT78 1EE or The Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7BA or via email to hugo.sweeney@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 the PEACE IV Project Officer on 0300 303 1777 ext. 21237

