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T:BUC Engagement Forum February 2019 – “T:BUC and its Rural Impact”

On 12 February, The Executive Office and over 150 community practitioners, policy makers and academics gathered in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen for the eighth meeting of the Together: Building a United Community Engagement Forum. The event focused on T:BUC and its rural impact and emphasised what central government and practitioners are doing to engage with rural communities and explore actions that may enable better participation in good relations.

Fiona Crudden, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, outlined a range of issues to take into account while planning to engage with the rural sector.

Charmain Jones, Rural Community Network outlined her role in delivering good relations work on behalf of the RCN across Northern Ireland.



Warren Abercrombie, Erne East Partnership, gave the background of work being delivered and the Partnership’s main focus of running of the Oak Healthy Living Centre in Lisnaskea. Warren introduced Paddy Reilly to speak about his experience participating in the Men’s Shed.

Attendees considered: what unique issues exist that impact upon good relations outcomes in rural communities; what additional help and support is required to improve good relations outcomes in rural communities; and what actions can be taken now to improve rural good relations and who should be involved and how. For further information about the forum go to:

<https://www.community-relations.org.uk/summary-reports-2019>

Shared Education Campuses

Work continues on the 5 projects approved from the first and second calls. Design work continues on the Limavady project which has completed the RIBA Stage 3. An updated business case addendum is currently with DE for review before onward submission to DoF. An Integrated Consultant Team (ICT) has been appointed to progress the design of the Ballycastle project. Both Limavady and Ballycastle SECs have established their Memorandum of Agreements and Operating Agreements. The RIBA Stage 2 design report is currently under review by DE. The Moy SEC business case was approved in March enabling the ICT appointment process to begin. Revised feasibility studies for Brookeborough and Duneane/Moneynick SEC projects are under review by DE and work is progressing within the EA on the business cases.



Uniting Communities through Sport

Urban Programme: delivery is ongoing in Colin & Eastside and Ardoyne & Ballysillan, with young leaders training being delivered in these areas. Young ambassador training will continue for current ambassadors in the Falls & Village area and Erne East. Recruitment and training of ambassadors from the local/international community continues and communications, PR and networking activity are underway with all projects. Pathways delivery continued up to 31 March and an evaluation commenced to inform delivery post March 2019.

Rural Programme: stakeholder engagement continues in two rural areas. Workshops were delivered in local schools to increase the recruitment pool and 50 expressions of interest obtained. Procurement was postponed until 2019/20 to allow for completion of school workshops.

Uniting Opportunities Programme: 6 projects were completed on time and within budget. Celebration events have taken place and post project evaluations are underway. The final evaluation of the Erne East post programme was drafted and the findings reported at the March Board meeting.

The Young Leaders Networking Day was successfully delivered in February 2019.

Existing Contracts have been reviewed and extended, subject to performance and budget. Seventy-five young leaders and 1,011 children and young people are taking part in the programme.

Shared Neighbourhood Developments

Of the ten proposed schemes, 9 have been completed and the final scheme is due to complete in May 2019. The 9 completed schemes have delivered 428 shared homes and the final scheme will deliver an additional 55 homes. An overarching review of housing, to bring forward recommendations on how to enhance shared neighbourhoods, is underway – Stage 1 has been completed and Stage 2 is currently being scoped.

Remove Interface Barriers

The Falls Shankill Forum has agreed the installation of new security gates for Townsend Street. Two consultation events were held in Derry~Londonderry to seek feedback on options for a significant redesign of the existing security structure (known as the 'dogleg') leading into the Fountain Estate. Work commenced on renovation of the play park at Serpentine Road and is due for completion in June. Consultations have taken place with residents in Margretta Park, Lurgan about the removal of a legacy interface fence and gate and with residents in Tigers Bay about an interface re-imaging project in Hillman Court. A potential interim use project has progressed in respect of interface land in East Belfast. Work commenced on devising the attitudinal survey of interface communities and a Framework Document setting out DoJ-led T:BUC interface reduction, removal, re-classification and re-imaging methodology has been agreed by IPB.

Peace 4 Youth

There are currently 11 lead projects delivering Peace 4 Youth across Northern Ireland and Border Counties. Phase 1 is now closed and Phase 2 (2019-21) has been successfully rolled out. As at 30 April 2019, 1,029 young people have participated on Phase 2 of the programme and SEUPB are undertaking a verification exercise to determine the final Phase 1 impact. At the March 2019 Steering Committee, Mencap's project was approved for continuation into Phase 2 and the quality and impact body for the programme, YouthPact, was awarded additional funding of €246,375.70 to enable them to extend their activities, including the development of a programme to further support safeguarding approaches. A satisfactory internal audit review of DFE incentive payment arrangements has been undertaken: 396 Phase 2 participants are in receipt of an incentive payment. The overall programme budget is £36m.

Urban Villages



The Urban Villages Initiative continues to deliver a range of community-led, cross-cutting and capital projects through a collaborative approach with councils, government departments and local community organisations for the benefit of people living, working and visiting Urban Village areas. In February/March 2019 there were a series of wider community stakeholder engagement events across 5 areas. The events were well attended and were focused on good relations and the impact of the programme in the local areas. Feedback was gathered, which will help in the development of Area Based Plans.

Community-led projects

A call for 2019/20 community-led projects was assessed and funding allocated to projects meeting the identified needs for each area. Forty community-led revenue projects are being supported in the 2019/20 financial year - most are multi-annual projects. The total allocation for these projects is £1.25m.

Capital Investment

As at 31 March 2019, 25 projects had completed construction and an additional 27 projects have either had their business case approved or are currently under construction. Capital spend totalling £4.2m was delivered during 2018/19. An estimated 76 proposed capital projects are to be developed and delivered during the period 2016-22.

Cross Cutting Programme

This programme involves projects connecting across the 5 Urban Village areas and involves partnerships with the public sector and other stakeholders. It includes school-based approaches, employability programmes and capacity-building initiatives. Projects across schools include: Schools of Sanctuary; the CRIS Buddy-Up Scheme and Creative Schools; working with partners at EA, ACNI and others.

Colin Connect Transport Hub and Colin Square

The Colin Connect Transport Hub and Colin Town Square officially opened in March 2019. This Transformational Project represents an investment by the Urban Villages Initiative of £1,750,000 and a further £1million contributed by the Department for Infrastructure, also acting as delivery partners.

To view the Colin Launch film log on to: <https://youtu.be/UJLYFhLcuWo>





T:BUC Camps

2018/19 was the 4th year of the T:BUC Camps Programme. It has proved very successful in achieving its aims, and we will continue to develop and refine the Programme to ensure we maximize the opportunities that it offers young people.



In 2018/19, 123 camps were successfully delivered in all areas of Northern Ireland to over 4,500 young people. As well as the Camps themselves we have progressed the 'Camps in the Community' element and brought social action to the fore thus improving the visibility of the young people in local communities and giving back to those communities through social action projects.

TEO and the EA have undertaken a considerable amount of work engaging with the public, including key stakeholders to improve the distribution of funding across Northern Ireland. The successful completion of the application process for the 2019 to 2020 programme indicates this has been successful with improved participation from areas of low uptake and schools.

Camps in the Community and Social Action

In 2018/19 two 'Camps in the Community' events were delivered in Lisnaskea and in Newcastle. Their purpose was to bring young people from different T:BUC Camps together to participate further in good relations work and design social action projects to be delivered in their own local communities.

Videos of these events can be found at:

<https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/articles/tbuc-camps-programme>

And on our social media feeds <https://www.facebook.com/tbuccamps/>
<https://twitter.com/TBUCCamps>

Twelve social action projects were completed in areas such as Belfast, Newcastle and Newtownhamilton. These included a beach clean-up, a fund raising event for a local cause, and a Christmas event at an elderly care home. Check out the video at: <https://vimeo.com/bnl/review/326576469/c643878b8a>



Photos above and below: young people from PeacePlayers T:BUC Camp



Newry - A Diverse City

A Newry-based hyper-local news website has launched an online series celebrating and promoting Newry's growing ethnic minority population.

The 'Diverse City' initiative went live in January and will become a permanent section on the online media outlet site.

Supported by a Media Grant from the Community Relations Council, the new section showcases all that's happening in Newry's growing ethnic minority community. It will also provide information on facilities and services available for people new to the city and will host regular interviews about Newry's diverse and multicultural society. Video interviews featuring the city's newest residents will also be broadcast as part of the project.

Columba O'Hare, Director of Newry.ie, said that he hopes the project will personalise the faces of our new city neighbours:

"We want to give people the opportunity to discover that we have much more in common than we have differences. It's a great privilege for newry.ie to be able to showcase the stories and achievements of people from many different parts of the world who have made Newry their home. Thanks to support from the Community Relations Council we can give our readers an insight into the lives of their new neighbours and contribute towards their full integration into our Newry community."

If you have a story you can contact the team at news@newry.ie:

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Community Relations Council New Online Funding Portal

CRC has begun its switch to on-line applications, starting with the 2019-20 Community Relations /Cultural Diversity (CR/CD) Grants and Pathfinder schemes.



Applicants are able to complete on-line grant forms through a special portal on the CRC website, www.nicrc.org.uk.

It is hoped that the new system will provide an enhanced applicant experience which will mean that the submission of hard copy applications is no longer required. In addition to the changes to the application process there will also be changes in relation to award notifications and how finance and evaluation reports are returned.

Over the coming weeks further information will be made available giving a step by step guide to the new system. The new application process has been designed to be intuitive to support a simple and effectual application process and further information will be made available over the coming weeks.

Whilst we are working hard to iron out any challenges we would ask for your patience as we bed in these new grant processes across all our grant schemes over the coming months.

Finally, awards made before 31 March 2019 should continue to submit claims and other documentation using the existing processes.

CRC Exceptional Achievement Award

Two women's dedication to peace building and good relations education in rural areas has been recognised with the Community Relations Council's (CRC) Exceptional Achievement Award. Marion Jamison, from the outskirts of Armagh, and Charmain Jones from Portadown have been working together and individually to contribute to positive relations both locally and regionally.

Marion works for Reconciliation, Education and Community Training (REACT). Over the last 20 years, under her guidance, the organisation has developed from a single identity group to cross community. With the aim of supporting the community and developing programmes to meet their needs it has a core ethos of accepting and respecting people regardless of their background. REACT's journey through the last twenty years is a true reflection of the peace process at a community level and Marion's dedication to the promotion of good relations. Never afraid to take risks she has worked with others from diverse backgrounds in the community to address some of the most contentious issues faced by those who work in the field of community relations. She believes that only through dialogue can differences be resolved — something which she has demonstrated time and again through her work with loyalist bands.

Charmain Jones has worked as a Community Relations Officer with Rural Community Network (RCN) in Cookstown for over eight years.



Charmain currently works with a number of different communities on both a single identity and cross community basis. Charmain's journey in community development and community relations has spanned 19 years. She now has a regional remit based in RCN offices in Cookstown. Charmain has worked tirelessly to address issues facing individuals, communities and wider society and is fully committed and passionate in relation to her work. Five years ago Charmain organised a shared history event that became a turning point for her in supporting local communities to truly explore

Andy Cole, CEO, Marion; Charmain; and Peter Osborne, CRC

their shared history and heritage. Putting shared history and heritage in the spotlight contributed to and reinforced a sense of belonging.

Peter Osborne, Chair of CRC, said, "This award is a thank you to them for their work to date and hopefully an encouragement for them to keep on doing what they do."

Derry and District Youth Foyle Cup

In 2018/19 the Derry and District Youth Foyle Cup were awarded £15k from the Central Good Relations Fund. This was to enhance the Good Relations aspect of the already successful Foyle Cup event which took place in Derry/Londonderry from 16 to 21 July 2018. The Foyle Cup tournament began in 1992 and the event has grown significantly to a total of 8 teams to an entry of 400 teams in 2018. The participants mainly come from community based football clubs (60% Catholic and 40% Protestant) from across Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and the British mainland, with additional input from Europe and beyond.

The week-long event provided the young people with an opportunity to spend time together; improve relationships between individuals and teams of a different religion; form and renew friendships; visit areas of another community they would not normally visit; and be further challenged to continue to meet with other teams of a different religion. Over 6000 young people took part in the event, which included a parade to Guildhall Square where they received a welcome from the Mayor and sponsors.

A band made up of individuals from different communities led the parade and everyone was delighted to take part in this most joyous and colourful celebration.

The programme was linked to: TBUC Key Priority 1 - Our Children and Young People/ Bringing Communities together (1.2) and - TBUC Key Priority 2 - Our Shared Community - Increased use of shared space (2.1).

Overall 90% of the participants experienced a welcome from communities not of their own tradition and an opportunity to be in places they would not visit. They also welcomed the opportunity to play and socialise with people from a different religious background and realised that, irrespective of whether Catholic or Protestant, we are all the same. Teams enjoyed the experience of challenges against other teams not of their own religion and new friendships formed.



Central Good Relations Funding Programme (CGRF)

The CGRF continues to deliver in 2019. The 2019/20 CGRF programme closed to applications on the 31 January 2019 - 169 project applications were received to the fund. Letters of Award were issued on the 1 April 2019, to the first tranche of 83 successful groups. All other groups remain on a waiting list who will be updated on their status once budget allocation is agreed.

District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP)

The DCGRP continues to deliver in 2019. Letters of Offer for the 2019/20 funding cycle have been issued to Councils and it is anticipated that over 100,000 people here will be involved directly or indirectly with the Programme over the next year. The Programme now operates on a three year indicative funding plan – this allows Councils to plan more strategic interventions with longer term good relations outcomes.

Peace IV

The overall budget for the Good Relations element of PEACE IV is €110M. Of this allocation TEO provides €12.9M in match funding. All 17 local authority action plans have now been approved: 11 of these are led by the Local Councils in Northern Ireland and 6 are led by the County Councils in the Border Regions of Ireland. 19 Regional Level Projects have been approved to be delivered by community groups. Two Regional Projects 'Building Emotional Resilience' and 'Community Cohesion and Capacity Building' have been developed. The call for both these projects is open and will close on 25 June 2019. For further information on these calls please see the SEUPB website: www.seupb.eu/piv-funding-calls

Planned Interventions

TEO has recently provided £65K of funding for Belfast City Council to award to community groups under the Planned Interventions Programme. The programme is designed to ensure that young people at risk of being drawn into interface and sectarian disturbances can participate in diversionary activities. 27 groups applied for funding and 18 were awarded funding; 6 groups were ineligible. £400K has been approved by TEO and will be transferred to Dept of Education to enable the Education Authority (EA) to allocate funding to EA-registered groups to deliver projects throughout Northern Ireland, particularly in interface areas experiencing heightened tension in the summer months. 110 applications were received and assessment panels took place on 30 April and 1 May. Awards will be made in due course.



Urban Villages - Racial Equality Short Films Showcase

Film resources showcasing the work of organisations tackling racial inequalities and promoting good race relations in Northern Ireland have been launched recently on the NI Executive website.

Dr Mark Browne, Director of Strategic Policy, Equality and Good Relations at The Executive Office commented, “These profile films symbolise a direction of travel for us. A commitment to raise awareness of racial equality and to better highlight and connect the work that we do across departments and communities; as well as a commitment to work together to tackle racial inequalities and to promote good race relations.”

The 36 profiles across 3 groups, are now available on the Executive Office (TEO) website at <https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/articles/racial-equality>, and include:

Members of the Racial Equality Subgroup - a representative panel for minority ethnic communities which supports implementation of Northern Ireland’s Racial Equality Strategy. <https://youtu.be/YInCwFxSe9E>

Racial Equality Champions from each NI Civil Service department, who work to increase staff awareness of Racial Equality issues in all policy and operational areas. <https://youtu.be/Xn3tmoidVTc>

Schools of Sanctuary serving Urban Village areas across Belfast and Derry~Londonderry which have been recognised for their work in supporting diversity, good relations and inclusion of people from all backgrounds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdAtRumPFCg>

William Olphert, Chair of the Racial Equality Subgroup and Director of the Chinese Welfare Association, said: “The work of these groups make vital contributions to realising the ambition of Northern Ireland’s Racial Equality Strategy.”



T:BUC Camps – PeacePlayers Clean-up at Murlough

All groups who participated in the T:BUC Camps Programme in 2018/19 were offered the opportunity to apply for a small “social action support budget” of up to £900 per group. The funding was made available to the groups to carry out a social action project, of their choice, in their local area.

The aim of the project was to encourage civic responsibility among the young people on a cross community basis, to provide an opportunity for them to give back to their community and be visible in their local area. It was also an opportunity to promote a positive image of all the young people who have taken part in a T:BUC Camp.

For their social action project the young people from the PeacePlayers NI T:BUC Camp went to Murlough Nature Reserve near Dundrum Co. Down.

They assisted the National Trust in a beach clean-up where they helped remove invasive species of plants and learned about the effects of invasive species as well as some of the history of Keel Point and Murlough Nature Reserve. For example, did you know that during WWII Murlough housed troops, planes and tanks?

The young people really embraced the challenge and were pleased to be able to give something back to the community. Well done PeacePlayers!

The group also created hashtags to promote and record their project on social media:

#sweepptothebeach #atsuscleanNI



District Council Good Relations Programme

Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Times' Shared History Programme

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Total Programme Costs: £3,500

Project aim: shared history / culture programme which examined the role of significant women in Irish history from the late nineteenth century to the early 20th century.

How much did we do? The project consisted of 6 workshops, with 16 participants taking part.

What difference did we make?

94% increase in the number of participants who now feel that they have a good understanding of different cultural traditions and backgrounds

94% increase in the number of participants who feel able to talk openly with others about their sense of identity, culture and aspirations

Feedback from participants:

"There needs to be a follow up course for those who wish to do one as there is so much to learn"

"More of these programmes please"

Promoting Reconciliation and Integration through Safe Mediation (PRISM)

The British Red Cross is leading the 'Promoting Reconciliation and Integration through Safe Mediation' (PRISM) Project. The project will create, sustain and better understand attitudinal change in a divided society and promote inter-community integration. The project will deliver bespoke attitudinal change initiatives within 7 geographic locations across Northern Ireland, these are:

1. North and West Belfast
2. South and East Belfast
3. Antrim
4. Craigavon
5. Derry/Londonderry
6. Dungannon
7. Newry

Approximately 910 participants from the Catholic, Protestant, Refugee, Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Migrant communities will explore perceived tension points, identify common ground and develop ways to integrate in the community. This project has been funded by the EU's PEACE IV programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Board (SEUPB).

Total Funding Value: €755K

TEO provides £75K of the total

Website: www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/prism-project



Empowering Women to get Involved in Public Life

The Next Chapter is a PEACE IV project supporting women to promote peace and reconciliation in their own community and around NI and the Border Regions of Ireland as well as improving the representation of women in public and political life. This project is being delivered by Politics Plus in partnership with NICVA and Irish Rural Link.

To date the project has achieved the following:

- Helped 300 women to network, meet female politicians and work to achieve social change in their area.
- Delivered a Capacity Development training programme for 200 participants, equipping women to champion peacebuilding and take a prominent role in politics and public life.
- Provided the first individual coaching session to all the women involved in the programme.
- Co-ordinated a peace and reconciliation event where women had the opportunity to network and meet female politicians.
- Hosted an Ambassadors' Forum event with the theme of female leaders in community, business and politics; high profile female leaders presented at this event including Gina Miller, Businesswoman and Transparency Campaigner and Judith Gillespie, former Deputy Chief Constable of the PSNI.



Pictured at the official launch of the event of the Next Chapter project are (L-R): Gina McIntyre, CEO of the SEUPB; Gina Miller, Businesswoman and Transparency Campaigner; Dr Evelyn Collins CBE, Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland; Dr Shola Mos-Shogbamimu, Lawyer, Founder of Women in Leadership Publication, Political & Women's Rights Activist; and Joanne Jennings, Head of Programmes, Politics Plus.

Dates for Your Diary

Good Relations Week

Good Relations Week 2019 will run from 16 to 22 September.

For further information contact the **Community Relations Council on 028 9022 7500**.

Next Engagement Forum

The next T:BUC Engagement Forum will take place on 17 September. We look forward to welcoming you at the event.

For further information on or to contribute ideas for the T:BUC Engagement Forum please contact the **Community Relations Council on 028 9022 7500**.





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If you're an EU citizen living in the UK you need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Irish citizens do not need to apply. The scheme protects the EU rights you currently have in the UK. You can apply from **30 March 2019**.

To find out more and to apply visit:
[gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme)

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