

Core Funded Groups 2021/22

An Gaeláras Ltd

£28,304.47 The Droichead project in An Gaeláras has been key in the development of an innovative successful working relationship with those perceived to be representative of the two main disparate cultural communities.

Its success is reflected in the normalising of a working relationship between representatives of the Irish Language, Ulster Scots and Marching Band communities.

Droichead is the only project in the Northwest of Ireland providing accessible language awareness and cultural programmes and Irish classes to non-traditional learners. As the language becomes more visible, gaining growing stature within official institutions, including DCSDC Tri-lingual policy, Droichead provides the opportunity to access the language through education rather than first encounters being through local news or signage. The organisation has established itself as an experienced practitioner in mediating difficult conversations as well as delivering well attended, inclusive, celebratory, high quality, multi-cultural events.

37 Great James Street

Derry

BT48 7DF

www.culturlann.org

Building Communities Resource Centre

£46,129 Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC) core areas of work are: Community Development & Good Relations, BAME, Mental Health, Disability and Older People.

BCRC is recognised as one of the leading NGOs in in the Causeway Coast and Glens driving forward quality community initiatives using a community development approach at an appropriate level.

BCRC Outreach Workers, resourced by CRC Core funding, will build relations of trust and work towards a peaceful and shared society based on reconciliation and mutual trust with communities in the Causeway Coast and Glens borough. BCRC will focus on Children & Young people Leadership & Shared Education; Developing Shared Spaces; Community Safety Fresh Start Agreement work; Building Positive Communities and continuing the legacy of our Key Institutions work with cultural institutions.

Unite 22-23 Acorn Business Centre

Ballymoney

BT53 7LH

Community Relations Forum

The core business of CRF is to respond to the needs of the residents of the borough and is underpinned by equality, good relations and inclusion for all, promoting good community relations by encouraging honest and open dialogue, enabling people to have a better understanding of and respect for each other's views and opinions.

They work to help ensure that all residents of the borough can live together, in a safe, pleasant, vibrant and shared community where everyone feels equal, safe and welcome. CRF provides the means to network within the community, deliver good relations events, programmes and activities, offer history classes, dialogue sessions, reminiscence classes, dialogue with ex-combatants, a hate crime card scheme, partnership opportunities to engage with statutory agencies and a place to enjoy a chat and cuppa.

CRF work from the Barron Hall, which they have developed into a shared space building used by the whole community.

The Barron Hall

230 Antrim Road

Glengormley

BT36 0TS

Community Relations in Schools (CRIS)

£79,317 Community Relations in Schools (CRIS) is a peacebuilding and education charity that works in partnership with schools, district councils, and other statutory providers to positively and systematically address the separated context of living in Northern Ireland.

Through strategic action, service delivery, reflective practice, advocacy and research CRIS has developed unique, multi-faceted, collaborative approaches to achieve its mission which is:

"To be a leading agent of change in shaping an inclusive, peaceful and safe society where everyone has hope and the opportunity to learn and grow."

Unit 6

Belfast

BT15 2GG

Early Years - the organisation for young children

£75,027.27 Early Years as a non-profit making organisation since 1965 has developed and delivered projects targeted at preschool, school age and youth in the field of respecting difference and shared education.

The implementation to fidelity of the Media Initiative for Children, Respecting Difference Programme aims to bring about positive attitudinal and behavioural change among children, young people, parents, teachers and the wider community.

The programme supports, focused community relations activities with children and young people from marginalised and divided communities, ethnic minority communities and vulnerable socio-economic backgrounds, with the aim of active participation by parents and children in the communities where they live and the continued improvement of attitudes among children of different backgrounds, and that respect for difference and sharing is evident in those local communities.

6c Wildflower Way

Apollo Road

Belfast

BT126TA

www.early-years.org

East Belfast Mission

£51,606.38 Turas means journey or pilgrimage in both Irish and Scottish Gaelic. Based in east Belfast, it is a language project designed to bring people together by raising awareness of the Irish language. It works to promote understanding and acceptance of the shared history and heritage of Ulster.

A guiding statement for Turas is: “Ag foghlaim le chéile – learning together”.

The Turas Programme, established in 2011, includes language classes, a choir, music classes, dance classes and a walking group. Other regular events include film, drama, art, public lectures and debates.

The project is based in the Skainos building on the Newtownards Road. Turas is a centre of excellence. It provides 14 language classes, making it the largest provider of classes in the city. Over 700 people of all ages have benefited. In September 2019, Turas sent eight of its learners to university via its new bursary scheme.

239 Newtownards Road

Belfast

BT4 1AF

www.ebm.org.uk/turas

Falls Community Council

£33,049 Falls Community Council was set up in 1974 to support community development and advocate for the community in West Belfast. The organisation provides a range of services and programmes, including benefit advice, support to residents’ groups, policy development, conflict transformation initiatives and training, community safety, community drug programme, oral history archive, music technology training.

275-277 Falls Road

Belfast

Antrim

BT12 6FD

Forthspring Inter Community Group

£33,929.43 Forthspring Inter Community Group is a small, dynamic good relations charity aimed at building relationships within and between communities at the Woodvale/Springfield Road interface in West Belfast. All of their work has a sound good relations focus to reduce inter community violence, anti-social behaviour and build sustained positive and long-lasting relationships as one community.

They offer a unique safe and shared space for the whole community to come together, for education, exercise, events, support groups, childcare provision, youth centre, advice, street-based youth work and holistic family and school support services. Their shared space has regular groups including our art group, community garden volunteers, and pensioners tea dance and luncheon club. They build community relations and community cohesion at all ages and stages of development and create a truly shared space where everyone is welcome.

373-375 Springfield Road

Belfast

Antrim

BT12 7DG

www.forthspring.org

Intercomm

£28,206.42 Intercomm will continue to provide support to groups, individuals, and organisations who could be described as those who are "harder to reach". They do this with willing partners from community and statutory organisations including political representatives, local councils, PSNI and the NIHE.

This partnership approach is vital in promoting good relations and developing positive outcomes. Work will also be established at a cross boarder level to engage with members of the Garda and young people to help address issues of policing and community engagement.

They support the aforementioned groups and also plan to use innovative ways to engage with people from North Belfast, Carrickfergus, Larne, Mid Ulster, Derry and cross boarder activities. This will be achieved by providing wide reaching good relations programmes designed to help reduce community tensions and deal with real issues of concern.

290-292 Antrim Road

Belfast

BT15 5AA

Irish FA Foundation

The Irish FA Foundation is committed to improving community relations within football and wider Northern Irish society. They deliver community relations programmes to create a safe and inclusive society by inspiring change and helping people to fulfil their potential. This project enables IFA to employ a dedicated Community Relations Officer that empowers the organisation to deliver far-reaching programmes, using football to help deliver positive social change and influence. The Community Relations Officer liaises directly with communities, stakeholders, government to identify opportunities to build community relations.

£27,900

IFA Foundation promote, foster and develop equal opportunities and a more cohesive Northern Irish society. The Foundation works in partnership with communities to breaks down barriers within and between communities to increase social inclusion, improve community relations, encourage community integration and promote shared safe spaces. The Foundation aims to promote peaceful and cohesive society, using football as the hook to tackle sectarianism, paramilitarism and racism.

National Football Stadium at Windsor Park

Donegall Avenue

Belfast

BT12 6LU

www.irishfa.com/irish-fa-foundation

Irish School of Ecumenics

£30,000 "The Irish School of Ecumenics Trust is a registered charity in N. Ireland and has developed Community Education programmes across N. Ireland. A network of Church Fora has been developed and the Inter-church Fora project strengthens and expands this network working on reconciliation and GR issues in the community.

Support for governance and programmes is provided to Inter-church Fora to help their development and sustainability and equip them to tackle emerging issues.

The project also delivers: 'Connect' Conferences, Sixth Form Conferences, Education Programmes.

Including (a) 'Thematic approach to events 1917 - 1922 . Themes (i) Violence (ii) Democracy (iii) Shaping a Common Good;

(b) A Shared Abrahamic Ethic (inter-faith)

(c)Public Theology – values and ethics as applied to Public, Social, Economic, Environmental and Gender Realities.

ISE Belfast Campus

9 Lennoxvale

Belfast

BT9 5BY

www.tcd.ie/ise/

Nerve Centre

£26,917.75 Established in 1990 as a focal point for youth culture in Derry-Londonderry, the Nerve Centre has become Northern Ireland's leading creative media arts centre. More than 120,000 people a year benefit from the Nerve Centre's wide-ranging programme of arts and cultural activity, cutting edge projects, creative

learning centres, training opportunities, community relations activities and state-of-the-art production facilities.

A successful social economy enterprise, the Nerve Centre employs 50 staff at sites in Derry-Londonderry and Belfast.

7-8 Magazine Street

Derry-Londonderry

BT48 6HJ

www.nervecentre.org

North Belfast Interface Network

£31,124.78 NBIN is an organisation that has supported and enabled positive change across interface communities in North Belfast since its inception. As a partner and the lead agency of the TASCIT programme, NBIN is currently managing the delivery of a programme of positive engagement that challenges the negative stereotypes of 'them' that is still prevalent in many segregated communities in North Belfast.

The TASCIT Promoting Positive Change/Challenging Conversations programme provides opportunities for community engagement, exploration, capacity building and an increased understanding of a range of issues that are often considered divisive, such as ethnicity, cultural identity and community allegiances. This work is critical to creating the conditions that will facilitate the transformation of segregation barrier.

123 Cliftonville Road

Belfast

BT14 6JR

North West Play Resource Centre

£37,096.70 The Playhouse was established during 1992, and is a well-used and trusted arts venue at an interface area in the heart of Derry-Londonderry. The Playhouse's vision is to create community, celebrate diversity and empower people through the arts. Their mission is to deliver creative, innovative and accessible Arts, Education and

Peacebuilding programmes that enrich the lives of the people that they serve.

The Playhouse has a 28-year track record of using the power of the arts to promote understanding, empathy, healing and reconciliation amongst Northern Ireland's diverse communities. During 2021/22 The Playhouse will deliver theatre, film and visual arts based peacebuilding programmes with communities throughout Northern Ireland.

5-7 Artillery Street

Derry-Londonderry

BT48 6RG

Partisan Productions

Partisan Productions is a theatre and film production company committed to creating socially engaged art. Our vision is that people are conscious of the factors that shape their lives and are confident to create change. Their mission is to engage people in co-creating compelling, complex and honest theatre about the stuff that matters to them.

Their aim is to contribute to the development of a genuinely shared future for the communities of N. Ireland. Community relations and development issues lie at the heart of this work.

Mornington Community Project

117 Ormeau Road

Belfast

BT7 1SH

www.facebook.com/partisanproductions/

PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland

PeacePlayers - Northern Ireland (PP-NI) was formed in 2002 (£50,463.81 (1st September)). PP-NI uses sport, and specifically the game of basketball, to unite educate and inspire children and young people from the historically divided parts of the community in

Northern Ireland. PeacePlayers facilitators leverage sport and its inherent lessons of teamwork, cooperation, communication and determination as a means to promote peace and reconciliation in areas that continue to suffer most from continued sectarianism and division.

Through this project PP-NI will extend its programme to work with more young people in more geographical locations as well train, support and equip those working with children and young people to fully realise and release the potential of sport for community relations and peacebuilding work.

Peace House

224 Lisburn Road

Belfast

BT9 6GE

www.peaceplayers.org

Rural Community Network

£59,666.67 RCN is a member-led and membership-based organisation working with and alongside rural community groups to build their confidence in dealing with issues resulting from the conflict and to support the integration of minority groups into existing structures and community life.

RCN believes that by using a community development approach local communities can be empowered to address the legacy of the past, look to a shared future and to support the inclusion of minority groups in rural life. RCN plays a significant role in reminding policy makers and those working in the sphere of community relations that rural areas still have contested spaces, have legacy issues and still need investment and support to move their communities towards a more shared future.

RCN holds a unique role as a rural policy commentator and consultancy agency and can endeavour to be reflective of both majority and minority voices.

38a Oldtown Street

Cookstown

BT80 8EF

Shankill Parish Caring Association

£34,363 Shankill Parish Caring Association is a Christian-based Charity established in 1996 to address community need in the Lurgan area. For over 20 years they have offered service to the whole Community delivering programmes to combat isolation, improve wellbeing and address division in our Community.

A large part of their work, in relation to this proposal, is our Community Relations Programme which offers mentoring and support to influencers and leaders in the local area, mediation, project planning and development support, conflict resolution and much more. They offer tailored programs each year to engage and encourage discourse on specific historic or cultural milestones and the contentious political topics of the day with a view to building understanding and tolerance in the wider Lurgan area.

Jethro Centre

Craigavon

BT66 7DT

www.jethrocentre.org

Shankill Women's Centre (SWC)

£30,529.40 Shankill Women's Centre is dedicated to helping women and their families from all walks of life reach their full potential through a variety of projects and activities. A Good Relations and Cross-Community ethos underpins all Shankill Women's Centre work within the community.

The Greater North Belfast and West Belfast Women's Networks supported by CRC play a significant role in peacebuilding and good relations work with women from across North and West Belfast in providing a platform for them to learn and share with others, have their voices heard and make a difference within the lives of women in Northern Ireland.

151-157 Shankill Road

Belfast

BT13 1FD

www.shankillwomenscentre.org.uk

Springboard Opportunities Limited

£51,782.38 Springboard designs and delivers innovative cross-community and cross-cultural programme interventions to support distinct groups of disadvantaged people from diverse communities to realise their potential; build capacity to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background; and develop increased respect for diversity.

Their key activities are primarily targeted to areas that face disadvantage, are affected by division or conflict and/or dealing with the legacy of the past. They provide dynamic needs-led learning opportunities for individuals and groups, by co-designing with participants, offering accredited training and tailored one to one development support. Since 1992 they have worked with 13,000+ people across communities and facilitated significant attitudinal/behavioural change, personal growth and respect for diversity.

Springboard believe their work can make a positive and sustainable difference to individuals and has significant mutual benefits to building shared communities in which we all live, work, learn and play.

112-114 Donegall Street

Belfast

BT1 2GX

www.springboard-opps.org

St Columb's Park House

£44,928 St Columb's Park House is a Peace and Reconciliation Centre based at the heart of Derry-Londonderry, with their communities and people at the core of all their work. Their mission is "to provide sanctuary and support for local citizens to become changemakers, peace builders and community leaders." St Columb's Park House takes a holistic approach to peacebuilding, balancing peace with each other, peace within ourselves and peace with nature. This approach recognises the need for continued cross-community and good relations

work but also recognises that to create real change there is a need to address these issues alongside the current mental health and climate crisis.

*4 Limavady Road
Derry-Londonderry
BT47 6JY*

The Churches Trust

The Churches Trust is an interdenominational organisation **£62,878.25** founded by leaders of the Methodist, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Catholic churches in the North West, who recognise the need to stand together as a united voice to address deprivation. They are committed to addressing issues of deprivation, social justice, equality and inclusion.

The Churches Trust is uniquely placed to promote a more united, shared and cohesive society with a collaborative network of churches, schools and community groups.

Core funding from Community Relations Council supports the following work:

- Design and delivery of community education programmes to increase mutual respect and understanding across faith traditions
- Youth development programmes underpinned by personal and skills development, and Good Relations
- Addressing inequalities – eg Pantry project foodbank, an inter-church model of response, and provision of services to Older People addressing isolation and inclusion
- Work to engender a safe community where cultural identities are respected.

*121 Spencer Road
Derry-Londonderry
BT47 6AH*

www.thechurchestrust.org.uk

The Corrymeela Community

£68,177.75 In the midst of the Troubles, The Corrymeela Community welcomed tens of thousands of people from different sides of the conflict and enabled them to meet safely, have difficult conversations, as well as build relationships based on reconciliation and trust.

Today, as society becomes increasingly fragmented, Corrymeela believes even more in their core purpose: transforming division in Northern Ireland and beyond by discovering new and creative ways of thriving together.

Every year at their residential centre in Ballycastle, through their programmes around Northern Ireland and through the lives of their Community members, they enable thousands of people from different backgrounds to actively explore how to live better together. They particularly focus on challenging sectarianism, creating awareness about the legacy of conflict, empowering marginalised people and developing a theology of justice and inclusion.

The Corrymeela Centre

5 Drumaroan Road

Ballycastle

County Antrim

BT54 6QU

www.corrymeela.org

The Junction/Holywell Trust Partnership

£80,195.56 The principles that underpin Holywell and Junction are based on Together Building a United Community principles and priorities. Equity, respect for diversity, and interdependence informs their project work, which is grassroots based, locally owned, contextual, cross-community and cross-cultural, relational, and which transcends painful historiographies.

The project work seeks to be an empowering process for the individuals, groups and organisations involved, by developing skills, building knowledge and critical thinking and providing and building leadership.

Holywell DiverseCity Community Partnership

8-14 Bishop Street

Derry-Londonderry

BT48 6PW

www.thejunction-ni.org

TIDES Training

TIDES are committed to helping build the community infrastructure necessary to sustain a lasting and equitable peace in situations which have experienced violent conflict. The core work of the organisation includes: Community Dialogues, Facilitating Relationship Building Process, Peace Building / Leadership and Good Relations training, conflict resolution and mediation services, Conflict Coaching and Developing Community Leadership.

Duncairn Complex

174 Duncairn Ave

Belfast

BT14 6BP

www.tidestraining.org

Trademark Training

Trademark is a trade union based social justice organisation dedicated to tackling prejudice, discrimination and inequality through training, research, community and workplace interventions, facilitated dialogue, and the establishment of cooperative enterprises in socially deprived areas. Uniquely positioned at the heart of the trade union movement and the community relations sector, Trademark is trusted and respected in both of the main communities – as well as in other “new” communities – across Northern Ireland. This enables them to maximise the reach and impact of their work, making inroads at a grassroots level where other groups might encounter obstacles.

Twin Spires Centre

NG2 North Building

Belfast

BT13 2JF

www.trademarkbelfast.com

Youth Initiatives NI

£28,798.66 Youth Initiatives NI is a Northern Ireland cross-community youth work organisation that specialises in reaching out to 11-25 year olds at risk of engaging in criminality, exclusion from education and living in divided communities entrenched in sectarian views. Their youth work targets those least likely to access, but most in need of community relations youth work and envisioning for a shared future – young adults standing at the crossroads of major life decisions. Regionally, Youth Initiatives run 39 distinct youthwork programmes leading to 8 Good Relations projects on a weekly basis, including schools engagement programmes, detached youth outreach, arts and sports projects, good relations training for programme volunteers and cross-community summer programmes including camps.

50 Colin Rd

Poleglass

Belfast

BT17 OLG

www.youthinitiativesni.com

Youth Link

£46,534 Youth Link is a unique partnership of the four larger Churches working together to build excellence in youth work and ministry, towards a just, peaceful and flourishing society based on the common good. Youth Link exists to provide support and training for youth workers, and peacebuilding and reconciliation experiences for young people.

Youth Link delivers a comprehensive programme involving young people, young adults and youth practitioners focused on the informal educational dimension addressing a range of youth leadership, community relations, citizenship and peace and reconciliation issues, developing community

relations organisational policy and strategy and resources to support the development of programmes.

Farset Enterprise Park

Belfast

BT12 7DY