

**United Kingdom-Derry: Equal opportunities consultancy services**

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Contract notice

Services

**Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: [www.derrystrabane.com](http://www.derrystrabane.com)**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.3. Main activity**

General public services

**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities****Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

PEACE IV 'Cross-Cultural Strategic Initiative' TBUS 17-009.

**II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery**

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

NUTS code UKN05 West and South of Northern Ireland

**II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The notice involves a public contract

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

This tender is for project activity 5.2a 'Cross-Cultural Strategic Initiative' This project is part of the 'Building Positive Relations' work-plan for the council's PEACE IV programme. The initiative is our key local Irish and Ulster Scots identity based programme under Peace IV. Its objective is to deliver a programme to further develop strategic links and sustained partnership-working, dialogue, shared space and programming between the Irish, Ulster-Scots and Marching Bands identities across the Council area and immediate border area.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

98200000 Equal opportunities consultancy services, 79411000 General management consultancy services, 75112000 Administrative services for business operations

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

This tender is for project activity 5.2a 'Cross-Cultural Strategic Initiative' This project is part of the 'Building Positive Relations' work-plan for the council's PEACE IV programme. The initiative is our key local Irish and Ulster Scots identity based programme under Peace IV. Its objective is to deliver a programme to further develop strategic links and sustained partnership-working, dialogue, shared space and programming between the Irish, Ulster-Scots and Marching Bands identities across the Council area and immediate border area.

This initiative builds on the significant development of relationships across the Ulster Scots /Irish/PUL\* (\*Protestant, Unionist, Loyalist) cultural sectors which was seen as a model of best practice from when Derry~Londonderry was the UK city of Culture in 2013. Events such as the inclusion of PUL marching bands performing in the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann or involvement in the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis are ground-breaking. This programme seeks to sustain and strategically build the dialogue and collaborative process across these sectors. It must also seek include a specific cross-border dimension with the inclusion of e.g. A Donegal based Ulster Scots centre and Irish Language Institutions in Letterkenny. The programme must seek to use local Ulster-Scots, Irish Cultural and PUL cultural hubs (urban and rural within the Derry City and Strabane District Council area and border area) within its delivery in order to positively challenge and broaden perceptions of shared space as well as cultural identity. Specifically this programme will focus on sustained local cross-community (and cross-border) contact programmes for:

- a) Local organisations working collaboratively in this field (staff, volunteers and committees).
- b) Residents engagement in cross-community cultural and heritage programmes

These programmes will run within the time-frame 1.7.2017 — 31.12.2020 i.e. a 3.5 year programme of activity but do not necessarily have to last the full duration of this should they meet their targets earlier.

Tenderers should note that at a later date a separate smaller programme will be tendered for a programme for Individuals and organisations relevant to these sectors who would benefit from Sustainability/Social Economy/Business support. It would be anticipated that the successful tenderer for this contract would be requested to work constructively with the successful

tenderer of that programme should they be a different provider.

The tendered programme must include:

— Project steering group: Establishment and co-ordination of a cross-community project steering group which will meet fortnightly for the duration of the programme and bring together people representing Irish language and cultural organisations, Ulster Scots and PUL language and cultural organisations. The purpose of this group will be to work collaboratively to produce a programme of combined activity/delivery which will allow residents and the wider community to engage in sustained cross-community cultural and heritage programmes. The steering group will also be a forum for other conversations and collaborations as and when other opportunities and issues arise. Members of this group will count as 'project participants' for participation targets.

— A programme of combined activity: Arising from the project steering group collaboration a cross-community cross-cultural programme of activity will be developed and delivered across a minimum of 3-4 relevant local venues (rural and urban). The programme should include Irish, Ulster-Scots and Protestant/Unionist/Loyalist cultural content such as music, dance, cultural awareness and promotion to non-traditional audiences and tackling of mis-perceptions and myths around elements of these cultures. The programme should focus on delivery of a sustained cross-community project or projects which allow the same group(s) of participants the opportunity to participate on a cross-community basis for a minimum of 6 months /26 hours contact time together. The bulk of suggested activities in any tender bid should have significantly more than this minimum contact time and weekly contact is recommended. Single-identity work is not eligible in this intervention. There should also be clear cross-border elements within this programme and cross-border participation as well as inbuilt consideration of sustainability and equality. It is understood and accepted that included in this programme there will be a wider benefit and opportunities for wider attendance at particular elements of the programme, however only those who engage on the sustained basis for over 6 months can be counted as project 'participants'. The programme should culminate in an opportunity to showcase the work to a wider audience as a model of best practice in collaborative work across these sectors. For the purposes of this tender an outline draft programme must be set out and costed which will form the basis of further discussion with the steering group when established.

All programme activities will be required to take an OBA (Outcomes Based Accountability) approach to ensure they are positively influencing attitudes towards and knowledge of diversity as well as sustaining cross-community and cross-border contact.

In terms of measured direct impact on participants, the work must be effective in improving participants understanding of their own and other's heritage and culture; improve tolerance, respect and celebration of cultural diversity; improve attitudes towards cross-community and cross-border activities; improve levels of trust; decrease prejudice; and improve capacity and confidence of participants in addressing sectarianism and racism and positively influencing wider attitudes within their community and educational context. It should also increase their sense of belonging and involvement in civic life and local community.

### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

### **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 42 (from the award of the contract)

## Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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### III.1. Conditions related to the contract

#### III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require bonds, deposits, guarantees or other appropriate forms of undertaking or security to secure proper performance of the contract.

#### III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Details will be set out in the invitation to tender documents.

#### III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require groupings of contractors to take a particular legal form upon contract award.

#### III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: The Applicant must comply with all applicable fair employment, equality of treatment and anti-discrimination legislation as a condition to the performance of the contract. The contract will be subject to conditions so that the Contracting Authority and the Constituent Councils can comply with their statutory duty to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity as set out in Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Schedule 9 of the Act and with their statutory duty to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development as set out in Section 25 of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006.

### III.2. Conditions for participation

#### III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: In accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and as set out in the Invitation to Tender available from the address specified.

#### III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: In accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and as set out in the Invitation to Tender available from the address specified.

#### III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

In accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and as set out in the Invitation to Tender available from the address specified.

#### III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

### III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

#### III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

#### III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

## Section IV: Procedure

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#### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

##### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open

##### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

##### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

'Cross-Cultural Strategic Initiative' TBUS 17-009

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 23.3.2017  
Payable documents: no

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

24.3.2017 - 12:00

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 5 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 24.3.2017 - 12:30

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Elected members of Derry City and Strabane District Council only.

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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##### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

##### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: SEUPB Peace IV Programme measure 4.1 Building Positive Relations at a Local Level.

### **VI.3. Additional information**

This authority will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The High Courts of Justice of Northern Ireland  
Postal address: The Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street  
Town: Belfast  
Postal code: BT1 3JF  
Country: United Kingdom

#### **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: The High Courts of Justice of Northern Ireland  
Postal address: The Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street  
Town: Belfast  
Postal code: BT1 3JF  
Country: United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

#### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

#### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

9.2.2017