

PEACE IV Local Action Plan

1. 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.

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Conditions of Participation:

Successful groups and organisations will be required to:

- Enter into a development contract to meet the requirements of the PEACE IV Programme as specified by SEUPB and the Council.
- Strive to achieve equal participation from the two main communities in all activities.

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.

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.

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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):

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):

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:

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 the PEACE IV Project Officer on [0300 303 1777 ext. 20307](tel:03003031777)

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1. Eligibility:

Groups/Organisations:

Expressions of Interest are sought from groups and organisations that work within or provide support to the community and/or voluntary sector in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.

Evidence that a constitution has been formally adopted, dated and signed must be supplied.

All organisations must be not for profit.

Ownership of land/building:

Evidence of ownership and or lease agreement in place – beneficiary groups must be able to demonstrate that all required land and property is Council owned or within their ownership or alternatively if there is a lease in place the remaining term must be at least 5 years.

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.

Evidence of community support – Community support for both the capital works element of the project and any subsequent activity delivery plan is required.

These are Mandatory requirements and all elements must be met.

2. Level of Support:

To achieve equity of funding, attract projects of an acceptable scale and maximise the use of the funding it is proposed that:

Only projects of a **minimum capital cost of £50,000** (including fees) and a **maximum capital cost of £70,000** (including fees) will be considered.

A maximum 10% of the overall cost will be available for purchase of capital equipment.

3. Selection Process:

All expressions of interest that meet the mandatory criteria will be assessed on the responses provided to the questions included in the form. A priority weighting will be applied to the scores for each stage as follows:

- **Quality of the Project (Capital Works):** (40%)
- **Quality of the Project (Activity Delivery Plan):** (40%)
- **Needs Based Assessment:** (20%)



Projects will be ranked on the basis of the weighted score and the highest ranking project from each District Electoral Area (DEA) will be selected. In addition a number of projects will be placed on a reserve list.

4. Procurement

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will undertake the procurement of an appropriate contractor/s to complete the proposed works for the successful projects.

This will include procurement of expertise to assist the development of the successful projects through design, planning and statutory regulation and post building and planning approval.

Support will also be provided in the development of an ongoing activity plan to ensure that the objectives of the programme are met.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will follow the Council's Guidelines in respect of procurement.

All goods and services shall be procured on the basis of competitive quotation or tender process.

Please note no work will be procured or commence until a letter of offer has been issued.

5. Additional Information

Examples of eligible works are as follows, but not limited to:

- Extensions or renovation works to accommodate multiple youth focused activities.
- Construction of new buildings or facilities.
- Renovations and/or sub-divisions to premises to allow for multiple usages.

Examples of ineligible works are as follows, but not limited to:

- Shortfall in funding of an ongoing refurbishment/renovation project.
- Landscape or grounds work only
- Staff or employee costs or general revenue/running costs.
- Projects that have already started.

6. Retention of Documents

All financial and attendance records must be retained for a period of 5 years after the receipt of financial assistance.



7. Inspection

Any financial accounts and records and/or equipment/materials purchased shall be made available to the Council and its Internal Audit function, at the Council's discretion. The same right of access will, if required, be made available to Local Government Audit. The Council at its sole discretion has the right to carry out a verification visit at any time during the duration of the project.

Contact Information for programme support:

Expressions of Interest can be discussed with John Campbell by telephone – Fermanagh and Omagh District Council **0300 303 1777 ext. 20307** or by email at the following email address: john.campbell@fermanaghomagh.com

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