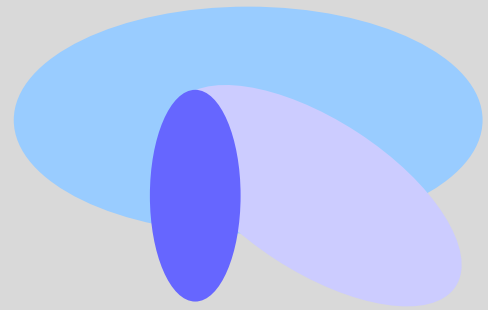


T:BUC Engagement Forum Newsletter

September 2016



Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC)

The T:BUC strategy was established in 2013. It outlines how Government, community and individuals will work together to build a united community and achieve change against the following key priorities:

1. Our children and young people
2. Our shared community
3. Our safe community
4. Our cultural expression

The vision of T:BUC is, “A united community, based on equality of opportunity, the desirability of good relations and reconciliation, one which is strengthened by its diversity, where cultural expression is celebrated and embraced and where everyone can live, learn, work and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.”

A range of strategic headline actions are identified throughout the strategy. These provide innovative approaches to building a united, shared and reconciled community and fully demonstrate the Executive’s commitment to realising change across the key priorities.



T:BUC Engagement Forum

The main objectives of the forum are to:

- Enable government and its associated bodies to update the sector on progress with regard to the implementation of T:BUC; and
- Enable the sector to address T:BUC implementation issues, identify good practice and make practical and innovative recommendations for improved delivery.

The Community Relations Council (CRC) provide the secretariat support for the forum. Following each meeting they are responsible for producing a summary record as well as collating views and identifying issues into advice papers for The Executive Office.

T:BUC Commitments

The Strategy committed to:

- Establishing 10 new shared education campuses;
- Getting 10,000 young people, not in education, employment or training (NEET), a place on the new United Youth volunteering programme;
- Establishing 10 new shared housing schemes;
- Developing 4 urban village schemes;
- Developing a significant programme of cross-community sporting events;
- Removing interface barriers by 2023; and
- Piloting 100 shared summer schools.

These are just some of the strategic actions committed to in the T:BUC Strategy. It is a very ambitious programme that sets out a vision for a united community, based on equality of opportunity, the desirability of good relations and reconciliation.



T:BUC Progress

This is a brief summary of just some of T:BUC's progress. You can find more detailed information on www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk.

- **Shared Campuses** — The Department for Education is providing funding of £33 million from a Fresh Start towards the first three shared campuses—Limavady, Moy & Ballycastle. The Economic Appraisal (EA) for Limavady Shared Education Campus has been approved and a new Project Board has been established to take forward the design and construction phase of the project. Project Boards for Brookeborough Shared Education Campus and Duneane and Moneynick Partners in Learning have now been established.
- **Urban Villages** — Strategic frameworks have been developed for 5 urban village areas, a number of capital projects have been funded and a variety of capital and revenue projects are planned over the next year.



T:BUC Progress

- Shared Housing — Two shared neighbourhoods have been completed in Belfast and Saintfield. Manse Court in Saintfield will be launched on 21 September, it provides 12 new family homes. A further 8 schemes are currently under construction in various locations across Northern Ireland including Newtownabbey, Cookstown, Dundrum, Banbridge, Ballynahinch, Ballymena and Belfast.
- Interfaces - The number of interface barriers has reduced from 54 at the outset of T:BUC to 50. Engagement has been initiated on 40 of the remaining 50 structures.
- Summer Camps — 100 shared summer camps took place in 2015. 105 were funded in 2016. The Summer Camps 16/17 Big Reunion will be held on Saturday 4 March 2017 at the Eikon Exhibition Centre
- Cross-community sports — The programme has delivered good relations interventions including funding for sports programmes targeting women in sport, training of coaches in Urban Village areas, Midnight Street Soccer, a sports and a good relations road show aimed at children aged 11-14 as well as a range of libraries, museums and creative industry based projects.
- Cultural Awareness & Community Relations Week is taking place from 19—25 September.
- The Racial Equality Sub-Group has been established and held its first meeting on 14 September.
- The Commission on Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition (FICT) has been established.



2017 T:BUC Engagement Forums

Thursday, 23 February

Thursday, 15 June

Thursday, 16 November

Venues to be confirmed



Further Information



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

