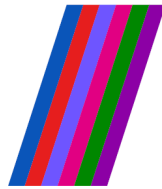




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Louth PEACEPLUS Quarterly Newsletter

December 2024

Here's what has happened in
PEACEPLUS and what's to come!

Welcome to the 1st edition of the PEACEPLUS Newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to the PEACEPLUS Partnership who have been an invaluable source of advice and expertise.

We were very happy to receive notification that our PEACEPLUS Action Plan had been approved by SEUPB.

We successfully procured a Conservation Architect to begin activities to bring proposed PEACEPLUS project at St Nicholas Church of Ireland, Dundalk, to planning stage.

Alongside this we have been preparing procurement activities for our planned PEACEPLUS project commencement in 2025

We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting a Tender Submission Training Event in January 2025.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that the PEACEPLUS programme is a result of the several rounds of consultation that multiple community members and volunteer groups, alongside community groups and organisations participated in. Thank you to all for making the Louth PEACEPLUS Action Plan possible.

Together, we can make a real difference via peacebuilding in the community.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Introduction to
PEACEPLUS

Programme &
Project Updates

Meetings &
Events

Upcoming
Events

Ongoing PEACE
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What is PEACEPLUS

PEACEPLUS 2021-2027 is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. The design reflects the importance of peace-building activity, but also the importance of actions that will contribute positively to the economy, building prosperity and adjusting to the new environment and challenges we face.

Locally PEACEPLUS is supported by Louth County Council and Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The PEACEPLUS Programme is managed by the Special European Programmes Body (SEUPB).

For more information on the PEACEPLUS Programme, please visit [the SEUPB website](#)

PEACEPLUS Action Plan

Louth County Council received approval for the proposed PEACEPLUS Action Plan in October 2024, with a budget of €4,679,354. There are three main project headings

1. Community Regeneration and Transformation

Projects aim to improve the physical appearance of the areas and communities in which they will operate and also offer a host of new opportunities for engagement by participants from a wide variety of community backgrounds.

2. Thriving and Peaceful Communities

These activities will create opportunities to build and sustain relationships between people from different community backgrounds across a wide range of different sectors.

3. Celebrating Cultures and Diversity

These projects are designed to increase understanding of and respect for all cultural identities. We understand that cultural diversity means the existence of a variety of cultural or ethnic groups encompassing a range of population differences including race; ethnicity; age; ability; language; nationality; economic status; gender; religion; and sexual orientation.

A summary of the projects outlined in the Louth PEACEPLUS Action Plan can be found on the via the [PEACEPLUS website](#)



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Programme Updates



St. Nicholas' Church of Ireland, Dundalk

In June 2024, an architect was procured to bring the proposed capital works project to the planning stage.

It is expected that a planning application will be submitted in January 2025.

Meetings & Events

PEACEPLUS Partnership

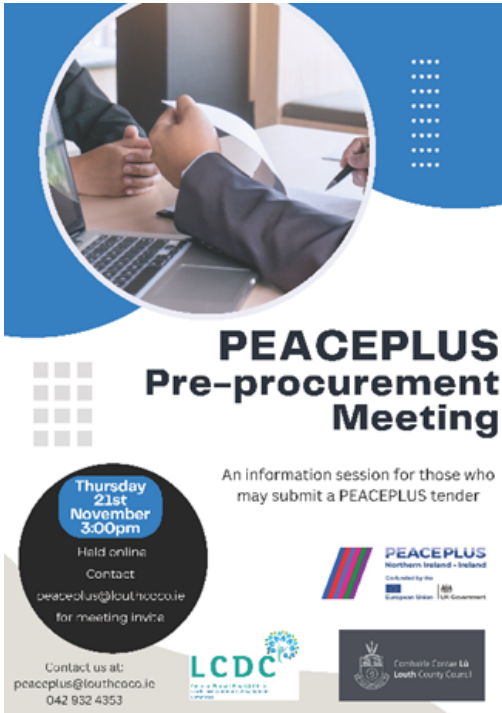
The 11th PEACEPLUS Partnership Meeting was held in November 2024. At this meeting it was agreed to proceed with a Pre-Procurement meeting for parties interested in tendering for a PEACEPLUS project, and to establish PEACEPLUS Tender Assessment Committees.

In November Invitations were circulated for the PEACEPLUS Tender Assessment Panels. Three panels will be established, one for each theme of PEACEPLUS. The aim of creating these panels is to streamline the Tender Assessment and Evaluation stage of procurement. The panels are comprised of those working within Louth County Council and external stakeholders who have worked in the areas being procured and have previous PEACE or procurement experience.



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**PEACEPLUS
Pre-procurement
Meeting**

An information session for those who may submit a PEACEPLUS tender

**Thursday
21st
November
3:00pm**

Held online
Contact
peaceplus@louthcoco.ie
for meeting invite

Contact us at:
peaceplus@louthcoco.ie
042 932 4353

PEACEPLUS Pre-procurement meeting:

A PEACEPLUS Pre-procurement meeting was held with stakeholders who were interested in submitting a response to a PEACEPLUS tender. This meeting had 35 attendees and provided guidance on the procurement process for Louth PEACEPLUS projects and outlined the indicative requirements. Details on PEACEPLUS procurement including the presentation slides as well as the PEACEPLUS procurement plan can be found on the Louth County Council website [PEACEPLUS webpages](#).

Upcoming events:

Tender Submission training

A Tender Submission training session will be held in January 2025. This training session will look at tender submissions via eTenders, and how to submit a high-quality tender response.

Contact the PEACE office for further details.



**Tender
Submission
Training**

A training session looking at tender submissions via eTenders, and how to submit a quality Tender Response

Wednesday
15th January
9:30am - 13:00pm

Held online
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Previous PEACE Projects:

Dundalk WWI Memorial

In December a wreath laying ceremony organised by Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann was held at the Dundalk WWI Memorial. The memorial was funded under the PEACE IV programme.



Thank you for reading!

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*Merry Christmas on behalf of the
Louth County Council PEACEPLUS
Team.*

*We hope you and your family enjoy
the festivities and have a very Happy
New Year*