



CRC e-Bulletin

OFMDFM Committee visit CRC Practitioners Forum

Ray Mullan—Communications Director-Community Relations Council



The Assembly Committee which oversees the work of the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) met members of the Community Relations Council's Practitioners Forum last week (28 September) at St Columb's Park House in Derry/Londonderry as part of its outreach programme. OFMDFM Committee members included Tom Elliott MLA (Chair), Chris Lyttle MLA (Deputy Chair), Colum Eastwood MLA, Trevor Clarke MLA and Alex Maskey MLA.

The meeting was an opportunity for the MLAs to hear about the important work of community relations from those directly involved at a community level.

CRC Chief Executive **Duncan Morrow** said:

"This is a welcome opportunity for the OFMDFM Committee to hear directly from those involved in practical initiatives and projects aimed at building a shared and inclusive society. We hope that the committee will bring forward its own recommendations soon to influence the shape of policy on these issues from OFMDFM. We also look forward to a new, robust CSI strategy which addresses the full scale and scope of the issues and is resourced to tackle them."

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CRC Chair **Tony McCusker** added,

“The Community Relations Council has been involved in supporting community relations initiatives for over twenty years and has enabled many hundreds of voluntary and community groups to develop the experience, contacts and skills to tackle segregation, sectarianism and racism. This work is an essential part of the peace process and needs to be acknowledged and built upon in the development of future government strategy and policies for a shared and more resilient society.”



At the meeting with the OFMDFM committee Community Relations practitioners outlined what issues they believed were still outstanding and needed to be addressed as part of the process of conflict transformation, regeneration and change to a better and more resilient society. These included:

- The Cost of a Divided Society
- Interfaces and contested space
- Shared space and Shared Housing
- The need for a new CSI strategy.

After the discussion the community relations practitioners were invited by the committee to remain as observers as it held a formal committee session.



'Anti-social' Networking in Northern Ireland: Policy Responses to Young People's Use of Social Media for Organizing Anti-social Behaviour,

From Policy & Internet: Vol. 3: Iss. 1, Article 7. Reilly, Paul (2011)

The article focuses on the extent to which the use of social media to organize anti-social behaviour in contested areas of Belfast is recognized and addressed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and community groups in these areas. The UK Home Office (2010) defines anti-social behaviour as "any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life." Recent reports in the Belfast Telegraph have suggested that young people who live in close proximity to sectarian interfaces, the barriers between Catholic and Protestant districts that local residents often refer to as "peace walls," have used Bebo to organize street riots in contested areas of North and East Belfast, with the perpetrators often posting videos of these attacks on YouTube (Belfast Telegraph 2008; 2009).

This paper sets out to explore the level of awareness and responses of stakeholders to the use of social media to organize these incidents of what has been called "recreational rioting," a phenomenon defined by Jarman and O'Halloran (2001) as "clashes between young people in interface areas" that "occur out of boredom and bravado rather than having an overtly political basis" (p. 3). It does so by reviewing the relevant theoretical perspectives on the use of social media to organize anti-social behaviour, analyzing how key stakeholders promote Internet Safety on these platforms, and presenting the findings of a preliminary set of interviews with community workers and a representative from the Police Service of Northern Ireland. This preliminary study suggests that, on the basis of the evidence to date, stakeholder awareness about the extent of the use of social media by young people to organize street riots is based on rumour and hearsay. Key stakeholders report that Internet Safety programs such as ThinkuKnow have received positive feedback from local audiences, but concede that they are unlikely to have any significant impact upon the level of anti-social behaviour in interface areas.

The consensus among the interviewees was that this form of anti-social behaviour could be organized via SMS text messaging if sites such as Bebo were no longer available to young people situated in or around interface areas. Moreover, the findings presented in this study resonate with the suggestions by Hampton (2004) and Carter (2005) that social media have become integrated into the daily lives of people and that online and offline relationships are increasingly blurred. The use of social media to organize recreational rioting in interface areas is likely to continue sporadically until such time as the causes of this anti-social behaviour are addressed in these contested geographical areas.

The full article can be accessed at: <http://www.psocommons.org/policyandinternet/vol3/iss1/art7>

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So why did the guns fall silent? How interplay, not stalemate, explains the Northern Ireland peace process

Irish Political Studies Vol. 26, No. 1, 1–18, February 2011

Jonathan Tonge (Liverpool University), Peter Shirlow (Queen's University Belfast) and James McAuley (Huddersfield University)

The precise rationale for, and timing of, the Northern Ireland peace process which developed after more than two decades of conflict, has yet to be fully explained. It has been a common assumption that it arose from a stalemate involving the IRA; the 'regular' pro-state forces of the British Army and RUC and the 'irregular/ultra' pro-state loyalist paramilitary groups of the UVF and UDA. Under this interpretation, military/paramilitary deadlock led to ripeness for peace, amid reappraisals by all parties to the conflict of the utility of violence accompanied by reinterpretations of earlier political orthodoxies. The IRA could not remove the British sovereign claim to Northern Ireland; British forces could not militarily defeat the IRA and loyalists and republicans were engaged in a futile inter-communal sectarian war. The population was 'war-weary'. Yet these scenarios were evident in the 1970s and 1980s, but peace did not arrive.

Ideas of mutually hurting stalemate have become common currency in explaining global peace processes. The stalemate thesis has obvious attraction in explaining why a seemingly intractable war finally subsided in Northern Ireland, but is unconvincing when subject to empirical testing among republican and loyalist participants in the conflict. As part of an 'Abandoning Historical Conflict' project funded by the Leverhulme Trust, we arranged for 150 republican and loyalist former prisoners to be interviewed regarding why their 'war' ended and how conflict transformation was achieved. To understand how Northern Ireland has (almost) moved from military conflict requires a shift away from 'top-down' generalist narratives of the onset of peace, which tend to argue the stalemate thesis, towards an assessment of 'bottom-up' interpretations from the actual combatants as to why they ceased fighting.

The interviews suggest an asymmetry, rather than mutuality, of perceptions as to why the conflict ended. Neither republican nor loyalist interpretations are grounded in notions of stalemate. Republicans believed they could continue to make gains in a more peaceful setting. The republican campaign was not stalemated. The IRA had regularly changed tactics and republicanism had developed a strong political outworking, allowing transformative possibilities via Sinn Fein. Loyalists believed they had 'won the war' and as such there was little need for a military campaign, although loyalists were wary of losing the peace given their lack of a strong political outlet. Neither side was cognisant of a stalemate, let alone a mutually hurting one. To understand the peace process in Northern Ireland, it is necessary to study the persistent interplay of the military and political amongst 'combatants'. Many of these former combatants have played positive roles in developing the peace and the rate of recidivism is remarkably low.

To access the complete article go to <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/07907184.2011.531103>

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I came here for...

Patricia O'Neill (CRC Communications Officer) outlines a new ICTU resource and training programme on migration and racism

In September I attended a 'Training for Trainers' event in L/Derry entitled *I came here for...*, a programme which raises awareness around migration and racism. The programme was supported by ICTU, the Equality Commission and Community Relations Council and was initiated during Race Equality Month as part of a *Talking Heads* arts production by drama practitioner Doug Holton. As Pauline Buchanan (Congress Equality & Social Affairs Officer) states in the introduction to the booklet that accompanies the course "It complements the Progressive Education Training and Learning (PETAL) programme currently run in partnership between the Congress Equality Unit and the Equality Commission."

The programme is now ready to be taken to the community by trade unionists and community activists. A range of people attended the training from groups supporting women, unemployed, young people, asylum seekers, ex-prisoners/combatants to community relations practitioners and trade union activists.

The training involved a number of sessions, one around the DVD which challenges the myths surrounding migrant workers. Another session concentrated on the particular legislation relating to migrant issues to general legislation that applies to us all. The final session was facilitated by Doug Holton who put forward a number of strategies for engaging groups in the debate.

As Pauline states "The programme is designed flexibly to meet the needs of participants. It can be effectively run as a short awareness session on migration and racism or longer courses exploring rights, migration, racism, language, integration and community/workplace participation."

For further information see http://www.ictu.ie/download/pdf/i_came_here_for_layout_1.pdf

Or contact Pauline Buchanan at Pauline.Buchanan@ictuni.org

Pushing Barriers

Breandán Clarke—North Belfast Interface Network

"Pushing Barriers", a day of events organised by *Draw Down the Walls* to coincide with Culture Night Belfast 2011, was a celebration of the success of the project in showing how the partner organisations have found new and innovative ways to bring communities in North Belfast to reimagine their relationship with interface walls & barriers.

Pushing Barriers—continued



A publication was launched by Kerrie Sweeney of Belfast City Council Development & Outreach who fund the project & Meg Katsumi of the US State Department highlighting how the partnership of North Belfast Interface Network, Lower Shankill Community Association & Golden Thread Gallery have worked with groups across the north of the city to literally draw down walls and build on cross interface relationships.

A panel discussion chaired by Julia Paul of BBC Hearts & Minds saw Minister David Ford MLA, Duncan Morrow of CRC, Chief Inspector Andrew Freeburn PSNI, Johnny Byrne UU & Dessie Donnelly of Participation & Practice of Rights explored why after 40 years we still have no governmental strategy to address the removal of interface barriers and how this could be embedded into a programme for government.

DCAL Minister Carál Ni Chuilín MLA officially launched the “Pushing Barriers” art installation which saw *Draw Down the Walls* recreate the Flax Street interface barrier inside one of the city’s foremost art galleries. The installation brought the physical presence of this barrier to a new audience in a new context and has hopefully generated conversation on how we begin “Creating the conditions to imagine a city without barriers”

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Policy Update

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Title of Consultation	Department	Date of Closure
Draft Revised Equality Scheme	Police Ombudsman	14th October
Social Investment Fund	OFMdFM	TBC
Policing Board—Equality Scheme	NI Policing Board	25th November
EQIA on Welfare Reform Bill	DSD	30th November

Events

Sport Race and Ethnicity 2012 Conference

You are invited to attend the 4th International Conference on Sport, Race and Ethnicity, which will be held at the Belfast Campus of the University of Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 27 – 30, 2012. The conference is hosted by the Sport and Exercise Sciences Research Institute at the University of Ulster.

The site for the forthcoming Sport, Race and Ethnicity Conference is one of the most intriguing destinations for the study of sport and identity anywhere in the world. For most of the latter part of the twentieth century Belfast, the capital city of Northern Ireland was an international byword for ethnic division, conflict and violence. Amid this turmoil, lasting almost three decades, sport continued to exist, albeit in abnormal circumstances.

Sport and Ethnicity

Instead sport came to reflect, exacerbate and occasionally promote division between the majority Protestant and Unionist population of Northern Ireland and the minority Catholic and Nationalist people, many of whom wished to see the unification of Northern Ireland with its neighbour the Republic of Ireland. Thus a key theme of the 4th SRE Conference will be the role of sport in the creation and promotion of ethnic identities and from that sport's role in accentuating, ameliorating or merely marking out the degree of ethnic diversity increasingly evident across the world.

Over the last number of years it seems the role of sport in this regard has become ever more pronounced. Issues of sport and ethnic/nationalist rapprochement since the end of the Sri Lankan Civil War; ethnic/nationalist conflict in Tibet in the lead-up to the Beijing Games and the IOC's apparent impotency over human rights and, in view of the impending 2011 IRB RWC in New Zealand, the question of Pacific Islanders having their own team at the Rugby World Cup instead of being segmented by island region, all bring to the fore issues of ethnic identity and the critical role of sport in this regard.

Sport and Race

Of course 2012 is also a hugely significant year for the United Kingdom as many of the world's leading athletes descend upon London in the weeks immediately following the SRE conference.

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With this the opportunity to consider mega-events as a site for the interrogation of issues of race and ethnicity in modern sport is both appropriate and timely. On this theme one of the issues the conference will broadly consider is the possible revised 'racial' interpretations of athletic performance in the wake of China's ascent to the top of the unofficial medal table at Beijing in 2008 (breaking down longstanding assumptions about 'oriental' physical inferiority by comparison to 'African-American' and 'European' representatives). Indeed arguably the same could be said around Latino ascendancy in Major League Baseball (the 'American' game) and/ or talented 'white' men playing in the NBA through and alongside the drafting of players from mainland Europe.

It appears that rarely before has there been a more opportune time to consider the full extent of the interplay of race, ethnicity and sport in the modern world. On a more theoretical and conceptual level around issues of sport and diversity the conference will also consider the ongoing attempts to make sense of the concepts 'race' and ethnicity in sport; consider how issues of indigeneity remain significant (or otherwise) in national or global sports and indeed whether cosmopolitanism is an inherently virtuous goal in sport?

For more information contact:

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Mediation Northern Ireland October events

Mediation Northern Ireland is preparing an Autumn Programme of free events to nurture mediators and peacebuilders who are working tirelessly to build peaceful and cohesive communities.

If you would like to attend any of these events within the Autumn programme please call into 83 University Street, Belfast, email Maire on maire@mediationnorthernireland.org or call 02890438614.

Places are limited to 16 for each event so please book soon.

10th Mindfulness - Britta Huss – 8.30am-9am
11th Storyteller – Bridie Cassidy – 1pm – 1.45pm
17th Mindfulness - Fred Graham – 8.30am-9am
20th Leadership Workshop, Indigenous World Views, The 4 Fold Way, Way1: The Way of the Warrior (this is the first of 4 workshops) – 2pm-4pm
24th Mindfulness - Britta Huss – 8.30am-9am
24th Seminar – Moral Imagination in Practice – 2pm-4pm
25th Storyteller – Bridie Cassidy – 1pm – 1.45pm
26th Seminar: 'Material Religion and Popular Culture', Frances King - 2.00 – 5.00 pm
27th Film: Babette's Feast – 7pm
31st Mindfulness – Joan McCrea – 8.30am-9am

Events continue in October and November, please contact Maire at the above number for details.

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Foyle New Horizons

Foyle New Horizons (AMH) local branch of Action Mental Health are hosting a public event in Foyleside Shopping Centre on 10th October 2011 from 12pm-2pm , it is hoped that many of you as well as the general public will call in , get involved and add to this opportunity to push mental health further into the public domain.

We have a fun activity which will create as many laughs as it will frustrations ,individuals or teams, all welcome .We already have several of the local sports teams on board , Derry City FC, Institute FC, City of Derry Rugby Club, Doire GAA to name but a few. It's all in the aid of creating awareness, prevention and recovery. This year our focus is much wider in our approach by giving thought and recognition to social disturbance, polarisation, culture and the legacy of the troubles, alcohol, PTSD ,physical illness or disability to name but a few.

It is hoped that connections are made as to what causes / contributes to poor mental health, and equally what promotes positive mental health, diversity, socially included individuals , prosperous economy and positive community relations.

As with all our activities we are eager to ensure as many organisations / groups or schools are represented on the day, we already have the welcome support of Health Promotion who will carry out various health screening checks, in addition we have some limited space available if you wish to display leaflets etc (first come first served).

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North Belfast Lantern Parade

New Lodge Arts are holding the North Belfast Lantern Parade & Magical Evening on Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7pm in the Waterworks Park.

This is a fantastic event where young people and families from all over North Belfast get together on the interface at Duncairn Gardens, and walk from Duncairn Gardens, along North Queen Street and up the Limestone Road to the Waterworks Park.

Groups are currently holding lantern making sessions in the run up to the event. A group of girls from the New Lodge are coming to Duncairn Community Centre in Tigers Bay to work together on a group lantern which they will carry together in the parade.

In the Waterworks Park there will be entertainment, magical creatures, food stalls and a fireworks display. It is a fantastic family event for the whole community and was hugely successful last year with a much larger than expected turn out!

For more information on this event contact Paddy or Cecilia at New Lodge Arts on 028 9074 2255

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Ethical Remembering

Ethical Remembering – Acknowledging the Decade of Change & Violence, 1912-1922

A six session Course from 27th October – 9th December from 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Cherry Room, Island Civic Centre, Lisburn

Contact DavidMitchell@lisburn.gov.uk for further informatio

‘Same Stories’ Good Relations Workshops

A series of creative digital media workshops highlighting community and cultural identities have been organised by Moyle District Council’s Good Relations Programme. Entitled “Same Stories”, this unique programme of workshops will take place across the Causeway, Ballycastle and the Glens areas throughout November, with three free events running in each area.

“Same Stories” will give participants the chance to consider their own legacies and cultural identities, together with those of others living within their communities. The workshops will be led by experienced tutors from the Workers’ Educational Association, who will provide an introduction to the facts around diversity and teach participants how to develop content and ultimately create a digital story which can be shared with their fellow contributors.

The “Same Stories” Workshops which will be open to both individuals and community group members will take place in the following locations around Moyle:

Ballycastle Area Workshops: Tuesday 8th, 15th, & 22nd November, 7pm-10pm at Moyle District Council Offices, Sheskburn House, Ballycastle.

Causeway Area Workshops: Wednesday 9th, 16th & 23rd November, 7pm-10pm in Bushmills Community Centre, Bushmills.

The Glens Area Workshops: Thursday 10th, 17th & Monday 21st November, 7pm-10pm in the Old Schoolhouse, Cushendall.

Anyone over 16 years of age can take part in “Digital Stories” and no previous creative writing or digital media experience is required. Places are limited on what is expected to be a popular programme, so if you would like the opportunity to take part please contact The Development Department at Moyle District Council on **(028) 2076 2225** or email: goodrelations@moyle-council.org before **Friday 21st October**.

You can also book your place by contacting **Carole Kane at WEA** on **(028) 9032 9718** or email carole.kane@wea-ni.com

Please remember to tell us which area workshops you would like to attend when booking your place.

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'My Culture and Me' Workshops

Have you ever wanted to express your views about who you are and where you live, but haven't found the right time, place or opportunity to do it effectively? Moyle District Council's Good Relations Programme is now offering the chance to do just that through 'My Culture & Me' – a series of workshops tailored to give the people of Moyle a chance to explore their views on their own and other cultures, and what living in Moyle it means to them.

During October, November and December, 'My Culture & Me' will see three free workshops take place in each of the Causeway, Ballycastle and Glens areas. Using the creative mediums of drama and art, the participants will examine their views on their own and on the other cultures that exist in Moyle today, looking at what they mean to both themselves and to others. Each full-day workshop will begin with a morning drama session where drama techniques and activities will be used to explore cultural identity in a fun and interactive way. After lunch (which will be provided), an arts/sculpture workshop will see participants design and make their own "character" which represents the area they live in. It is planned that the final pieces will then be put on display during a celebration showcase event for all the workshops participants in January 2012.

The 'My Culture & Me' workshops will take place on the following days:

Causeway Area Workshop: Saturday 22nd October, 9.30-5pm in Bushmills Community Centre, Bushmills.

The Glens Area Workshop: Saturday 19th November, 9.30-5pm in the Old Schoolhouse, Cushendall.

The Ballycastle Area: Saturday 3rd December, 9.30-5pm in Moyle District Council Offices, Sheskburn House Ballycastle

Places are limited for these fun and interesting workshops so if you are over 14 years of age and would like the opportunity to take part in a project that gives you the opportunity to learn more your own and other cultures, meet others from your area *and* develops your artistic skills in a totally unique way then get in touch now!

To take part in Moyle Good Relations Programme's 'My Culture & Me' workshops, please contact The Development Department at Moyle District Council on (028) 2076 2225 or email: goodrelations@moyle-council.org before Friday 7th October.

Please remember to tell us which venue you would like to attend when booking your place.

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Political Speed Dating

Political Speed Dating Thursday 13th October from 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Moyle District Council Offices, Ballycastle as part of local democracy week.

For further information please contact:

Deirdre Kinney

Good Relations Officer

Moyle District Council

(028) 2076 2225

Advance Notice

An event will be held in Belfast City Hall to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible on Wednesday 2 November at 12 noon. For further information, please contact the Good Relations Unit at 028 90 270663."

Good Relations Funding

Good Relations funding is available from Limavady Borough Council, with applications being taken now, closing 26 October.

Good Relations Funding Support 2011/12

Limavady Borough Council invites applications from local community / voluntary organisations who wish to undertake Good Relations projects within the following themes:

- Leading for a Shared Society
- Engaging People in Good Relations
- Building and Promoting the use of Shared and Consensual Space

Applications can be submitted for a maximum sum of £1,000 and will be subject to internal assessment. All work must be completed by 29th February 2012.

Before applying for Good Relations funding support, it is essential that a member of your organisation discusses the project idea with the Good Relations Officer.

Further information and an application pack can be downloaded from

www.limavady.gov.uk/living/good-relations or can be received by contacting:

Patricia Cameron, Good Relations Officer, Limavady Borough Council, 7 Connell Street, Limavady, BT49 0HA. (028 777 60311).

Completed applications should be returned to the address above no later than Wednesday 26th October 2011 at 3pm. Please read the application and guidance notes carefully.

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'Talking Tree' Sculpture Launch

Thursday 20 October at 7:00pm

Museum at the Mill, Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey Borough Council

Community and youth groups in Newtownabbey came together in 2011 and worked with artist Kevin Killen to develop a piece of public art. The theme of the workshops was 'What Newtownabbey means to me' and the result was the 'Talking Tree'.

Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP their attendance by Friday 14 October to Jean Shortt by telephoning 028 90340017 or e-mailing jshortt@newtownabbey.gov.uk.

The project was supported by the European Union's PEACE III Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

Networking Trip

Free Networking Trip to the Doagh Famine Village in on the 21st Oct. Places are limited. Setting off at 9.15am from Ballymoney Town Hall. Lunch is provided. Contact Michael McCafferty, Good Relations Officer, Ballymoney Borough Council @ 02827660230 to book your place.

Our Past, Our Present... Your Future

Rural Community Network is delighted to invite you to this event celebrating 20 years working with rural communities in the Torrent Complex, Donaghmore, Dungannon on Thursday 20th October from 10am – 4.15pm

For further information contact:

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Loch Lao Festival

We are the Ullans Academy, St Mary's University College, Belfast, and Forbairt Feirste, banded together in the **Loch Lao Partnership**, which formed earlier this year. The Festival will run from Saturday 15th to Thursday 20th October, around the Feast Day of St Gall on 16th October, with events in both Belfast and Bangor.

For further information go to <http://www.stmarys-belfast.ac.uk/infoserv/news/?ArticleID=23662040036348&S=1&nq=1>

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Northern Ireland Inter-faith Forum

Date / time	Event	Venue
Wed 5 Oct 7:30pm	Forum meeting Dr Gladys Ganiel, Lecturer in Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin <i>'Living Religion in Northern Ireland: Experiences of People of Minority Faiths in a Christian Majority Landscape'</i>	Irish School of Ecumenics 683 Antrim Rd, Belfast BT15 4EG
Mon 10 Oct 12:45 – 2:00	Lunchtime lecture Prof. Colin Harvey, Head of the School of Law at QUB <i>'Faith in Human Rights'</i> Advance registration essential	Edgehill Theological College 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY
Mon 7 Nov 12:45 – 2:00	Lunchtime lecture Prof. Tony Gallagher, Pro Vice Chancellor, QUB <i>'Shared education - how faith schools could work together for the common good.'</i> Advance registration essential	Edgehill
Monday 21 Nov 7:30pm	Inter-Faith Week Question Time panel with political representatives, chaired by Liam Clarke Advance registration essential	Parliament Buildings
Thursday 24 Nov 7:30pm	Inter-Faith remembrance service Lecture Theatre, Medical Education Centre, Craigavon Area Hospital Advance registration essential	Craigavon Area Hospital.
Monday 5 Dec 12:30 – 2:00	Lunchtime lecture Prof. Dame Ingrid Allen (Emeritus Professor of Neuropathology at QUB) <i>"Faith and neuroscience"</i> Advance registration essential	Edgehill
Wed 25 Jan 7:30pm	Forum meeting to mark Holocaust Memorial Day Mr Saleem Kidwai OBE, President of the Muslim Council of Wales <i>"The Role of Righteous Muslims"</i>	Tbc
Thu 26 Apr 7:30pm	Forum AGM Guest Speaker Restricted to members only	Tbc

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New Publications

Smithey, Lee. *Unionist, Loyalists and Conflict. Transformation in Northern Ireland*. 2011, Oxford Press, £40

In Northern Ireland, a once seemingly intractable conflict is in a state of transformation. Lee A Smithey offers a grassroots view of that transformation, drawing on interviews, documentary evidence, and extensive field research. He offers essential models for how ethnic and communal based conflicts can shift from violent confrontation toward peaceful co-existence.

Available from the publisher.

QE5. *An Evaluation of The Effectiveness of Complementary Therapies on Trauma Related Illnesses*. 2011, CRC

This research study includes a Literature Review, Questionnaire Design for Service Users, therapists and Stakeholders, with measurement tools tested for reliability and validity. An audit was also conducted which examined the existence of Insurance and Qualifications among therapists involved in the study. The objective of this study is to evaluate the impact complementary therapies have on people's physical and emotional health, specifically relating to trauma related illnesses, as a result of witnessing a traumatic event during the 'Troubles' of Northern Ireland

Email: poneill@nicrc.org.uk for hard copies or download <http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/complementary-research-report-final-30th-aug1.pdf>

Gethins, Mary. *Catholic Police Officers in Northern Ireland*. 2011, Manchester University Press, £60

Gethins states "I wanted to set off on an exploratory expedition to find out how far Patten's optimistic suggestions (*A New Beginning: Policing in Northern Ireland*, 1999) could be realised. Two clear questions formulated in my mind: (a) why was Catholic participation in policing historically so low and (b) would Patten solve the problem?" In this she succeeds by investigating policing from the establishment of the RIC through to the RUC and the present PSNI.

The book also contains 70 interviews with serving and former police officers giving an insight into their thoughts and experiences.

Available from the publisher.