



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

PEACE IV – Youth Focused Shared Spaces Programme

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.

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)

Conditions of Participation:

Successful groups and organisations will be required to:

- Enter into a development agreement to meet the conditions of the PEACE IV Programme as specified by SEUPB and the Council.
- Strive to achieve equal participation from the two main communities.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed and scored against an agreed 'Youth Focused Shared Spaces Programme 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 Youth Focused Shared Spaces Programme but **DOES NOT** indicate that your submission will be selected for participation in the programme.



PEACE IV Youth Focused Shared Space Programme

Introduction

In its role as lead partner Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wishes to invite Expressions of Interest under the PEACE IV Youth Focused Shared Space Programme – a Capital Programme aimed at developing and enhancing areas or buildings in the district to become more youth focused.

Project Definition

It has been determined that at least 7 communities / areas within Fermanagh and Omagh will be engaged in the project. In the interests of geographical equity, one community / area from each District Electoral Area (DEA) will be selected. A number of additional projects may be held in reserve based on the assessment outcome.

For the purposes of this programme the definition of Youth/Young People will be young people within the 10-19 age range.

Research indicates that the majority of community halls are being utilised on a single identity basis.

The objective of the Youth Focused Shared Spaces Programme is to support the creation of a more cohesive society through an increased provision of shared spaces and services for the young people of the district.

The programme provides the opportunity for groups and organisations to develop and/or enhance areas or buildings to become more orientated and attractive to young people with the emphasis on sharing and access to all irrespective of community background. The aim is to ensure that such spaces are utilised by different communities on a sustained basis.

It should result in an increase in the percentage of people who would define the neighbourhood where they live as neutral; an increase in the percentage of people who prefer to live in a mixed religion environment; and a reduction in the percentage of people who would prefer to live in a neighbourhood with people of only their own religion.





Youth Focused Shared Spaces Programme Expression of Interest Form

Beneficiary Group/Organisation Details			
1	Beneficiary 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			
Number of Young People ¹ involved in the development of this proposal			

The Council is planning to arrange for delivery of a range of activities focusing on 'Flags & Emblems'. Would your group be interested in participating?	YES/NO

¹ UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA Young People: 10-19





2	Does the group/organisation work within or provide support to the community/ voluntary sector?	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
	Is the property owned by your group/organisation?	YES/NO
	Where the land / building is not owned by the Council, written evidence of ownership or leasing agreement must be provided. (For example, a copy of the lease agreement for a minimum of 5 years or a letter demonstrating that the owner would consider a lease for a minimum of 5 years).	
	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 into a Shared Space		
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

Community Support for the Capital Build:

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5 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 a descriptive overview of the proposed capital work and initial indicative costs.

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

6	Description of proposed capital works: (max 250 words).	For Office Use														
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² 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 provide details of the proposed management structure, including involvement of young people, and what maintenance/replacement plans will be put in place for the new shared space. (max 250 words).

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Please outline how the project aligns with the Community Plan for the district and other plans/ strategies and will complement and enhance current shared youth provision within your area (max 250 words).

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Please provide details of any youth focused cross community activities that are currently running or have previously been delivered at the building/property/area to be developed into a Shared Space (max 250 words).

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For Office Use





**Please provide details of the proposed youth focused programmes following the opening of the new/ upgraded shared space. Please indicate:
Projected participant numbers, type and duration of proposed activities, level of cross community engagement.**

10		For Office Use
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The closing date and time for the submission of completed Expression of Interest Forms is 12.00 noon on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Expression of Interest Forms received after this date and time will be deemed ineligible.

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* _____



PEACE IV: Youth Focused Shared Space Programme

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For the purposes of this programme the definition of Youth/Young People will be young people within the 10-19 age range.

Only projects of a minimum capital value of £50,000 and a maximum capital value of £70,000 will be considered. A maximum 10% of the overall cost will be available for purchase of capital equipment.

Funding for recurrent or activity costs is not available within this programme.

Assistance will be provided to the selected projects to develop appropriate activity programmes and identify potential revenue streams to support these activities.

Conditions of Participation:

Successful groups and organisations will be required to:

- Enter into a development agreement to meet the conditions of the PEACE IV Programme as specified by SEUPB and the Council.
- Strive to achieve equal participation from the two main communities.

If you are interested in submitting an Expression of Interest the following 3 strand 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
 - Owned by the community/voluntary group/organisation or
 - Leased by the community/voluntary group or organisation and a lease agreement is in place for a minimum of 5 years.
 - 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:

2a Quality of the Project (Capital Works): (40%)

The quality assessment of the capital works will be based on such aspects as:

- The scale of the proposed development and does it represent value for money
- The impact on the existing facilities and other amenities available locally
- Supporting sustainable development in terms of environmental protection, personal wellbeing, social cohesion and inclusive governance
- The management of future operational, maintenance and replacement costs
- New / innovative approaches drawing on best practice



2b Quality of the Project (Activity Delivery Plan): (40%)

The quality assessment of the activity delivery plan will be based on such aspects as:

- Alignment with the Community Plan for the District and other plans/strategies for the area.
- Complementing previous and current peace and reconciliation focused activities
- Introducing new and innovative approaches drawing on best practice
- Improving cross-community relations and community cohesion
- Assisting young people to develop a greater understanding of diversity and access to new opportunities

Strand 3 Needs Based Assessment: (20%)

Evidence of Need:

The Council will utilise quality assured statistics to develop an assessment of need for the Youth Focused Shared Space Programme. A full scoping study for this strand will be undertaken and will cover such aspects as:

- The proportion of young people in an area
- The needs of young people in the area
- Isolation from other areas / spaces / services
- Provision of space locally
- Evidence that there is potential for improved 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 john.campbell@fermanaghomagh.com or by contacting John Campbell on 0300 303 1777 ext. 20307

Completed forms should be returned no later than **12 noon on Tuesday 31 October 2017** in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside '**Shared Space 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 john.campbell@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 John Campbell on 0300 303 1777 ext. 20307

