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PEACEPLUS

Programmes for Newry Mourne and Down District Council

Local employers, employees and residents across Newry Mourne and Down District Council are being given the opportunity to boost their skills through a series of FREE courses supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme.

PEACEPLUS is a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and represents a funding partnership between the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive.

These fully funded programmes supporting Leadership Development, Empowerment and Community action, will be delivered by South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of Newry Mourne and Down District Council.

Who is it for?

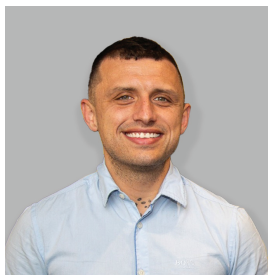
- Individuals residing in the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area
- Staff who are underemployed or employed and seeking career progression

All programmes will be delivered in the community in the Newry Mourne and Down District Council Area.

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PEACEPLUS Project



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Civic Leadership and Mentoring Programme

The programme aims to increase civic participation on a multigenerational basis, including minority and newcomer communities. This is an introductory programme to enable 'tomorrow's community leaders' to develop the necessary skills and knowledge, supported by group mentoring to help build confidence and capability and develop lasting cross-community relationships.

This six-week programme will engage learners in workshops, engagement days and one-to-one mentoring to grow skills and develop opportunities for participants.

Participants will:

- Develop confidence in leadership
- Build a professional network to enable their progression in leadership
- Avail of 1-2-1 mentoring and support
- Improve skills

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Civic Leadership Programme

The Civic Leadership Programme will support new and existing leaders to lead and affect positive change in local communities and organisations.

Participants will undertake a CMI Level 5 Award in Management and Leadership.

Participants will:

- Develop the skills needed to lead and manage individuals and teams.
- Gain a broader knowledge of skills to become more effective in specific management areas.
- Focus on the areas that are most appropriate to their role and organisation.

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Connect and Grow

This programme will support underrepresented groups and minorities across the Newry Mourne and Down Council area, through a 6-week employment support programme.

Participants will:

- Build confidence
- Develop new skills
- Develop your CV
- Develop communication and interview skills
- Link you to local employers
- Link you to local support networks for ongoing mentoring

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Female Empowerment Programme

This exciting programme provides a space for women and girls to develop their skills in leadership and personal confidence. Through the delivery of a Level 3 Award in Employability and Professional Development Skills, workshops and a cross-border conference to network with like-minded women, participants will be empowered to take forward their goals and aspirations.

Participants will:

- Gain a recognised Level 3 Qualification
- Network with women across communities and cross border
- Increase confidence and self esteem
- Develop skills
- Take part in dynamic development workshops and a cross-border event.

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Give it a Go Programme

This fun and exciting 6-week programme brings together groups of people across communities with common share interests.

Programmes can be delivered across areas of:

- Family support, cookery and budgeting
- Gardening
- DIY
- IT skills

Participants will:

- Meet new people
- Improve skills
- Build confidence

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Gender Empowerment Programme

This programme will provide fun, engaging and innovative activity programmes for single identity gender groups across Newry, Mourne and Down. Through a six-week workshop-based programme, participants can engage in new skills activity based on the needs of the groups.

This may include:

- DIY and Joinery
- Finance
- Arts and Crafts
- Cookery Skills
- IT

Participants will:

- Meet new people in their area
- Engage in 1-2-1 support
- Showcase their achievements in a celebration event

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Ideas Lab

This programme is ideal for people who are engaged in community development. The programme introduces new approaches to addressing community issues, utilising design thinking as a tool for social change through a series of masterclasses.

Participants will:

- Increase understanding of Community Planning
- Understand and develop approaches to tackling local issues
- Develop strong networks
- Receive 1-2-1 mentoring and support

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Introduction to Digital Skills

This programme will be delivered through a series of tailored workshops and mentoring to support the development of skills in Social Media and Digital Marketing, Office 365 applications and a greater understanding of the funding landscape. The Skills Development Programme is ideal for anyone engaged in supporting groups across the community and voluntary sector or for anyone who would like to expand their skills in these areas.

Participants will:

- Build confidence
- Develop a broader knowledge of skills to help be more effective in specific areas
- Have the opportunity to obtain two 2hr sessions of online guided support

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Project Management and Volunteering

This exciting programme will support participants to identify, plan and deliver a volunteering project in the local community. Participants will undertake the Level 3 qualifications in Project Management and the OCN Level 2 qualification in Volunteering Skills, that will develop planning, management and stakeholder engagement skills.

This programme is open to those who have an interest in, or who may already volunteer across a range of local organisations, helping you to deliver opportunities for your local community.

Participants will:

- Acquire new skills
- Build confidence and develop community relationships
- Gain a recognised qualification
- Have the opportunity to progress into further training and/or employment

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Skills for Employment

The Skills for Employment will provide participants with the support they need to develop skills and build confidence and motivation to support their journey onto employment. Participants will undertake the City and Guilds Level 1 Qualification in Employability that will develop the skills, attributes and values that are needed to enter and succeed in the workplace.

Participants will:

- Build confidence and self esteem
- Develop CV and communication skills
- Gain a recognised qualification
- Have doors opened to new job opportunities

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Volunteering Leadership Programme

This programme will support new and existing volunteers to develop a range of skills through the OCN NI Level 2 award in Volunteering Skills. Participants will take part in volunteering workshops and showcases and cross border knowledge exchange visits.

Participants will:

- Gain a recognised Level 2 Qualification
- Build confidence
- Strengthen your network across your community and cross border
- Learn new skills to support your local community
- Develop new and exciting projects

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