Aim of Session

• Provide an overview of TechConnects Tender Opportunity
  • Scope / Minimum Requirements
  • Timeline
  • Targets
• Outline of procurement process
• Top Tips - Procurement
• Opportunity to ask questions
• Network with others
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Project aim

• Provide children and young people with opportunities to collaborate and have fun, learn using creative technology

• Peace building – Build positive relations with others contributing to a cohesive society

• A citywide age-appropriate programme of engagement across 3 age groups - children, young people and young adults
Overview

• 3 age groups – 1,152 Participants
• Focus on cross community work - Participants from the two main communities and ethnic minority communities
• £264,400 contract to December 2021

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Changes from previous procurement exercise

• Reduction in contact hours for 3 age groups
• ITT documentation clearer
• Extended response time
• Simplified process and evaluation criteria
• Reviewed finance requirements
Engagement / Targets

Children (aged 6 to 10). Minimum target: 512. Contact 43 Hours

• Create 8 new afterschool clubs across the city - paired schools of a different community background.

• ICT / technology based session per week (26 weeks)

• Design and deliver eight showcase events
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Engagement / Targets

**Young People (aged 11 to 16). Minimum target: 480. Contact 71.5 Hours**

- 8 Tech Camps/Clubs – using creative technology to explore and address a social topic concerning their local areas
- Meet fortnightly to build on relationships (15 weeks)
- Use Technology to explore each other's neighbourhoods
- Involvement in showcase and cross border story-telling events
Engagement / Targets

Young Adults (aged 17 to 24). Minimum target: 160. Contact 41 Hours

- Two-day in-sight course, utilising different technology skills to provide capacity building.
- Support by mentors over a period of six months
- Signposting to digital media programmes
Engagement / Targets

• Interim Target - 400 participants – recruited and participating in the project by December 2018

• 1,152 participants completed various aspects of project by December 2021

• Deprived areas affected by educational underachievement / interfaces

• Key thread through all elements – building positive relations
Outcomes

**Ages 6 to 10**
- Enhanced value placed on learning;
- Increased levels of friendships with children from a different background;
- Enhanced understanding of differences and respect for other traditions;
- Improved confidence and social interaction skills.

**Ages 11 to 16 and 17 to 24**
- Capacity development;
- Increased levels of friendships with people from a different background;
- Enhanced understanding of differences and respect for other traditions;
- Improved confidence and social interaction skills.
Impacts

• Increase the number of people who think relations between Protestants and Catholics are better than they were 5 years ago.

• Increase the number of people who think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be better in 5 years’ time by positively changing attitudes amongst participants.

• Increase the number of people who know quite a bit about the culture of some minority ethnic communities by positively changing attitudes amongst participants.
Procurement

• Procurement process - open procedure - Invitation to tender
• Procurement timetable – Open 6 July – Mid Aug
• Award by September 2018
• Overview of Bravosolutions
  ✓ Stage 1 - Qualification envelope
  ✓ Stage 2 - Selection (Technical envelope)
  ✓ Stage 3 – Award include Commercial (Technical envelope)
• Terms and Conditions
## Evaluation Scoring Model

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<td>Excellent</td>
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Pay attention to weighting of various sections / questions
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Summary

Project lifespan: September 2018 – December 2021
Budget: £264,400
Target Numbers: 1,152 Participants

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Top Tips

1. Review tender documents as soon as it is open
2. Seek clarification
3. Make sure that you meet the minimum requirements.
4. Follow instructions ... Pass / Fail questions do what they say on the tin...
5. Do not exceed the stated budget
6. Sell your organization ... Assume ignorance . Don’t be modest!
7. Answer all the questions as fully as possible.
8. Read the submission instructions carefully and follow them to the letter.
9. Give substance to your answers ... Stay within the word limits.
10. Last but definitely not least – read, review and proofread your bid.
Questions?