



PEACE PLUS Programme

Area 3.2 PEACE PLUS Youth Programme

Pre-Development Workshop



Welcome



**Programme yet to
be approved**

Introduction & Outline of Workshop

- PEACE PLUS Programme: Policy Context
- Overview of Area 3.2: PEACE PLUS Youth Programme
- Pre-Development Support & Concept Note
- How to Build a Strong Proposal
- Timescales, followed by Q&A





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Programme

POLICY CONTEXT

PEACE PLUS: Policy Context

How have we got here?

- Through the support of the NI Executive, the Government of Ireland, the UK Government and the European Union.
- By building upon previous PEACE & INTERREG programmes.
- With a renewed focus on peace and reconciliation.
- By ensuring all projects contribute to cross-border and economic and territorial development.



The Peace Bridge Derry-Londonderry



How was **PEACE PLUS** developed?

Intensive review, research and public engagement:

- Stakeholder engagement (2019-2020)
- Public events – including specific events with young people
- Survey submissions
- Public consultation (2021)
- Bi-laterals with government north-south (ongoing)

PEACE PLUS (2021-2027)



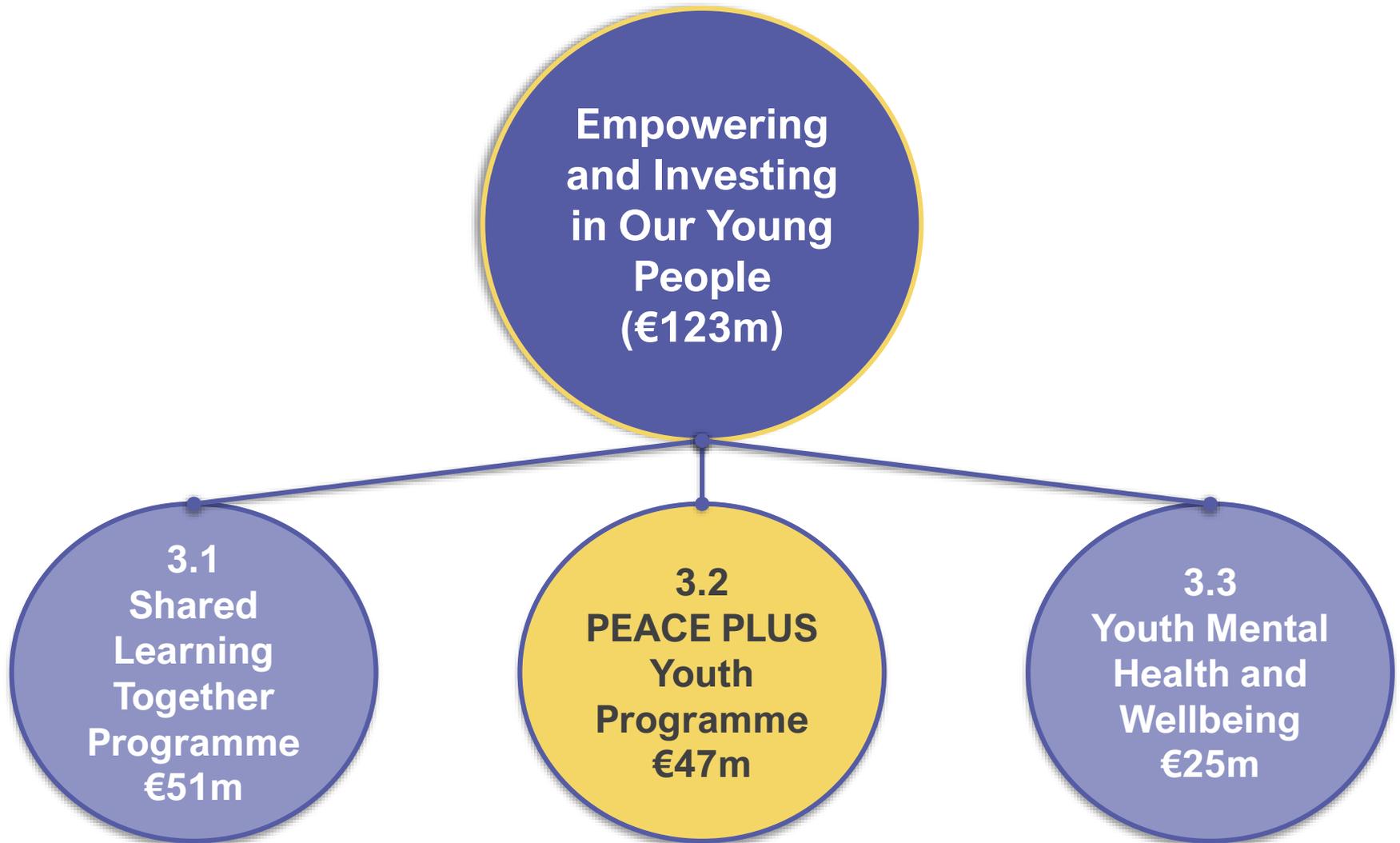
- Eligible area: Northern Ireland & the border counties of Ireland
- Programme value: **€1.144bn**
- Up to 80% maximum ERDF funding (100% grants available)
- Six themes, 22 investment areas
- Participation from partners outside the area



Children and Young People (C&YP)

- Theme of C&YP was at the forefront of the previous PEACE Programme.
- Participation of young people in PEACE PLUS continues to be crucial.
- Practical cross-community and cross-border contact has been fundamental to the PEACE & INTERREG since their inception.

PEACE PLUS – Empowering and Investing in Our Young People



PEACE PLUS – Many areas to Invest in Our Young People

Thematic Areas

Theme 1
Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities

€250m

Theme 2
Delivering Economic Regeneration & Transformation

€170m

Theme 3
Empowering and Investing in Our Young People

€123m

Theme 4
Healthy and Inclusive Communities

€172m

Theme 5
Supporting a Sustainable Future

€303m

Theme 6:
Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration

€52m

Investment Areas

1.1 Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plans

1.2 Empowering Communities

1.3 Building Positive Relations

1.4 Reimagining Communities

2.1 Programme Area SME Development and Transition

2.2 Programme Area Innovation Challenge Fund

2.3 Programme Area Skills Programme

2.4 Smart Cities, Towns and Villages

3.1 Learning Together Education Programme

3.2 PEACE PLUS Youth Programme

3.3 Youth Mental Health

4.1 Collaborative Health and Social Care

4.2 Rural Development and Regeneration

4.3 Victims and Survivors

5.1 Biodiversity, Nature Recovery and Resilience

5.2 Marine and Coastal Management

5.3 Water Quality and Catchment Management

5.4 Water Quality Improvement Programme

5.5 Sustainable Transport

6.1 Strategic Planning

6.2 Maintaining and Forging Relationships between Citizens



Children and Young People (C&YP)

- The future of C&YP is critical to progressing economic and social cohesion & reconciliation between communities.
- Young people are the future.
- They have an appetite to engage.
- PEACE IV has been testament to that.



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OVERVIEW OF

AREA 3.2

PEACE PLUS Youth Programme

Specific Objective

“To enhance the capacity of children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background, develop their confidence and future potential, and to make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society.”



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Participants

Young people aged 14 – 24 years who are disadvantaged, excluded or marginalised, have deep social and emotional needs, and are at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

● Why?

Evidence suggests that many young people who are not in education, employment or training require targeted support, as many do not readily engage in such programmes. Also, many young people have been even more marginalised due to the pandemic.



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Result Orientation

The Programme is focused across five key areas including:

- Good relations
- Citizenship
- Personal development
- Employability skills
- Positive progression



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Measuring Progression: 'Tools for Change'

Meaningful, Purposeful, Sustained

- A youth work approach, in non-formal learning environments, will provide access to a range of activities known as **'tools for change'**.
- Activities could include sport, drama, music, culture, language, entrepreneurial and volunteering activities, social action initiatives, residential learning and development activities, and peer mentoring.
- A variety of activities and methods will be needed in order to respond to the needs and interests of participants.



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Distance Travelled

- 'Distance Travelled' – every project must bring about a positive change in the form of clear, meaningful and sustainable 'distance travelled' for participants.
- A primary aim will be to increase the capacity, confidence and achievement level of every young person participating.
- This must be measured and captured as part of M&E.

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Key Features

- Focus on most marginalised / disadvantaged
- Youth development approach employed
- Aims for fewer Lead Partners than Peace IV
- Expect projects to deliver (min) 1,200 participants
- Projects will typically be costed over 4 years



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Indicators

Output indicator

9,750 young people aged 14-24 will participate in approved programmes (cross-border and/or cross-community) to develop their soft skills and respect for diversity.

Result indicator

7,500 young people will complete approved programmes

There must be effective means built in to monitor attendance, evaluate the 'distance travelled' and record the confirmed completions.

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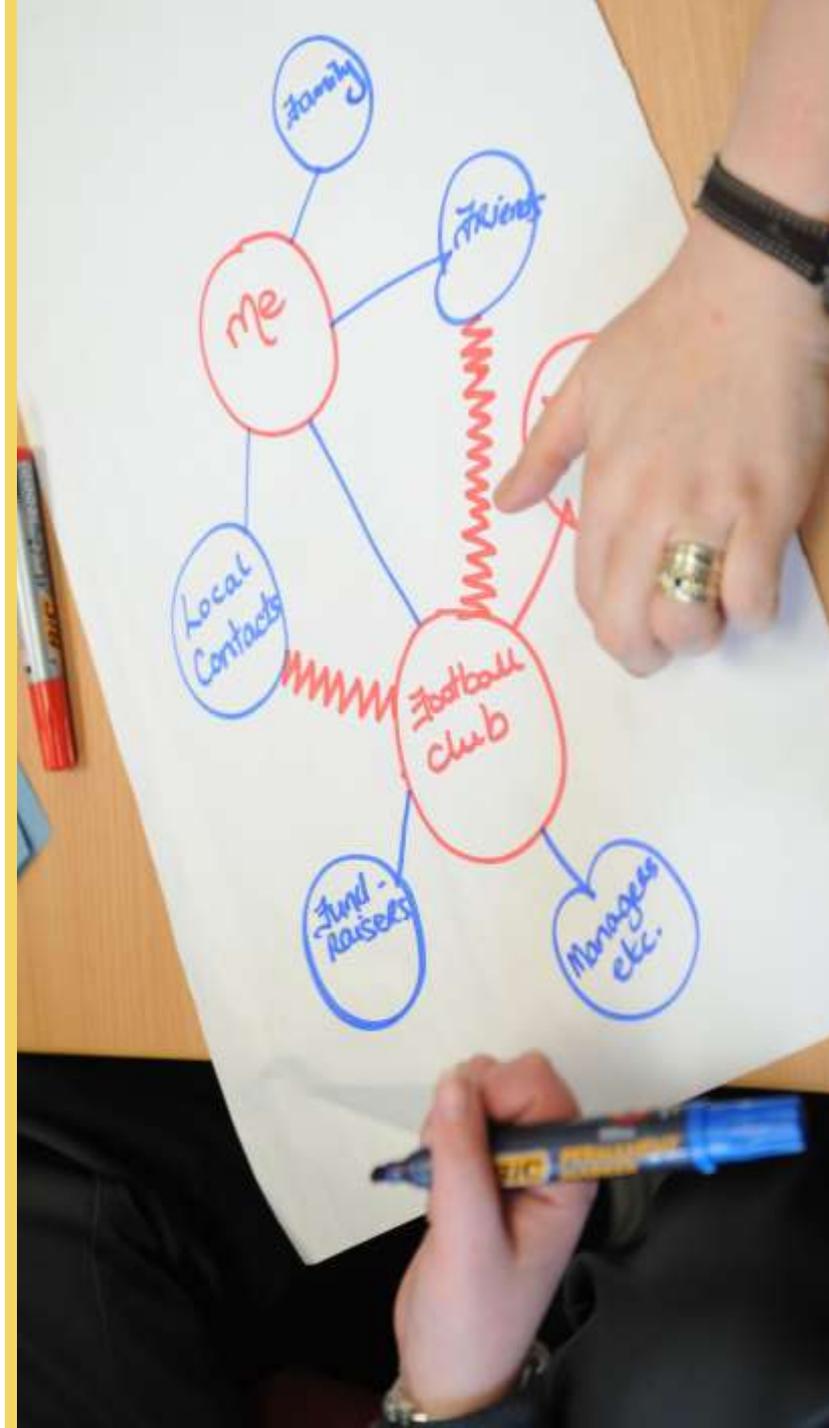
Features of a Programme

- Target young people **aged 14-24 years**.
- Address **five key areas**
- **Last 6 – 9 months** and are of a sufficient intensity to ensure a transformative experience.
- **3 – 4 days** of participant contact per week.
- Minimum of **250 hours** per participant.
- Demonstrate a **personalised programme of activity** – with **80% attendance rate**.
- Embody a **youth development approach**.
- Include regular liaison with the **Quality & Impact Body**.

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Youth Development Approach

- Young Person Centred
- Exemplary organisational staff values and behaviours
- Tailored engagement & partnership with young people
- Educational and developmental
- The importance of a central, positive relationship
- Support the young person to find their voice
- Respect for difference
- Safe and stimulating environments
- Commitment to quality, innovation and improvement





PRE-DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT & CONCEPT NOTE



Prepare and Plan in Advance





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Concept Note (CN)

From 10th December, any organisation interested in becoming a Lead Partner under Area 3.2 may complete and submit a Concept Note for comment, advice, and support.

The Concept Note:

- covers some (but not all) of the questions that will be in the application-proper;
- will help you put in place the foundations of your project so that you are better prepared when the call opens;
- is not a formal application;
- is not scored.



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HOW TO BUILD A STRONG PROPOSAL





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Concept Note

- In completing the Concept Note, you are putting the foundations of your project in place.
- The uncompleted form is short, 3 pages, with one page of guidance.
- You are invited to provide high level project details and answer five questions, each in up to 500 words.
- Advice is available pre- and post-completion.
- Please complete and return it no later than 31st Jan 2022 to eimearbush@murphy.net

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Concept Note: Question 1

About Your Project

- How does it align with PEACE PLUS and, specifically, the objectives of Area 3.2?
- What activities are you offering?
- Does the programme offer meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact and learning?
- Have the participants been involved in its design?
- Is it young person-centred?
- Does it embody a youth development approach?



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Concept Note: Question 1 (cont.)



In designing your project, please consider:

- Counselling for participants and front-line workers who are supporting participants with complex needs/lives;
- Barriers to participation (childcare, transport, language, access, other equality issues);
- Early intervention, preventing early-disengagement of 14-16-year-olds
- Online learning and digital inequalities



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Concept Note: Question 2

Outputs and Results

- How many young people will your project support and over what period?
- How will you recruit and retain participants?
- How will you keep records of participation?
- How will you measure the 'distance travelled' for participants in terms of the five key areas: good relations, citizenship, personal development, employability/skills, positive progression?

Concept Note: Question 3

Cross-Community and Cross-Border

- Where are your partners located and what geographical area does the project cover?
- How will you ensure meaningful participation from all communities?
- Tell us how cross-community and cross-border work will affect meaningful and ongoing change.
- Are you making specific efforts to include minority communities?

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Concept Note: Question 4

Quality of Proposed Team

- Your project team: how many, and who is doing what?
- What are their qualifications and youth delivery experience?
- What are the practical arrangements to support smooth project implementation?
- Staff supervision and support.
- Staff to participant ratio.



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Concept Note: Question 4 (cont.)

Partnership and Implementing Arrangements

- Management arrangements (project organisation chart)
- Is it a tested partnership?
- Lead-in time to recruit full complement of staff
- Is this factored into timeline for delivery?
- Are all appropriate policies and procedures, incl. safeguarding, up to date and suitable?
- Are you financially secure with sufficient cash flow in place to be reimbursed expenditure in arrears?

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Concept Note: Question 5

Value for Money

- We expect an indicative cost of €6,000 per participant.
- Are the numbers of workers justified? (i.e. proportionate to outputs?)
- Are salary scales at the right level?
- Do you have sufficient support staff written in? (remember finance, admin, and M&E reporting)
- Budget = core project staff +40%; this must be commensurate with outputs.



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Lead Partner Role

- Coordination
- Financial management
- Reporting
- Communication
- Training
- Policies & Procedures

In short, accepts overall responsibility for ensuring implementation of entire project

Other things to bear in mind

- Take this time to build your partnership: be clear on who is doing what; build a framework for communications;
- Speak to other potential applicants: try not to cover the same patch; share good practice.
- Don't bite off more than you can chew: can you really deliver on this scale?
- Think about finance: can you manage the cash flows?
- Have clarity of purpose: yes, this is youth work, but it must have a laser-sharp focus on peace-building.
- Think about how you are going to monitor your targets.



TIMESCALES

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What next?

Pre-Development Support

Now available for Area 3.2 only, the PEACE PLUS Youth Programme.

Concept Note

Downloadable from website – complete and return as soon as you can (31 Jan)

Feedback

Aim to provide feedback within 15 working days

Further support

Further support will depend upon both the fit and quality of what is outlined in the concept note

● **Any Questions:** Contact Eimear

eimearbush@murphy.net

In Due Course...

In due course, the following documents will be made available and should be consulted before completing the formal application form:

- **PEACE PLUS Cooperation Programme**
- **The Programme Rules**
- **Guide for Applicants**
- **Call for Applications to Area 3.2**

**The Programme Overview is
available**





**OPEN
CALL**

**Spring 2022
(subject to approval)**

Until 30 April 2022
**Ongoing
support
on offer**

By 31 January 2022
**Send
Concept
Notes**

From 10 December 2021
**Pre-
development
Support
Begins**

Timelines

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Questions





Feedback

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions in the future

