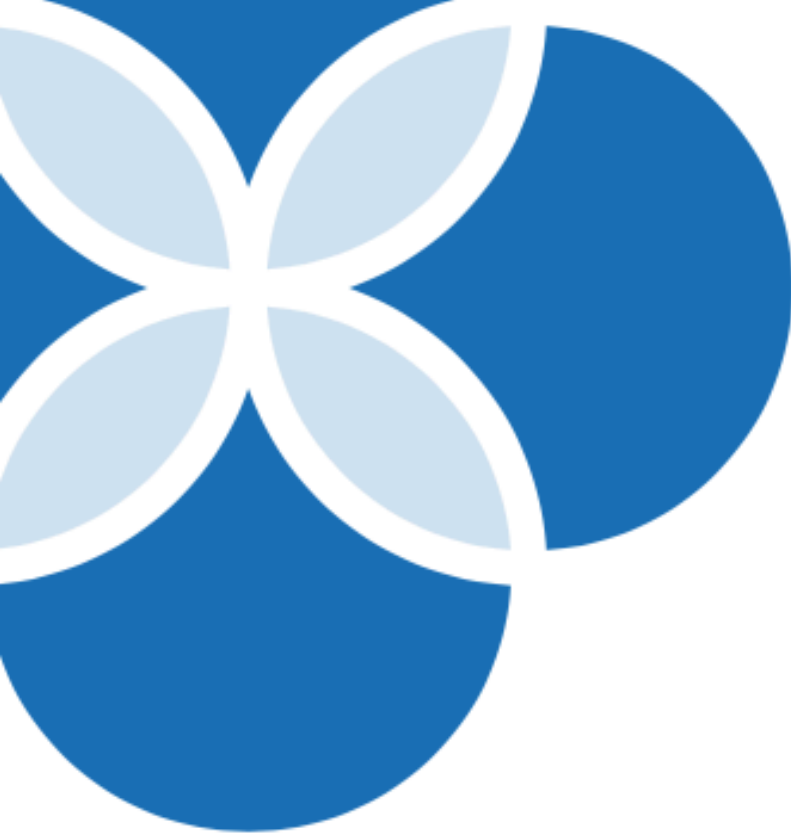


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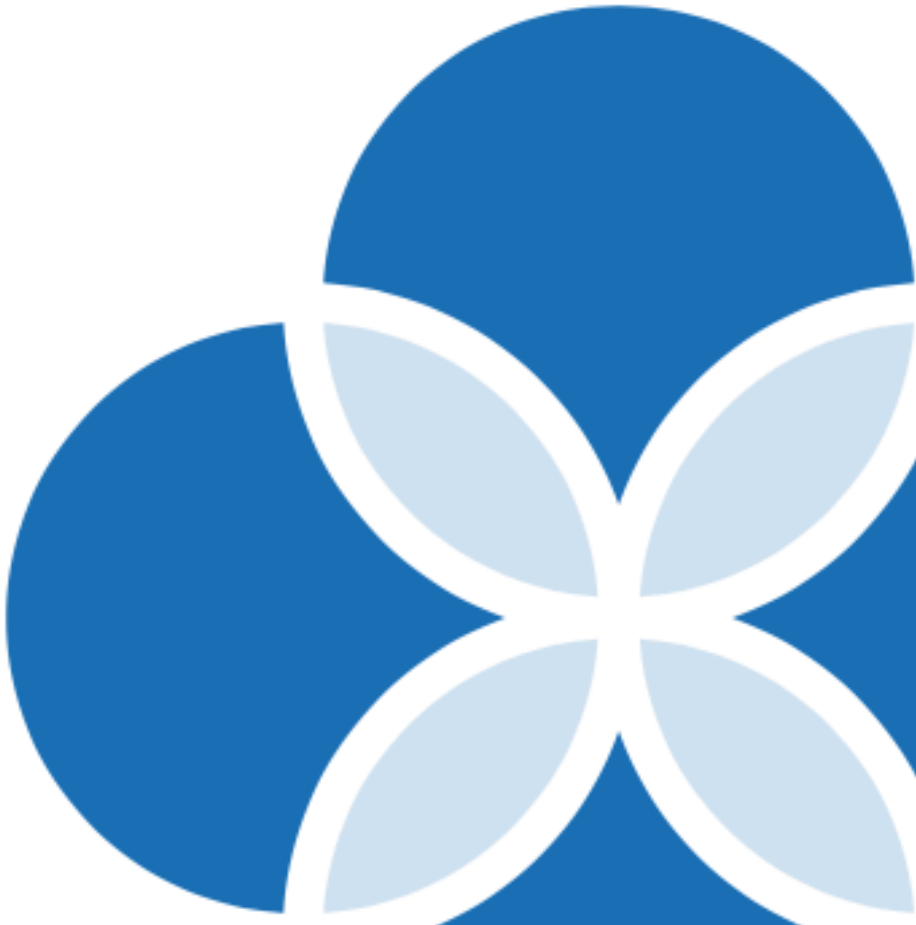
Year One Round Up





The Scottish Peace Platform is a new initiative implemented by **Beyond Borders Scotland** and the **University of Edinburgh Law School** and funded by the **Scottish Government**. It aims to **connect *and* cohere** Scotland's vibrant peace sector

The Scottish Peace Platform went through a project inception period from March-August 2025 and officially **launched in September 2025**. Following mapping, surveying, and consultations with organisations and individuals working on peace in Scotland, it emerged as a **member network** with 3 membership categories



The SPP adopts a **wide definition of peace**. This is based on the understanding that peacebuilding is a process that expands outward, from conflict contexts into peacetime. The Platform draws on the idea of “ripples” from **Professor Christine Bell**, of the University of Edinburgh Law School. As she writes, “**it can be useful to think about types of peacebuilding activities as nested within each other and connecting in and out like ripples**”*. Members of the SPP actively work on one or more circles of peacebuilding, and can connect with members working in other circles.



*Reference: Figure 2.1, p.21 – Bell, C, 2023, PeaceTech: Digital transformation to end wars. 1st edn, Palgrave Macmillan

The SPP builds on a **long history** of peace work in Scotland, and is **partnering with members** to deliver innovative and important activities

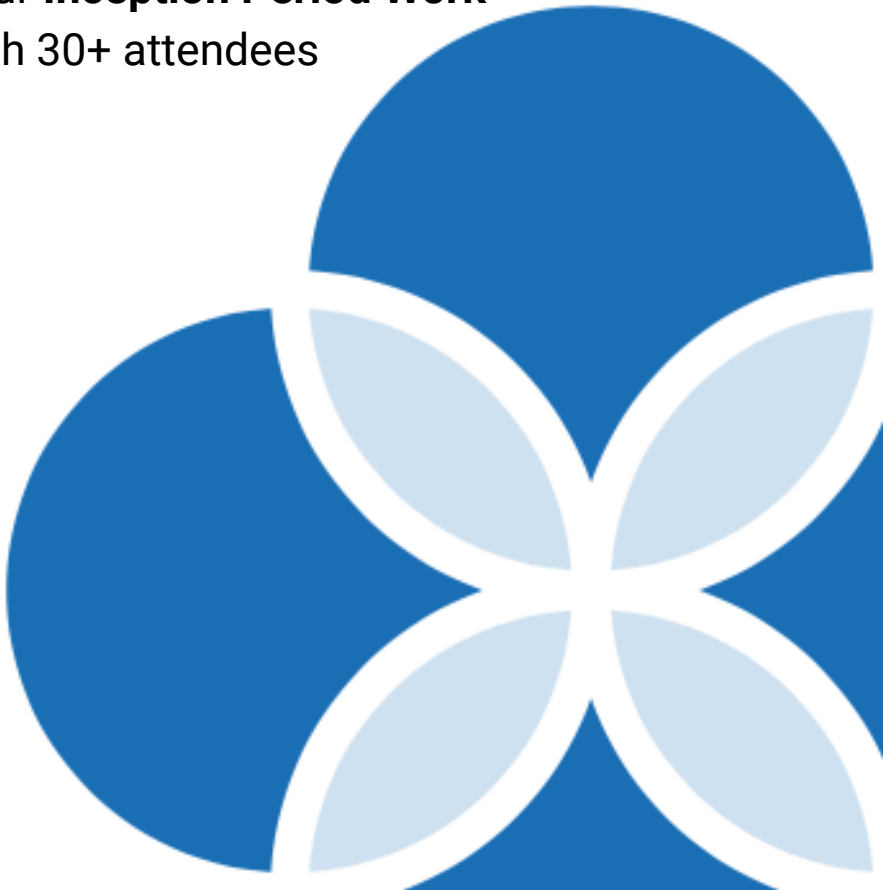




The SPP aims to connect with the Beyond Borders Scotland *Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship* and its Alumnae Network, including through webinars highlighting alumnae and visits during upcoming Fellowships in Scotland, expanding **feminist-informed peace practice** in Scotland and internationally

Inception Period: March - August 2025

- **Mapped** and **surveyed** Scotland's peace sector
- **Consulted** key stakeholders
- **Met** with other peace platforms, institutes, and centres globally
- Identified **priorities** and focus areas
- Created **governance documents** (ToR, Code of Conduct)
- Held our **Inception Period Workshop** with 30+ attendees



Inception Period Workshop: August 2025



- Launched our website www.scottishpeaceplatform.org and held a digital platform launch
- Held our inaugural **AGM** and established our first **Advisory Board** of 9 representatives of Scottish organisations working on peace
- Grew our **membership** across all categories
- **Highlighted** Beyond Borders Scotland *Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship* alumnae through thematic webinars
- Worked with member organisations on **5 partner peacebuilding activities**
- **Brought together** members at our World Cafe Networking Day
- Began recording the *Scottish Stories of Peace* **podcast series**, coming May 2026

**Establishment period:
September 2025 - April 2026**

Partner peacebuilding activities: Sept 2025 - March 2026

'9 Years of the Colombia Peace Process'
with **Glasgow Latin American Research Network**



"Fostering reconciliation and building peace is a long process and not simply a destination."

Webinar: 'Healing, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding in Rwanda and the DRC' with **Callum Henderson (Comfort Congo)**

Partner peacebuilding activities: Sept 2025 - March 2026



**'Rebuilding Gaza:
The Role of
the Education
Sector'
conference with
Educators for Peace**



Partner peacebuilding activities: Sept 2025 - March 2026

Consultation on the WPS National Action Plan refresh with **GAPS**



Peer mediation and peace education at a Scottish primary school with **WOSDEC** and **Scottish Mediation**



World Cafe Networking Day: April 2026

Presentations,
short films,
resources,
and even board
games from
our members,
sharing the
wide variety
of peace work
taking place in
Scotland





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member organisations
guiding the work we do

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'Our Members'
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Visit our website to find out more about the Scottish Peace Platform, partnering or getting involved in our second year, and keep an eye out for upcoming events and our new podcast!



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