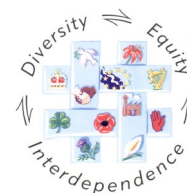


CRC e-News



The Fourth T:BUC Engagement Forum

This forum will focus on the T:BUC priority of 'Our Shared Community', which aims "to create a community where division does not restrict the life opportunities of individuals and where all areas are open and accessible to everyone". It will concentrate on the issue of 'Reconciliation', which is an important component of the draft Programme for Government. The event will also be an opportunity for us to update you on the implementation of T:BUC.

It will take place on Thursday 15th June 2017, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Girdwood Community Hub, Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6EG

Keynote speaker Professor Brandon Hamber has undertaken extensive research and consultation on reconciliation, he will discuss his work and ideas which will help stimulate workshop discussions.

There will also be a performance piece from Partisan Productions featuring young people and their views on shared space.

The Forum has a significant role to play in strengthening the delivery and implementation of T:BUC. Your participation, your views and your involvement in this event are crucial to us. We look forward to welcoming you on 15 June.

You can contact Tina Poland, Community Relations Council, on 028 9022 7500 or tpoland@nicrc.org.uk, with any queries you may have about the event.

Please follow the link below to register,
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/together-building-a-united-community-engagement-forum>

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Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week

Monday 18th – Sunday 24th September, 2017

'Safe space, shared place'

Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week is a high profile initiative supporting the Northern Ireland Executive's Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) strategy. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our culture and heritage, to promote cultural diversity and to tackle sectarianism and racism.

The Week's primary objectives are to inspire new ideas, promote understanding, respect and engagement between and amongst all sections of our community. It provides a platform for organisations and groups across a variety of sectors to demonstrate innovative approaches to good relations and examples of how we can build a united and shared community.

Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week continued

The theme for this year is 'Safe space, shared place'. This will focus on how we can create a community where everyone feels safe and secure while showcasing the plethora of places that are safe spaces.

If you would like to organise an event and put it forward for consideration, please complete the [attached form \(Word 84 KB\)](#)

Please return your form by Friday 28th July to:

By post: Claire McKee, JComms, Sylvan House 232-240 Belmont Road, Belfast BT4 2AW

By Email: crweek@jcomms.co.uk

For any queries please ring: Claire McKee on 028 9521 8388

2016/17 District Council Good Relations Programme Workshop

The 2016/17 District Council Good Relations Programme Workshop took place on 16th May at Oxford Island Discovery Centre. The Workshop is held every year to evaluate the Programme and use the analysis to improve good relations delivery in the future.



The key aim of the District Council Good Relations Programme is to promote good relations and support local solutions to local issues. The Executive Office has introduced a number of initiatives to the Programme in recent years, including the implementation of an outcome focus and better communication, with a newsletter and a video showcasing the difference the Programme is making. The video can be viewed using the following link: [DCGRP Showcase video](#)

The workshop included presentations from Intercomm, Co-operation Ireland and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. The groups discussed their experiences with introducing an outcome focus, and shared best practice with attendees on how to maximise the benefits of its implementation into programme planning and delivery. TEO officials also discussed how the new District Council Action Plan allowed the analysis of programmes by unit cost; outcome achieved, and links to wider strategic aims, with a view to improving Programme efficiency and effectiveness.

The workshop also provided an opportunity for colleagues from other business areas including Urban Villages, Statisticians, T:BUC Camps, Central Good Relations and Governance to improve connectivity between different TEO interventions and maximise delivery.

93% found the event "useful" or "very useful" and the individual feedback will be used to inform the planning and design of future events.

If you would like any further information on the event, the Programme or would like a copy of the newsletter, contact Gavin King, the District Council Good Relations Programme manager, at gavin.king@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk

The North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Programme (NBSGRP)

The NBSGRP is delivered as part of the Executive's wider Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) strategy. The Programme is jointly managed by The Executive Office in partnership with the Community Relations Council (CRC). The Executive Office oversees the strategic direction and evaluation of the fund, with CRC taking responsibility for the financial and administrative aspects of the Programme.

The NBSGRP consists of 12 contract holders, delivering a wide range of Good Relations provision in north Belfast through a large number of partner organisations and providers.

An event was held on the 2nd May to celebrate the work of the partner groups, to share good practice and to evaluate the 2016/17 programme.

As part of recording the learning coming from the work during the year a [video](#) has been produced outlining the programmes the groups have been running and the difference they have been making in the local community. Also a newsletter detailing the work of the Programme has been distributed to households in North Belfast and an electronic copy will be placed on the website shortly.

If you would like more information on T:BUC, see <https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/articles/together-building-united-community>.

For further information on the North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Programme please contact Gavin King, The Executive Office, Gavin.King@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk or Paul Jordan at the Community Relations Council, pjordan@nicrc.org.uk.

North Belfast Women's Voices; Exploring Identity, Culture & The Future

On Friday 28th April WRDA launched their research 'North Belfast Women's Voices; Exploring Identity, Culture & The Future' in the Houben Centre Crumlin Road.

The research funded through the Community Relations Council focused on 5 groups of women in the district. At the launch Good Relations Worker Kellie O'Dowd who carried out the research said,

"These women have battled through many of the worst things that our conflict has had to throw at them. They have faced personal tragedy both political and 'ordinary'. They have faced intimidation, they have faced poverty, mental and other health issues, social disruption, housing problems, the loss of employment, being put out of some areas and choosing to leave others. They have worked in and across communities with piece meal funding that means when real work gets underway it can be over because resources simply 'run out'. They do what women have always done, what they can with what little there is. What they have never lost is their dignity, their humanity

North Belfast Women's Voices; Exploring Identity, Culture & The Future continued

and their motivation to make things better for their communities and their families.

*I personally feel we owe these women their place in history, and a seat at the decision making tables when it comes to decisions that affect their lives, the lives of their communities and future generations and that is essentially what this piece of research is about. It is about the women speaking for themselves about the issues that they feel are important. **I hope this is one way of helping realise that the future is women.** Our collective way of working together within and across communities gives us the unique ability to see the humanity in each other while understanding that people have different allegiances, different affiliations and different ways of doing things, but what we want is a better life for all with no-one left behind, and for that we are willing to negotiate, compromise and do things for the greater good. So much of this work goes on below the radar for various reasons that we will touch on in the report, but it's time some light is shone on these powerful peace-makers, peace-builders and peace keepers."*

The issues that were documented included dealing effectively with Paramilitary influence and control in communities, flags emblems and marking space, political leadership, the impact of funding on groups, community development, community relations, housing and moving forward.

Director Anne Mc Vicker said,

"Women in North Belfast having seen so much, endured so much and have been part of so much of the out workings of a political conflict. They have yet to reap the benefits of relative peace. They are entitled to their rightful place at the political and decision-making tables, to have a voice on issues that impact their communities and not just be called on the clean up the political and community messes once the television cameras, politicians and gatekeepers have all disappeared."

WRDA hope to build on this work with the women in the near future.

To view this research online [click here](#) or for a hard copy call 028 90 230 212.

Reclaiming the Bonfires; Women explore the international and local history and their use in cultural celebrations

WRDA are delighted to announce a new programme that will enable women to explore the long, rich, diverse and shared history of bonfires internationally, and locally. This will help women explore their use in cultural celebrations today and how they can be used as culturally inclusive events.

Reclaiming the Bonfires; Women explore the international and local history and their use in cultural celebrations continued

Workshops will include: (Dates and locations of workshops to be confirmed)

- The history and international use of bonfires; From Witch Burning to Summer Solstice celebrations
- Local experiences of bonfires; When I was growing up.....
- Sharing our experiences and learning
- Ideas generation; Do you know what I think.....

To find out more and register your attendance please contact kellie.odowd@wrda.net or [Tel:02890230212](tel:02890230212)

WRDA seeking research and reports for the new website

WRDA are currently undertaking the design and development of a new website. This website will be launched in the new year enhancing users experience and flow of communication. Our new website will feature an e-library of research and reports giving our members an opportunity to promote their work and a resource for those undertaking new pieces of research.

If you have recently undertaken a piece of research or would even like to feature past research papers please contact info@wrda.net.

All submissions are very welcome!

Living Legacies 1914-18 website launch

"Living Legacies 1914-18" provides communities with access to information, expertise and support for projects that explore the impacts that World War One had in Britain and Ireland, and the war's continuing legacies today.

We are interested in working with community groups from across Great Britain and Northern Ireland whose projects involve researching and commemorating WW1. We provide communities with links to university researchers nationwide to share ideas and resources.

Our expertise on WW1 includes topics such as drama, story-telling, digitisation, archaeology, exhibitions, and memorials. Our web-pages provide more details about what we do and how we can help your WW1 community project.

Please do contact us for further information [Living Legacies Centre](#)

Refugee Week 2017 – Our Shared Future

[Red Cross Website](#)



Refugee Week 2017 is a celebration of our shared future, focusing on how collaboration between people from different backgrounds strengthens communities.

This teaching resource is designed to help learners see refugees as “someone like me”, at the same time as recognising and accepting our differences. It enables young people to explore universal human values and mutual respect and understanding, building empathy towards refugees and asylum seekers. It also looks at how refugees have contributed to the communities they live in, encouraging young people to take positive action to create a shared future.

Suggested age range

Designed for ages 14–16 (with differentiation options for 11–13)

Curriculum link

[Northern Ireland – Learning for Life and Work](#)

Resource overview

[Overview](#)

Educator support and detailed information about curriculum links.

There are five activities in the resource, and each of the activities is designed to take approximately 30 minutes.

[Activity 1: “Someone like me”](#)

This activity uses aspects of identity to stimulate dialogue and provide an opportunity for young people to challenge their own thoughts about refugees and asylum seekers. The focus is less on the label of “refugee” or “asylum seeker” and more on the common humanity of refugees/asylum seekers as “someone like me” (someone that I can relate to).

If you would like to comment or submit an article for this bulletin or advertise a community relations event or publication, please contact Patricia poneill@nicrc.org.uk.

Refugee Week 2017 – Our Shared Future continued

[Activity 2: Mutual respect and understanding](#)

This activity explores the importance of mutual respect and understanding for creating communities. It introduces learners to universal human values and asks them to consider their own values, as well as the values needed to build mutual respect and understanding.

[Activity 3: Building empathy](#)

This activity introduces young people to a real-life story to help them build empathy for refugees and asylum seekers. It is based around a [short film](#) (3 min 26 sec) about Ali, who came to the UK from Afghanistan. Young people think about Ali's needs and values before considering the similarities and differences between Ali's values and their own.

[Activity 4: Community building](#)

This activity provides case studies of refugees and asylum seekers making a positive contribution as active citizens to the communities that they live in. It helps young people to consider refugees as fellow citizens and to think about their own role as active citizens.

[Activity 5: Taking positive action](#)

This final activity builds on the previous activities, focusing on the roles that young people can play in creating a positive shared future. It asks them to consider values, attitudes and actions in order to produce a positive action plan. The outputs from this activity could be used for wider sharing.

These resources were written by Rob Bowden of Lifeworlds Learning and published in May 2017.

For more information [click here](#)

<http://refugeeweek.org.uk/refugee-week-2017/>

KABOSH

Kabosh Theatre Company is delighted to announce they are opening the **SCENE: Northern Ireland 2017** arts festival at the Societaets Theater, Dresden Germany, held from 9th – 18th June 2017.

Kabosh will open the festival on 9th June with their critically acclaimed production *Green & Blue* which has just been nominated for the 2017 Writers Guild of Ireland ZeBBie Award for Best Theatre Script.

Written by Laurence McKeown, and inspired by an oral archive of serving RUC and An Garda Síochána officers, the show explores the painful and humorous realities faced by individuals who patrolled the border during the height of the conflict in Ireland.

On June 11th Kabosh will present a second performance, *Those You Pass On The Street*, which examines the human legacy of conflict and how we as individuals, and as a society, deal with the past. This production toured to the National Arts Festival, South Africa, and the Ubumuntu Festival, Rwanda July 2016.

Alongside showcasing work Kabosh Artistic Director Paula McFetridge will also facilitate two post-show discussions, and masterclasses for local practitioners on 'peacebuilding through the arts', as well as staging an interview with Laurence McKeown, before a screening of his 2001 feature film, *H3* on 10th June.

Paula McFetridge, Artistic Director of Kabosh said, "It is fantastic to see the unique work created here being celebrated and showcased across Europe. It is so important that we continue to, not only create this work, but present it and understand it in an international context. Having recently toured work to South Africa and Rwanda, as a company we are acutely aware of the relevance and resonance of our work for international audiences and are very excited to bring several pieces of work, in the hands of great local practitioners, to the Societaets Theater, Dresden'

Since 2007 Societaets Theater, Dresden, has staged the **SCENE: EUROPA** festival. Each year the festival showcases outstanding, independent professional theatre from a chosen country within Europe. 2017 will celebrate the unique theatre being created in Northern Ireland.

For further information please contact Dominic Montague | dominic@kabosh.net | 028 9024 3343

Collecting the Troubles and Beyond

by Dr Karen Logan, Project Curator, National Museums NI

When it opened in 2009, the Troubles gallery at the Ulster Museum consisted entirely of black and white photographs and text, its impact was limited by the absence of original artefacts and alternative perspectives. Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, through the Collecting Cultures Programme, has enabled National Museums NI to address the limitations of the Troubles gallery.

Entitled 'Collecting the Troubles and Beyond,' the project aims to widen the scope of the museum's contemporary collection relating to this complex period of Northern Ireland's history. The next stage in the development of the Troubles gallery will take place later this year. It will provide a broader context to the Troubles period and will examine the wider social, economic, cultural, as well as political, influences which have shaped Northern Ireland, enabling more nuanced and inclusive engagement with this complex period of history. The inclusion of material relating to a 'post-conflict' Northern Ireland will also enable greater exploration of continuity and change within local society.

Our aim is to create a gallery that is dynamic and that offers opportunities for people to respond and contribute their own stories. The museum is engaging with communities to develop its contemporary collection through a series of community based events, collection workshops and outreach activities as well as open invitations to contribute. We are seeking to work with community groups and representatives to establish the significance of events and objects through these workshops and dialogue.

To date we have held a number of events that both inform our approach to interpretation and at the same time promote openness and discussion around our activities. These include seminar days on themes of diversity and ethics, as well as outreach events at local libraries and hosted talks. A programme of events will continue to be offered as the project develops and further details on forthcoming events can be found at <http://nmni.com/Home/What-s-on>

As well as working on the Troubles gallery at the Ulster Museum we have developed touring exhibitions based on contemporary photography. In March this year we launched a temporary exhibition in the Ulster Museum entitled 'Gay Life and Liberation: A Photographic Record from 1970s Belfast'. The exhibition was developed in partnership with Rachel Wallace, a Ph.D. candidate from Queen's University, and is based on the photographs of Douglas Sobey.

Deirdre MacBride, Programme Director at CRC, has described this initiative as "a unique opportunity to create a space in which dialogue and understanding about The Troubles can occur, which is situated in the context of Northern Ireland's continuing emergence from years of conflict and violence and in which we are building peace and democracy."

If you have any comments or would like to get involved please contact Karen Logan, Project Curator, at karen.logan@nmni.com



Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Satellites for Europe

Young people from Antrim and Newtownabbey have been selected to take part in this dynamic and exciting programme with young people from across Europe including Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Germany Greece and Spain. Culminating in a week long visit to Antwerp in July, the young people re currently looking at issues in their own community, the impact of social media and the impact of fake news on their own and other communities and how they can build relations on a local and international basis. The programme is part sponsored by the Federal Government of Belgium and the Erasmus Plus programme and supported by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Good Relations Programme which receives financial support from The Executive Office.

For further information about Antrim and Newtownabbey Council's Good Relations Programme contact **Email:** goodrelations@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk

Softening images of Partition

by Allan LEONARD for Northern Slant

Taken from <https://mrulster.org/2017/05/24/softening-images-of-partition/> with the kind permission of Allan Leonard

Although John Irvine left Northern Ireland over 15 years ago, having grown up about East Antrim, he retains "strong links" and comes home frequently. Irvine explained how one morning drive accidentally led him to his book, [Partition](#).

Irvine picked up photography in his mid-20s, mainly as a means of unwinding. By now living in Scotland, he would venture out to photograph classic cars, his focal point. The wonderful natural surroundings of the cars caught his attention; he soon was photographing the landscape exclusively.

He studied the work of landscape photographers, [Joe Cornish](#) and [David Ward](#), and acquired a medium format camera. Irvine's choice is colour negative film, "because of its huge dynamic range and high margin of error". He likes the softness of tone for his low contrast scenes, too.

I asked if there was any significance in the use of mist in some images in Partition. Irvine described how it is such a good tool to naturally distil and calm images: "I didn't want to make the places look bleak. The objects are very stark and strong; I didn't want to enhance that." The mist softens the hardness.

Indeed, Irvine would have applied this approach more, but as he was only home certain days, he had to work with what the weather presented to him.

To put the images in context, Irvine said that he had to re-educate himself and re-engage his mind in regards to the past and the present. He stumbled across the name Jonny Byrne in his readings, and reached out to him. [Byrne](#) — a lecturer in the School of Criminology, Politics and Social Policy at Ulster University — very kindly wrote the foreword to Partition.

Irvine said that [Interface Architects](#) lent a "kind ear" and gave him encouragement. His ambition is for the work to go back into the community, to be used for structured conversations. He does not want the printed images to collect dust: "I would love them to be in the open outdoors in the centre of Belfast."

Softening images of Partition continued

The geo-political boundaries of Belfast weren't the only ones Irvine had to deal with; Brexit played a role in the publishing of the book. [Triplekite](#) — which published [The Last Stand](#) by Marc Wilson (displaying abandoned WWII sea defences) — expressed a sincere interest in Irvine's peacewalls work. However, last June's referendum result on EU membership caused Triplekite to pause (the fact their printing presses are in Malta may have influenced this). Keen to get the book published, Irvine pressed on himself, raising funds and having it published by [Kozu Books](#) (which previously published his work in [Landscape Editions, Volume 1: A Path not Far](#)).

Could he be tempted back for a follow-up project in Northern Ireland or elsewhere?

"I would love to," Irvine answered. "I like juxtapositions and contrasts, and stories within stories in a photograph; I look at things this way."

When Irvine was back in Northern Ireland last summer, he said that he was encouraged by the remarks he heard by ordinary people:

"There is a dynamic landscape politically in Northern Ireland. Mindsets are changing for the better, but whether people in charge are reflecting that (is another issue). My exposure to people there has been a breath of fresh air."

There is no doubt that Irvine cares about the place he grew up — its landscape and its people. He is true to the definition of social landscape photography, and we anticipate his next car journey inspiration.



Arabridge

Arabridge is a solidarity enterprise. We aim to help everyone integrate with Arabic speaking refugees and migrants. In May 2016, a dozen families from war-torn Syria found a warm welcome in Derry-Londonderry. Some families are generously sharing Arabic food, language and culture. Buying from Arabridge directly helps to build bridges, strengthen communities, and sustain livelihoods with migrant and refugee people.

The Arabic Café delivers freshly prepared Arabic meals, snacks, desserts and drinks. Languages spoken include Arabic and Kurdish plus some Turkish, Irish and Hebrew. As well as catering, we offer translation and interpretation, one to one lessons, language swaps and volunteer work experience. We also offer music, dance, singing and cultural workshops for all ages.

Contact: Pop into the Arabic café in the Nerve Centre in Derry on Thursdays
Text Jo Bird on 0797 007 5704,
www.facebook.com/ArabridgeNorthWest mail: arabridgenorthwest@gmail.com

Department of Communities World Refugee Day

On World Refugee Day (20 June) the Department of Communities (DfC) is holding a policy seminar for its staff on the important work being undertaken to resettle Syrian refugees into Northern Ireland. The event, held at Farset International, Springfield Road, will involve presentations from some of the consortium organisations involved in delivering the resettlement programme. Organisations such as Barnardos, Save the Children and British Red Cross have all brought a mix of expertise, additional resources and contacts in the community that have proven invaluable to the success of the resettlement project.

This event is one of a series of policy seminars DfC is holding to help staff understand the wide ranging work the Department leads on. The events are designed to promote engagement, collaborative working and learning.

To learn more about the work of the Department for Communities go to <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/>

ARK Research Update

ARK have published Number 112, Research Update 'Racism and intolerance towards minority ethnic groups in Northern Ireland' The key points of the research are;

Half of respondents who have contact with someone from a minority ethnic group shared more than just a greeting with them. 29% described such as 'a close interaction such as a lengthy conversation', the highest yet.

The majority of respondents acknowledge the benefits of diversity and inclusion in governance, including a slight increase in acceptance of diversity in public spaces and institutions amongst Protestants.

People aged 18-34 years are most likely to admit to racist language and behaviour. Those aged 18-24 years are most likely to intervene when they witness racism.

Few respondents (18%) are optimistic that there will be less prejudice against minority ethnic groups in Northern Ireland in 5 years' time.

To read the Research Update go to <http://www.ark.ac.uk/publications/updates/>

Funding

Hope for Youth (Northern Ireland) Open to Applications

The Hope for Youth scheme, previously known as the Women Caring Trust, funds cross-community projects that give disadvantaged young people (aged 11-18) in Northern Ireland the opportunity to work together on practical projects that foster teamwork, creativity and personal development, especially within the arts or in the great outdoors. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Larger sums may be offered in exceptional circumstances at the Trustee's discretion.

The funding will support projects that focus on music, dance, drama and the arts, as well as outdoor projects that promote personal and team development. Applications must be able to show a cross community emphasis, such as a focus on improving community integration in regard to cultural, ethnic or religious diversity.

The deadline for applications is 31st July 2017.

For further information, visit: <http://hopeforyouthni.com/>

Events

WW1 Battle of Messines - FREE Interactive Graphic Novel Workshop

Explore the Battle of Messines through the use of innovative digital technology in this free interactive workshop from the Nerve Centre's Creative Centenaries project on Thursday 8 June, 7pm - 9pm at PRONI.

Learn about the 1917 battle through a new, specially designed graphic novel developed by Creative Centenaries, which follows the experiences of soldiers William Redmond and John Meeke in the lead up to and throughout the battle. The attack was significant as soldiers of the 36th (Ulster) and 16th (Irish) Divisions fought alongside each other.

Take part in a digital workshop using stop motion animation to recreate the beginning of the battle or use digital comic book technology to design and feature in your own graphic novel stories. All participants will receive a free copy of the new Battle of Messines graphic novel.

This event is for age group 14 – 18 only.

Location: Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI).
Places are limited and offered on a first come first served basis.

Additional information

[PRONI opening hours and getting here](#)

admission is FREE, however booking is advised. Register for this event at [Eventbrite](#)



Events continued

Midsummer magic

Saturday 10 & 11 June 12-8pm

Venue: Lilian Bland Park, Glengormley

This exciting event will include the market, family fun entertainment and a chance to enjoy cultures from around the world through performances and art workshops.

This project is part funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Good Relations Programme which receives financial support from The Executive Office.

DiverseCity

Would you like to learn more about the people, places and communities that make Belfast? Are you interested in visiting different places of worship, understanding why different communities celebrate the events they do?

If so, come along to Belfast City Council's DiverseCity events to learn more about the culture and traditions of some of the communities living in Belfast.

This is a yearlong programme with free events happening each month.

To get involved and for further information on events and dates click www.belfastcity.gov.uk/diversecity

To reserve places email: goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or call 028 9027 0663.

Events include:

- Refugee and Arabic cultural information session
- Irish cultural and linguistic experience
- Visit to Clifton Street Orange Hall
- Facilitated tour of Windsor Park Football Stadium
- Living Library Event
- Ulster-Scots, history and cultural experience
- Visit to Belfast Islamic Centre
- Traveller Awareness Workshop
- An introduction to sexual orientation and gender
- Visit to Belfast Jewish Synagogue

Events continued

Speeches Strikes and Struggles Project

The Tower Museum is launching a new dynamic project, Speeches Strikes and Struggles. Come along and join us at this event to hear more about this project which focuses on museum and archive collections relating to the Civil Rights Movement, Labour and Trade Union Movement and a digital photographic archive containing various images relating to the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Please RSVP to Tower.Reception@derrystرابane.com or Telephone: 02871376510 as places are limited. *Refreshments will be served*

Date: **14th June 2017**

Time: 11.30am

Venue: Tower Museum.

RSVP: Tower.Reception@derrystرابane.com or telephone: 028 7137 2411

Refugee Week

NICRAS are hold an event for Refugee Week 2107, the theme is 'Our Shared Future' and will take place in Belfast City Hall on the 19th June. For further information contact Justin at info@nicras.org.uk

To celebrate
Refugee Week 2017

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission,
in partnership with NICRAS,
present:

Small Worlds

Workshop

Crescent Arts Centre
Wednesday 14th June
10am to 12:30pm

Come along for a unique opportunity to hear
from refugees and those seeking asylum in
Northern Ireland.

Tea and coffee provided.



Events continued

Brexit Conference - 15 June

The EU draft guidelines on the forthcoming EU-UK negotiations make it clear that the EU is open to finding '*flexible and imaginative solutions*' which reflect the unique circumstances of Northern Ireland.

The potential threat that Brexit represents to rights and equalities, the Belfast/ Good Friday Agreement, the border and the economy in Northern Ireland have been well documented. In trade, education, work, travel and beyond the impacts are becoming clear. It is also clear that threats to rights and equalities do not sit in isolation but also represent distinct threats to business, trade and cross border movement and vice versa.

The Human Rights Consortium, in partnership with NICVA and with sponsorship from Unison, is hosting a one day conference to bring various civil society sectors concerned about Brexit together to chart the overlap and intersectionality of those threats and collectively discuss workable solutions that will protect all the unique circumstances of Northern Ireland.

Join us on 15th June to be part of our conversation, across industries and sectors, about how to get an imaginative and flexible deal for NI.

Speakers to include:

- Colette FitzGerald, European Commission in Northern Ireland
- Angela McGowan, CBI
- Owen Reidy, ICTU
- Prf David Phinnemore, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, QUB
- Ruth Taillon, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- Prf Dagmar Schiek, School of Law, QUB

Full list of speakers and agenda to follow.

To book your place please see [here](#).

Events continued

Taste of Culture: Spinning a Yarn

17 June 11.00am – 4.00pm

Ulster American Folk Park

A family friendly event celebrating food and culture from around the world
General Park admission rates apply

Come along on Saturday 17 June 2017 to the Ulster American Folk Park to find out more about the diversity of cultures within the Fermanagh and Omagh district. This family friendly event will celebrate and increase awareness and understanding of the rich variety of cultures, traditions and languages that are found within the district through international cuisine, crafts, music and dance and storytelling.

This project is being organised by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in partnership with National Museums NI, the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, Libraries NI, Omagh Ethnic Communities Support Group and Goodwill Gifts Support Group and has received financial support from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Good Relations Programme assisted by The Executive Office.

Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series

"Promoting evidence-led policy and law-making within Northern Ireland" – that is the underlying aim of the Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series (KESS). KESS is the first of its kind in the United Kingdom, formally partnering a legislative arm of government – the Assembly - with academia. The Series is jointly delivered by the Assembly's Research and Information Service (RaISe), in partnership with all three universities located in NI – the Queen's University of Belfast (QUB - co-founder in 2011), Ulster University (Ulster - in 2012) and The Open University (OU - in 2013).

All KESS seminars are free and start at 1.30pm in Parliament Buildings, located on Stormont Estate. Most seminars cover a range of themes under one broad heading – see below for relevant dates and timings. On arrival, delegates receive a seminar pack that includes the academics' policy briefings and power point presentations, including contact information.

Tea/coffee is provided following presentations and discussion. Free parking is available to all. Kindly allow time to pass through Assembly Security upon entry to Parliament Buildings; and ensure that you specify your special needs (for example, wheelchair accessibility) when registering. The Assembly is committed to fulfilling its equality-related roles and responsibilities and will take reasonable efforts to meet requests relating to them.

If you have any queries relating to KESS, or if you wish to reserve your place at the following seminar, email raise@niassembly.gov.uk.

Events continued

UNDERSTANDING AND PROMOTING COMMUNITY WELL-BEING – 21st June 2017

1.30pm – RaISe – Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.45pm – Ms Louise O’Boyle (Ulster) - Promoting community well-being through partnerships and co-production

This presentation will discuss the findings from evidence-based research into the effectiveness of a partnership between Louise O’Boyle (Ulster University) and PIPS Charity North Belfast, over a series of collaborations between 2012-2016. The constituency of North Belfast is an area of multiple disadvantages and has the highest suicide rate in Northern Ireland (Constituency Profile Belfast North, December 2012). These collaborations included a number of arts-based projects that involved post-primary children, PIPS staff and PIPS Family Support Group. The outcomes of these projects were further utilised to promote emotional wellbeing within the local communities of North Belfast. This presentation will focus on the development of the partnership and discuss what were the key considerations, synergies and modes of working utilised to make it effective; how these findings can inform future partnerships within communities.

2.05pm – Dr Sharon Mallon (OU) - The role of paramilitary punishment attacks and intimidation in death by suicide in post agreement Northern Ireland.

The signing of the Good Friday agreement effectively brought an end to the widespread violence associated with the ‘Troubles’. However, communities within Northern Ireland continue to be blighted by an insidious form of violence in the form of punishment beatings and intimidation. Anecdotal evidence published in news media have linked cases of such intimidation and violence to individual cases of suicide. However, to date, there has been a lack of empirical research examining this relationship. The aim of this seminar is to address this gap in our knowledge by examining these forms of violence among a cohort of individuals who died by suicide in Northern Ireland.

2.25pm - Prof Cahal McLaughlin (QUB) – The role of oral history in societies emerging from conflict

Three official reports in Northern Ireland have each recommended storytelling as one of the methods to address the legacy of the past – Bloomfield (1998), Eames-Bradley (2007) and Hass (2014) reports. The proposal of an Oral History Archive in the Stormont House Agreement raises the possibility of similar benefits. The Executive is expected to renew negotiations over such legacy issues. In the meantime, community-based initiatives have filled the vacuum by organizing their own storytelling projects. Healing Through Remembering has produced an audit of such projects and the PEACE 3 funded ‘Accounts of the Conflict’ at Ulster University offers a selection of these on a digital platform. The Prisons Memory Archive, based at QUB, is another such initiative and I propose to present its research findings.

2.45pm – Discussion

3.15pm – RaISe - Closing Remarks

3.20pm – Networking and Refreshments

Events continued

PEACE IV Programme Launch event Derry/Londonderry

On behalf of the PEACE IV Partnership Board, Derry City and Strabane District Council PEACE IV team are delighted to invite community groups and interested individuals to register for our PEACE IV Programme Launch event. The EU funded Programme is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and is designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the border region. The 'Café Culture' style half-day conference aims to give community organisations, youth organisations, volunteers, and individuals in the council area and immediate cross-border area the opportunity to develop a better understanding of what's in the local £6.1million PEACE IV Programme and how to engage with and benefit from it. Come along to the interactive conference to chat through the opportunities and find out more.

Venue: Waterfoot Hotel, Derry~Londonderry
 Date: Wednesday 21st June 2017
 Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm (light lunch included)

For more information or to book contact peace@derrystrabane.com tel:02871253253 ext 6935. Booking deadline Wednesday 14th June 2017. Conference open to all, but if oversubscribed, prioritisation is given to residents in the Derry City and Strabane Council area and Donegal County Council area. A maximum of 5 people per organization may register.

From the rhetoric of Outcomes to the reality of Funding

Thankfully, the absence of a functioning Assembly & Executive has not affected the push towards outcomes-focused funding in the public sector. But how is the rhetoric of the Programme for Government translating into practice? This event is an opportunity to share some practice insights and plans in this regard linked to our ongoing support to VCSE organisations and their funders. It is also an opportunity to deepen the discussion and find out about the challenges of converting the rhetoric into reality.

Date: Thursday, 29 June 2017
 Time: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
 Venue: Belfast (venue TBC)

To book a place RSVP to pamela@ceni.org or telephone 028 9024 8005.

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Coca-Cola Thank You Fund: Workshop

Monday 19th June

YouthAction
NORTHERN IRELAND



Have you an idea for a community projects that support and inspire young people?

The Coca-Cola Thank You Fund wants to hear from you!

YouthAction Northern Ireland is delighted to be partnering with Coca-Cola on the Thank You Fund. A grant* giving scheme seeking to fund projects that inspire and support young people in Northern Ireland and Ireland.

If you have a project or idea aimed at bridging the divide between education and the workplace, fostering diversity and inclusion in communities, and empowering young people to become the leaders of the future, then we want to invite you to attend a workshop for advice and insight into applying to the 2017 fund.

Please join us along with Thank You Fund Ambassador Cool FM's Pete Snodden and see if you could become of this year's winners.

Time: Monday 19th June 2017, 12 – 1pm. Light Lunch will be provided
Location: Youth Action NI, 14 College Square North, Belfast BT1 6AS
RSVP: Anne McIlvenny
 E: anne@youthaction.org

To find out more a about the Coca-Cola Thank You Fund go to
www.Coca-Cola.ie/ThankYou

*In 2017, Coca-Cola will donate a further €100,000, with a continued focus on working with communities in Ireland and Northern Ireland to inspire and support young people.

Events continued

ARK Public Attitudes Surveys

ARK (www.ark.ac.uk) runs three annual public attitudes surveys recording the opinions of people of all ages living in Northern Ireland. The results from the most recent surveys will be released in mid-June:

Data from the 2016 Northern Ireland Life and Times (NILT) survey will be available at <http://www.ark.ac.uk/nilt/> on Friday 16 June. The survey included questions relating to respect, good relations, minority ethnic groups, migrant workers, political attitudes, BREXIT, and abortion.

On Monday 19 June, results from the 2016 Young Life and Times (YLT) of 16 year olds will be available at www.ark.ac.uk/ylt. The questionnaire included questions on community relations, respect, culture, Brexit, school and education, and sport and physical activity.

Data from the 2016 Kids' Life and Times (KLT) survey of 10/11 year olds will also be publicly available from 19 June at www.ark.ac.uk/klt. Questions focused on respect, age of criminal responsibility, school and education, and sport and physical activity.

These websites will include tables of results, questionnaires, technical notes, and datasets to download.

A seminar will be held on Monday 19 June to mark the launch of the KLT and YLT results. Mark Browne, Deputy Secretary at the Executive Office will give the opening address, focusing on good relations. For more information on the event, see <http://www.ark.ac.uk/klt/launch16.pdf>

Diversity Day @ NWCN

Wednesday 14 June 2017

Diversity Day, supported by Heritage Lottery Fund, offers a series of one-hour funding clinics to local groups supporting what might be termed diverse communities. Of course no one word fully captures what diversity means for everyone but the intent is clear.

NWCN and HLF are very keen to hear from groups working on e.g. a current or prospective funding application or looking for useful signposting in the right direction, These clinics will be of particular - though not exclusive - interest to groups active in areas like:-

Disability - Black & Minority Ethnic - LGBT - Mental Health - Carers - Poverty

Up to seven one-hour clinics will be available on the day as per times below - if interested, please indicate which slot would work best for your group and who may be attending. As demand is expected to be considerable, a waiting list may apply.

10am / 11am / 12pm / 2pm / 3pm / 4pm / 5pm

To register your interest in making use of one of these clinics contact NWCN:

info@nwcn.org / 028 7127 9090

Events continued

THE JUNCTION

You are cordially invited to the book launch of

Reformed always to be Reformed: The Reformations Then and Now

By Johnston McMaster

Friday 16th June 2017 at 12.00 pm
The Junction, 8-14 Bishop Street, BT48 6PW

This publication is about a long lasting revolution in modern European history. What happened in the sixteenth century changed Europe and the legacies endure. The most bitter wars in Christian history were fought at this time. The religious map of Europe took shape. Ireland experienced the Reformations, Anglican, Reformed and Catholic, producing a bitter, sectarianised and violent history.

We no longer live in the sixteenth century and our twenty-first century questions are different. In a declining West, we are now faced with challenges to reform our political, economic and cultural systems and institutions. For Christian faith communities in relation to other globalised religions, what will '*reformed*' theology and ethics look like?

Dr Johnston McMaster is the Senior Research Writer and Educator with the Ethical and Shared Remembering Project, The Junction, Derry Londonderry. This publication is part of the Ethical and Shared Remembering Project's second phase dealing with events between 1917-1922, within a more global context, offering an overview with some contemporary challenges.

This event is free - for hospitality purposes please register; **02871361942** or email mhetherington@thejunction-ni.org

The Holyland Summer Gathering and Big Lunch

South Belfast Roundtable are involved in this initiative with Belfast Friendship Club, College Park Avenue Residents Association and City Church organising The Holyland Summer Gathering and Big Lunch on Sunday 18th June. NIMFA and CWA will be involved too.

The wider initiative is asking groups to host an event between 16 - 18 June 2017 to celebrate what we have in common in honour of Jo Cox on the one year anniversary of her death. They have asked me to circulate this and if you are interested please contact

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Events continued

Faith in Fundraising

Monday 26th June at NICVA, Duncairn Gardens, Belfast

10am-1pm: This free training is specifically for trustees & staff of faith based organisations.

Faith in Fundraising is an introductory course for those new to fundraising for faith based organisations.

During this session we will examine:

- where funding can come from;
- fundraising methods;
- building the case for support; and example funders who support faith organisations

The training is free to attend but places are limited. To register your interest, visit <http://www.nicva.org/event/faith-in-fundraising-2>

Research on the Road

Wednesday 28th June at Rural Community Network, Oldtown Street, Cookstown.

10am-1pm: Free Event

Does your group want help in building its case with funding applications?
Want to do a Community Audit but don't know where to start?

The NICVA research team is going on the road to deliver free research training to support groups with their funding applications. This training will focus on key aspects of the research cycle that can support you in developing an evidence base for your funding applications.

This training will cover the following areas:

- Sources of primary and secondary data.
- Research methods that can be used in community audits, including questionnaires and focus groups.
- The structure and layout of questionnaires.
- How to word questions correctly.

This training is free and is only available to those working or volunteering in the voluntary and community sector. The training will run from 10-1pm. Participants will be required to bring a Wi-Fi-enabled laptop.

Numbers are limited for this event so early booking is advisable. Contact Teresa on 028 8676 6670 or email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

Events continued

Institute of Fundraisers: Introductory Certificate to Fundraising

Thursday 29th June at Rural Community Network, Oldtown Street Cookstown
10am-4pm. Cost £10 (includes lunch)

Due to demand on the course we are running a second date for this popular course.

The Northern Ireland Environment Link and Institute of Fundraising Northern Ireland in association with Rural Community Network are providing its popular one day training course the Introductory Certificate of Fundraising.

The course is substantially funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund's Catalyst Umbrella Programme with support from IOF Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland Environment Link delivers the programme through its 'Investing in Northern Ireland's Heritage' project.

There will be an Institute of Fundraising NI trainer that will deliver the course which is particularly relevant for anyone new to funding or fundraising within their own group or organisation.

There is a fee of only £10 per person – reduced from £75. You will receive a Certificate on the day to show you have completed the Introductory Certificate. IOF NI will also announce soon a bursary scheme for new Northern Ireland members that you can benefit from having attended an Introductory Certificate. Furthermore, participant attendees and groups will have an opportunity for a free 'one-to-one' consultation with an IOF member to offer fundraising advice and information that is specific for their project/organisation at a later date. For those who choose the accreditation route you will be asked to complete the process online to obtain the introductory certificate.

Numbers are limited for this event so early booking is advisable. Contact Teresa on 028 8676 6670 or email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

Pioneering Peace Builder: A History of Holywell Trust

You are invited to the launch of our new publication 'Pioneering Peacebuilder: A History of Holywell Trust' by Ann Kelleher. This book, which is supported through the Reconciliation Fund of the Department for Foreign Affairs, charts the history and impact of Holywell Trust since its formation in 1988.

The launch will take place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 21st June 2017 at HOLYWELL – DiverseCity Community Partnership, 10-14 Bishop Street, Derry.

Please [click here](#) to book your place at our event.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase (£10).