



CRC e-Bulletin

Community Relations Week 2010

Duncan Morrow introduces Community Relations Week which runs from 26 April to 2 May.



Violence is no longer the daily tragedy of the past decades and yet challenges remain. Agreeing to a new beginning is the first step, but it is the first in a long road that only ends when the hold of fear and threat on too much of our life has been removed. Courage and persistence are still required if we are to become a place that is truly shared, fair and peaceful. Can we put threat behind us and imagine and create a better future for this generation and the next?

Changed times need changed conversations. We need fewer conversations about 'if we have peace', and more about 'now that we have peace..'. A commitment to shared prosperity needs new conversations about shared space, about who can live where (and who can't) and about who can safely say what and where. The old sores of sectarianism and separation must give way to new conversations and plans about safe and open cities, a real welcome for all and delivering services to everyone – not just to my crowd or yours.

Community Relations Week provides an opportunity for community and voluntary organizations as well as public bodies to highlight the way ahead and to lead the way to a more positive future where diversity is celebrated and welcomed and interdependence is taken for granted in our way of life. This year CR week is a platform to think about the future, an opportunity for this and the next generations as we shape a future free from sectarianism, racism and segregation. It is time to change the conversation for ever, talking about how we live together, not why we can't.

Almost 150 events have been organized across all parts of Northern Ireland and beyond. These reflect progress in projects already underway as well as ideas and plans for future action. Most of these events are open to the public. We hope that you will find time to attend some of them as we have conversations which can shape a future which is no longer just another version of the past.

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Live Issues 8

Patricia O'Neill and Paul Jordan CRC

CRC held its 8th Live Issues Conference on 11th March in the Armagh City Hotel. The theme for the conference was *"What if? Charting the future changes and opportunities facing the community sector."*

The conference sought to adopt a fresh approach to its programme with the emphasis being on delegates sharing their experiences and reflecting together on the common issues they are likely to face over the next 5 years.

During the morning session participants were presented with 2 potential scenarios on DVD; one announcing European Funding was ceasing and the other stating Northern Ireland had now dealt with the issues surrounding the "Troubles", and asked to discuss the consequences of each. The discussions were chaired by William Crawley, BBC broadcaster and journalist.

Participants considered a range of questions relating to the future of their respective organisations, including what legacy they believed the European Peace Programmes had left and how they would cope with reduced/no further funding. There were a range of responses regarding job security, service provision, the social impact and the danger of the sector being 'obliterated.' However delegates recognised that in a changing community landscape it was important to effectively articulate the continued need for community relations work albeit in potentially different economic and social contexts.

Some felt moving funding to local councils would be beneficial stating 'local people know their own problems', however some voiced concerns regarding 'majority' councils and the potential lack of impartiality. There was a general consensus that the problem of sectarianism and its outworking has not gone away and considerable work still needs to be done across the sector.

In the afternoon three speakers gave their perspective on dealing with a reduction in future funding. Sandra Kelso Robb, *Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland* delivered a sobering address on the future of the funding landscape. She emphasised the need for organisations to build up their case for support, evidencing their work, adding value to service level agreements, downsizing, forming partnerships, fundraising and showcasing successes.

David Stevens, *Corrymeela Community* shared his own experiences of steering his organisation through a restructuring process and the need to reduce staff numbers and become self-sufficient. David provided practical examples of the challenges organisations face whilst keeping true to the central purpose of the organisation.

Marie Marin, *Employers for Childcare Charitable Group*, described how her organisation moved from being entirely dependent on government funding to become self-financing. Marie outlined her experiences of having to learn new ways of working and developing a more business focus to some areas of her organisation's work in order to secure its medium to long term future

The conference ended with a panel debate which gave delegates an opportunity to reflect on the contributions they had heard and to share their own experiences and challenges.

The conference raised a lot of issues and it was apparent that much more discussion, training and planning was needed to deal with these. Council staff are currently reviewing all the materials gathered on the day with the view to holding a series of workshops over the next 6-12 months which will allow a closer examination and debate of the key issues.

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Shared Spaces – from Jargon to Action



From left to right, Joost Beundermann, member of the think tank DEMOS, Dr Duncan Morrow, CRC, Margaret Ritchie MLA, Minister for Social Development, Professor Peter Jones, and Dr Ralf Brand

Getting real about shared space was the theme of an important event held on Thursday 4 March at Farset International on the west Belfast interface and organised by the Community Relations Council.

CRC Chief Executive **Duncan Morrow** said

‘Too many people still think that the shared future debate is about more meetings. Actually it is about building and planning our towns and cities, sharing resources so that we can all use the library and the swimming pool, creating a transport system that takes people throughout the city and not just to one destination and growing a region where investors want to invest and tourists want to visit are not put off by endless concerns about violence and conflict ‘

Two of the guest speakers were Dr Ralf Brand, lecturer at the Manchester Architecture Research Centre and Professor Peter Jones, a transport and sustainable development specialist. Each sent us a synopsis of their contribution.

Does design make a difference?

The impact of design on separation or sharing in Belfast and beyond by Dr Ralf Brand

Whether we acknowledge and like it or not: 'Things' like bicycle lanes, walls, rivers, playgrounds, in short: our urban environment influences our behaviour. This is not to say that it determines our actions; of course, there is an important role for education, attitudes, incentives, heroism etc. but we don't live our lives in a material vacuum. This is a key assumption of the research project “The urban environment – Mirror and mediator of radicalisation?” which is funded by the British Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).). The presentation on March 4 2010 at the CRC event “Shared Spaces – from Jargon to Action” focused on the mechanism of how the urban environment influences, solidifies, affects or 'mediates' socio-political conditions. In particular, it highlighted cases from four case study cities where certain – more or less deliberately planned – interventions in the urban fabric stimulated, enabled or facilitated the sharing of space between different ethnic, religious, linguistic or political groups.

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Shared Spaces – from Jargon to Action continued

In order to avoid the misconception that physical interventions can dictate certain human reactions or that we can simply manipulate our way towards shared spaces it is important to develop a highly nuanced understanding of the mechanisms that are at play in such cases. In particular it seems crucial to differentiate between 'things' that prevent undesired behaviours from those that encourage desired behaviour; artefacts that enforce certain social practices versus those that enable them; objects that directly impact on our body (e.g. fence) versus objects with primarily a symbolic message (e.g. sign of a barking dog); it can also be helpful to distinguish between neutral and shared space as well as between formally shared spaces (require a declared willingness to share) and those that happen to be shared simply because of some other shared interest that 'trumps' sectarian mindsets for practical reasons (e.g. shared passion for ice hockey).

The third part of the presentation contained concrete examples of the aforementioned categories from Belfast, Beirut, Berlin and Amsterdam. Images with succinct captions are available at <www.brandrg.plus.com/CRC/R-Brand-CRC.pdf>. The evidence gathered in said project clearly indicates that design cannot solve conflicts and that there are only a few necessary design ingredients of successfully shared spaces: perceived safety, absence of potentially offending symbolism and equal treatment. It also became clear that good urban / architectural design must not be overlooked in reconciliation efforts. Sometimes it is even the seedling of discussions about reconciliation. What seems even more important than the *content* of design is the decision making *process*. In short: People who genuinely want peace should consider how the urban environment can be enrolled in their efforts. Further results, including most contents of a touring project exhibition and a *Charter for Spaces of Positive Encounters*, are available at <www.urbanpolarisation.org>. Or contact <ralf.brand@manchester.ac.uk>.

Rethinking Transport and Connectivity for a Shared City by Prof Peter

Jones. This presentation drew on a discussion paper prepared under an EU Good Relations funded programme, by Natalya Boujenko (consultant) and Peter Jones (University College London) for Belfast City Council.

The study identified a number of well known problems faced by the residents of Belfast, including physical segregation of communities and sectarian tensions; various degrees of fear, misperception and mistrust; very limited 'mental maps' of what the City has to provide; and real and imagined difficulties in accessing large parts of the City.

It was recognised that there was much to be gained by addressing these issues through improvements in mobility and connectivity – in conjunction with initiatives by other sectors – in terms of enlarging labour markets, leading to increases in productivity and higher wages; encouraging inward investment to Belfast; cost savings by removal of duplicate services; reduced access times; and stronger community cohesion and improved quality of life.

The basic philosophy underlying the study's recommendations was to:

- Expand and broaden the range of 'shared spaces' in Belfast
- Encourage wider travel horizons when looking for employment or health care, etc. and generally encouraging exploration of the whole City
- Foster community exchange and encourage mutual familiarity and respect

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Shared Spaces – from Jargon to Action continued

Fifteen actions were recommended under six broad headings.

First, ensure that all major new developments are designed to a high quality and accepted by both communities as shared spaces – places that residents aspire to visit. Second, improve Belfast's bus system, by:

1. Providing cross city and orbital routes, to encourage new movement patterns that are not constrained by historic sectarian divides.
2. Developing the bus system – including bus stop areas – as a mobile shared space, guaranteeing safe movement for both communities throughout the City; and use the bus as a community information point.

Third, promote the major arterial routes into Belfast as shared spaces, where new services are located to serve both communities. This would encourage new business development in such locations – assisted by the opportunities for passing trade – and would provide local employment for both communities. Fourth, encourage cycling – and walking – by developing purpose built, safe networks with new connections through both communities to jobs and services, thereby increasing opportunities, as well as encouraging community interaction and improving health.

Fifth, organise high profile events and promote shared activities across the City, which bring the communities together and encourage exploration of different areas. For example, initiate a 'Tour de Belfast' (which would also promote cycling), organise City spectacles and encourage heritage activities. Finally, the study recommended a 'Smarter Choices' exercise to familiarise residents with transport and other opportunities that the City has to offer, and monitor initiatives to see what works and could be built on in the future.

We are entering difficult financial times, but many of these recommendations could be linked to existing initiatives, such as the proposed Rapid Transit System, any associated reorganisation of existing bus services, and new land use developments such as Titanic Quarter. Others would be partly self-financing, by leading to improvements in health, or reductions in unemployment and levels of policing.

CRC Council Member Profile—Dr Leon Litvack

Dr Leon Litvack is Reader in Victorian Studies at Queen's University, and is a world authority on the life and work of Charles Dickens. A Canadian by birth, he was educated in Toronto (BA 1983), London (MA 1984), and Edinburgh (PhD 1989), and has lived and worked in Northern Ireland since 1991. He presents programmes on religion and ethics for BBC Radio Ulster, and has a particular interest in investigating inter-faith issues; he is a regular contributor to Thought for the Day and Prayer for the Day. Dr Litvack is also a Trustee of the Charles Dickens Museum in London and a Governor of the Linen Hall Library in Belfast.

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Policy Update

During March NI Assembly members submitted a number of questions which were of particular relevance to community and good relations.

Below are some of the issues raised:

Written and Oral Q&A

OFMDFM

- Community Relations Posts in Local Councils
- Number of victims' groups funded through OFMDFM
- Eligibility criteria for victims' groups seeking funding from OFMDFM
- Update on implementation of Victims and Survivors strategy, Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Victims' Service
- Victims and Survivors of Conflict funding in Belfast
- Anxiety in the minds of victims and survivors, particularly in light of the absence of a decision on a proposed victims' service
- An assessment of the need for a new Non-departmental Public Body for the Victims and Survivors service, and whether it would be more efficient to place this service within and existing body
- Update on CSI
- Money spent via small grants to Victims and how many groups/projects benefited
- Funding available for good relations work in local councils and an update on Good Relations Strategy
- Methodology for fair employment monitoring
- Recommendations from Parading Working Group and responses from parading organisations
- Timetable for Executive discussion

DARD

- 'Invest and Save' initiative—consideration given to bids that seek to address communal segregation in service provision and to promote integration
- Famine Commemorations

DCAL

- Update on possible extension of Re-imaging Communities programme
- Ulster Scots Television channel
- How is DCAL encouraging young people to engage in cultural activities in South Belfast

DE

- Department spend on Irish medium education in last 5 years?
- Department spend on integrated education in last 5 years?
- Irish classes for departmental staff—cost and equality proofed?
- Funding from IFI to the Department and for what purposes
- Cost of translating documents into Irish, Ulster Scots and Braille in 2009
- Feasibility of a school dedicated to teaching Ulster Scots language and culture

DETI

- Interface conflict and Invest NI (Old Mackie's site, Springfield Road)
- Will DETI consider funding an Orange heritage trail

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Policy Update continued

DOE

- RPA—equality and inclusive local government

DRD

- Irish language lessons—assessment of benefits and number of telephone calls in Irish only

DSD

- Social housing in the Titanic Quarter Development—measures to ensure the maximum level of social housing and that it is inclusive of all sections of the community
- ‘Invest to Save’ initiative—consideration given to bids that seek to address communal segregation in service provision and to promote integration

NI Assembly Commission

- Flags in possession of the Assembly
- Amount spent on flags since 1998
- Statues within parliament buildings—Unionist and Nationalist/Republican politicians

Assembly Debates

The following was discussed on 2nd March 2010

That the Assembly calls on the First Minister and deputy First Minister to publish the long overdue Cohesion, Sharing and Integration strategy by March 2010; believes that publication would be an illustration of commitment to fruitful working relationships; and calls for the establishment of a dedicated Executive mechanism and a Standing Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 50 (2), to encourage, monitor and scrutinise implementation of the strategy across all government departments.

You can download this debate at

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/reports2009/100302.htm#8>

Committee Business

OFMDFM Committee 24th March 2010

OFMDFM Committee heard evidence from OFMDFM officials regarding the draft programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration. You can access the Hansard (Official Report) at the following link:

http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/committees2009/OFMDFM/100324_CohesionIntegrationSharing.htm

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Consultation Hub

Compiled by Gemma Attwood—CRC

Welcome to CRC's Consultation Finder. This will help you find and participate in consultations that have community/good relations implications.

Open Consultations

NIO: Local Partnership Working on Policing & Community Safety: A Consultation Paper. Comments due 6th May 2010. For further information please go to:

http://www.nio.gov.uk/local_partnership_working_on_policing_and_community_safety__a_consultation_paper.pdf

DETI: Draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland 2020. Comments due 20th May 2010. For further information please go to:

http://www.detini.gov.uk/ni_tourism_20100308.pdf

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission: Good Relations Action Plan for 2010-2011. Comments due by 4th June 2010. For further information please go to:

www.niassembly.gov.uk/goodrelations.htm

Consultation Responses

CRC recently made a submission to the NIO 'A Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland: Next Steps'. You can read our submission at

<http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/NIO-Bill%20of%20Rights%20March%202010-%20FINAL.doc>

News, Events and Publications

Community Relations Groups

We would like to update the list of CR groups on our website. If you are already listed could you check that your details are OK? If you are not on the list and would like to be please send details of

Name of Group
Contact Name
Telephone Number
Email Address
Website
Status of organisation:
Number of staff:
Aims and Objectives
Projects and Activities

You can find groups listed at <http://www.community-relations.org.uk/services/community-relations-groups/>

Please send details to poneill@nicrc.org.uk or phone Patricia O'Neill at 028 9022 7500. Thank you.

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Open Space

Visitors to CRC will have noticed that the Community Relations Council has reorganised its office space. This has left an informal area in Reception where people can chat before going into meetings. If you have an exhibition/photographs/or information about your group/work you would like to display here please contact Ray Mullan at rmullan@nicrc.org.uk

Shared Space (issue 9)

CRC's research journal, has now been published. The current issue contains five articles on recent research:

Paul Nolan—*The Leaders We Deserve?: Leadership and Community Relations*

Joanne Murphy—*Organisational Change under Environmental Pressure: Policing Change in Northern Ireland*

Peter Geoghegan—*The Search for Equality: Race, Religion and Public Policy in Northern Ireland*

Gladys Ganiel—*Surveying Religion's Public Role: Perspectives on Reconciliation, Diversity and Ecumenism in Northern Ireland*

Siobhan McAlister, Phil Scraton and Deena Haydon—*'Insiders' and 'Outsiders': Young People, Place and Identity in Northern Ireland*

Free subscription to **Shared Space** (published twice a year) is available on request from CRC (rmullan@nicrc.org.uk). Copies of the text will also be available in due course for downloading from the CRC website. Back copies are also available on the website.

Community Relations Award 2010

The Community Relations Council invites nominations for its 2010 Award for exceptional contribution to inter-community relations by an individual.

This annual award, in the form of a bronze sculpture, was created in 2006 and was awarded for the first time in April 2006 during Community Relations Week. It was also awarded during last year's Community Relations Week.

The criteria for consideration of nominations of individuals for the Community Relations Award are:

- Evidence of exceptional, sustained and long term commitment to community relations work
- Evidence of commitment beyond single community across Northern Ireland and/or across the Border
- An embodiment of CRC values
- Evidence of impact on the thinking around community relations issues.

Self-nominations will not be accepted and CRC staff and existing CRC Members may not be nominated. Family relatives of CRC staff and Members are also ineligible.

Nominations should be submitted to the Community Relations Council on an official CRC nomination form, available on the CRC website http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/CR_Award_form2.doc or on request from CRC reception, by Monday 12 April 2010.

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Decisions on the winner of the 2010 Community Relations Award will be announced and awarded during Community Relations Week, 26 April - 2 May 2010.

The Community Relations Council looks forward to receiving your nomination.

The application form requests the following information:

- Name, address and contact number of nominating person or organisation
- Name of person nominated
- Relevant background information on the nominee to enable CRC to judge against the set criteria

Questionnaire to Inform CRC Research on Priorities and Strategic Direction For CR In NI 2010-2015

Good Relations Associates (GRA) is carrying out research on behalf of Community Relations Council (CRC) to review the priorities and strategic direction of Community Relations in Northern Ireland. This will involve:

- Reviewing all Community Relations and Cultural Diversity funding/grant-aid programmes and their fitness for purpose
- Identifying the current needs of CR and Cultural Diversity Sectors
- Detailing the extent to which needs are being met and a gap analysis
- Identifying areas of strategic priority for CR and cultural diversity sectors of the next 3-5 years

We invite you to contribute to this process by answering the following questionnaire in person, by email or through sending completed hard copy. Download the questionnaire from the following link.

<http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/quest2010.doc>

Crosslinks

'Lift the Label' Performance 18th & 19th April 2010 @ Stranmillis Theatre.
Doors open 7pm

Participants of Crosslinks, aged 14-18yrs, are showcasing the work they have produced over the past year, while exploring the themes of stereotypes, prejudice and labelling through art, drama, dance and singing. Crosslinks is a cross community, arts-based youth program partnering Youth Initiatives, Chinese Welfare Association and CFC:Merge. For more information or tickets please contact Lynda Whinnery tel: 028 90 43 1139.

Take a Fresh Look at Equality

Ashton Community Trust and Mount Vernon Community Development Forum through its REAL Good Relations Project in North Belfast are arranging a free workshop to raise awareness of equality and subsequent rights

At this informal but formative session- participants will have a chance to take a fresh look at the equality laws (age, religion, sex, pay, race, sexual orientation and disability) that protect us all.

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Pamela Hughes from the Equality Commission will offer information and guidance on areas such as

- Equality laws made easy
- Services of the Commission
- The effects of ignoring discrimination
- Identifying discrimination and the actions you can take

You are cordially invited to attend.

The workshop will take place at the Bridge of Hope facility 64 Duncairn Gardens on the 14th of April 2010 commencing at 10.00am for registration

A light lunch will be served at approximately 12.45pm

For further details and to register contact

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“Are We Still Winning” (Reloaded)

30th April, NICVA Building, Belfast

Conference on Sectarianism and Racism. Ashton Community Trust and Mount Vernon Community Development Forum contribution to Community Relations Week. Speakers will include: Duncan Morrow, Avila Kilmurray, Rev John Dunlop and Dawn Purvis. For more information please contact Moyra Wylie at moyra.wylie@ntlworld.com or Jim Deery at jim@ashtoncentre.com by telephone on 028 9075 1973

Preview of the 2009 Young Life and Times Survey Results

Every year, ARK offers policy makers, researchers and anyone concerned with young people's issues an opportunity to get an overview of the key results of the most recent YLT survey before the full survey results are being released to the general public. The 2009 YLT survey results preview event is held in the Office of the Northern Ireland Commissioner of Children and Young People (NICCY) on 26th April 2010, 12.30-14.30. NICCY is located at 17-25 Great Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7BA.

Key findings will be presented on the issues of community relations, volunteering and attitudes to mental health services for young people. Co-presenters of the findings will be Wendy Osborne (OBE), Director of the Volunteer Development Agency, and Meave Hully, Chief Officer of the Patient and Client Council. To register for the event and for more information email: d.schubotz@qub.ac.uk or ring 028 9097 3947.

Clones E8.5mn PEACE III Iconic Sport Facility

Jason Donaghy is conducting a cross border and cross community sports and community relations survey on behalf of Clones Regeneration Partnership Ltd and Clones Erne East Sports Partnership's PEACE III 'Common Grounds' Project which is the foundation for their new Iconic €8.5 million PEACE III funded Cross Border and Cross Community Shared Space Sports Facility which shall open in 2012 in Clones.

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What's your perception of the role of sport (in all its forms) in promoting participation, the celebration of diversity and a sense of genuine shared space in Fermanagh and Monaghan for all sections of the community regardless of their background? What's your experiences of sport and community relations? Have they be good, bad or indifferent? Does sport and recreation help support or damage community relations within and between our communities and on a cross border basis? To what extent do you think we can participate in sport which is traditionally seen as belonging to the "other side"?

He'd really appreciate your opinions and thoughts on these issues. Your input will influence and shape the running and nature of the new sports facility.

Your responses to the online survey which I promise will take no longer than **5 minutes to complete**, shall be completely **confidential and anonymous**. You are not asked to identify yourself. Further, your email address is not tracked. 'Copy and paste' the address below into your address bar in your browser and hit 'RETURN'.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/
Clones_Erne_East_Iconic_Shared_Space_Sports_Facility](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Clones_Erne_East_Iconic_Shared_Space_Sports_Facility)

In order to ensure that this sport and community relations study leaves a real legacy for Monaghan and Fermanagh, might I ask you please to forward this email to those within your circle of friends and family contacts in order that we get as full and representative a picture as possible. Your support in this regard would be immensely welcome and invaluable.

Thank you for giving this email your attention. Please do take 5 minutes and complete the survey.

Sincere thanks.
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The Irish School of Ecumenics

The Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, is committed to the study and promotion of dialogue, peace and reconciliation in Ireland and around the world. It is recognized for its interdisciplinary approach to taught programmes and research drawing on the fields of politics, sociology, ethics, theology and religion.

Applications are now invited for the postgraduate programmes it offers in Dublin and Belfast starting in September 2010:

- M. Phil. in International Peace Studies (Dublin)
- M. Phil. in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (Dublin) - NEW
- M. Phil. in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (Belfast) - NEW
- Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies (Dublin)
- M. Litt. / Ph.D. programmes (Dublin and Belfast)

Further details on courses, fees and Scholarships at www.tcd.ie/ise

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Community Relations Council is pleased to announce Community Relations Week 2010.

Monday 26 April – Sunday 1 May 2010.

Media launches will occur in the week prior to CR Week.
The programme will be on the website, www.nicrc.org.uk soon.

Changing the conversation: A Shared Future for a New Generation

Tuesday 27th April, W5, The Odyssey Arena, Belfast. 12 noon - 4.30pm

The Community Relations Council cordially invites you to this conference, organised in partnership with Youthnet. It will highlight and discuss the contribution of children and young people to community relations work, the role of youth work in conflict transformation and reconciliation, and recommendations for the future.

You will hear from young people and their champions on the issues that impact on their lives, the challenges faced by young people and youth workers, and how these challenges should be addressed.

Part of the conference proceedings will involve a political panel, aimed to give local representatives an opportunity to put forward their vision for the sector and discuss the role of young people in building a cohesive and shared society.

To register or for more information please contact:

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CRC Resource Fair

CRC is hosting a Resource Fair showcasing the resources and training services that are available from CRC funded groups.

The Fair will be held in St Columb's Park House, 4 Limavady Road, L'Derry on Friday 30th April between 11am and 2pm.

This is an opportunity to come and see the most up-to-date training and resources available in the sector.

Please contact Ellana Tomasso on 9022 7500 or email etomasso@nicrc.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

Ending Hate in our Communities

27th April Belfast

Half-day workshop designed by the Centre for Prevention of Hate Crime. It aims to give participants an understanding of the extent of bias, harassment and hate crimes in their community and the impact of bias and harassment on those targeted, as well as practical skills to help them respond to and prevent hate crime. For more information or to book a place call Leish Dolan on 028 9032 0202 (extension 6028) or email dolanl@belfastcity.gov.uk.

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Unite against Hate

Unite against hate contribution to the Community Relations Week
Launch of the Unite Toolkit for schools

Unite at lunch with Tim McGarry

28 April 2010 at 12.00

Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast

INCORE 11th International Summer School 2010

INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute) at the University of Ulster wishes you to invite you to the 11th International Summer School. The 2010 International Summer School will run from 7th-11th June. The Summer School will be based on the historic Magee Campus in the city of Derry/Londonderry, on the shores of Lough Foyle in the north west of Northern Ireland, easily accessible by road, rail and air.

For more information visit: <http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/courses/ss/>

The INCORE Summer School provides a structured learning opportunity to analyse the dynamic and constantly changing field of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Focusing on the latest research and concepts in peace and conflict studies and practice; participants are invited to compare, contrast and learn from different perspectives. The School offers a unique opportunity to create links between theory, practice and policy. Special attention is given to how the experience and research of both practitioners and academics can impact upon policy makers within the field of conflict resolution, peacemaking, peacebuilding and reconciliation.

This year we are offering three courses to choose from:

* Peacemaking and Peacebuilding: Exploring the Lessons Learned from Northern Ireland

This course will provide a unique opportunity to examine the trends, opportunities and challenges that Northern Ireland faces in relation to addressing the causes and consequences of conflict, state building, and political, economic and social transformation. Northern Ireland has much to share with other societies emerging from conflict and this intensive focus on the lessons emerging from a post-agreement society is a must for policymakers, practitioners and academics with an interest in conflict resolution and peacebuilding initiatives. The course will combine both traditional lectures, guest speakers involved in peacemaking and peacebuilding in Northern Ireland, and a case-study based approach. The course will be facilitated by Prof Brandon Hamber and Grainne Kelly (INCORE).

* Evaluation in Conflict Prone Settings

The course covers the basics of conducting evaluations of initiatives in conflict-prone settings. The focus of the course is not limited to peacebuilding initiatives, but applies to the evaluation of the full spectrum of initiatives: development, humanitarian, private sectors, community development, and so on. Similarly, the term "conflict-prone" is broadly defined in the course. It can be applied to community work on interface areas of inner-cities, or it can be applied to more conventional, protracted, militarized conflicts. The course will be facilitated by Dr Kenneth Bush (INCORE) and Colleen Duggan (IDRC).

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- Interpersonal Reconciliation after Violent Political Conflict

This course explores some of the key challenges and dynamics of reconciliation between people who have been directly involved in and/or affected by violent political conflict. The focus will be on what has aptly been described as the "heart of deep peacemaking and cultural peacebuilding" (Ramsbotham), on reconciliation at the interpersonal level. The course will be co-facilitated by former combatants and survivors of the conflict in and about Northern Ireland, who have also become experienced reconciliation practitioners on the islands of Ireland and Great Britain and beyond. The course will be facilitated by Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd (Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation), Alistair Little (Irish Peace Centres) and Don Browne (Independent Facilitator).

Northern Ireland Programme

Alongside these modules, we also run the Northern Ireland programme to provide participants with an opportunity to network with others, gaining a deeper insight into the causes and consequences of the conflict in Northern Ireland. The Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) at the University of Ulster will be running their Summer School entitled "Gender, Conflict and Transition" in the same week as the INCORE Summer School, see http://transitionaljustice.ulster.ac.uk/events_news/summer_school_2010.html in the same week. Participants from the TJI Summer School will join INCORE Summer School participants during the Northern Ireland Programme and for social events.

Previous participants of the INCORE Summer School have included USAID, European Union DG External Relations, UK Department for International Development, World Food Programme, UN Department for Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and others. The INCORE Summer School is recognised by UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) Programme of Correspondence Instruction in Peacekeeping Operations, and may form part of The Certificate-of-Training In Peace Support Operations (COTIPSO) Programme. Visit www.unitarpoci.org for further details.

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The Learning Lab

The Learning Lab organised jointly by the British Council and the Forum on Immigration and Communications in Dublin opens a cross-sectoral learning environment for a focused discussion on the theme of identities aligned with the concept of social justice. Aiming to tackle questions on race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, gender, culture, language and religion, youth and age, Learning Lab will run for three successive days with labs scheduled for April, May and September 2010. To find out more about Learning Lab please contact Liz McBain at liz.mcbain@britishcouncil.org or visit Learning Lab <http://www.learninglab.ie/index.php>

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Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

Consultation on Good Relations Action Plan 2010-2011 period
2 April – 4 June 2010

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission has developed a Good Relations Action Plan for the 2010-2011 period.

The Commission welcomes the views and comments of all interested individuals and organisations. A copy of the Good Relations Action Plan and consultation process is available on the Assembly website at:

www.niassembly.gov.uk/goodrelations.htm

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Building Trust in Policing with Young People

'Building Trust in Policing with Young People' a research report by Elizabeth Nelson, Ruari-Santiago McBride, Olivia O'Riordan and Paul Smyth has been published by the Institute of Conflict Research together with Achieve Enterprises (Public Achievement), it explores the views, experiences and aspirations of young people on the subject of policing and justice.

Available free of charge from Public Achievement tel 02890-442818 and downloadable from www.publicachievement.com

CRC Staff

Since January CRC has recruited two new members of staff, Anne O'Donoghue, Finance Officer (Maternity cover), and Jo-Ann Daly, Administrative Officer, both within the European Programme.

Three members of staff have also left CRC for new challenges. In January Maurna Crozier retired from her position of Cultural Diversity Director. Also in January Ali McAllister moved on from her post as Shared Future Officer in the Policy Programme. In February Jim Dennison moved on from his post as European Programme Director. We wish them all well.