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Priority 1.1 Local Community
Peace Action Plan

SCP Meeting
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Purpose of today

- To provide a final updated overview of projects to be included in the PEACEPLUS 1.1 Local Community Action Plan.
- Request that the Shared City Partnership:
 - Agree the PEACEPLUS Plan detailed in the presentation; and
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Recap - PEACEPLUS Action Plan

Total €17,437,277 / £15,162,850

Target of **17,437** participants to be engaged

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Plan**

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**Local
community
regeneration
and
transformation**

**Thriving and
peaceful
communities**

**Celebrating
Cultures &
Diversity**

% Budget Allocations /
Concepts (less admin and
implementation support costs)

40% max
£4,744,032

40% max
£4,930,032

20% min
£2,766,661

5 Concepts (plus
animation)

6 Concept Areas

5 Concept Areas

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Peacebuilding elements of the Action Plan

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- Creation of sustainable, inclusive and cross-community partnerships;
- Inclusion of all local areas across the City, including those who may not previously have participated within PEACE Programme activities;
- Focuses on activities that include: youth development programmes; health and wellbeing initiatives; community regeneration projects; redevelopment and re-imagining of existing community facilities for shared usage;
- Address issues of racism and sectarianism, increase social inclusion and promote civil leadership;
- Builds positive relations; social innovation; social enterprise; community education; and rural inclusion;
- Community ownership of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan through the co-design process;
- Co-design and ongoing community engagement continues throughout delivery phase;
- Complementarity and evolution from PEACE IV;
- Includes significant and sustained cross-community collaboration at the local level to deliver established development priorities;



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Current Status – Oct 23

- Initial Approval Sept 23 via SCP, SP&R, Council.
- Final Working Group Meetings.
- Internal Review of concepts, budgets and participant numbers.
- Alignment to requirements of SEUPB requirements.
- Consolidation of detailed budgets and activities.

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Theme 1 Community Regeneration & Transformation



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Theme 1.1 Community Regeneration & Transformation

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Capital proposals

- Approx £4.4m (minus fees) for **5 projects across the city**
- Projects of a **scale of approximately £500k-£600k**
- Animation budget will accompany projects



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Theme 1.1 – Capital Projects

<i>Project idea</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
CITY WIDE PROPOSALS – Facilities to be used by people from across the city		
LGBTQIA+ Hub	Redevelopment of the first floor of 2 Royal Avenue to provide a dedicated space for organisations representing the LGBTQIA+ with a shared services approach to the ground floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study previously completed and forms the basis of the project – ad hoc steering group continuing to meet. • Floor plan and concept designs being produced.
SOUTH		
Annadale Open Space	Transformation of a former bonfire site into a gated play / training pitch. A purpose-built Men’s Shed facility using modified shipping containers, located in the garden area of the Hub.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project developing from PEACE IV project which co-designed a concept master plan, following community consultation. • Discussions with stakeholder groups and identification of current priority areas. • Updated designs and costs initiated

Theme 1.1 Capital Projects

<i>Project idea</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
WEST		
Distillery Street redevelopment scheme	Creation of a new natural Play Area, Pathways, Wall Upgrades (including opening) and lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engagement with stakeholders initiated• Updated designs and costs initiated• Meetings held with potential project partners
NORTH		
Access to the Hills	Building upon the Forth Meadow Community Greenway proposed extensions to the routes at Glencairn and Ligoniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of the routes and feasibility being undertaken• Discussions around prioritisation in stakeholder workshops• Updated designs and costs initiated• Discussions started with National Trust as main landowner
EAST		
Sanctuary Theatre	The Sanctuary Theatre and the Big Umbrella Drama Group are based in the church at the interface of the Castlereagh Road and the Short Strand. Provide services for all communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultants appointed for concept design and costs• Meeting held with Group & Consultants to discuss process.• Stakeholder engagement to commence

Community Regeneration & Transformation

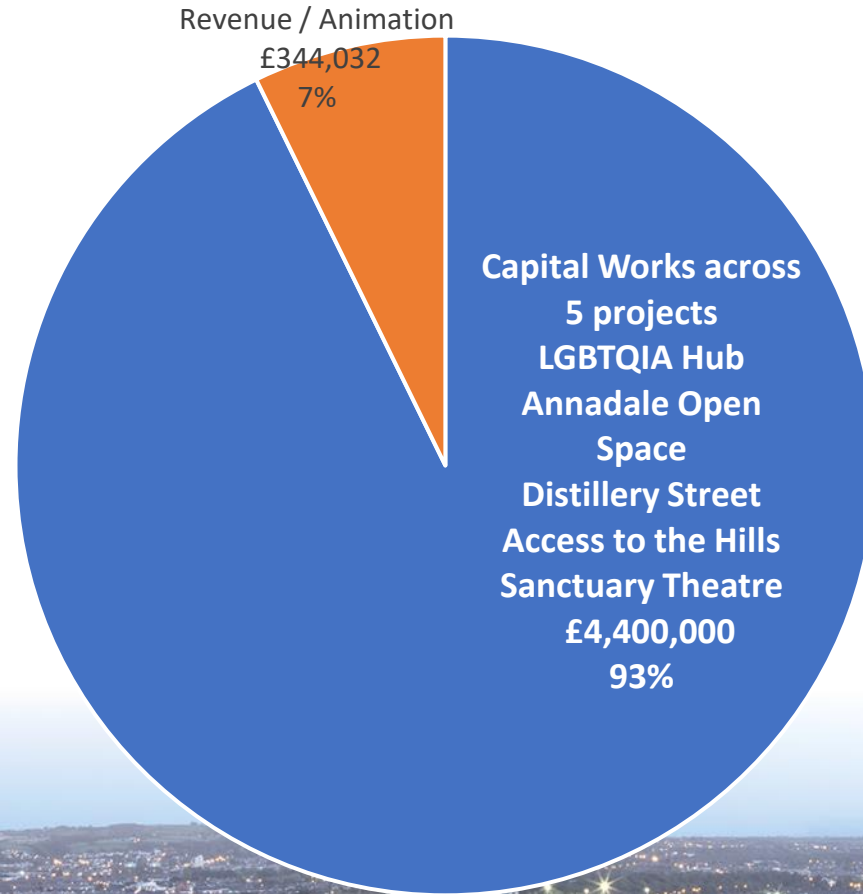
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Available Budget - £4,744,032
Budget Allocated - £TBC

Participants To Achieved - 4,258
% Achieved 24% of 17,437

Budget Allocation



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Theme 1 – Co-Design

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- BCC significant capital programme in Local Action Plan
- Scope to further evolve projects through co-design
- Animation Programme Development to achieve 4,258 participants
- Affordable, achievable, value for money and meet the Peace & Reconciliation criteria



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Theme 2 Thriving & Peaceful Communities Final Concepts



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Theme	THRIVING & PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES			
Concept	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget	
Capacity Building (Neighbourhood empowerment programme)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To deliver 10 local community empowerment programmes across N, S, E, W Belfast by 2027 2. To establish and facilitate a city wide Community Capacity Building Forum over 3 years 3. To deliver 2 city wide Community Leadership accredited training programmes annually for 3 years 4. To deliver 6 non accredited capacity building training workshops per annum over 3 years 5. To facilitate 3 best practice and networking events per annum over 3 years 6. To facilitate 1 cross border shared learning event per annum over 3 years 	1,000	£903,578	

Theme	THRIVING & PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES		
Concept	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
Health & Well-Being	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To deliver a cross community programme of activities to addresses mental health and wellbeing issues associated with the conflict 2. To deliver Therapeutic and support services such as counselling, life coaching and mentoring services at Tier 1 and 2 – delivered by local community. 3. To establish a cross community Working group in each of the 3-4 areas and meet 6 times per annum 4. To establish a cross community city-wide shared Learning Working Group and meet four times per annum 5. to host 1 conference/ seminar per annum 	1,600	£853,000

Theme	THRIVING & PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES		
Concept	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
Youth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enhance the capacity of young people to form positive relationships with others from a different background. 2. Children aged 9-12 (targeting different age groups P5-P7) – via schools and community setting - to include minority and newcomer communities, include SEN / Asperger’s / Autism 3. Young People aged 12-15, transition to secondary school – via community setting, include minority communities - 52 hours for up to 6-9 mths. 4. Young People aged 16-18 within community setting / target areas. Engaged for a period of 9-12 months 80 -100 hours (include weekly session / targeted focus work and/or residential / international study visits 5. Young Adults 19-25 within community setting - engaged for a period of 9-12 months 80 -100 hours (include weekly session / targeted focus work and/or residential study visits. 6. To establish a cross community collaborative networks of bringing youth providers from across the city together via Networking, 	2,106	£971,361

Theme	THRIVING & PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES		
Concept	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
Sport	<p>To promote positive relations and attitudinal change through sport and physical activity and build lasting partnerships between sports clubs, Schools and community groups across the city</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connecting Communities through Leadership - engages young people aged 16-18 years old to become Young Leaders and take part in a structured OCN training to become Peace Plus Sports Ambassador. 2. Connecting Communities through Community Activity/Participation – involves young participants aged 11-16. Includes local summer schemes with city wide / cross community celebration events; Personal Development / Good Relations / Mutual Understanding Programmes 3. To establish and facilitate a city-wide Sports consortium 4. Deliver a city-wide Community Leadership accredited training and mentoring programmes over 3 years 5. To facilitate 2 best practice and networking events per annum x3 6. To facilitate 3 cross border shared learning event per annum x3 	1,600	£711,646

Theme	THRIVING & PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES		
Concept	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
Employability	<p>Focus on specific ethnic minority communities, linked with employers in the city, including language and childcare support services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community provision of flexible language courses - To provide community based / delivered flexible language classes across the city for ethnic minority groups and offer wrap around supports such as childcare and/or travel to address barriers to maximise participation and engagement of the most vulnerable 2. Community Programme of Activities - To include tours to practice English language whilst learn about NI culture and local sights. Community events where local volunteers and participants can practice language, information sessions to support inclusion and integration, awareness talks on hate crime, housing rights, 3. Recognition events co designed by participants. 4. Explore facilitating a pilot bespoke employment academy (based on existing model via current BCC offering) 	816	£447,513

Theme	THRIVING & PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES		
Concept	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
Arts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create at least four pieces of creative arts that utilises different art genres and showcases and celebrates the diversity of cultures and heritage across the City 2. To initiate and facilitate four collaborative projects across the city each on a N, S, E, W basis. 3. Each of the 4 projects will comprise two cross community pairings linked to two similar art genres e.g., W&E - Music; S&N - Dance – with a joint Dance and Music new artistic creation; or E&N -Film, W&S Creative writing/ literary with a new screen play and film artistic creation 	496	£695,744

Thriving and Peaceful Communities (TPC)

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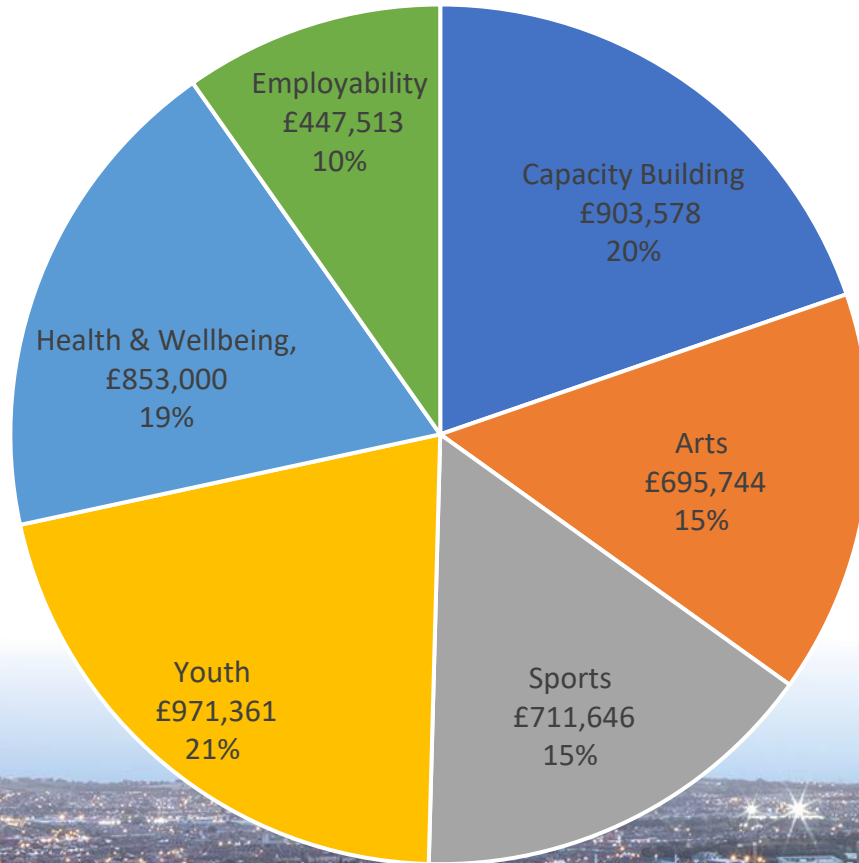
Available Budget - £4,950, 032

Budget Allocated - £4,582,842

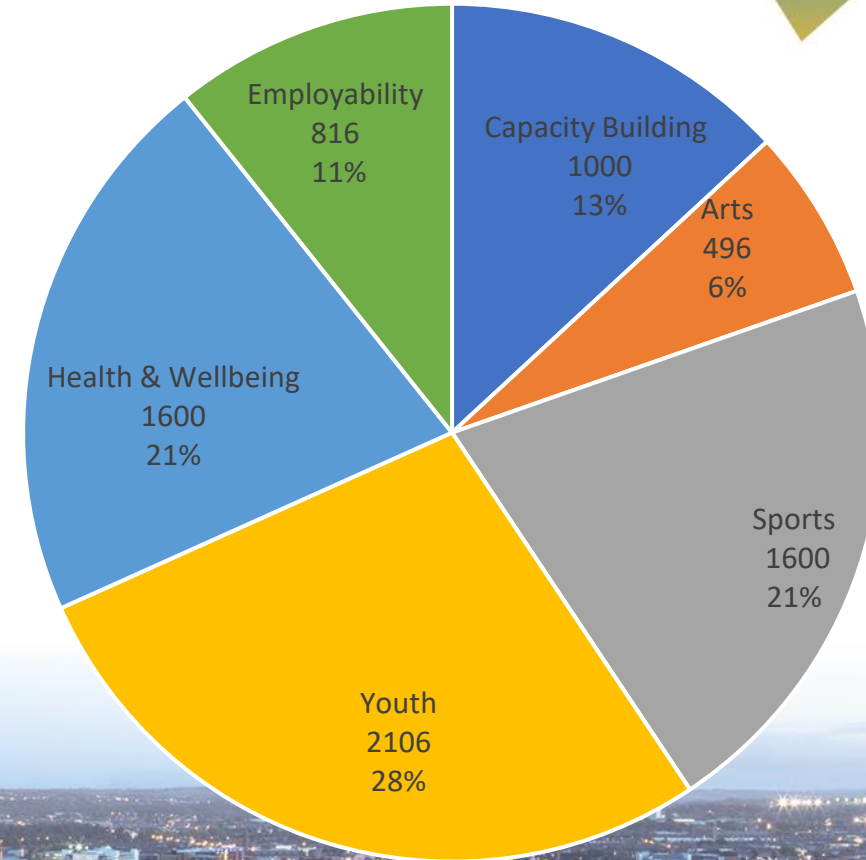
Participants Achieved - 7,618

Achieves 44% of 17,437

Budget Allocation



Participant Nos



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Theme 3 Celebrating Culture & Diversity

Final Concepts



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Theme Concept	Celebrating Cultures and Diversity		
Faith and Church / Religion & Belief	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="394 271 1936 656">1. Education and Awareness (3-year programme) Increase knowledge and awareness about different faiths &, beliefs across Belfast and as a result improve relations between people of different religions and non-religious backgrounds and build trust and respect through the development of educational materials. <li data-bbox="394 656 1936 1042">2. Unity and Peace- Welcoming Programme (18-month programme) - Increase awareness of the physical, human and community assets within different interfaith and belief organisations across Belfast with a view to seeing how these can best be utilised within Belfast’s vision of a shared society and city to help achieve the outcomes within the Belfast Agenda. <li data-bbox="394 1042 1936 1420">3. Celebrating Faith Festivals in the City (3-year programme) Celebrate and showcase the diversity of faiths & beliefs across Belfast through a range of different events and activities with a view to building Belfast’s vision of a shared society and city, that respects all and challenges prejudice, hatred and discrimination. 	870	£304,564

Theme Concept	Celebrating Cultures and Diversity		
Ethnic Minority	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="394 274 1939 614">1. Community Leadership and Mentoring Programme - Intensive coaching to grow the confidence and familiarity of the participants, building their leadership potential and personal growth, providing personal learning, mentoring and action learning as well as opportunities for public life mentoring. Accreditation (eg OCN) will be an option for participants. <li data-bbox="394 614 1939 956">2. Belfast Community Orientation and Cultural Facilitators - Training and support to develop 20 community orientation and cultural facilitators, that have lived experience of the asylum system or navigating life in Belfast. The facilitators will lead localised orientation programmes providing vital information to newcomers. <li data-bbox="394 956 1939 1299">3. Community Connectors Programme - To develop a community connectors programme, with 60 trained volunteers, (20 per year) that know Belfast well, skilling them with the capacity to become befrienders and community connectors, that have the confidence to link with people from new communities <li data-bbox="394 1299 1939 1426">4. Community and network building - identify and agree 3 council community spaces to operate a Belfast welcome hubs, providing a weekly 	752	£638,135

Theme Concept	Celebrating Cultures and Diversity		
	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
LGBTQAI+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaboration and Strategic direction for the sector - A strong communications strategy will be pivotal to raising awareness of the PEACEPLUS support for the LGBTQIA+ community and will be critical to supporting the message of inclusion, respect and cultural diversity. Communications and awareness raising activities will: 2. Outreach activities programme - between LGBTQIA+ support organisations and local community organisations. To educate local groups on the importance of inclusion, fostering an environment of acceptance and understanding of the LGBTQIA+ community; build outreach networks for signposting; facilitate safe spaces in local communities for LGBTQIA+ to engage and participate in community based activities and services. 3. Research - At the outset of the project a qualitative research project will be undertaken to record the life experiences of LGBTQIA+ people in Belfast. 	624	£391,672

Theme Concept	Celebrating Cultures and Diversity		
Ex Politically motivated prisoners community	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="394 274 1939 712">1. Welfare and health and Well-being Programme - to improve the welfare and health & well-being of former politically motivated prisoners Train 25 former politically motivated prisoners, or individuals nominated by currently established prisoner support groups, in Counselling. Facilitate locally available programmes on mental health, addictions and relationships. <li data-bbox="394 712 1939 1226">2. Interactive engagement activities - that engages the families of former politically motivated prisoners e.g. develop a number of Men’s and Hen’s Sheds to reduce the prevalence of social isolation. Develop an outlet for the families of former politically motivated prisoners to speak and listen to their own stories of the challenges, difficulties and trauma that they suffered, including a history project to assist former politically motivated prisoners and their families. <li data-bbox="394 1226 1939 1426">3. Practical initiatives to support the inclusion, participation and equality of former politically motivated prisoners, such as advocacy and lobbying. This will include opportunities to train people on Advice 	750	£493,006

Theme Concept	Celebrating Cultures and Diversity		
Culture and Heritage	Key Objectives	Participants	Est Budget
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Language and Cultural Access Programme – to highlight the indigenous linguistic heritage and new languages that are present within Belfast on a cross community basis through 1.1 Irish Language and Ulster Scots Heritage project and 1.2 New Languages Programme 2. Cultural Spaces Programme to increase awareness of the different culturally significant spaces across Belfast through inter community connected neighbourhood and city wide venues programme 3. Festivals and Flagship Events Programme to help flagship events become more accessible. This will include capacity building programme, Flagship events cultural connector programme and marching in step to different tunes and a fusion of Belfast Sounds Programme 4. Culture and Built Heritage Programme – to develop and enhance public space availability, usage and capacity, including showcasing our historical built environment, walking tours, 	2,565	£949,990

Celebrating Cultures & Diversity (CCD)

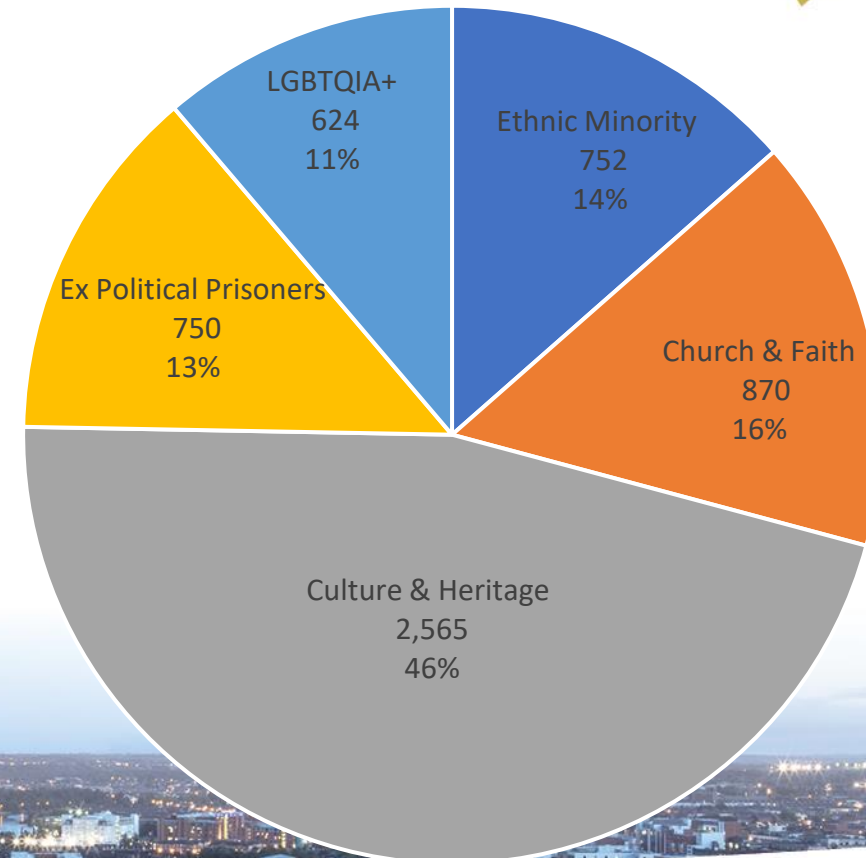
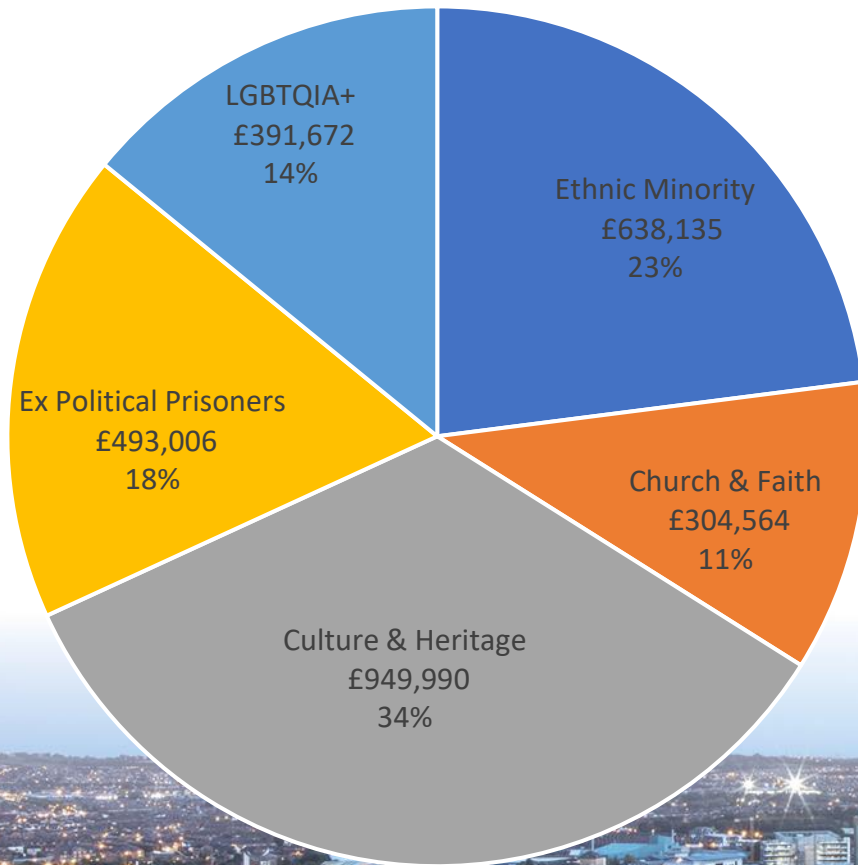
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Assigned Budget - £ 2,319,471
 TPC Reallocation £ 347,190
 Available Budget - £ 2,766,661
 Budget Allocated - £ 2,777,367 Shortfall -£10,706
 Budget Allocation

Participants Achieved - 5,561
 Achieves 32% of 17,437

Participant Nos



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PEACEPLUS Administration Costings

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Costings for key elements

1. Management of the overall plan, governance, compliance, financial claims and reporting – 7 Secretariat Staff - £1.4m (10%)
2. Project delivery and implementation – 6 Implementation Staff – £1.2M (8%)
3. Overhead Flat Rate for Office & Admin Costs - £432K
4. Financial Controller - £209K (2%)

Programme Rules allow up to 20% project costs + 15% Office & Admin Flat Rate



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Potential Future Development

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- Concepts finalised based on prioritisation by working groups
- Additional projects in reserve
- Engagement with working groups on current position
- SEUPB Feedback



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Preliminary Feedback - SEUPB

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- Belfast PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan is above delegation
 - Subject to more intense scrutiny – Economic Appraisal
 - Complexity in scope and scale of the Plan
 - Approach different from all other Councils
- Strong mix of concepts that link to key strategies / policies
 - Legacy Issues, Mental Health, Youth, LGBTQIA+, Employability
 - Co-design remains strong throughout delivery of the Plan
- Clear evolution of peace initiatives and complementarity with PEACE IV
 - Includes activities for traditional, marginalised and new communities



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Timeline	Key Milestone / Next Steps
15 Sept	Finalise draft concepts with working groups
9 Oct	SCP agree action plan in principle
20 Oct	SPR agree initial action plan in principle
1 Nov	Council agree initial action plan in principle
2 Nov	Plan submission commences
6 Nov	SCP Final update on action plan and Submission
7/13 Nov	Public Engagement Workshop(s)



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SCP Decision

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