

The Blossoming of Being Peace

 Launching into a sustainable future 

A little recap...

- End of December 2023: Just under £600k available for the Being Peace project.
- Since the 1st January 2024:
 - more than five thousand donations received
 - cash resources for Being Peace increased by over £2.6m
 - Nearly half a million pounds in interest-free, friendly loans from within the community

Increase of more than £3m of finance available to the project in less than 2 years

Spring 2025: The campaign to secure Abenhall!

- Over £1m raised in just over 6 weeks
- Transformed by an individual, anonymous donation of £500k to provide matched funding, and a stream of extraordinary generosity from across the community
- Allowed the trustees, following further due diligence, to secure this site for Being Peace for a purchase price of £3.6m.



**Join us to secure
Abenhall this month**
A Refuge for Peace
& Transformation

Being Peace
PRACTICE CENTRE

To secure this site and make these retreats a reality, we need to raise £1 million this spring. Your support will help us create a lasting home for Plum Village in the UK.

*Together, we go as a river.
Thank you for walking this path with us.*

Donate to help secure Abenhall

Summer/Autumn '25: Moving into start-up phase

- Abenhall secured! Now we must equip it, staff it, and launch it debt-free.
- Further due diligence and modelling to confirm our original projections of start-up costs confirmed.

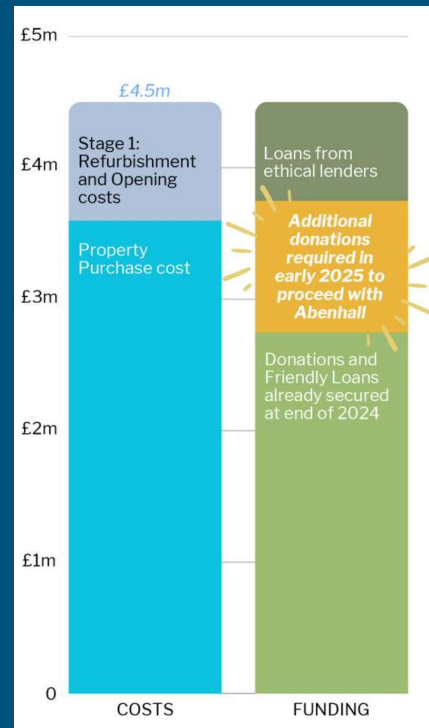
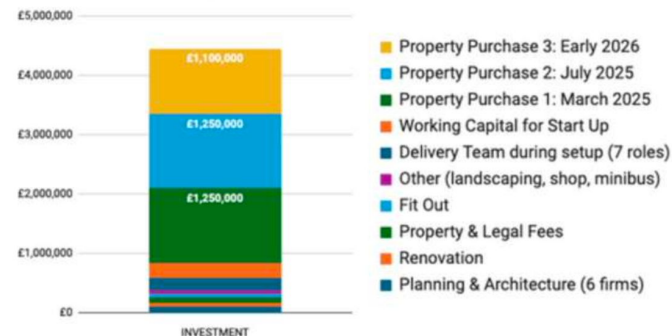
Capital Expenditure Budget

Please note this chart summarises the capital expenditure budget for stage 1 only.

Factors included:

- Total £3.6 million of property purchase cost
- Approximately £900,000 of planning and start-up costs (with 3 months of working capital cash buffer)

Investment Uses for Stage 1



Planning for our sustainable launch

- Centre fit-out, Refurbishments and Repairs:

Commercial kitchen installation

Meditation hall preparation (sound & hearing loop wiring, boot-room & toilet re-configuration)

General Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FFE)

Vehicle(s)

Gardens (landscaping)

- Pre-opening staffing costs

Staff costs prior to opening, from which point onwards they are factored into business-as-usual and covered by centre revenue projections

- Development and preparation of camping area:

Stage 2 Planning and Camping Licence Work, camping area set up (inc. toilets, marquee)

- Operational cash reserve

Ideal: 6 months of advance cash flow requirements

October 2025: Confirmed total requirement of **£750k**

Planning our sustainable launch (2)

- Final contract negotiations earlier this year: delayed final payment of £750k to June 2026
- Longer-term opportunities in the area of grants (spirituality, wellbeing, environmental), potential alliances with ethical business networks, Being Peace home-made products - and the huge benefit that comes from gifts in wills.
- Loans from ethical lenders are a possibility
- Wish for 100% of all donations to go to the benefit of the centre, as they have done so far

Near-term focus on donations and, if needed, further friendly loans to support our March 2026 opening with the most favourable possible conditions

Join a Growing Movement of Support

We are incredibly grateful to our global community for coming together to support this project and for helping us raise a significant portion of the funds we need.

Supporters from **47 countries** all over the world have contributed to the project so far.

Thanks to your generosity and support we managed to raise additional funds and surpassed our target of £1m to purchase Abenahall.

The next phase includes borrowing up to £750k for renovations, setup, and running costs. As borrowing involves interest, we are deeply grateful for any additional donation or friendly loan that helps reduce this cost.

Every contribution, big or small, helps turn this vision into a sustainable and accessible centre for peace and healing —one that will serve for generations



The next chapter...

- Launching our next campaign at the end of November, aiming to raise all remaining requirements through donations if possible, before our March public opening
- Reaching out in preparation:
 - Transformative power of matching funds
 - Bodhisattvas who have appeared to help this happen at every stage
- Friends of Being Peace - Community Fundraising Circle



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