



# **Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

## **PEACEPLUS – Local Community Regeneration and Transformation – Enhancement to Existing Spaces/Halls**

### **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. Please ensure to read the Guidance Notes prior to completing the Expression of Interest Form.**

## 1. Background

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has secured €5.6m to deliver a PEACEPLUS Local Community 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 PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan will support 13 programmes or initiatives across three key themes, Local Community Regeneration and Transformation, Thriving and Peaceful Communities and Celebrating Cultures and Diversity.

The Local Community Action Plan has been developed following extensive consultation during 2022/2023 with local communities to ensure actions address their needs and issues identified. A voluntary PEACEPLUS Partnership Board comprised of Councillors and representatives from statutory agencies and social partners will support and monitor the effective delivery of the Local Community Action Plan.

PEACEPLUS is supported by the European Union, the UK Government, the Northern Ireland Executive and Irish Government. It is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

### Conditions of Participation:

Successful groups and organisations will be required to:

- Enter into a Development Contract to meet the requirements of the PEACEPLUS Programme as specified by SEUPB and the Council.
- Strive to achieve representative participation from all communities in all activities.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a competitive process.

The submission of an Expression of Interest is **MANDATORY** to be considered under the Community Regeneration & Transformation Programme but **DOES NOT** indicate that your submission will be selected for participation in the programme.

## PEACEPLUS: Community Regeneration & Transformation Programme Introduction

In its role as lead partner Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wishes to invite Expressions of Interest under the PEACEPLUS Community Regeneration & Transformation Programme – a Capital Programme aimed at upgrading existing community spaces and/or halls to bring them up to a higher standard to increase usage.

### Project Definition

It has been determined that at least 10 communities / areas within Fermanagh and Omagh will be engaged in the project. In the interests of geographical equity, at least 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 and availability of finances.

Projects up to a maximum capital value of £43,500 (inc consultancy fees) 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 with an additional value of up to £13,000 per project to support these activities.

### **Conditions of Participation:**

Successful groups and organisations will be required to:

- Enter into a development contract to meet the requirements of the PEACEPLUS Programme as specified by SEUPB and the Council.
- Participate in capacity building/facilities training.
- Delivery of a programme of activity.
- Strive to achieve cross community participation in all activity's representative of the demography of the area.
- A capital improvement scheme to upgrade existing community spaces/halls to bring them up to a higher standard to increase usage.



## Local Community Regeneration and Transformation 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			

The Council is planning to arrange delivery of a range of activities under Thriving & Peaceful Communities and Celebrating Cultures and Diversity. Would your group be interested in participating?	YES/NO



2	<b>Does the group/organisation work within or provide support to the community/ voluntary sector?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
	Evidence that a constitution has been formally adopted, dated and signed must be supplied.	
	<b>Does the group/organisation operate on a 'not for profit' or social economy community interest basis?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>

3	<b>Is the property owned by the Council?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
	<b>Is the property owned by your group/organisation?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
	<b>Where the land / building is not owned by the Council, written evidence of ownership or leasing agreement must be provided.</b> (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 ).	
	<b>Does the proposed development have the support of the owner of the property?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>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.</b> (For example, a letter demonstrating that the owner supports the proposed capital works).		

<b>Please provide location, including address, of the property/area to be developed.</b>		
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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**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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<sup>1</sup> 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 a descriptive overview of the proposed activity plan including any new or innovative approaches and activities that will support wider community participation.**

7	<b>Description of proposed activity plan: (max 250 words).</b>	<b>For Office Use</b>
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**Please provide details of the proposed management structure, and what maintenance/replacement plans will be put in place. (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 provision within your area (max 250 words).**

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

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**Please provide details of how the proposed Activity Plan will provide opportunities to engage with a diverse range of residents within the community and how you propose to sustain cross community activity beyond the lifetime of the Activity Plan.**

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*The closing date and time for the submission of completed Expression of Interest Forms is 12 noon Friday 12 January 2024. 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* \_\_\_\_\_

***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](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com) or a copy can be requested by emailing [peace@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:peace@fermanaghomagh.com) or by contacting the PEACE Administration Team on 0300 303 1777.

Completed forms should be returned no later than **12 noon on 12 January 2024** in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside '**PEACEPLUS Expression of Interest**' to:

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, BT78 1BQ or The Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7BA or via email to [peace@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:peace@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 Administration on 0300 303 1777.

## ***Promoting Equality and Good Relations Statement***

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Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, in carrying out its functions, has a statutory duty, (in accordance with Section 75 of the Northern Act 1998), to have regard to the need to promote Equality of Opportunity between persons of different;

1. Religious belief
2. Political opinion
3. Racial Group
4. Age
5. Marital status
6. Sexual orientation
7. Gender
8. Disability
9. Dependants

In addition, without prejudice to its obligations above, the Council, in carrying out its functions, shall have regard to the desirability of promoting Good Relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

We (the applicant/organisation) recognise these obligations and undertake not to act in any way, which would contravene Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Statutory Duty. We confirm our commitment to the principles of affording equality of opportunity in all aspects of our organisation's activities, in particular with regard to access and participation in these projects/activities.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Name(s): Block Capitals** \_\_\_\_\_