

## The PEACE PLUS Programme- Health Sector

The PEACE PLUS Programme is a €1bn investment in the social, economic and environmental development of Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

Building upon the success of previous cross border PEACE and INTERREG Programmes, it will contribute to a more peaceful, prosperous and stable society, leaving a lasting legacy across the Programme area. This will be achieved by funding activities that promote peace and reconciliation across six themes, which encompass 21 individual investment areas as outlined below. These have been developed to optimise engagement and participation across all ages, communities and sectors.



A public consultation regarding the potential PEACE PLUS Programme design was held in 2019-20. In response to the views expressed, the SEUPB has developed the Programme to ensure multiple opportunities for engagement by **the Health Sector**. These include a dedicated measure within Theme 4 (Collaborative Health and Social Care). PEACE PLUS also includes other investment areas, which although not exclusively for health, will provide significant opportunities for sectoral involvement (Themes 1, 2, 3 and 6). We now look forward to receiving your views on the investment areas proposed as part of the Statutory Public Consultation process, and wish to outline all the areas across the Programme which may provide opportunity for you to get involved, and initiate the preparation of potential projects.

### Theme 4: Healthy and Inclusive Communities

The Health Sector contributes significantly to the creation of healthier and more harmonious communities. Considerable developments have been made in collaborative cross border health and social care and PEACE PLUS represents an opportunity to build upon this work within key areas. The peripheral nature of our rural communities mean citizens are more susceptible to social isolation which contributes to heightened levels of physical and mental ill-health and associated health inequalities. The PEACE PLUS Programme provides an opportunity to build upon the provision to health and wellbeing supports and resilience-based capacity building programmes to Victims and Survivors of the Conflict.

<p><b>4.1 Collaborative Health and Social Care (€80m)</b></p>	<p>This investment area will support the development of innovative community-based health care interventions, which complement statutory provision (including social enterprise models). As such, it will present opportunities for suitably experienced Health and Community and Voluntary Sector organisations to develop and deliver innovative health care projects in communities across the Programme area.</p>
<p><b>4.2 Rural Regeneration and Social Inclusion (€50m)</b></p>	<p>This investment area will fund a range of initiatives designed to redress the level of social isolation, which can be prevalent within rural areas for people of all ages and contribute to mental and physical health issues. It will support social, economic and</p>

	environmental projects, which contribute to the creation of healthy communities in rural areas and reduce health inequalities. This will include increased delivery of family and community services focused on health and wellbeing, providing a range of opportunities for involvement by Health Sector organisations.
<b>4.3 Victims and Survivors (€25m)</b>	This investment area will build upon the provision of health and wellbeing supports and resilience-based capacity building programmes for Victims and Survivors in the PEACE IV Programme. As such, it will provide opportunities for engagement by appropriate organisations with the Health Sector.

### **Other Opportunities for the Health Sector to Engage in PEACE PLUS**

<b>Theme 1: Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities</b>	
<b>1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACE Action Plans (€90m)</b>	This investment area will see the creation of Local PEACE PLUS Partnerships across all parts of the Programme area, which will develop Co-designed PEACE Action Plans. These plans must be co-designed with the local community, a process which the SEUPB will support. This structure will enable and empower council led local community partnerships, to self-determine and deliver priority projects on a cross community basis. It will provide opportunities to develop local projects, including those with a health and wellbeing focus, providing opportunities for engagement for suitable Health Sector organisations.
<b>1.2 Empowering Communities (€30m)</b>	This investment area will support the delivery of people-to-people projects by local Community & Voluntary Sector organisations, including those with a Health focus. Through the provision of a small grants programme, it will enable participation by smaller organisations who can often be best placed to affect real change and embed peace at local community level. Projects can use any medium which will result in improved cross community relations. Projects will facilitate collaborative approaches by a range of sectors including Health.
<b>1.3 Building Positive Relations (€30m)</b>	This investment area will provide support for projects which transcend local boundaries and have the potential to achieve significant peace and reconciliation across the Programme area. It will present opportunities for Health Sector organisations with the capacity to deliver large, strategic health and wellbeing projects, which encompass a peace and reconciliation focus.
<b>1.4 Re-Imaging Communities (€60m)</b>	This investment area will offer the potential to develop new and transform existing spaces into shared environments for use by all communities. It will provide organisations with the opportunity to develop and manage innovative spaces which contribute to improved peace and reconciliation. These shared spaces will span a range of thematic areas including health and wellbeing and thus will provide opportunities for engagement by the Health Sector.
<b>Theme 2: Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation</b>	
<b>2.3 Programme Area Skills Development (€35m)</b>	This investment area will support area-based approaches to address emerging skills requirements, including those within the Health Sector.
<b>Theme 3: Empowering and Investing in Our Young People</b>	
<b>3.3 Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing (€20m)</b>	This investment area will increase the number of resilient young people within the Programme area, with the capacity to be in control of their own lives and make a positive contribution within their communities. It will focus on the social, emotional and environmental wellbeing of young people. An emphasis upon additional, non-formal approaches will create opportunities for Health, Community & Voluntary Sector organisations.

<b>Theme 6: Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration</b>	
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<b>6.2 Maintaining and Forging Relationships between Citizens (€20m)</b>	This investment will finance smaller projects that forge and maintain social and civic cohesion on a cross border basis. It will provide opportunities for cross border initiatives led by Health Sector organisations.
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