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# Monthly News

## November 2020

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Hi <<First Name>>

As we transition through the seasons more fully into Autumn, it's important to take stock of where we are, what we've done, and where we aim for the future. Which is why we'd like to draw your attention to a powerful piece of film recorded with women from community groups who explore the past, present and future (more about this below).

In addition, in this month's issue of the CRC newsletter, you can read about:

- CRC's open funding schemes
- Case Studies from our Small Grants Scheme
- Funding Map of our projects
- Good Relations Week archive - In This Together from RCN
- A powerful film exploring "women's stories of resilience"
- An interview with CRC Board Member Claire Harris
- Lessons From The Troubles with Holywell Trust
- BAME Covid-19 Recovery Fund.

Keep safe.

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# Covid-19 Update

The key priority of the NI Community Relations Council (NICRC) is the health and well-being of those we work with, our staff and their families. We also want to ensure that we continue to deliver our services as far as is possible in these unprecedented times. You will all be aware of the recent change to the government's guidance on Covid-19. Below we have set out the steps we are taking as a result of the guidance:

- Currently our office is closed. Our staff are working remotely and can be contacted by email or through our current office number: 028 9022 7500.
- All events organised by CRC have moved to online platforms. We will update this position when the government's guidance permits people to gather in numbers again.
- Until the emergency arrangements are relaxed, we have limited ability to collect post from our office. Post will be collected on Wednesdays only. Consider contacting us by phone or email.

To stay up-to-date, keep checking our website and social media channels.

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## Grants & Funding

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## Core Funding Scheme

CRC's Core Funding Scheme is open.

The scheme provides support for organisations of strategic importance in promoting community relations work across Northern Ireland.

Deadline: **13 November 2020.**

[Read more](#)

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## CR/CD Small Grants Scheme

Our Small Grants Scheme is now open.

This funding can help community and voluntary groups throughout Northern Ireland engage in Community



Relations work.

Deadline: **4 December 2020.**

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## Publication Grant Scheme

CRC's Publication Grant Scheme is open.

It aims to encourage the production and dissemination of publications that contribute to better community relations in Northern Ireland

Deadline: **15 January 2021.**



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# Funding Map

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The Community Relations Council administers several funding schemes.

Use our map to find out more about the various projects and groups we have funded through these schemes, as well as their locations and descriptions.

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## CR/CD Case Studies

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# SMALL GRANTS CASE STUDY



<b>PROGRAMME</b>	CR/CD Small Grants Scheme
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	Powerstone Entertainment
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	Little Stranger
<b>LOCATION</b>	Dungannon
<b>COUNCIL AREA</b>	Mid Ulster District Council

Our CR/CD Small Grants Scheme has helped fund and support a wide range of innovative projects. We've developed a series of case studies to highlight the amazing work being done around Peacebuilding and Good Relations.

This month we've highlighted a project entitled "Little Stranger," which explores child migration, and employs the medium of dance theatre with children from Dungannon.

It took place in Mid Ulster District Council and was administered by Powerstone Entertainment in partnership with DU Dance (NI) and Tinderbox Theatre Company.

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## GR Week Archive



# In This Together

Rural Community Relations  
during covid-19

Even though Good Relations Week 2020 has finished, there's still a wealth of amazing content available all year round for you to peruse at your leisure. We'll be taking the time over the coming months to highlight particular pieces that we think merit revisiting.

This month we delve into a fantastic offering from the Rural Community Network (RCN) who are core funded by the Community Relations Council.

## *In This Together – Reflecting Back, Looking Forward*

Listen to stories of how rural communities showed pure resilience through the Covid-19 pandemic and the work they undertook either voluntary or paid to assist those most in need when they needed support.

Charmian Jones speaks to participants who engaged in the project to find out lessons learned and plans for the future.

[View GR Week archive](#)

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## Monthly News

We support and fund a wide range of organisations and projects that

promote community relations work.

Our funded groups affect positive change in people's everyday lives.

In this section, you'll can view the following:

- A powerful film about "women's stories of resilience"
- Lessons from the Troubles with Holywell Trust
- An interview with CRC Board Member Claire Harris
- BAME Covid-19 Recovery Fund

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## Women's Stories of Resilience

### Building a better future



Women from across the community came together to film three plays based on their own experiences from the past thirty years. Their stories are honest and poignant, sometimes funny, and deal with difficult issues. Above all, it gives them a voice and an opportunity to explore the past, as well as looking to the future.

This peacebuilding project was funded through the Community Relations Council (CRC) Small Grants Scheme.



It involved a joint venture between Falls Women's Centre, Shankill Women's Centre, and Queens Park Women's Group, with volunteer support from the Community Relations Forum.

Film is such an important medium in helping to document people's stories and bring real-life voices to a new audience. Another important aspect is challenging preconceptions.

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## Lessons from the Troubles Holywell Trust



Holywell Trust has taken stock to have a serious discussion on how we make progress to embed peace more fully into our society.

With the launch of their book *Lessons from the Troubles and the Unsettled Peace*, Gerard Deane believes it is imperative to continue these important conversations, even as we face Covid-19.

Holywell Trust – a long established peace and reconciliation charity in

Derry-Londonderry – is core funded by the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council (CRC).

Gerard, Holywell Trust Director, said: "I believe that the Forward Together interviews and this book, which compiles the views of people who have been at the heart of our society for many years, can be an important contribution in helping us to move forward, together."

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## Covid-19 Recovery Fund Migrant Centre NI



Migrant Centre NI has grant support for BAME-led community organisations to deliver services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through them you can access a £3.4m fund from Comic Relief and National Emergencies Trust.

Deadline: **15 January 2021.**

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# CRC Board Interview

## Claire Harris



We've recorded a series of interviews with our Board Members to introduce them and their work, and to find out more about who they are.

This month we're featuring an interview with Claire Harris.

Claire Harris is the Impact Consultant for The Graduate School at Queen's University Belfast, and a co-founder and Director of Tell It in Colour.

[Read more](#)

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## Upcoming Events

In this section, you'll find links to upcoming events focused on peacebuilding and good relations from various local groups across Northern Ireland:

- Free talks with Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Good Relations Programme

- Unholy War - a new play by Philip Orr about events in 1920's East Belfast

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# Submissions

Have you got an amazing story or case study that would make a great fit for our next monthly newsletter?

Send your submission as a  
**word document**  
with a  
**photograph.**

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