

**Open Call for Social Partners for the
Antrim and Newtownabbey
PEACEPLUS Partnership**

APPLICATION PACK

**Please submit your application by the closing date of
2:00pm on 19th June 2022**

This project will be funded by the European Union's PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council are establishing a Partnership to oversee the design, development and implementation of a Co-designed Local Community Action Plan for the new PEACEPLUS Programme (2022-2027).

As part of this process, we are seeking to recruit Social Partners who will play a vital role on the PEACEPLUS Partnership. We invite applicants who live or work within the Antrim and Newtownabbey area and can represent the various District Electoral Areas (DEAs) within the Borough as well as being representative of different sectors, communities, underrepresented groups and PEACEPLUS target groups from across the council area.

We would like to achieve a balanced and representative PEACEPLUS Partnership and welcome applications from a wide range of individuals. Applicants should have relevant expertise and knowledge of the local area to enable them to contribute to the PEACEPLUS Programme.

The role is voluntary and advisory in nature.

This pack gives you background information about the PEACEPLUS Programme, what we mean by a social partner and an outline of the social partner application process.

Deadline for applications: **2:00pm on Wednesday 8th June 2022**

Email Applications to: peace@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk

Please attach a read receipt request if you want acknowledgement of your application submission. Late applications will not be accepted.

The PEACEPLUS Programme is supported by the EU and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). More information can be found on <https://www.seupb.eu/>

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What is PEACEPLUS?

The PEACEPLUS 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 21 individual investment areas.

Local Authorities will be delivering their plans under Investment **Area 1: Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities**, specifically **Theme 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACE Action Plans**, with a provisional figure of €110m for the 17 participating local councils in Northern Ireland and the border counties.

Co-designed PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plans will be produced for each of the 17 local authority areas across the Programme area. These will be designed to complement community planning structures and plans. A co-design approach enables groups which represent different communities of interest from defined areas, to collaboratively design projects tailored to meet the challenges and opportunities specific to that area. The PEACEPLUS Action Plan will enable diverse partnerships to establish and invest in key actions for their local areas and collectively address these in a manner which will make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation. The plans will comprise priority projects and initiatives, which have been co-designed by communities at the local level. The co-design process itself should enable cross community engagement and collaboration.

The plan 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

The plan will enable and empower the partnership to self-determine and deliver priority projects on a cross community basis, which will result in improved, shared and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces, and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation. It is proposed the plans will span the range of activities included within the PEACE PLUS Programme, e.g: youth development programmes; health and wellbeing initiatives; community regeneration projects; redevelopment and reimagining of existing community facilities for shared use; initiatives to build positive relations; social innovation; social enterprise and education/ skills development programmes; all designed to address issues of racism and sectarianism, increase social inclusion and promote civil leadership.

What is the PEACEPLUS Partnership?

The PEACEPLUS Partnership will oversee and be responsible for the design, development and implementation of the Local Community Action Plan.

It will be representative of the community from across the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area and will comprise: 12 nominated Elected Members; 4 nominated Statutory Body Representatives and 7 Social Partners representing each District Electoral Area (DEA) within the Borough as well as being representative of PEACEPLUS Target Groups. Social Partners will be chosen through this open call selection process.

The diagram below shows the proposed structure the Partnership will adopt. The partnership must ensure a strong cross-community and Section 75 focus.





The PEACEPLUS Programme is expected to run until 2027, membership will last for the length of the programme. Circumstances can change for individuals, but those applying should have the intention of staying in post for the duration of the Partnership as far as is possible.

What is a social partner?

A social partner includes those within the community, voluntary and social enterprise sector; those from special interest groups or those representing Equality Groups; individuals from civic society; and those from PEACE target groups, trade unions and businesses. The role of a social partner is to represent the sector from which you have been nominated (not your individual organisation) and to represent the interests of the wider community.

What are PEACE PLUS target groups?

PEACE PLUS target groups include women, young people, older people, those living with a disability, members of the LGBTQI+ community, those particularly impacted by the legacy of the Conflict (such as victims and survivors), and those dealing with legacy issues (such as ex-prisoners and former members of the security forces), as well as ethnic minorities, migrants, asylum seekers and members of the Traveller Community.

What are Section 75 groups?

All public authorities must have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between Section 75 groups¹. There are nine groups which include persons of different: religious belief, political opinion, gender, racial group, age, marital status, sexual orientation, persons with a disability and those without and persons with dependants and those without.

Commitment

This is a voluntary appointment with travel costs and minor expenses reimbursed. The time commitment is anticipated to be a minimum of 6-8 meetings per year (1-2 hours long). At particular stages of the PEACEPLUS process this may intensify. Partnership members may be asked to participate in relevant subgroups or assessment panels. They will also be asked on occasion to represent the Partnership at project launches or events. Members work in the public interest, not an individual or group interest.

Partnership role in co-design process

¹ Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 provides that: (1) A public authority shall in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity- (a) between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation; (b) between men and women generally; (c) between persons with a disability and persons without; and (d) between persons with dependants and persons without. (2) Without prejudice to its obligations under subsection (1), a public authority shall in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

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Members will play a significant role in the co-design process. A co-design approach goes beyond consultation with local communities about needs relevant to the programme. It will also be seeking and designing clear project ideas to meet those needs. Our bid for funding will have to detail the specifics of those projects. Partnership members will, among other things, play a key part in the process of helping to select and prioritise those projects that best meet the specific peace building criteria of the funding stream, address local demand and need, and are meaningful, deliverable and cost effective.

Social Partner Specification

We are seeking enthusiastic and knowledgeable individuals or representatives (including volunteers) of constituted Community and Voluntary Sector organisations, based within our council area. The individuals and organisations should be representative of one of the District Electoral Areas (DEA) of the Borough. They should also have expertise relevant to the PEACEPLUS programme Theme 1.1. and/or identity with / represent PEACEPLUS Target Group.

The partnership will consider participation of traditionally under-represented groups, including women, young people and those with a disability. All applicants are requested to complete an equality monitoring form.

The Social Partner open call is seeking a diverse skillset and representation for the Partnership. Applicants will meet one or more of the following:

1. Live within, or represent a Community & Voluntary Sector organisation from, an ANBC District Electoral Area – Airport, Antrim, Ballyclare, Dunsilly, Glengormley, Macedon, Threemilewater.
2. Represent a Section 75 group e.g Gender, Age, Disability, Race, Religious belief, LGBTQIA+
3. Work or volunteer (or a strong element of their work) is in the field of Good Relations / peace and reconciliation / dealing with the legacy of the past.
4. Represent a sector of specific relevance to the PEACEPLUS programme e.g., Irish or Ulster-Scots language/ culture, Faith / Inter-faith based organisations, those impacted by the legacy of the past (e.g. victims and survivors, those dealing with legacy issues such as ex-prisoners, former members of the security forces), organisations who have a significant track record of delivering peace and reconciliation work through any field of expertise.

Social Partner waiting list from open call process.

Once all Social Partner positions are filled, a waiting list of suitably experienced and qualified applicants will be created. In the instance of a Social Partner position becoming vacant during the lifespan of the programme, it will be offered to the next person on the list.

Selection Process

Social Partner will be appointed on the basis of information provided on the application form. Please assume no prior knowledge of yourself or the organisation you represent.

Wider Consultation

Please note that being a Partnership member is not the only way to be involved with PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1. There will be a much wider local consultation and open opportunities for engagement in the co-design process during 2022. We would encourage as many people and organisations as possible to engage with that wider process.

Queries: If you have any queries about the information above, please contact

Lynda Kennedy via email: peace@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk

Social Partner Application Form -

Ref- ANBC/PPP/SP/

SECTION A: ABOUT THE APPLICANT

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1: About the Applicant (not scored)

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| Name of Applicant | |
| Name of Organisation (if applicable) | |
| Contact Telephone No | |
| Email | |
| Address | |
| Postcode | |

2: Commitment of Applicant (not scored)

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| Do you commit to actively promoting, participating in and encouraging participation in the Antrim and Newtownabbey PEACEPLUS programme across all parts of the community? | | |

3: Applicants can be nominated by an organisation (not scored) – please provide details if applicable, if not continue to Section B.

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| Name of Nominating Body | | | |
| Contact name of Chair / Committee Member | | | |
| Contact mobile and landline of nominating official | | | |
| Contact email of nominating official | | | |
| | Yes | No | N/A |
| Is the organisation constituted? | | | |
| Is the organisation based in Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council? | | | |
| Does the organisation provide services to communities within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council? | | | |
| Are you a paid employee of the organisation for which you are nominated? | | | |
| Are you a volunteer of the organisation for which you are nominated? | | | |

SECTION B: MANDATORY CRITERIA

4a: Before the Selection Panel can assess your application, you will need to demonstrate compliance with the following **THREE MANDATORY CRITERIA**.

| Pre- Selection Criteria - Mandatory | | | Official use only |
|--|-----|----|-------------------|
| | Yes | No | Pass (Tick) |
| i) Are you a resident of, or do you work within, the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area | | | |
| ii) Have you submitted an equality monitoring form | | | |
| iii) Can you make the necessary time commitment required of a Partnership Member? (minimum of 6-8 meetings per annum, approx.2 hours per meeting, with additional commitment in early co-design phase of the Local Area Action Plan) | | | |

SECTION C: PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA

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4b: For your application to be eligible to proceed **you must answer Section A: PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA – ESSENTIAL**, and demonstrate compliance with **AT LEAST ONE** of the **Section B: PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA – OTHER**. Tick all that apply.

| Section A Pre-Selection Criteria – Essential | | | Official use only |
|---|-----|----|-------------------|
| | Yes | No | Pass (Tick) |
| a) Do you live in, or are you representing a Community and Voluntary Sector organisation operating within, one of the seven DEAs in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area? – Airport, Antrim, Ballyclare, Dunsilly, Glengormley, Macedon and Threemilewater | | | |
| Please state which DEA you represent/ in what capacity: | | | |
| Section B Pre-Selection Criteria – Other (please tick all that apply – compliance required with at least one) | | | |
| b) Are you an individual nominated by a recognised local organisation within the following sectors: rural development and agriculture; trade union; climate action organisation; business; arts; youth; social enterprise/ skills development; sports but with a demonstrable interest in peace building | | | |
| Please advise which one: | | | |
| c) Are you representing a Section 75 / Equality group e.g., Gender - women or men; Age; Disability; Race; Religious belief; LGBTQIA+; marital status; persons with a disability and those without; and persons with dependants and those without? | | | |
| Please advise which one: | | | |
| d) Have you experience, either through work or volunteering, in the field of Good Relations / Race Relations/ Peace and Reconciliation / Dealing with The Legacy of the Past | | | |
| e) Are you representing a sector of specific relevance to the PEACEPLUS programme e.g., Irish or Ulster-Scots / culture; Church/ Faith / Minority Faith/ Inter-faith-based organisations; those most impacted by the legacy of the past (such as victims and survivors and those dealing with legacy issues such as ex-prisoners and former members of the security forces; | | | |
| Please advise which one: | | | |
| f) Are you a young person under the age of 25 (linked to a local youth group) or their representative (must be over 18) | | | |

SECTION D: ESSENTIAL CRITERIA - Experience of the nominated Social Partner

All social partner applicants will be required to meet **AT LEAST TWO** of the following **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA** as outlined in Questions 5 to 9 below:

| 5: Please outline if you have experience in any of the following PEACE related activities gained through professional and /or community and voluntary endeavours. Tick all that apply and give a brief summary of some of the highlights of the work in which you have been involved in box below. | | |
|--|-----|----|
| Area of expertise | Yes | No |
| Peace building projects | | |
| Good Relations Projects | | |
| Capital/ Regeneration/ Reimaging peace building projects | | |
| Church based/ faith/ minority faith or interfaith peace building projects | | |
| Equality and/or Human Rights work | | |
| Anti-racism and Black and Minority Ethnic work | | |
| Anti-sectarianism and/or anti-prejudice work | | |

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| Cross community projects | | |
| Cross border projects | | |
| Cross cultural / cultural diversity projects | | |
| Multi-agency projects with different sectors and partners | | |
| Work with those most impacted by, and/or legacy of, the Troubles | | |
| Other, please state | | |
| Please provide brief summary of highlights of the work in which you have been involved (200 words max) | | |
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6: Please outline the relevance of your skills / experience / knowledge to the PEACEPLUS Programme and its three core themes (200 words max)

- Local community regeneration and transformation
- Thriving and peaceful communities
- Building respect for all cultural identities

7: Please outline your experience of partnership working involving a range of organisations e.g. community organisations, statutory bodies, local councils etc. (200 words max)

8: Please outline any knowledge you have in the project appraisal process including assessing funding applications, or monitoring and evaluation of projects (200 words max)

9: Please outline your ability to promote the PEACEPLUS Programme and encourage uptake and involvement of all sides of the community (200 words max)

SECTION E - DESIRABLE CRITERIA

Demonstrate how you meet the following **desirable criteria**

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10: Please outline your knowledge and experience of consultation and engagement and co-design or co-production in the development of action plans (200 words max)

11: Please briefly list any qualifications/ training of specific relevance to the PEACEPLUS programme and the role of Partnership Member?

SECTION F – SIGN OFF

(Electronic Signatures are acceptable)

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

I can confirm that the information provided in this form is true and accurate.

Nominating Organisation (if applicable):

Signature (Chairperson/Manager/Director) _____ Date _____

GDPR Statement

All information provided will be held securely and in line with GDPR legislation. Your personal information will only be shared with the PEACE Team and Assessment Panel members and will not be shared with any other third party.

Information on GDPR can be found on the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's website at <https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/gdpr>

Privacy Notice – Your Personal Data

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's Privacy Notice relating to this project can be found at <https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/gdpr/privacy-notice/>

Please tick below to confirm that you allow us to hold your personal data for the purposes of fulfilling the conditions of this contract. **Note, if you are unable to agree to this your application cannot be considered.**

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| Yes, I allow the Council to hold my personal data for the purposes of fulfilling the conditions of this contract | | |

Completed applications must be signed and returned to

peace@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk no later than 2:00pm on 8th June 2022

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Please note: at appointment stage the Council may wish to seek candidate references.