



## EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland 2007-2013

### “PEACE III SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME”

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE – THEME V

##### 1. Introduction & Background

The main aims of the Peace III Programme are to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation by assisting operations and projects, which help to reconcile communities and contribute towards a shared future for everyone.

The three Councils of North Down, Ards and Down District have come together to play a more strategic role in the delivery of Peace III at a local level. The Councils, in partnership with statutory and social partners, have developed a local Peace Plan for the cluster. The Peace Plan will inform the delivery of financial support across the three Councils from Priority 1.1: *Building Positive Relations at a local Level*. This objective aims to challenge attitudes towards **sectarianism and racism** and support conflict resolution and mediation at a local community level.

The Peace III Plan for the cluster was founded on a transparent and inclusive planning process, which involved the community, key stakeholders and private, public and statutory organisations working within North Down, Ards and Down District. The five Priority Themes within the Plan, outline the types of initiatives which will be supported in order to **tackle racism and sectarianism at a local level**.

##### 2. Budget

European assistance totalling approximately £2.7 million has been secured by the Peace III Partnership. Almost 40% of this award has been ring-fenced for small grants initiatives under the five Priorities. This is the second round of small grants administered by the Partnership.

The minimum award is £10,000 and the maximum award is up to £70,000<sup>1</sup> per project. As all projects have to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, applicants are encouraged to set realistic budgets for their projects.

Projects must demonstrate how their project meets the identified need and can deliver the practical actions and outcomes detailed in the table below.

### 3. Theme 5: “Programmes which tackle racism”

This section provides applicants with details of the types of projects, which may be supported.

<b>THEME 5</b>	<b>Programmes which tackle racism</b>
NEED	The Peace Plan acknowledged that there was likely to be more incidents linked to racism than those recorded due to under reporting to PSNI. Under reporting is explained as mainly due to language barriers or fear of intimidation.
PRACTICAL: ACTIONS	<p>Programmes which would tackle racism and may be supported under theme 5 may include existing or new initiatives, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce a mapping study to identify/address need across the cluster</li> <li>• Deliver cultural diversity training</li> <li>• Deliver Racism Training with issues identified and resolved through racism training</li> <li>• Deliver mediation training issues identified and resolved through mediation training</li> <li>• Provide Language classes</li> <li>• Provide Translation services</li> <li>• Provide Support/advice for ethnic minority groups or migrant workers</li> <li>• Tackle prejudice</li> <li>• Integrate migrants and ethnic minorities into local communities/ community based activity</li> <li>• Improve dialogue/understanding between communities/different ethnic groups on different sides of the border</li> <li>• Deliver Study Visits or promote shared learning around cultural diversity issues or the needs of migrant workers</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Dependant on the level of funding available

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver Best Practice Exchanges to address racism</li> <li>• Deliver Story telling/publications/exhibitions/shared art works which address racism</li> </ul>
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A greater awareness/acceptance of racism issues</li> <li>• More inclusive communities/groups and workplaces</li> <li>• Improved ability of groups and individuals to work together for mutual benefit</li> <li>• Greater understanding/knowledge of cultural diversity issues or the needs of migrant workers</li> <li>• Greater access/provision of support services ethnic minorities and migrant workers</li> <li>• Increased contact/confidence and trust between communities /groups</li> <li>• Improved sense of security/community for ethnic minority groups and migrant communities</li> <li>• A reduction in intimidation</li> </ul> <p>Completion of a minimum of two attitudinal surveys/focus groups/on-line surveys during the life of the project (at commencement and on completion)</p>
Delivery Timetable	July 2010 – March 2011 <sup>2</sup>
INDICATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No of programmes which address racism supported</li> <li>• No of participants</li> <li>• No of training sessions</li> <li>• No of events/festivals/exhibitions/publications</li> <li>• No achieving qualifications where appropriate</li> <li>• No of community/voluntary/ groups involved</li> <li>• No of areas of common interest defined</li> <li>• No of areas of common interest resolved/attained</li> <li>• No of support services established/improved</li> </ul>

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<sup>2</sup> May be subject to amendment

#### 4. Information for applicants

Applicants to Theme 5: “Programmes which tackle racism” are required to demonstrate how their proposal will tackle racism.

Application forms and guidance notes can be downloaded from:

- SEUPB’s web-site, [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org).
- North Down, Ards and Down Councils web-sites or
- hard copies of small grants application packs are available from the Peace III Manager, North Down Borough Council.

Small Grants application packs include:

- Terms of Reference
- A Small Grants Application form and
- Guidance notes for completion

Applicants are strongly advised to relate their application to the North Down, Ards and Down Council’s Peace III Plan, which is available on each of the three councils’ websites.

Further information on the above can be obtained in the Peace III Operational Programme documents. To access these documents, please go to [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org).

#### 5. The Application Process

Full details of the application process can be found in the North Down, Ards and Down Councils, Small Grants Guidance notes.

Please send completed applications, marked with the relevant Theme, by post to: **Jan Nixey, Manager, Peace III, The Town Hall, The Castle, BANGOR, BT20 4BT.**

Alternatively you may email completed application forms to the Peace III Manager, [jan.nixey@northdown.gov.uk](mailto:jan.nixey@northdown.gov.uk) However, a signed hard copy of the final application must be received by the closing date.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the assessment process within eight weeks of the closing date. Details of an appeals process are available on request.

#### 6. Closing Date

The closing date for fully completed and signed applications is **4.30PM on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

## 7. Further Information

Should you require further information on this call or assistance in completing the application process, please do not hesitate to contact North Down Borough Council, Ards Borough Council or Down District Council;

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