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# Monthly News

## January 2021

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Hi <<First Name>>

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021.

Right now nominations are open for our 2021 Good Relations Award. If you know someone deserving recognition, then fill out the nomination form. Closing date for receipt of nominations is 29th January!

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

- T:BUC Engagement Forum
- A Resource Fair for Marking the Centenary
- Case Study from our Small Grants Scheme
- The Churches Trust's year-long celebration of St Colmcille
- An interview with CRC Board Member Dr Máire Braniff.

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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## Good Relations Award

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

# Good Relations Award 2021



Nominations are now open for the Good Relations Award 2021.

We host an annual award in recognition of exceptional achievement in peacebuilding and community relations.

If you know someone deserving special recognition, nominate them now.

[Read more](#)

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## T:BUC Engagement Forum



The next T:BUC Engagement Forum takes place on **19 January 2021** and will be delivered online.

The theme is "Our Shared Community."

Registration is now open - just click the link below to reserve your ticket.

[Book your T:BUC place now!](#)

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## Resources Fair

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## Resource Fair - Marking the Centenary 24-26 February 2021

CRC, along with colleagues in Heritage Fund, community-based groups, central and local government are working to deliver an online Resource Fair in February 2021. The Fair will showcase the existing available resources to support organisations marking the forthcoming 2021 centenary. The Fair will also provide opportunities to discuss the use of the resources and their application in a way that reinforces the Principles for Remembering.

Registration for the event will open at the end of January.

In the meantime if you have a resource to share and want to book a virtual stand at the Fair, please get in touch with using the link below.

[Enquire about the Resource Fair](#)

# Grants & Funding

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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: **15 January 2021.**

[Read more](#)

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## **Publication Grant Scheme**

CRC's Publication Grant Scheme is open.

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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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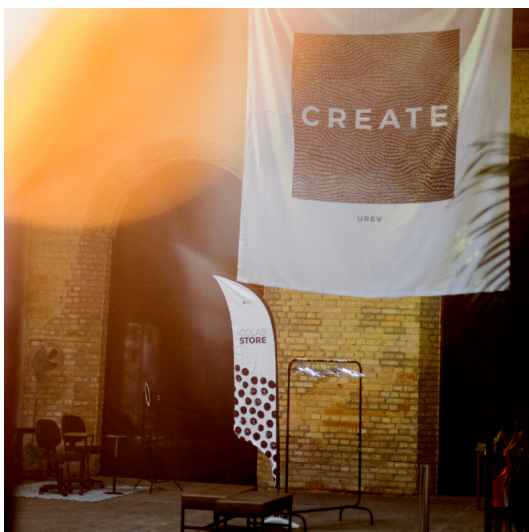


### Shared History Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is distributing a total of £1 million through the Shared History Fund to organisation's marking the forthcoming centenary.

Deadline: **15 January 2021.**

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### National Lottery Funding

The National Lottery have several funding schemes open with grants awarded from £3,000 and upwards.

Including a Heritage Recovery Fund and more.

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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 can find the following:

- The Churches Trust's year-long celebration of St Colmcille
- An interview with CRC Board Member Dr Máire Braniff
- CR/CD Case Study.

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## A year-long Celebration The Churches Trust



Join The Churches Trust for a year-long celebration across Donegal and Derry/Londonderry of the life and legacy of St Colmcille/Columba. The event marks the 1500th anniversary of St Colmcille /Columba.

The Churches Trust, who are core funded by the Community Relations Council, have produced a powerful film full of messages of hope and togetherness – sharing a culture and heritage that unites us all.



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## CRC Board Interview

### Dr Máire Braniff



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 Dr Máire Braniff.

Máire is a senior lecturer in Political Science at Ulster University. Her particular expertise is on the intersections between peace, memory and violent conflict, and how they impact upon communities, on individuals, and on relationships with power.

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## CR/CD Case Study

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# SMALL GRANTS CASE STUDY



<b>PROGRAMME</b>	CR/CD Small Grants Scheme
<b>ORGANISATION</b>	Ballymac Friendship Trust
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	Time of Your Life!
<b>LOCATION</b>	Belfast (East)
<b>COUNCIL AREA</b>	Belfast City Council
<b>GRANT AWARD</b>	£3,940

Our CR/CD Small Grants Scheme has helped to 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 highlights a forum theatre production entitled "Time of Your Life" by Ballymac Friendship Trust.

The innovative model allowed spectators to influence and engage with the performance as both spectators and actors, with the power to stop and change the performance.

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## Upcoming Events

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

- Single identity Programme - Mediate NI February 2021 Course
- Public Theology Course by Dr Johnston McMaster and hosted by Drumalis on Zoom
- T:BUC Camps Programme 2021/22 now open for applications

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## Community Wellbeing and Resilience Programme



Access a new support package for community and voluntary sector staff and volunteers working on the frontline of the coronavirus response.

The Community Wellbeing and Resilience Programme, organised by NICVA, provides access to specially developed online webinars, programmes and resources tailored to support individuals' wellbeing.

[Read more](#)

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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?

[Submit your story now!](#)



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