

Social Partner Application Pack

Social Partner Specification

Local Authorities have been tasked with the implementation of elements of the PEACE IV Programme. The PEACE Programme is a unique initiative aimed at reinforcing progress towards a peaceful and stable society in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. PEACE IV will support actions that will develop and deepen reconciliation between divided communities; and increase tolerance and respect.

All Councils are required to produce a Local Peace & Reconciliation Action Plan which will be a targeted and locally based response to the needs that have been identified in the PEACE Programme. In order to oversee the development and implementation of the Plan a PEACE IV Partnership, that is representative of the community from across the Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council area, will be established. This will be comprised of statutory representatives, the private sector, trade unions, elected members and the voluntary and community sector.

The Partnership will oversee delivery of the PEACE IV Action Plan under the following themes:

- Children & Young People Aged 0 -24: to enhance the capacity of children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society.
- Shared Spaces and Services: to create a more cohesive society through an increased provision of shared spaces and services.
- Building Positive Relations at a Local Level: to promote relations characterised by respect, where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council seeks to recruit social partners to serve on the PEACE IV Partnership. The Partnership would welcome applications from those with knowledge, skills and experience in peace building.

Pre-selection criteria

- Must have completed the equal opportunities form.
- Must provide a referee who will provide information in relation to peace building work.

- Must be willing to act as an Individual Representative, in order to achieve the Outputs of the PEACE IV Programme, through the Local Action Plan for the good of all members of the community of the wider Borough.

Essential Criteria

- Be over 18 years of age
- Demonstrate sound local knowledge, skills and experience of the issues still remaining within the Council area in relation to sectarianism and racism and other barriers to peace building.
- Have a sound knowledge, experience and skills of 1 or more of the Thematic areas:
 - o Children & Young People (Aged 0 – 24)
 - o Shared Spaces & Services
 - o Building Positive Relations
- Demonstrate experience of partnership working involving a range of partners such as community organisations, statutory agencies, local council etc.
- Be committed to pro-actively promoting and participating in all aspects of the PEACE IV Programme and encourage uptake from all sides of the community.
- Capacity to commit the time required to the work of the Partnership.

Desirable Criteria

- Demonstrate an understanding of the project appraisal process including assessing funding applications and tenders.

This is a voluntary appointment with only travel costs and minor expenses reimbursed.

Time Commitment

Will be approximately 2 hours for partnership monthly meetings with additional hours for participation in relevant sub-groups. It should be noted that during assessment periods this commitment may increase depending on the individual member's level of participation.

Completed applications must be signed and returned by **Friday 19th August 2016 at 12 noon** to:

Jillian Leathem
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council
Craigavon Civic & Conference Centre
Lakeview Road
Craigavon
BT64 1AL

Late applications will not be accepted. Interviews may be convened if required.



Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon PEACE IV Partnership Social Partner Application Form

EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation 2014 – 2020, Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland

The Peace IV Programme will build upon the experience of previous programmes by tackling the remaining challenges that exist in building positive relationships and developing shared spaces. Social Partners, acting as individuals should be able to evidence through experience their commitment to tackling real and complex issues, such as racism and sectarianism, as well as working towards reconciliation.

Please only use the space allocated. Any additional information provided cannot be considered.

Applicant Details:

Applicant Details				
1	Name	Forename:	Surname:	
2	Home Address			
	Town			
	Postcode			
3	Home Telephone Number		Work Telephone number	
4	Mobile Number		Email Address	

5	Can you provide locally based examples of your knowledge, experience and skills in a peace building capacity, meeting challenges such as racism and sectarianism, and how the concept of reconciliation has aided this work?
6	Can you give examples of your experience, skills and knowledge which help support Children and Young People, particularly around personal development programmes, confidence building etc.
7	Can you give examples of your experience, skills and knowledge which have led to greater shared space or shared services?
8	Can you give examples of your experience, skills and knowledge in the area of Building Positive Relations, between communities, addressing legacy issues etc.
9	Please give information about any previous Partnerships you have been involved in?

10	Do you commit to attending a minimum 8 meetings per year?				
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11	Do you commit to actively promoting and participating in all aspects of the PEACE IV Programme and encouraging community participation?				
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12	Please give details of a referee who would be willing to discuss your experience particularly in relation to Peacebuilding.				
13	By way of example please demonstrate an understanding of the project appraisal process including assessing funding applications and tenders.				

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Please complete the monitoring form and return it in a sealed envelope with your application.

Monitoring form

The information you supply on this form will be treated strictly confidential and will be used for monitoring purposes. Please tick the appropriate boxes below:

Age:

18 - 25	26 - 40	41- 60	61 and over

Gender:

Male Female

Community background:

I am a member of the Protestant community

I am a member of the Roman Catholic community

I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic communities

Ethnic origin:

White Chinese Indian Irish Traveller

Pakistani Bangladeshi Black African Black Caribbean

Black other (please specify) _____

Mixed ethnic group (please specify) _____

Nationality:

Please state:

Disability:

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Do you consider that you meet this definition of disability?

Yes No

Dependents:

Do you have a personal responsibility for the care of a child or children, a person with a disability or a dependent older person?

Yes No