



CRC e-Bulletin

'Heads On Hands On' Community Relations Training

September 2009



Martin McColgan (former chair Omagh District Council) congratulates participants

Omagh, Strabane and Derry City Councils merged to form the North West Peace III Cluster. In light of this partnership the Good Relations Officers from Omagh, Strabane and Derry City Councils organised a free networking opportunity for representatives from the Community and Voluntary Sector to increase awareness and contact across the three council areas. A two day 'Out & About' programme was organised in which participants found out about examples of good practice across the council areas. The feedback from this project, ran in October 2008, was so positive that it was decided to build on it in 2009. The Good Relations Officers agreed on a 5 day programme which tackled community relations issues 'Head On'.

The programme, which took place in May and June, had two main components:

- 'Heads On' section: Citizenship Social, Civic and Political Education 3 day training (Accredited OCN level 1, 3 credits.

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‘Heads On Hands On’ continued

- ‘Hands On’ section: Two field trip days, one in Derry City Council area and one in Omagh District Council area, which explored Community Relations issues and topics in different local contexts.

Over twenty – five participants attended and successfully completed the accredited training, which was provided free to interested Community and Voluntary Sector workers/volunteers across the 3 participating council areas. This training was targeted in particular at Community / Voluntary workers with little or no previous Community Relations training/qualifications who were interested in exploring the topics. Applicants were made aware that to strengthen the nature of the course, it would not be based in ‘neutral’ areas and would hit Community Relations issues ‘Head On’.

It was also hoped that the course would informally provide networking contacts and opportunities across the three council areas in line with RPA (Review of Public Administration) and Peace III.

The first Community Relations field trip took place on Monday 19 May 2009 in the Derry City Council area. It included an introduction to Community Relations issues, consideration of the impact of community divisions dealing with the past, viewing and discussion of mural projects in different communities, a few words of Irish Language, a visit to the Fountain Interface area and discussion of the ‘Troubles’ and Bloody Sunday. Participants were both moved and shocked by some of what they saw that day, as one participant commented on after visiting the Fountain Estate that they, “Didn’t realise how bad things still are in Derry” while another stated that “It is very sad that some people can’t tend their own families’ graves in the City cemetery because of fear of sectarianism”.

The following three days of the programme were held in Strabane District Council Offices where all participants successfully completed an accredited course in Citizenship, Social, Civic and Political Education. Facilitated by Michael Doherty, of the Peace and Reconciliation Group, the course was an introductory programme designed to develop an understanding of the principles of equity, diversity and inter-dependence within the framework of active citizenship. It aimed to explore the meaning of citizenship, civic engagement and rights and responsibilities in the context of Northern Ireland, to understand governance in Northern Ireland. Lively discussion and frank exchange of views were the order of the day. One person said that they were “surprised by how open people were to discuss issues” and another was pleased by “The willingness of members of other communities to be open and frank” while another stated that “ It opened my mind to my own lurking prejudices”.

‘Heads On Hands On’ continued

Omagh District Council's Good Relations section hosted the final event of the five-day programme to raise awareness of good relations for people working in the community and voluntary sector. In addition to visiting the Tara Centre, Omagh Community House and the Memorial Garden, participants spent some time at Strathroy Community Centre, where the Community Development Association has recently worked with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to develop a good relations charter for residents, and at Gillygooley Development Association to see the work of the local youth club.

The feedback from participants was excellent highlighting the need for such a project to make community relations ‘real’ for people and to give an insight into the different problems facing neighbouring council areas. The programme raised awareness of good relations issues at a local and personal level. One participant said that as a result of the course they would now “Be prepared to accept that my views are not the only ones that mattered.”

The programme will culminate with a final event and presentation of certificates in September 2009.

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Platform for Change

Politics in Northern Ireland has become ‘stuck’, with the hopes many invested in the Belfast agreement dissipated by disillusion, with a fragile peace not yet underpinned by a much-needed reconciliation, and with jockeying for sectarian political advantage still taking precedence over urgent social, economic and environmental concerns.

To give a focus to this diffuse sense of unease, a group of citizens have come together to develop a ‘platform for change’, a simple and concise document which could provide potentially widely supported answers to big questions—questions like how we can move to a ‘normal’ society rather than one scarred by 88 ‘peace walls’, how we can address the regional impact of the twin global challenges represented by economic crisis and climate change, and how we can break urgent impasses like that over the successor to the ‘11+’.

To that end, we have formed an association called Platform for Change, and we have begun a series of public policy discussions, engaging a wide range of individuals with much accumulated experience and expertise. The first, led by Prof Tony Gallagher, took place in June on the theme of education and showed how an introverted and embittered argument, polarised along sectarian lines, could be leavened by a broader, more cosmopolitan, perspective. A second, on Saturday, **September 5**, will be on Sustainability and the ‘Green New Deal’.

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Platform for Change continued

It will take place in the Cathcart Room, Queen's School of Education, 69 University Street, Belfast, from 10.30 to 1.00, and will be led by John Woods of Friends of the Earth.

A third, on **October 3**, will be on Intercultural Dialogue and will take place in the Ballynafeigh Community House, 283 Ormeau Road, Belfast, again running from 10.30 to 1.00, this time led by myself with contributions from staff of the Ballynafeigh Community Development Association. In the context of the prolonged delay in production of the 'Cohesion, Sharing and Integration' strategy promised urgently by the executive in its January 2008 programme, this session will aim to show how the much more productive debate on 'intercultural dialogue' in the Council of Europe in recent years can frame an effective successor to *A Shared Future*, as well as showcasing in this light the leading-edge work by BCDA on the ground. It will perhaps be of particular interest to community-relations experts and practitioners.

A 'platform for change' will of course need political expression, so a renewal of public engagement will need to be matched by a realignment of the political party system. This implies a move towards more a flexible power-sharing system working for the common good, rather than merely sharing out power in an arrangement repeatedly stymied by mutual vetoes, with the possibility that alternative governing coalitions would present themselves before assembly elections, offering a real choice to voters.

More information is available at <http://platformforchange.ning.com/>. On this site is the pdf of a document, *Platform for Change*, which contains the evidence from an earlier feasibility study which led to this project. It also provides an opportunity to keep abreast of events and to take part in the electronic debate accompanying the public meetings.

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Council Member Profile—Eamonn Oakes

Eamonn served an Engineering Apprenticeship with Morris Motors in Coventry, He then worked as a Design Draughtsman in the Engineering and Chemical industries. After many years as a Trade Union Representative in the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) Dublin he was employed as a full time official by the Union now known as UNITE, initially based in the North London area and then in Northern Ireland. He was a member of the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trades Unions (NIC/ICTU) and served as Chairman. When he retired from UNITE he worked for the Northern Ireland Low Pay Unit for a short time and subsequently for City Bridges cross border, cross community project as Project Manager. This project

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trained senior Trade Union Representatives in Peace and Reconciliation on a cross border, cross community basis for five years. Eamonn has also been chair of the NIC/ICTU May Day Committee and served as a board member of the Northern Ireland Anti Poverty Network (NIAPN) During his time with NIC/ICTU he was a delegate to the Concordia and G7 social partnerships. In recent years he has returned to education to study Borderlands Studies and Irish Politics.

Consultation Deadline looms

The report on the Consultative Group on the Past, also known as the Eames/Bradley document has been in circulation since January 2009. The document provides various recommendations in addressing society issues that are at the centre of hurt and healing. These include issues such as reconciliation, truth recovery, victims and survivors and remembering. It also suggests various structures that could be established in order to implement their proposals such as a proposal for a new Legacy Commission and additional roles and tasks for some existing bodies.

Community Dialogue has always been at the forefront of engaging local communities in constructive discussions about key issues relating to the society that we live in. As a result of their recently funded project through the European Union's Peace III programme, a series of documents are being produced known as 'Unravelling the Jargon' where governmental policy and strategy are simplified into 'lay' terms.

The project identified the report on the Consultative Group on the Past as a key document to be addressed. A clear and concise pamphlet on this document has now been published and is being widely distributed among local communities so that they can create opportunities for dialogue and share with and hear one another's opinions.

The Northern Ireland Office announced in June a three month consultation process on the document which allows individuals and groups the opportunity to feed back their views and concerns on the recommendations of the report. The deadline for submissions is 2nd October 2009.

Community Dialogue sees it as a priority that as many people as possible get to read and understand the report. Therefore their summary document is being distributed as widely as possible and where possible, open and frank discussions are being encouraged so that there is an opportunity to inform the consultation process.

Copies of the summary document can be obtained at Community Dialogue, LINC Resource Centre Belfast, telephone 02890 351450, email admin@communitydialogue.org or by visiting the web site www.communitydialogue.org

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Unite against Hate campaign launched

Unite against Hate, a new multi-agency campaign initiated by the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister, Equality Commission, Community Relations Council, Northern Ireland Office Community Safety Unit and Police Service of Northern Ireland was launched in Belfast today (1 September).

The campaign will challenge the prejudices which if left unchecked, can result in Hate Crimes. The Northern Ireland welcome is world famous. This campaign will provide opportunities for ordinary people to demonstrate their opposition to the mindless minority who carry out Hate Crimes.

Local sporting stars and celebrities, including singer Peter Corry who has recorded the campaign anthem 'Man in the Mirror', will unite to endorse and support the campaign during a number of events and initiatives.

The campaign will highlight all six forms of hate crime, homophobic, racist, sectarian, faith, disablist and transphobic and challenges everyone in Northern Ireland to unite to stop it.

Over the coming months, the public will have the chance to show their support for the campaign by participating in a range of diversity events. A number of organisations including the Irish Football Association, Gaelic Athletic Association, Belfast Festival at Queen's and Culture Night Belfast, have already pledged support for the campaign.

At the campaign launch, Acting Deputy Chief Constable Duncan McCausland said: "Hate crime is unacceptable, no one deserves it and no one deserves to get away with it. While the Police Service is fully committed to playing our role in preventing these crimes, we cannot work in isolation to solve what is a wider societal issue. We all have a responsibility to unite against hate crime, and that is exactly what we hope this new initiative will deliver.

"In addition to supporting this campaign, we want to encourage people, whether they are victims of a crime or witnesses to an incident, to report it to police. There are a number of methods available to make reports; these are in person, telephone or online reporting," he said.

Bob Collins, Chief Commissioner, Equality Commission for NI said: "Expressions of hatred, whether in the form of violent attacks or in any other way, are a poisonous stain on any society and must be challenged whenever they surface.

"The Equality Commission welcomes this opportunity to work with all our partner bodies to ensure that the prejudices of a few will not be allowed to dictate the terms on which people can live and work in Northern Ireland."

Duncan Morrow, CRC Chief Executive' adds: ' We have come through too much hatred and violence already. Now is the time to create an atmosphere of respect for difference.'

To support of find out further details about the campaign and planned events, look up www.uniteagainsthate.org.uk.

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Bebhinn McKinley—Rural Community Network

Bebhinn joined Rural Community Network in December 2008 as a Cohesion Sharing and Integration Officer. Her role focused on developing, coordinating and implementing RCN's work on Cohesion, Sharing and Integration and supporting RCN, the Rural

Support Networks and rural communities in making a contribution towards a shared and better future. Over the coming months, Bebhinn will be working towards supporting the design, implementation and dissemination of rural community support initiatives that seek to address social need, social exclusion, social cohesion and community capacity at a regional level.

Bebhinn previously worked in RCN as a Rural Community Estates Project Officer. She has also held varied positions working with rural women and politics, peace and reconciliation, community relations, policy and local government. Bebhinn holds a BA Joint Honours Degree in English and Politics, a Masters in Irish Studies and is in the process of completing an MSc in Sustainable Rural Development. She is also currently chair of a women's group in Rasharkin and is a member of the RDP North East Cluster Local Action Group.

As Cohesion Sharing and Integration Officer Bebhinn has responsibility for, and input into a variety of programmes and projects from facilitating anti sectarian work to working with Good Relations Officers in local Councils, from supporting community groups to initiating research on a wide range of issues affecting rural communities and work with stakeholders from all sectors.

CRC, with support from the Interface Working Group began a process of involvement and engagement with urban interfaces in Belfast and are now expanding their remit beyond Belfast in partnership with the Rural Community Network. CRC has commissioned research to gather together all existing information on interfaces beyond Belfast in a single document. The research will form a core document to assist the work of the IWG and inform the outworking of the RCN Rural Enablers Programme. Bebhinn is working with CRC to take this programme forward.

“Sharing Our Space”

Overcoming Division in Communities

Rural Community Network and the Community Relations Council with support from the Interface Working Group (IWG) are holding events which will provide an opportunity for the community to comment on a draft working document based around the nature of rural interfaces. The concept of rural interfaces is less well explored and defined. An interface could be related to townlands, extremely localised physical features, or a mind-set that impacts on people's behaviour and social patterns.

All events run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm commencing with buffet on arrival.

- 20th October Belmont, Banbridge
- 21st October Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh
- 22nd October City Hotel, Derry
- 26th October Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena

To book your place, contact Bebhinn McKinley on 028 867 66670 or email bebhinn@ruralcommunitynetwork.org



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Events

Free training in the North East Peace 3 Partnership area on Reconciliation, Community Engagement, Peace Building, Communication and Mediation

Organisations that are delivering projects with the **North East PEACE III Partnership** are invited to take part in training on Reconciliation, Community Engagement, Peace Building, Communication and Mediation. This free training aims to building up capacity and knowledge for the delivery of Programmes under the PEACE III Partnership.

Participants will gain an understanding for the application of techniques that enable them to develop and implement strategies and projects in their own communities. Further mentoring by the trainers will ensure a successful transfer into practice.

Course A takes place on 8th September + 18th September
Course B on the 11th September + 18th September.

This is a project supported by the Peace III Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body by the North East Peace III Partnership. This Partnership covers the Council areas of Larne, Ballymena, Moyle, Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney.

For registration and further information please contact Mediation Northern Ireland: info@mediationnorthernireland.org or 028 90 438614.

Last places available on the Group Mediation Skills Training

Last places available on the Group Mediation Skills Training starting September 2nd in Belfast. The course is open to those with proven experience in mediation and designed to assist the development of skills and strategies for more complex conflict intervention particularly large group situations.

The training also builds strength as a “reflective practitioner” to foster further self learning based on practice. This course is suitable for practising mediators, people with HR responsibilities within larger organisations, senior community workers, clergy and church workers.

Price: £895 (including course materials, accreditation, lunch and refreshments)

Dates: September 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th

More information: <http://www.mediationnorthernireland.org/> or call Rob 028 90 438614.

Courses in Restorative Practices at the University of Ulster

Applications should be made online at
<http://www.ulster.ac.uk>

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Events continued

Good Relations Targeted

A 'Meet The Neighbours Event' is being planned in north Belfast to promote community cohesion and community awareness. The sixth such initiative, it is being held in Glenbank Community Centre, Crumlin Road on Saturday 26th September, from noon-4pm. The event is being supported by Ballysillan Community Forum, Glenbank Community Centre and the North Belfast Partnership. A wide range of stand providers from the statutory, community and voluntary sector will be attending the event on the day. In conjunction with Meet The Neighbours, the War Years Remembered exhibition is also taking place from 22nd-24th September in the nearby Willowgrove Centre.

Trauma Recovery Network's Annual Conference "40 Years on – connecting head and heart"

17th-18th November 2009 at the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen

Marking the 40th Anniversary of the start of NI Political Conflict

40 innovative contributions through dialogue, debate, demonstration, drama, dance, music and more.

Details to follow soon.

East Belfast Speaks Out

A small committee from Roy Garland's Union Group made up largely of people from the unionist community but without active political connections is organizing a debate event inviting leading politicians and commentators to face a public audience.

The intention is to make this an annual event in various venues in East Belfast. The first venue is to be Ashfield Boys School, possibly with Campbell College for 2010.

The date of the 2009 event is to be the evening of Wednesday 30th September. The first question from the audience will be at 7.30pm and the event will finish at 9.00pm.

The 2009 theme for questions from the floor is: ***Facing up to the future***

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The Equality Commission's annual Anti-Racist Workplace Week campaign takes place from 19 - 23 October 2009

Anti-Racist Workplace Week is a campaign organised by the Equality Commission which encourages participation from employers, trade unions and black and minority ethnic groups.

The aims of the week are:

- To raise awareness around the role the workplace can play in challenging racism in the wider community,
- To ensure employees are made aware of their rights in the workplace, and
- To encourage employers to implement best practice measures to achieve equality

If you would like to find out more about Anti-Racist Workplace Week please contact Mairead Starrs on 028 90 500613 or click onto www.equalityni.org.

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Art and Conflict Course – open for applications

Applications are being sought for an **Art & Conflict** course being delivered in Belfast by Social Theatre Lab. There is no charge for this course.

The course is aimed at practitioners already working in the fields of community work and the arts or those wanting to work at a grass roots level with communities to address conflict and community development issues.

To apply please send your C.V. and a brief explanation of why you are interested in the course and what benefits you think it would bring to your own work to Karen McFarlane, Theatre Lab, c/o 283 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GG or email karen.mcfarlane@bcdanet.net. The closing date for applications is 4th September and the course will begin on 30th September.

Participants must be available to attend on 30th September, a residential from 2nd-4th October and 11 further sessions each Wednesday until 16th December. With the exception of the residential venues will be in Belfast and will be confirmed closer to the time.

This project is supported by the European Union European Regional Development Fund Investing in your Future.

Partisan Productions is funded by The Arts Council of Northern Ireland and CRC

Lisburn Indian Malayalee Association

LIMA is celebrating the cultural event "Onam" on 5th September 2009, from 11am to 5 pm. It is the festival of harvest and is celebrated with joy and enthusiasm all over the state by people of all communities

The venue is Trinity Methodist Church, Knockmore Road, Lisburn, BT28 2EA Please call Jose Mathew on 07846255036, Jobins Devassy on 07730563756, Sabu Kudilil on 07595330069 or send an email to mails2lima@yahoo.co.uk to reserve your seats and rates.

'Steps into Dialogue'

The overall goal of the project is to use dialogue as a mechanism that allows those affected by the conflict to deal with and address their past and to begin to respect and understand the views and past of others.

In order to initiate the programme and get some feel of the issues, have organised a Dialogue Session at the **Community Relations Office Linen Green Moygashel Dungannon on 10th September at 7pm.**

Key questions which we wish to pose at this session include:

- What are the issues that you and the people in your community need to discuss?
- Who need to be targeted to engage around those issues?
- Are there barriers to getting people involved?
- Is there a need to provide safe spaces to enable people to discuss the issues?
- Are there creative approaches that would be useful?

For further information please contact Jim O'Neill at 028 9035 1450

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Events continued

“Northern Ireland: A Multicultural Society?”

Thursday 17th September at 6pm in the Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast, BT7 1GB.

The meeting, organised by the Irish Association will be addressed by a VIP speaker from the Department of Culture Arts & Leisure and is entitled “Northern Ireland: A Multicultural Society”?

The meeting will seek to examine the issue of community cohesion in terms of both the settled community and the various ethnic groups who have settled in Northern Ireland in recent years. It will explore how civic society can facilitate a healthy social and political interaction which respects diversity and inclusively, and addresses the interests of all the people and communities living here.

For further information contact:

Tom Sullivan
Secretary
Irish Association
Merrion Business Centre
58 Howard Street, Belfast
Email sullivant@csp.org.uk

Race to Embrace - 5k community fun run

For all people, all abilities, colour, creed or ethnicity

This unique race will start at Farset International Hostel
Route will cover Falls & Shankill Roads

Sunday 20th September
Starting 10:30 am
Cost £2.50 per person or £5 per family

For more information or to register contact

Terry Mc Neill 028 90 235350 or Jennie Cornell 07851720861
Or email: race@scaltd.net

Free T Shirt for every runner

The Northern Group of Community Relations Officers

The Northern Group of CROs are holding their Conference on the 24th September in the City Hotel, Derry/Londonderry. The title of the Conference is Café Culture and it has been

designed to stimulate conversations among people from diverse backgrounds on a range of issues, which are pertinent to the promotion of good community relations. Conversations will take place in a café style environment with the purpose of creating a positive and informal space to hear from individuals representing a variety of viewpoints, beliefs and orientations, having the opportunity to hear from and engage with individuals we might not normally have the opportunity to do. The Council areas participating in the event are: Moyle District Council, Ballymoney Borough Council, Coleraine Borough Council, Limavady Borough Council, Magherafelt District Council and Derry City Council. Anyone wishing to attend the conference should contact their Community Relations Officer in any of the Council areas listed above.

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Events Continued

Our Story, Our Peace

Come to an Open Evening on Monday 14th September from 6.30 – 8.30 pm at the Rural College and Derrynoid Centre

Starting in October, the Rural College will embark on a 3 year journey to use storytelling and creative writing to improve understanding within and between communities in Northern Ireland.

The programme is open to anyone over 18 years of age and each 10 week course can take 18-20 participants.

For information and application forms, phone 028 7962 9100 or email kate@ruralcollege.co.uk

Annual CRC Victims & Survivors Conference

28th and 29th September 2009
Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle

The conference will hold dialogue around the main issues raised in the recent OFMDFM consultation document on the Victims & Survivors Service. The Council believes that this would be a useful opportunity to involve as many groups as possible in reviewing the way forward for Victims and Survivors funding and to support one another in understanding the key issues presented.

For further information email bmullan@nicrc.org.uk

Part time facilitators wanted

Community Relations Facilitators (Primary and Post-Primary)

Applicants must have:

A teaching qualification and an interest in and commitment to Community Relations work or three years experience in working with young people in a formal setting and delivering community relations work.

Desirable:

Experience of digital media including Windows Movie Maker.
Full driving license and access to own car.

If you are interested in being included on the register please send your CV complete with referees and details of previous relevant employment to: The Verbal Arts Centre, Mall Wall and Stable Lane, Bishop Street Within, Derry/Londonderry. BT48 6PU. Alternatively you can e-mail these to: info@verbalartscentre.co.uk

There is no closing date but these posts may be closed at any time. The Verbal Arts Centre is committed to equal opportunities and to selection on merit. It therefore welcomes applications from all sections of society.

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New Books

The Troubles- A Chronology of the Northern Ireland Conflict

the periodical series published by Glenravel Local History Project has just produced issue number 36 covering the period May-June 1976.

For copies contact glenravel@ashtoncentre.com or Joe Baker at 90-202100

Also on sale at newsagents (price £2.99).

The Role of Education in Reconciliation—The Perspectives of Children and Young People in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Northern Ireland. Maagill, C, Smith, A & Hamber, B. University of Ulster, 2009

For copies contact unesco@ulster.ac.uk or phone 028 7032 3593

The Things People Say—Political Quotations from the Northern Ireland Peace Process, Barr, F Trafford Publishing, 2008

For copies email_orders@trafford.com

What Made Now in Northern Ireland. Various Contributors, CRC, 2009.

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WAVE is a grass roots, cross community, voluntary organisation was formed in 1991 to support people bereaved of a spouse as a result of violence in Northern Ireland. It was expanded later to incorporate the needs of young people and children and anyone traumatised through 'the troubles'. Over the last few years they have produced a number of inspirational publications, here's a sample.

More In My Shoes—This is the second In My Shoes Project. In this project, participants have used a variety of art materials to dress the shoe, so that it symbolises certain aspects of 'the story' they wish to share. For some this was about the traumatic event, whilst for others it focused on people and experiences that helped them recover.

As we Share Stories in Glass—The stain glass project is a creative storytelling initiative which brought together a group of men and women from Armagh and the surrounding areas, enabling them to etch their own individual stories on stain glass and have them preserved as a testament to the lives of loved ones, lost but not forgotten.

Injured ...on that day— This publication was produced by the Injured Group who meet regularly at the WAVE Trauma Centre in Belfast. This book is an introduction to some of their stories.

These projects may inform or inspire the work of other groups in the sector. For more information or copies of the publications contact:

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WAVE, Armagh 028 3751 1599