



# CRC e-Bulletin

## Just Say NO!

*Patricia O'Neill, CRC Communication Officer*

Late last year CRC received a drawing sent by the mother of a young girl who thought we may be interested in the content. The staff who viewed the picture, including myself, were very impressed by the ability of the artist and the insightfulness of the work.

I later arranged to meet her so she could explain the picture to me. She arrived with her father and over tea and orange juice we had a conversation about the picture below.



I asked her to describe the expressions of the characters – she explained, some were scared, some annoyed that people were hurt but others were happy to be in the fight. She has certainly put a great deal of menace into the character on the left holding a knife. The two victims on the ground have been shot. The splashes in the two top corners are blood and the obvious message of the NO! is her clear expression that this should not be happening. When I asked what it was that influenced her, her father explained that she drew the picture during the summer when the rioting was the main issue on the news.

The artist of this picture was 10 when she drew this, she's 11 now and has very clear views of the futility of sectarianism, of people asking you what religion you are in the street and why this should not continue. She wants to be a stylist when she grows up – I hope she keeps drawing too. I also hope, brilliant though this picture is, that children in the future do not experience the events that influenced the artwork in the first place.

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Many people probably think the long struggle over civil rights, equality and the political status of Northern Ireland has been resolved. In many important respects, they are correct. The political peace process that led to the 1998 Belfast / Good Friday Agreement has resulted in substantial demilitarization, the decommissioning of many paramilitary weapons and several organizations, the establishment of a powersharing government, and policing and other reforms. Yet, Northern Ireland remains highly segregated along political, educational, religious and geographic lines (to name a few). Thankfully, though some political violence remains, much contention has moved into the arena of party politics, and it continues to play out in symbolic and cultural realms.

Several years ago, I became interested in studying a range of expressions of Protestant/unionist/loyalist collective identity in Northern Ireland. While conducting field work, I took hundreds of photos of murals in loyalist neighbourhoods, documented the changing complexion of the symbolic landscape, and confirmed that violent and paramilitary images are being replaced by a range of historical, local, and other themes. This is good news, as one might expect a less-violent symbolic environment to help improve community relations by lowering levels of intimidation, especially at interfaces between urban Protestant and Catholic neighbourhoods.

My research experiences lined up with conversations I had been having with Gregory Maney, associate professor of sociology at Hofstra University, who also studies Northern Ireland. We decided to initiate a Mural Mapping Project that uses geographic information systems (GIS) technology and qualitative methods to track over time the location, production, and content of murals and other semi-permanent ethnic and political displays—such as memorial gardens, monuments, or sculptures. Our systematic cross-community approach catalogues these murals in every street in West Belfast and the Shankill Road, areas that incorporate Protestant/unionist/loyalist and Catholic/nationalist/republican neighbourhoods.

While following the removal, replacement, and redesign of murals over time, we can track their development alongside changing political, cultural, and social contexts. We hypothesize that although armed conflict remains part of the West Belfast landscape, republicans and loyalists are increasingly emphasizing other themes, such as athletics, in their murals and memorials, both reflecting and shaping their collective identities as part of the peace process.

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## These Walls Can talk continued

One of the exciting aspects of this work has been the opportunity (with support from the Hungerford Fund) to partner with Swarthmore students who study abroad in Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland Semester is a community-based learning programme offered in conjunction with the peace and conflict studies curriculum at the Irish School for Ecumenics, a satellite campus of Trinity College (Dublin) in Belfast.

During the 2009-2010 academic year, Samia Abbass '11 and Devon Novotnak '11 travelled the streets of West Belfast with a guide, Jayne McConkey, photographing and documenting the locations of murals, memorial gardens, plaques and other public displays of ethnopolitical identity. Their data has been compiled into a growing electronic database that will expand with further longitudinal research.

As the project develops, we plan to involve local community organizations and civil service agencies in the research to help ensure that the results can be of benefit to community development and community relations initiatives.

For more information go to <http://www.swarthmore.edu/x31833.xml>



## Sesame Tree Reaches out to Local Children

*Sarah Young, Smarts*

New educational resources use Northern Ireland's version of Sesame Street to promote personal development and mutual understanding.

The longest street in the world will be helping young children in Northern Ireland learn about themselves and the world around them this year, thanks to a new series of educational resources to support Sesame Tree, Northern Ireland's very own version of Sesame Street, extending the fun and learning of the TV show into local classrooms.

Designed to support and develop the learning at the heart of the Sesame Tree programme, which was recently screened on CBeebies, the educational resources have been developed in partnership with the Education & Library Boards and Early Years - the organisation for young children. As with other elements of the Sesame Tree project, the resources have been developed in line with the Northern Ireland curriculum, in particular the Personal, Social and Emotional Development aspect of the Foundation stage.

Funding from the International Fund for Ireland is allowing Sesame Workshop to make the new resources available free of charge to all pre-school groups, nursery and primary schools across Northern Ireland.

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## Sesame Tree Reaches out to Local Children cont.

The new resources complement the education packs produced for the initial series of Sesame Tree. There are two resources available. 'Let's Play and Learn Together Again' is designed for early years practitioners and teachers in pre-schools. 'Out and About with Hilda 2' is designed to support the Foundation stage (children aged 3-6 years). Both resources include DVDs feature material from the Sesame Tree show, themed activity cards and detailed teachers' guides.

In addition to assisting in the development of the resources, the Education & Library Boards and Early Years are providing special information sessions for teachers and practitioners to enable them to get the most from the resources.

Commenting on the launch, Shari Rosenfeld, Vice President, Project Director for Sesame Workshop said: "The Sesame Tree education resources are designed to be both educational and entertaining, focusing on promoting social inclusion and allowing this project to have a longer term impact on today's young children.

Research conducted by the Centre for Effective Education at Queen's University into the effects of Sesame Tree's first series on young children's attitudes and awareness found evidence of an association between the degree to which children watched the show and a small but positive change in their willingness to be inclusive of others in general; it also increased their interest in participating in cultural events associated with their own and other communities and increased awareness of the wider environment. We are confident that providing in depth resources to enhance that experience in the classroom will only deepen Sesame Tree's impact."

Welcoming the launch of the Sesame Tree educational resources, Denis Rooney CBE, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland, said: "By reaching out to all of our children and by educating them through fun and entertainment, we are working to ensure that this generation and the next can live together in a more shared and integrated society.

"The International Fund for Ireland is happy to support the Sesame Tree Project because of its potential to contribute towards the Fund's overall objectives and help our children to better relate to each other and live, learn and play together."

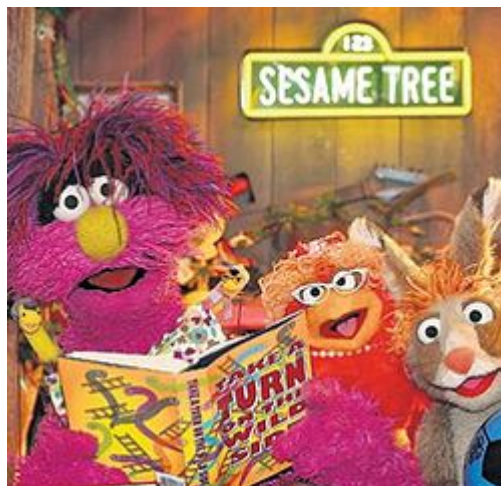
Speaking at the launch of the Sesame Tree educational resources in the NEELB, Lorna Gardiner, Assistant Senior Education Officer, said: "The Curriculum Advisory and Support Services of the Education and Library Boards have greatly welcomed the opportunity to play a leading role in the design and creation of the educational support materials for both series of Sesame Tree. It is clear in our on-going work

## Sesame Tree Reaches out to Local Children cont.

with schools that the original resources created for series one were warmly received and are being well used to support children's Personal Development and Mutual Understanding in nursery and foundation stage classes. I am confident that these high quality materials designed to support the second series, with their more explicit focus on issues of inclusion, will enable teachers to further explore many important concepts which are often challenging and complex for young children."

Richard Williams, Chief Executive of Northern Ireland Screen said; "Northern Ireland Screen is committed to taking an integrated approach to the intertwined development of the economic, cultural and educational value of the screen industries. Sesame Tree delivers on every aspect of this objective and we are delighted to continue our support for Sixteen South. We are certain that these new educational resources will be an excellent addition to the classroom."

'Let's Play and Learn Together Again' and 'Out and About with Hilda 2' will be distributed to schools and early years groups across Northern Ireland over the coming months.



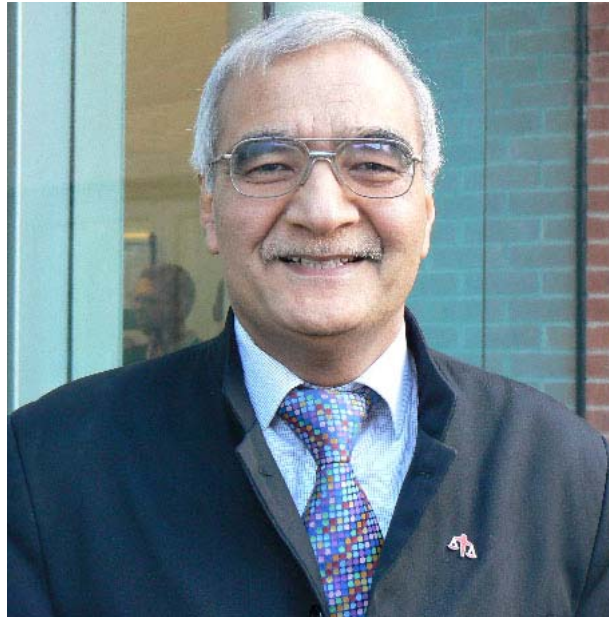
*Sesame Tree promotes messages of respect and understanding through engaging educational content that encourages children to explore and appreciate the world around them. The television series will be supported by educational outreach materials and a website for children, parents and caregivers – [.bbc.co.uk/sesametree](http://bbc.co.uk/sesametree).*

*The Project is funded by the International Fund for Ireland, which supports projects that encourage contact, dialogue and reconciliation between Unionists and Nationalists throughout Northern Ireland and the southern border counties. The Project is also funded by Northern Ireland Screen.*

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## New year, new Leader marks new beginnings for The Corrymeela Community



*Dr Inderjit Bhogal, OBE, new leader of the Corrymeela Community*

The Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland's longest established peace building organisation, has appointed a new Leader to take it into the next decade.

Following the death of its Leader and Chief Executive Dr David Stevens last May, the Community has appointed Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE, as his successor.

Kate Pettis MBE, Interim Leader of the Corrymeela Community said, "Inderjit brings to us gifts in abundance. His life's work, informed by Christian principles, has been centred on peace building and is evidenced in his commitment to the building of inter-faith relationships and to working for the achievement of racial justice. We believe our vision for the future which inspired the creation of Corrymeela is safe in his hands and we look forward to his leadership."

A Methodist minister, theologian and former President of the British Methodist Conference, Dr Bhogal has been Chief Executive of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum and United Faiths - its youth council - since 2005. Inderjit is also the Chair and founder of the much acclaimed City of Sanctuary, a national movement committed to building a culture of welcome and hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK.

Of accepting the role, Inderjit said: "David has left a great legacy. I am privileged to succeed him and delighted to accept this role. Diversity is much more complex now. Future peace in Northern Ireland will grow from the ability of people from many different traditions to accommodate their differences and build on their similarities. I am looking forward to life and ministry in Northern Ireland and being part of the future of Corrymeela."

### **Corrymeela**

The Corrymeela Community was founded in 1965 prior to the Troubles by Rev Dr Ray Davey OBE, prompted by his experiences during the Second World War. The lesson he learned on the front line was that we need to live in a way that accommodates difference. Ray's commitment to individuals and families affected by social, religious and political divisions and his desire for Corrymeela to be the starting point where the process of healing and living together could begin, lives on today in Corrymeela's vision to create safe spaces to engage in dialogue, learn from one another and build new relationships between all kinds and conditions of people.

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## NW PEACE III Partnership

The North West PEACE III Cluster is one of 14 Peace and Reconciliation partnerships established under Priority 1.1 of the Peace III Programme *Building Positive Relations at the Local Level*. In the North West, the local authority areas of Strabane District Council, Derry City Council and Omagh District Council came together in 2008 to form a Cluster and establish the North West PEACE III Partnership. The Partnership Board has 37 members which include elected members of the councils, social partners and statutory agencies.

A Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan for the North West was submitted to the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) in March 2008 and was awarded £4.733m funding to deliver six strategic priorities under Phase I. The Action Plan provides a framework to challenge attitudes towards sectarianism and racism and to support conflict resolution and mediation at the local community level. It is currently being implemented through 60 projects and runs up until 31 March 2011. The ALLtogether NoW campaign is one of these projects.

An Action Plan for Phase II of the PEACE III Programme which will run from 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2013 was submitted to SEUPB by the NW PEACE III Partnership in September 2010 and is currently being assessed. It has been informed by extensive consultation throughout the North West to build on lessons learned during Phase I and identify unmet needs in addressing sectarianism and racism as well as new challenges for Phase II. SEUPB will confirm its funding allocation for Phase II in early 2011.

For further information please contact the NW PEACE III Team at: Derry City Council Offices, 98 Strand Road, Derry~Londonderry, BT48 7NN. Tel: 028 71308466

## Policy Update

*compiled by Gemma Attwood, CRC Policy Officer*

### Assembly Update

During January Assembly members submitted a number of questions which were of particular relevance to community and good relations. Some of the issues raised included:

### Written & Oral Q & A

#### OFMdFM

What steps they are taking to produce a new Programme for Government; and whether they will make a statement on this issue.

If they will make public the amended version of the draft Public Assemblies, Parades and Protests Bill that has been developed following the consultation process.

Pursuant to AQW 69/11, (i) to provide a breakdown of the departmental costs of the expenditure on Community Relations and Good Relations Work in each

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## Policy Update continued

financial year since 2005/6; and (ii) to provide a list of the community and voluntary organisations which received this financial assistance in each of those years?

To detail (i) when the strategy paper for the social investment fund will be published; (ii) the geographical areas that will benefit from the social investment fund; (iii) the criteria used to identify the recipient areas; (iv) the activities that will be supported; (v) the expected outcomes of the money invested; and (vi) whether funding will be underpinned by a commitment to ensure that the resources are used to complement existing support services and support providers who have a proven track record in addressing the issues facing the selected communities.

### DCAL

Given that a commitment was made over three years ago, when he intends to bring forward an Irish Language strategy.

### DE

To provide a breakdown of the religious background of (i) teaches; and (ii) classroom assistants in each sector, broken down by Education Library Board area.

How much has been spent on the development of the Lisanelly shared Educations Campus, Omagh, in each of the last two financial years.

How many pupils currently enrolled in Irish medium schools and units are from the Protestant community.

### DFP

Given the short consultation time and lack of detailed information, for his assessment as to whether the current budget process meets basic standards of good practice, in providing Assembly Members and the public sufficient time and information to adequately scrutinize and respond to the draft Budget 2011-2015

### DOJ

How many of the convictions for attacks against Orange Halls in each of the last five years were subject to the enhanced sentencing criteria for hate crime.

To detail (i) the number of recorded attacks against Orange Halls in each of the last five years; and (ii) of these how many (a) have been cleared; (b) resulted in prosecutions; and (c) resulted in convictions.

In light of the discovery of mortar devices in County Kildare, for an update on threats to Northern Ireland from terrorists in the Republic of Ireland.  
For any update on the dissident republican threat.

### DSD

What level of social deprivation is in each constituency, as measured by the Noble Indices

### Hansard

First and deputy First Minister gave evidence to OFMDFM Committee on the Budget and Draft Departmental Spending Plans on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011, The proceedings can be accessed at the following link  
[http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/committees2010/OFMDFM/110119\\_Budget2011-15.htm](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/committees2010/OFMDFM/110119_Budget2011-15.htm)

## Policy Update continued

### Consultation Hub

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

### Current Consultations

#### DFP

*Draft Budget.* The NI Executive has produced a set of draft spending plans for the years 1011-2012 and 2014-2015 as part of the Budget 2010 process. These spending plans have been presented to the Assembly and are now available for public consultation. You can find out more and how to respond on the NI Executive website. Deadline for response no later than 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011. <http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/budget2010>

#### OFMdfM

*Child Poverty Strategy.* The Office of First Minister and deputy First Minister is seeking your views on a draft child poverty strategy. The strategy sets out the key areas for addressing the causes and consequences of child poverty and in meeting obligations under the Child Poverty Act 2010. You can find out more and how to respond on the OFMdfM website. Deadline for response is 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011. <http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/improving-public-services/ofmdfm-consultations/ofmdfm-consultations-current-forthcoming.htm>

*Play and Leisure Implementation Plan.* The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister is seeking your views on a draft Play and Leisure Implementation Plan. The draft plan demonstrates how government aims to offer all children and young people access to a range of quality play and leisure opportunities which support their development, their enjoyment and their growth. You can find out more and how to respond on the OFMdfM website. Deadline for response is 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011. <http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/children-young-people/play-and-leisure-policy.htm>

#### DOE

*Local Government Reform.* The Department of the Environment is seeking your views on proposals aimed at modernising and strengthening local democracy. A consultation paper sets out a wide range of measures on the future shape of local government, including reforms of the planning system. You can view the paper and find out how to respond on the Planning Service website. Deadline for response is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011. [http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/news/news\\_consultation/common\\_policy\\_lg-consultation.htm](http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/news/news_consultation/common_policy_lg-consultation.htm)

#### DRD

*Regional Development Strategy.* The Department for Regional Development has launched a consultation on the review of the Regional Development Strategy (RDS). The revised RDS addresses key challenges on climate change, rebuilding and rebalancing the economy, population growth, the location of jobs and houses, infrastructure provision and the protection of our natural and built environment. You can find out more and how to respond on the DRD website. Deadline for response is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. <http://www.drdni.gov.uk/shapingourfuture/>

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### DOJ

*Community Safety Strategy.* The Department of Justice has launched a consultation aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. 'Building Safer, Shared and Confident Communities', sets out proposals for a new Community Safety Strategy of Northern Ireland. It takes a fresh look at community safety by going beyond preventing crime and anti-social behaviour in the short term, to tackling the root causes that can lead to offending. You can find out more and how to respond on the DOJ website. Deadline for response is 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011. [http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/public-consultations/currentconsultations/consultation\\_on\\_a\\_new\\_community\\_safety\\_strategy\\_for\\_ni.htm](http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/public-consultations/currentconsultations/consultation_on_a_new_community_safety_strategy_for_ni.htm)

*Long-term policing objectives.* The Department of Justice has launched a consultation on new long-term policing objectives. The proposed objectives centre round the key themes of :

- Human rights
- Accountability
- Policing with the community and
- Policing in a peaceful society

You can find out more and how to respond on the DOJ website. The deadline for response is the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011. [http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/public-consultations/current-consultations/consultation\\_on\\_long-term\\_policing\\_objectives.htm](http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/public-consultations/current-consultations/consultation_on_long-term_policing_objectives.htm)

### DCAL

*Cultural Awareness Strategy.* The Cultural Awareness Strategy is a revision of the Department's Cultural Diversity Strategy. The consultation document provides consultees with background information on the current Cultural Diversity Strategy, the rationale for the revision and proposals for the future administration of the Strategy. Completed questionnaires can be e mailed or posted to the Response Co-ordinator below no later than 4pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011. <http://www.dcalni.gov.uk/index/quick-links/consultation.htm>

### Recent Consultation Responses

CRC recently responded to:

#### DSD & OFMdFM

*ILEX Urban Regeneration Company – Draft Regeneration Plan for Derry.* The full response can be downloaded here. <http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/Final%20Response%20-%20ILEX%20draft%20regeneration%20plan%20-%2010122010.doc>

#### DOE Committee

*Evidence in relation to the Planning Bill.* The response can be downloaded here. <http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/CRC-FINAL%20evidence%20to%20DOE%20Committee%20on%20proposed%20Planning%20Bill%20201012011.doc>

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## Publication of Good Relations Indicators update

The update of the Good Relations Indicators presents a range of statistics relating to community relations including numbers of hate crimes; attitudinal data on Protestant/Catholic relations and levels of prejudice towards ethnic minorities. The purpose of the indicators is to monitor the state of good relations over time with the baseline for the majority of the indicators being set at 2005.

A selection of the findings are:

### **Integration**

Eighty-eight per cent thought better relations between Protestants and Catholics would be achieved through more mixing of the two communities rather than separation.

Support for mixed-religion neighbourhoods continues to be high, with eight in 10 saying they would favour living in neighbourhoods with a mix of Protestants and Catholics.

Mixed-religion workplaces are also favoured; in 2009 92% said they would prefer a mixed-religion workplace, the same proportion as the previous year.

However, the level of support for mixed-religion schooling has fallen. In 2009, 62% said they would prefer to send their children to a mixed-religion school compared to 69% in 2008.

Despite this, in 2009/10 there was a further small increase in the proportion of pupils enrolled at integrated schools, with 6.7% of pupils enrolled at grant-aided schools now being taught in integrated schools.

In 2009/10, approximately four in 10 schools and one in 10 pupils were involved in joint community relations programmes. Proportions of schools and pupils participating in such programmes have changed little since the 2005/06 baseline.

In 2009, 69% agreed that members of minority ethnic communities should be encouraged to participate in public life. Levels of support for this matter have tended to fluctuate and have failed to return or go beyond the 2005 baseline figure of 75%.

### **Shared spaces**

In 2009, 90% described their neighbourhood, 86% their workplace and 94% their children's school as somewhere they feel they could be open about their own cultural identity. This positive perception of shared space replicates that seen in previous years.

However, in 2008/09 there were 69 more claims to the Fair Employment Tribunal compared to the previous year, representing a 44% increase from 157 claims to 226.

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## Publication of Good Relations Indicators update continued

In 2009, fewer Catholics said they would avoid applying for a job in a mainly Protestant area than in any other year since the 2005 baseline; 28% in 2009 compared to 37% in 2005.

Similarly the proportion of Protestants saying they would avoid applying for a job in a mainly Catholic area is at its lowest since the 2005 baseline; 27% in 2009 compared to 36% in 2005.

### **Intimidation & prejudice**

From 2008 to 2009, there was a decrease in the number of attacks on churches/chapels, whereas for all other types of symbolic premises the number of attacks increased. The greatest increase in attacks was recorded for Orange Halls; there were over a third more attacks in 2009 than in 2008; 77 compared to 57.

There were fewer criminal damage offences motivated by racism, religion and disability in 2009/10 than in 2008/09. In contrast criminal damage offences motivated by homophobia were up slightly (+3 offences) as were those motivated by sectarianism (+75 offences, an increase of 15%).

Casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks have more than doubled - in 2009 there were 122 casualties of paramilitary style shootings and assaults compared to 56 the previous year.

In 2009/10 the numbers presenting as homeless due to intimidation was up by a third on the 2008/09 figure; 774 compared to 580.

Amongst those presenting as homeless due to intimidation, the majority (75%) cited paramilitary related intimidation as the reason for their state of homelessness. The number of people citing racial intimidation more than doubled from 2008/09 to 2009/10 and was the second most common reason (12%) for presenting as homeless amongst those claiming intimidation.

In 2009, six in 10 thought there was more prejudice against minority ethnic communities now than there was five years ago. This figure represents a more negative view of the level of prejudice than in 2008.

Thirty-two percent admit to being prejudiced against people of a minority ethnic background, this 2009 figure maintains the increase in levels of prejudice first identified in 2007.

### **Culture & Traditions**

In 2009, amongst Protestants the majority (95%) reported having either a little or a lot of respect for the Catholic community's culture and traditions. Likewise, 95% of Catholics said they respected the Protestant community's culture and traditions a little or a lot. The respective figures at baseline in 2005 were 87% and 92%.

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## Publication of Good Relations Indicators update continued

In 2009, just over a quarter (27%) reported being annoyed by loyalist emblems with the same proportion being annoyed by republican emblems. In both cases, levels of reported annoyance are up five percentage points from 2008.

Although not significantly different, a slightly smaller proportion of people in 2009 than in 2008 said they knew quite a bit about the culture of some minority ethnic communities living in NI (22% and 25% respectively).

In 2009, 18% believed that the culture of Irish Travellers is more respected than it once was; this is a significant increase on the proportion (12%) saying this at baseline in 2005.

The report is available on the OFMDFM Research Branch website at <http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/equalityresearch/research-publications/publication-az.htm#anc-g>

## Publications

Richardson, Norman / Gallagher, Tony (eds)  
***Education for Diversity and Mutual Understanding***  
 The Experience of Northern Ireland

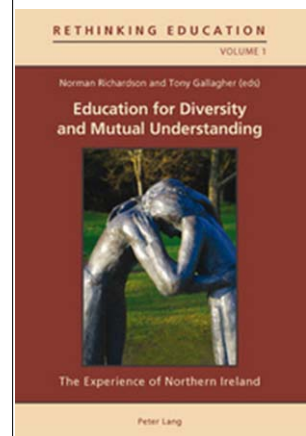
*Rethinking Education. Vol. 1*, Edited by Marie Martin, Gerry Gaden and Judith Harford

Peter Lang: Oxford, Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Frankfurt am Main, New York, Wien, 2011.

*Available from the University Bookshop, Belfast for £15*

### Book synopsis

Much has been written over recent decades about the impact of community conflict on Northern Ireland's children and schools. There have been fewer attempts, however, to record and evaluate the experience of those who have worked to offset the negative impacts of these realities by developing educational programmes which encourage positive responses to diversity and promote mutual awareness, understanding and respect. This book shows how such processes, ideas and pedagogies have developed, evaluates their successes and failures, and proposes what can be learned from this experience for those undertaking similar work elsewhere. Commencing with a broadly-based rationale for Education for Diversity and Mutual Understanding, this book explores developments since the early days of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' to the present, noting the broader context of community relations over the period. The editors explore some of the pedagogical issues in more detail, including whole-school ethos, creating 'safe space', managing conflict and prejudice, group-work methodologies and teaching controversial issues. A reflection on citizenship education brings the book up to the present day. It concludes by offering an evaluation of these processes at a time when Northern Ireland's diversity is taking new directions and presenting schools with a mixture of old and new challenges.



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## Publications continued

### **Special Issue, *Shared Space*, Issue 10, November 2010**

This issue of *Shared Space* has been compiled and edited by Professor Madeleine Leonard and Dr Martina McKnight of the School of sociology at Queen's University, Belfast. The articles are based on some of the papers presented at a conference held at the university in June 2010 on 'Growing Up in Divided Societies.'

It is available to download from our website Publications section and we have some hard copies available. Contact [poneill@nicrc.org.uk](mailto:poneill@nicrc.org.uk)

## News and Events

### **INCORE 12th International Summer School 2011**

INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute) at the University of Ulster wishes you to invite you to the 12th International Summer School. The 2011 Summer School will run from 13th-17th June 2011. 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.

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

### **Access to Services**

2pm— 4:30pm, Saturday 19th February at Comber Leisure Centre

Ards Intercultural Forum invites you to an information afternoon for those who have recently moved to the Ards Borough.

Over 20 organizations including the Council, Housing Executive and Equality Commission will be available to provide information and advice on the services available in the Ards Borough and how to access them.

A project supported by PEACE III Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body and delivered by the North Down, Ards and Down PEACE III Partnership.

For more information or to request an interpreter or transport please contact Una on 028 9182 8884 or email: [una@eastdownrcn.com](mailto:una@eastdownrcn.com)

### **Eastern Trauma Advisory Panel**

ETAP invites you to the launch of the Second Edition of Sudden Death and Traumatic Bereavement reference book and leaflets on Monday 7 February 2011 from 2pm –

4.00pm in the Reception Hall, Belfast City Hall. RSVP to Martina MullinO'Hare,

Eastern TAP Co-ordinator, Glen Villa, Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road,

Belfast BT8 8BS Tel: 028 9056 4951 email: [martina.mullin-o'hare@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:martina.mullin-o'hare@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

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### Speak Your Peace

This Conference organised by the CRC /POBAL Consortium will.

Explore current policy and visionary context to promote peace building initiatives.  
Feedback on the review of Peace partnerships work to date.  
Highlight the work of selected partnerships making a practical difference on sectarianism, racism and cross border work.

Please Register by 4pm on 11th February 2011 by contacting Emma Dargan on [edargan@nicrc.org.uk](mailto:edargan@nicrc.org.uk)

Once again there is significant emphasis on participation and learning. Conference participants are invited to take part in visits to local projects in the afternoon. Visit one is to the Alternative Focus project funded by the Southern Peace 3 Partnership at the PLACE offices in Portadown. Visit 2 is to a County Monaghan Community Network project (CMCN) funded by the Monaghan Peace 3 Partnership.

For more information please visit [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie) or [www.nicrc.org.uk](http://www.nicrc.org.uk)

### Rural Information and Advice Fairs

STEP will be organising and delivering the following Rural Information and Advice Fairs funded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) Rural Challenge Programme in Ardboe and Moy. The information and advice fairs will attempt to tackle poverty and social exclusion, provide evidence to inform future rural departmental policy decisions and enable the development of better services for rural communities across the region.

The work of community and voluntary agencies is of key importance to the community therefore we would like to invite you to participate in the information and advice sessions to help address distinct challenges faced by rural area communities in relation to their local poverty and exclusion issues. It will enable your organisation to deliver practical information and help determine future projects required in your local area as well as a wonderful opportunity to network with other organisations and browse other information stands.

The second series of the information sessions will take place in Ardboe in February followed by Moy in March (further information and date to follow).

**Date: Thursday 10 February**

**Time: 10am-1pm**

**Venue: Kinturk Cultural Centre (Cookstown)**

We would really appreciate if you could advise by **Monday 31 January 2011** if you are available to attend the information fair. In order to confirm your attendance or to seek further information please contact Katrina on 028 8775 0211 or email [Katrina@stepni.org](mailto:Katrina@stepni.org).

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### “Marching Traditions” Panel Discussion

February 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
The Theatre, Ballyearl Arts and Leisure Complex

This panel discussion will present speakers from a range of backgrounds, all of whom have been involved in marching, parading and associated protests. The event will give speakers around 5 minutes to outline their thoughts on the issues concerning marching to each other and the audience before going to the floor for contributions and questions. The event will be facilitated by Paul Donnelly, a Lecturer in Adult and Community Education at the Ulster Peoples College and a former interface worker.

Speakers include:

Sean Montgomery, Community Development Worker in Glandore/Skegoneil;  
Winston Irvine, North and West Belfast Parades and Culture Forum;  
P. A. MacLochlainn, President Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association, PRIDE organiser;  
Kevin Doherty, Secretary Belfast and District Trades Union Council;  
Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland speaker to be confirmed.

For further information please contact Jason Brannigan, Lecturer in Adult and Community Education, Ulster Peoples College, [jbrannigan@upclearn.org](mailto:jbrannigan@upclearn.org)

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**The Rules of the Game**—The Rules of the Game is a Forum Theatre production

7th February 2011	Jubilee Hall (Town Hall), Joymount, Carrickfergus
8th February 2011	Arches House, 38-40, Main Street, Randalstown,
9th February 2011	Old Courthouse, Market Square, Antrim,
11-12th February 2011	Courtyard Theatre, Ballyearl, Newtownabbey

All Performances Start at 7.30pm With Tickets Available At The Door. (This Event Is Free Of Charge)

What happens when your name or where you went to school becomes an issue for yourself or others?

When is it best to keep your head down, play along and say nothing?

How do you deal with those thorny issues of politics, religion and even sport?

The Rules of the Game is a Forum Theatre production exploring the experience of being a member of a minority community living and working among a majority from the 'other side'. Based on research with individuals and community groups from across south Antrim, Newtownabbey and Carrickfergus and presented through the stories of a range of characters, the play is an entertaining and thought provoking insight into the fundamental rules of life here.

Join us for the performance and help our characters discover some new options in their lives.

For further information or bookings contact Karen McFarlane tel: 07701 008852 email: [ksmcfarlane@hotmail.com](mailto:ksmcfarlane@hotmail.com)

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### Integration and education

Baroness May Blood will visit the Jethro Centre, Lurgan on Thursday 3 February, 2011. Her talk, which commences at 8pm, is entitled: Integration and education. This event is the first in a series for 2011 arranged by the Community Outreach Group which includes representatives of Shankill Church of Ireland, St Peter's and St Paul's Roman Catholic parishes. Everyone welcome. Tea/coffee provided.

### Dealing with the Past workshop

The Community Relations department of the Irish Football Association, in partnership with The Belfast Celtic Society and Healing Through Remembering, will be holding a Dealing with the Past workshop - 'Lish and Gerry at The Shrine' on 17 February 2011 at the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Stormont from 7.30pm.

This event is the third event that we have held in partnership with Belfast Celtic Society, the first and second events were held at Windsor Park in April 2010 and October 2010. The evening will begin with a specially commissioned play by Pdraig Coyle – 'Lish and Gerry at The Shrine', and followed by a discussion facilitated by Healing Through Remembering, dealing with the issues brought up in the play. It will be an opportunity to learn from the past and to highlight the current work of the Community Relations department in supporting Irish League Clubs to develop Community Relations Audits, Community Relations strategies and funding plans which will support club development and sustainability. The event is strictly by invitation only and numbers are limited so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to receive an invite or any further details about the event please call Maria Wilson on 02890688425 or [mwilson@irishfa.com](mailto:mwilson@irishfa.com)

### Northern Visions Open Day Talk & Screening

Friday February 4th 10.00am - 1.00am  
23 Donegall Street, Belfast

Karen McCartney will give a talk about the aims and approach of the Peoples History Initiative using examples from different community histories, including the Market Memories DVD recently produced with Friends of St Georges Market and filmed, edited and directed by Northern Visions.

Karen McCartney is Lecturer in Adult and Community Education of Ulster People's College. She is co-ordinator of the Peoples History Initiative at the Ulster Peoples College.

The talk is followed by a film screening and lunch.

All welcome. Please RSVP [feedback@nvtv.co.uk](mailto:feedback@nvtv.co.uk) to help us ascertain numbers for lunch.

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### Féile FM's Leading Ladies!

Calling all local ladies, 3rd Feb @ 3pm, Omniplex Cinema, Kennedy Centre

Féile FM's Girtalk crew regularly take over the airwaves discussing women's issues from health to relationships! The group are taking to the road and teaming up with women from the Irish Peace Centre's 'Leading Ladies' project, to create a panel discussion around cultural heritage -looking in particular at music.

Leading ladies on the day will include, Irish Peace Centre's Coordinator for Interface Reconciliation, Susan McEwen and Director of Talent Tribe, Fidelma Harkin, (also former Head of Drama at St. Louise's Comprehensive College). Music will be provided by local artist Bernadette Morris. All welcome.

### Unearthing the Theological Roots of Sectarianism

Six Session Course on Wednesdays from 2nd March – 13th April 2011 (excluding 23rd March) at 7.30pm - 9.30pm in The Coast Road Hotel 28 Scotch Quarter, Carrickfergus.

For further information, please contact and registration Karen Nicholson

Tel: 048 9077 5010 Email: [cenisec@tcd.ie](mailto:cenisec@tcd.ie) Course Fees: Waged £20, Unwaged £10

### With money too tight to mention, what can you bring to the table?

Rural Community Network Annual Conference and AGM - Friday 4th February 2011, 10.00am to 3.45pm in the Benedy Community Hall, Dungiven.

This conference is **free** but we ask all delegates to bring two things to the table. These are:

A short story on how with little or no money your group was able to address a community need in your area.

An item of food which will contribute to this 'guest tea' style conference. We would ask all delegates to bring something such as a dessert, tray bakes or even some festive fayre - in a sealed packet please!

To register contact **Teresa** in Rural Community Network on **028 867 666 70** or email [teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org)

### NOCN Level 1 Award in Community Development

Rural Community Network has recently become a recognised centre for the delivery of National Open College Network (NOCN) qualifications. We will be continuing to develop a suite of short and medium term qualifications at varying levels under this awarding body in the forthcoming period.

We are currently offering a full Level 1 Award in Community Development. The Level 1 Award forms part of an integrated suite of National Open College Network (NOCN) qualifications including Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Certificates.

If you would like to register your interest in participating in this training please contact Fergal O'Donnell at Rural Community Network on 028 86766670 or email [fergal@ruralcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:fergal@ruralcommunitynetwork.org)