Guidance Notes

**PEACE IV Cross Community Twinning Programme for Sporting Clubs**

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| **INTRODUCTION**  S3 Solutions on behalf of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is seeking 20 sporting clubs to participate in the PEACE IV Cross Community Twinning Programme. This project is one of fifteen included in the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACE IV Local Action Plan which is supported by the European Union’s PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).  The Cross Community Twinning Programme aims to welcome participants from Sporting Clubs within the District to come together and encourage the formation of new relationships around the shared interest of sport. Clubs will be “twinned” and will work collaboratively to provide opportunities for participants to engage in sports that they are not traditionally associated with, develop new skills and gain coaching / sporting qualifications.  A maximum of 20 sporting clubs in the District can avail of a small resource allocation of up to £1,400 to organise peace building activities through sport and establish networking opportunities to encourage cross-community interaction.  We welcome Expressions of Interest from clubs that have already ‘twinned’ for this programme. Clubs can also apply individually and will be 'twinned' by the programme administrators if successful. Please note, if clubs form a partnership in advance of submission, all members of the partnership should complete the expression of interest.  **We also welcome and encourage EOI submissions from female sporting clubs.**  **SELECTION**  The selection of Clubs will be based on their submission at the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage. A number of sporting clubs have been selected through the first call for Expressions of Interest. Any applications submitted in this call will be assessed separately to those already selected. If applicable, a reserve list will be created.  The Expression of Interest form should be submitted online and can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/crosscommunitytwinningproject>  If clubs have difficulty accessing the online form, you can request electronic copy of the application by contacting Eamonn Seydak; email: [eamonn@s3solutions.co.uk](mailto:eamonn@s3solutions.co.uk) or telephone: 02890480005. EOI’s can then be submitted via email.  Closing date to submit Expressions of Interest is no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 9 May 2018.** Applications received after this date and time will be deemed ineligible.  The submission of an Expression of Interest is does not indicate that your submission will be selected for participation in the programme.   **WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME INVOLVE?**  The following provides a summary of the required commitments and expectations of participating clubs:   1. Clubs will be expected to ‘twin’ with a minimum of 1 other sports club. We welcome proposals from clubs that have ‘twinned’ in advance of the expression of interest. Equally, clubs can apply individually, and S3 Solutions will assist them to ‘twin’ with another applicant. 2. Each participating club will be supported to design and develop club-specific activity plans to include opportunities for collaboration, twinning and working in partnership with other sporting clubs. 3. Each participating club will have access to a resource of £1400 which can be used for: Coach Education / Cluster Club Activities / Sporting Events. 4. The intensity of engagement for each participant must equate to a minimum period of 6 months or equivalent (26 hours). It is anticipated that each participating club will involve at least 10 participants. 5. Each participating club will receive direct consultancy support (Value of £900) aligned to the club specific activity plan and will include for example: developing, preparing and submitting funding applications on behalf of the club to help deliver against agreed actions. 6. Each participating club will take part in a series of collaborative club development workshops, including good relations. 7. Each participating club will be supported to design and develop a 12-month club development plan beyond the lifespan of the programme, including future opportunities for twinning, funding, programmes and activities.   **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GUIDANCE**  The following guidance is provided for section 2 of the Expression of Interest which forms the selection criteria.   1. **Please describe the need for this project in your club / community**   ***Assessment criteria***   * Can you describe why there is a need for cross-community initiatives in your club? * What are the cross-community challenges within your community / club? * How did you identify the need to develop the project? (consultation/statistics) * Why is your club best placed to deliver a cross-community twinning initiative?  1. **Please provide details on how you would use a resource allocation to deliver cross community impacts with twinned clubs. This will include:** 2. **Coach Education.** 3. **Cluster Club Activities.** 4. **Sporting Events.**   ***Assessment criteria***   * Who would you prefer to twin with? Which type of sport / club? \*if already twinned, describe your partnership. * What are the coach education priorities for your club? * Please outline your proposals for “twinning” activities / events / programmes.  1. **Please outline how you will achieve cross - community engagement in the programme to enhance peace, reconciliation and participation?**   ***Assessment criteria***   * How will you ensure cross community participation on the programme? Target: 60% Catholic and 40% Protestant Community. * What will help achieve the 26 hours of participant engagement required? * What measures will you put in place to maintain / increase participation within the 12 month club development plan, beyond the lifespan of the programme? |