



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council



PEACEPLUS & ASSESSMENT THEME ONE

WORKSHOPS STAGE 3

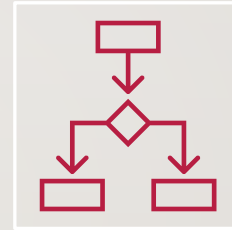
PURPOSE TODAY



Update on
timeline



Next steps
information for
Theme One



Decision
making criteria



Clarifications?



PEACEPLUS PROGRAMME

The PEACE PLUS Programme is a **€1.14bn investment** in the social, economic and environmental development of Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

It comprises **six themes**, which encompass **22 individual investment areas**.

Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated **€110m**

Under PIV- *allocation For Donegal was c.€5.5m*

Under PP- *Donegal Programme 2022-2027 the Indicative allocation is €7,635,395*



The Overall Objective of the PEACEPLUS Programme :
To build Peace and prosperity and ensure that the programme will leave a lasting and tangible legacy across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE
PEACEPLUS
PROGRAMME
INVESTMENT AREA 1.1**

Investment Area 1.1:

To enable and empower local community partnerships, led by the local authorities, to select and deliver priority projects on a cross community basis, which will result in shared and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces; and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation

The plans will be centred around *three core themes:*

1

Local community regeneration and transformation

2

Thriving and peaceful communities

3

Building Respect for all Cultural Identities

BACKGROUND

PEACEPLUS comes from PEACE IV and Interreg

Indicative allocation of €7.6m – participation (7,600+) – potentially 3,100 people in this Theme One assessment, or approximately 610+ people per MD over three years

SEUPB call for Peace Plan by mid December...but funding won't hit the streets until Spring '24 or later

PEACEPLUS plan can be valid until December 2027 – recommend a three-year minimum

Council will hold budget and tender/appoint contractors for Theme One capital



THEME ONE - CONCEPTS

Regeneration of existing community buildings that need refurbishment

Reimagining parks and green areas

Play Park construction or renewal

Investment in community hubs including for minority ethnic, Irish language, Traveller, LGBTQ+ and disability

Animate community spaces involving people from all backgrounds but that may also focus on youth and minority ethnic backgrounds

Mix of size of awards for buildings and outdoor facilities as well as small capital resource for community organisations

Art work to celebrate the role of the county during the Troubles as a holiday destination for people from the North

Update and regenerate sports and recreation facilities

Heritage conservation activities

Regenerate existing heritage, history and cultural sites.

THEME TWO - CONCEPTS

Capacity building for community organisations

Youth programme including disengaged young people and in their relationship with each other and newcomer communities

Programmes to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people especially in the context of isolation

Inter faith programmes including all churches and focused on isolation

Leadership and civic participation programme including with communities and people not traditionally in leadership positions

Arts and heritage programmes, including the promotion of existing history and heritage facilities

Cross border engagement programme to support existing structures that undertake cross border work

Inter cultural and inter faith relational programme

Intergenerational programme

Tourist and visitor support exploring the county's past and present, which may connect to the diaspora on a wider stage.

THEME THREE - CONCEPTS

Increasing capacity for challenging racism – a belonging programme in the county including increasing the capacity of traditionally excluded groups

Support for minority ethnic communities including counselling and translation, and other practical support services

Youth inclusion, leadership and social integration programme supporting contact and mutual learning

Anti-racism programmes which may include public education, increasing visibility of leaders and activists, or creation of inter cultural exchanges in public venues

Festivals and events that may also animate new or existing shared spaces

Programme supporting cultural heritage

Programme supporting preserving and increasing the use of the Irish language and the Gaeltacht regions


Schools programme focusing on racism

Exploring impact of systemic racism which may include inter cultural competence initiative in public, private and community organisations

Heritage programme linking the past and present given traditional cultural expression and changing demography.

CONCEPT FORMS



- 82 returned
 - Mainly Theme One and Theme Two; a lot for Theme Three as well
 - Reasonable spread across the MDs
 - Really helpful for the co-design process.
 - Thank you for taking the time to complete.
 - Theme One application and decisions before PEACEPLUS Plan submitted.
 - Co design for Themes Two and Three continues – tendered next year.
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TIMELINE – BEST ESTIMATE (MAY VARY - DEPENDENT)

Aug-Oct:	Stage 3 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">– assessment process for Theme One– co-design continues for Themes Two and Three
Oct:	PEACEPLUS Plan submitted
Nov-Feb '24:	SEUPB assess and ask questions/amendments
Mar-Apr '24 on:	Donegal PEACEPLUS Partnership prepares for tendering (Theme Two and Theme Three) and undertakes Theme One tendering/contracted work

ALLOCATION FOR THEME ONE

- Total of €2.44m for Theme One after administration – about 40% of total programme budget
- Allocated equally across all five MDs so spend in each MD of approximately €500k.
- Some discretion may apply depending on what is supported in each MD.
- Everyone welcome to the co-design process in Themes Two and Three (c €1.8m each).
- This will be a competitive process so there should be no lobbying of Partnership members, Council staff or members.



DRAFT CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT



CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEPLUS PROGRAMME AND INVESTMENT AREA, FORWARD USAGE

20 SCORE

- Assessment of how the project, once completed, will add value to PEACEPLUS outcomes
- Whether the project concept can lead to a tangible and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.
- Whether the project concept might lead to sustained contact between different religions, ethnic, cultural and political backgrounds or with cross border communities, and how might that happen.
- Whether the project concept contributes to building strong relationships and connections.
- Whether the project concept might lead to the sustained inclusion of people of traditionally excluded people.
- The project design is rational and likely to deliver outputs and outcomes set.
- Appropriately targets beneficiaries/stakeholders



QUALITY OF PROJECT DESIGN, DEMAND, STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

20 SCORE

- Alignment with existing national/local strategies including the LECP.
- Demonstrated need?
- Is it targeting PEACE target groups including disadvantaged and marginalised?
- Are beneficiaries clearly defined?
- The project design is rational and likely to deliver the outputs and outcomes set.
- Is there funding from any other source within or outside Council?
- Does the project build on the success of previous PEACE projects?
- Is displacement considered?



**READINESS TO
DELIVER**

15 SCORE

- There is clear, professionally agreed cost estimates for any works to be completed
- Planning permission for the project concept in place or a process outlined for its timely acquisition (if required)
- The necessary consents, permissions, ownership and statutory approvals are in place or a process outlined for their timely acquisition (if required)
- Land/ property ownership / lease status is identified and permissions received from the property owner

QUALITY OF CROSS COMMUNITY COOPERATION AND ADDED VALUE

SCORE 10

- Opportunity for collaborative cross community or cross border activities
- If single identity initially might the project lead to sustained future contact?
- Is the project targeted that could bring about positive change in communities?
- Will the project help to build strong relationships and connections?
- Will there be sustained inclusion of people from different backgrounds and help enhance a sense of belonging?
- Will the project lead to inclusive, respectful and resilient communities?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

10 SCORE

- Assessment of additional cost beyond the lifetime of the capital funding and how it may be met e.g. costs such as insurance, updating equipment and refurbishment.
- Commitment to opportunities for good environmental building standards e.g. energy/CO2; materials; waste; pollution; health and well-being; management; and ecology.
- Identification of positive or negative environmental effects related to the project concept.
- Potential climate change impacts.
- Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

EQUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

10 SCORE

- The project makes a positive contribution to the principles of equal opportunity and good relations
- The project makes a positive contribution to the principles of equality between people from the equality groups
- Whether a similar project has been funded in the area by PEACE before.
- Contribution to social and economic regeneration.
- Whether the project concept offer opportunities for different equality groups / rural and urban / PEACEPLUS target groups to be engaged.

VALUE FOR MONEY

15 SCORE

- Whether there is funding for this project concept from any other source within or outside the Council.
- Whether there is any displacement.
- Cost and value.
- Usage numbers anticipated relative to cost.
- Is the budget proportionate relative to outputs?
- Have financial assumptions and a breakdown of costs been provided?
- Are costs clear and realistic and include only necessary costs to complete outputs and results – is there a match with the level of available skills?
- Where social or environmental value is there evidence or the justification clear?

THEME ONE

NEXT STEPS

Theme One will go out shortly.

Formal assessment documentation sent in next two weeks, maybe in a few days

About three weeks to submit – assessed by Partnership

CHECK PP AND WEBSITE

Will know status before PEACEPLAN submitted – hopefully October

Review and questions of PEACE Plan by SEUPB

DCC will be budget holder and undertake the works for capital in Theme One.

MAY CHANGE

QUESTIONS AND CONTACT DETAILS

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