



CRC e-Bulletin



Victims and Survivors

Micháela Mackin is Director of the Funding and Development Programme in the Community Relations Council (CRC) and is responsible for administering OFMDFM victims funding.

Michaela represents CRC through her participation as Associate Member on the newly established pilot Victims Forum. The Forum has been appointed by the Commission for Victims and Survivors and will operate until June 2010, it has been set up as the key mechanism for dialogue with Victims through representatives on the Forum and the wider victim community.

Speaking about her involvement in the Forum, Michaela said ‘CRC will bring to the Forum an understanding of the issues victims groups have raised and the specific needs of their particular individual members.’ She said she felt ‘a great will from Forum members to engage with one another and to work towards supporting those who have suffered most in our society. The Forum has challenges ahead dealing with the past and addressing the difficult task of a definition of victims particularly in the light of recent political debate; however there is a sense of positivity at the table’.

The Council has been involved in victims work for over 10 years and CRC staff and the Committee understand there is a great deal of work being carried out by funded groups which helps to change peoples lives in a positive sense. Some are more able to cope and deal with stress, some have found new friendships with others who understand what it is like to live without a loved one, to be injured, to have suffered trauma, to care for a relative. CRC recognizes the importance of fully involving group members in decision making and ensuring groups work in partnership. It is also vital that the needs of group members/clients are being met. Reviewing this work will enable policy makers to assess the impact of funding on the sector.

Recently the Victims Programme team held their 6th conference for funded groups working with Victims and Survivors which was attended by over 160 delegates. This conference was focused primarily on supporting groups to respond to the OFMDFM’s Victims Unit’s consultation paper on the new Victims & Survivors Service. Groups were encouraged to support the key arrangements for Victims and Survivors,

- To seize the opportunities to determine the actual needs of the sector
- To share those needs through the consultation to OFMDFM, the Commission for Victims and Survivors and the Victims Forum and
- To grasp both the challenge and opportunity that now exists to create a model of excellence and best practice for meeting the needs of Victims and Survivors in Northern Ireland.

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Victims and Survivors continued

Those in attendance gave their views on the consultation expressing concerns and hopes for the future. There was much consensus in relation to the future way in which needs will be met, however, there was some concern regarding understanding of the how the sector will be managed by the new Service. These concerns are highlighted in CRC's own response to the Consultation ([click here to view response](#)).

Currently CRC is reviewing the Core and Development Funding Schemes that have provided support to groups working with Victims and Survivors. CRC will be asking groups to assist in highlighting the learning and the story of service development, the growth in activities over recent years and the value of the funding schemes. Key considerations from this Review will be passed to the Commission for Victims and Survivors (CVSNI) and the Victims Unit in OFMDFM. This review is being headed up by an Independent Chair and the Group leading the review will be working with CRC to devise criteria, standards and tools to measure progress of the new Service. A report on this work is due by the end of 2009.

In addition, a further piece of work CRC has initiated with the support of the Victims Unit is a comprehensive governance audit and review of the funding provided to all groups supported through the Council. This review will outline to groups any improvements that can be made with respect to corporate governance and financial arrangements and will help to identify best practice that could be shared across the sector. Again, this work should be finalized by the beginning of 2010.

“All the colours against the grey”

Alexandra De La Torre explains the background to a series of minority ethnic Murals currently on display in Belfast public parks.

“When the two Chilean artists arrived at Belfast City Airport in March it was raining and cold and when they saw the location of the wall it was a grey morning with no sunshine. One of the artists said to me “We have to put some colours into the city and use all the colours against the grey.”



The Latin-American Mural Project started when Professor Bill Rolston from the University of Ulster, who is Northern Ireland's foremost expert on murals, suggested to the Cohesion Unit of the NI Housing Executive (NIHE) that two artists from Chile who were doing a mural in Belgium should be invited to come to Belfast. Bill had long established contacts with mural artists in Chile, a country that is renowned throughout the world for the unique approach used to depict community issues through the visual medium of murals. Representatives of the Latinamerican

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Association in Belfast knew about the idea and became involved in developing a Latinamerican mural project to promote cultural diversity and shared spaces in Belfast.

Through a process of developing ideas for the design, location and partners, Chilean and local cross community artists from both the loyalist and republican traditions who have significant previous experience in delivering community art projects in single identity communities were asked to create a piece of public art. This was to celebrate the contribution of the Latin-American community to the cultural diversity of the city. The project was implemented and funded through a partnership among the Community Relations Council, Belfast City Council through the Good Relations Unit and Parks Services, NIHE through the Cohesion Unit, Intercomm and the Latin-American Association.

One of the purposes of the project was to share the experience of Chilean muralists who express their political viewpoints in a non-threatening and visually artistic way with republican and loyalist muralists. The project also engaged young people in the artistic process, brought the two traditions together, and embraced the minority ethnic community who play a key role in the life of Belfast.

The mural was painted during two days by the artists with the assistance of more than 60 enthusiastic volunteers and park users. The mural was located at the edge of Ormeau Park to maximize visibility on one of Belfast main arterial roads and was launched on the 22nd March this year, when the former Lord Mayor, Councillor Tom Hartley unveiled the mural in a celebration full of Latinamerican music and food.

Following the success of this project, the Chinese Welfare Association became involved in the steering group that developed the Latinamerican Mural to explore the possibility of creating a Chinese mural in another park in Belfast. This mural would represent the experiences of the Chinese community since their arrival in Belfast over two generations ago but also the connections with the local community. Furthermore, it was anticipated that the Chinese mural would further develop the aim of promoting parks as shared spaces where all feel welcome. The project started with discussions to agree a location for the artwork and subsequently Reg Maxwell, Area Manager for Belfast Parks, agreed to site the mural in one of the main entrances of the Botanic Gardens. The Chinese Welfare Association worked for over a month alongside the local artists and Bill Rolston, gathering ideas for the design through workshops within the Chinese community that included the elderly, youth and children. Two artists from the Chinese community join the local artist and created a mural full of colour and features that represent the connection between the two communities.



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“All the colours against the grey” continued

Like the Latin-American mural, the Chinese mural project rapidly evolved and was painted remarkably quickly, within just two days as again the artists were assisted by volunteers and park users. It was launched by the Lord Mayor Councillor Naomi Long MLA who unveiled the mural on the 3rd of October. This celebration also coincided with the Chinese Moon Festival, which celebrates family, friendships and good community relations.

Thanks to the support of the local community, the Community Relations Council, The Housing Executive through the Cohesion Unit and the Belfast City Council Good Relations and Parks Department, once again the success of this project will bring new ideas to engage other ethnic minorities and the local community in initiatives to bring people together with a common goal: to celebrate the diversity in the city and promote parks as shared spaces.



Alexandra De La Torre is Community Cohesion Advisor in the NI Housing Executive's Shared Neighbourhood Programme.

Youth Work for a Shared Future: Launch of Lurgan Town Youth Project

Sinead McShane, Youth Officer Inclusion, SELB Youth Service

Lurgan Town Youth Project was recently launched by the SELB Youth Service in partnership with youth organisations across the town. The Lurgan Town Project aims to value and support all young people to live together in a safe, peaceful town, free from sectarianism and racism. Consultations with young people and youth workers identified that the legacy of the conflict was a real issues for young people and also that youth work has a key role to play in peace building. Support from parents, the community and building good relationships are key to addressing the legacy of the conflict.

Dr Duncan Morrow, Chief Executive of the Community Relations Council facilitated discussion at the “Lurgan Town: our Shared Community” seminar examining what the main issues facing young people that create barriers to a “shared community”? He said that fear is a real issue and the measure of success of this work is, young people will feel safer in their town.

Sinead Mc Shane, SELB Youth Officer, said that the feedback on the seminar was very positive. “Young people, youth workers and representatives from the youth organisations have very positive ideas to take forward. This project provides us with collaborative approach to youth work in Lurgan Town. Young people need Lurgan to be a safer place for all, so that they are not afraid to walk in certain parts of the town. The Lurgan Town Project will play a role in making this possible”.

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Youth Work for a Shared Future: Launch of Lurgan Town Youth Project continued

Representatives attended from the following organisations across the town attended, including young people.

- Lurgan Foyer, Mount Zion House
- Shankill Parish Caring Association
- Taghnevan Youth Club
- North Lurgan Community Centre
- North Lurgan Detached Project
- Clann Eireann Youth Clum
- YMCA Lurgan
- Craigavon District Youth Council, SELB
- Lurgan Youth Annex
- Craigavon Council
- SELB Inclusion Unit



This is an inclusive project and all youth providers across the town are very welcome to get involved. The Youth Service will facilitate a follow up meeting in the near future.

For further info, please contact Sinead Mc Shane, Youth Officer Inclusion, SELB Youth service, Bann House 028 3833 8556

The Peoples History Initiative



The Ulster People's College (UPC) specialises in the delivery of community development and citizenship education and training. Established in 1982 UPC delivers accredited education and training programmes encompassing community development; community economic development; community leadership; and, in Democracy and Citizenship encompassing community divisions and relations; equality, rights and justice; political education; culture and identity and race and ethnicity.

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The Peoples History Initiative continued

The Peoples History Initiative has been operating since 1999. It has won an Aontas award in using a partnership approach in history education work. The Peoples History delivers the following:

Short introductory courses on key periods in Irish History

A longer Peoples History OCN level 2 Course during which groups explore the history of their community in the wider context of the conflict in and about Northern Ireland and tell their story in exhibition/book format; and

A shared history aspect during which migrant groups work with local communities to tell the story of how they have all come to live in their community (in exhibition format) and a series of cross community lectures on key aspects of Irish history.

Evaluator Post: Terms of reference

The Ulster Peoples College wishes to appoint an independent evaluator to assist it in two areas:

The development of an evaluation framework to enable UPC to undertake its own formative evaluation throughout the life of the project; and

To provide a short summative evaluation report at the end of the project, using data provided by UPC.

This evaluation framework must, as a minimum:

- Use the Aid for Peace approach;
- Enable UPC to assess the extent to which agreed indicators have been achieved;
- Enable UPC to examine the extent to which the project has achieved its aims and objectives;
- Enable UPC to examine the effectiveness of the project in meeting the objectives of the Peace III programme;
- Enable UPC to assess economically how the various inputs have been converted into outputs / results / impacts;
- Enable UPC to determine the extent to which the project objectives have been relevant to the Peace III Cross-Cutting themes:
 - Cross-border co-operation;
 - Equality of opportunity;
 - Sustainable development;
 - Impact on poverty; and
 - Partnership working.
- Enable UPC to assess how the project impacts compare with the needs of the target population;
- Enable UPC to determine the extent to which positive changes can be expected to last after the project has ended;
- Provide additional support on how best to document the history and development of the project;
- Enable UPC to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of the project adopted in order to meet the aims and objectives of the project and the funder;
- Enable UPC to assess the effectiveness and appropriateness of project structures, including staffing, management, monitoring and evaluation systems;
- To provide a final report that makes recommendations for the future development of the project; and
- To provide a final report that highlights any learning points or models of good practice.

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The Peoples History Initiative continued

Budget

The maximum budget for this project is £2,000, including all expenses and VAT.

Timescales

Consultants will be asked to confirm whether they will be putting in a proposal. They must do so by 5pm on **Friday 6th November 2009**. The deadline for submission of proposals will be **Monday 16th November by 1pm**. Completed proposals should be sent by email only to kmccartney@upclearn.org.

Format of proposals

Consultants will be expected, as a minimum, to provide the following information:

- Their understanding of UPC needs / key issues for consideration;
- Proposed approach;
- Information on team members (provide only relevant information);
- Proposed commercial arrangements in terms of number of days and cost per day; and
- Proposed timescales and project management arrangements.

Evaluation

The evaluation criteria is as follows:

- Value for Money: 15
- Methodology: 60
- Experience: 25

Should a winning consultant not be found as a result of this initial tender evaluation, consultants will be asked to present to the panel.

Appointment of successful consultants

If a presentation by the three consultants is not required, the successful consultant will be appointed on **17th November** and will be informed verbally. All consultants will be informed by email of the outcome of the tender process. The successful consultant will then meet to finalise and sign a contract by the end of October. This contract will mirror the agreed inputs, activities, outputs and timescales within an agreed Project Initiation Document.



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Call for Papers

The Centre for Irish Studies based at the University of Rennes 2, France, is soliciting papers for an interdisciplinary conference, which will run from 9th-11th September 2010.

2009 has been marked by the publication on the island of Ireland of two high-profile reports on very different aspects of victims. The publication of the final Ryan Report on institutional abuse in the Republic, and the Eames / Bradley report from the Consultative Group on the Past set up in 2007 by the then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Peter Hain, to “find a way out of the shadows of the past” have both sparked heated debate in academic and non-academic circles, in Ireland and abroad.

In the run-up to and following the Good Friday Agreement, the issue of how to address the grievances, demands and needs of victims of the 30 year conflict has proved highly sensitive, due to differing perceptions of who the victims really are, of how best to approach their needs, with some quarters even questioning the wisdom of “stirring up” the past. Indeed, the steady stream of reports and commissions investigating the victims of the Troubles is indicative of the difficulty in reaching consensus on the most appropriate way(s) to deal with the legacy of the past in order to provide for a more serene future.

Patricia Lundy and Mark McGovern outline three distinct threads in dealing with the past in post-conflict transformation today, all concerned with key concepts of truth, justice, memory and healing:

“The therapeutic, archival and judicial imperatives can be taken as defining the logic of post-conflict memory work today. They also establish the, at times, contradictory, ends of truth recovery processes: to find ‘healing’ for victims by giving them a public voice; to re-write the record of the conflict and establish a new, potentially shared narrative of the past; and to revisit past injustice in order to establish an accountable, rights-based regime in the future.” .

In a broader perspective, Ireland’s past and collective memories are etched with examples of victims, victimhood, and victimisation: the Famine victims, those who have become martyrs or heroes in both nationalist and unionist narratives of the past, victims of the siege of Derry, the Easter Rising, the battle of the Somme, Bloody Sunday, the Hunger strikes and more recently, those groups left out of the economic boom, and victims of the growing fear of otherness which manifests itself in racism and hate crime.

It would now seem an opportune moment to devote a conference to this general thematic in an Irish context.

We are particularly interested in hearing papers on:

- differing perceptions and definitions of victims and victimhood,
- the plight of victims,
- the reluctance of the State and other parties to delve into the past,
- the input of civic society in representing victims,
- revisiting past wrongs to move forward in the future,
- closure and victims as survivors,
- conflict transformation and peace-building,
- the portrayal of victims in literature, film and the arts

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Call for Papers continued

The cross-disciplinary nature of Irish Studies provides a wide range of approaches from which to examine victims and victimhood. We welcome submissions for 20-minute papers in English (preferably) or French from numerous areas including Conflict and Peace Studies, Victims studies, Law and Human Rights, History, Politics, Comparative Analysis, Sociology, Psychology, Cultural Studies, Migration Studies, Literature, Media and Film Studies, Visual Arts and Performing Arts.

We plan to publish a selection of papers in a special edition of the Re-imagining Ireland series edited by Dr. Eamon Maher (Director, National Centre for Franco-Irish Studies, Dublin).

Keynote speakers confirmed to date:

Professor Marianne Elliott, O.B.E., F.B.A., Director of the Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool

Patricia MacBride, Commissioner for Victims and Survivors

Rita Duffy, visual artist

Please submit your proposals (title and 300-word maximum abstract) by 28th February to Lesley Lelourec, copying in Grainne O’Keeffe-Vigeneron with your institutional address.

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Practical Details

Travel and accommodation details, as well as a registration form, will be circulated in the Spring.

Policy Update By CRC Policy Officer Gemma Attwood

Assembly Update

During October Assembly members submitted a number of questions which were of particular relevance to community and good relations. Below are examples of some of the issues raised:

Written Q&A

OFMDFM

A Request for a Department statement on the drafting and circulation of the Cohesion, Sharing and Integration Strategy.

DCAL

Equality schemes and bands or Orange order structures associated with loyalist paramilitaries

Arts Council/Ulster Scots Agency and DCAL funding for bands linked to loyalist paramilitaries.

DOE

Orange arches and planning regulations.

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Policy Update continued

DRD

What policies exist in relations to the removal of sectarian graffiti on kerbstones, road signs, street lights and other public property owned by DRD and its agencies.

Bonfires on DRD land and cost of cleaning/repairing and effect on local community relations.

Cost of multi-lingual road signs.

DSD

Waiting list broken down by religious background over last 5 years.

Update on Youth Assembly proposals.

Oral Q&A session on 19th October 2009

Update on Cohesion, Sharing and Integration Strategy

Mr Ford asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister when their Department will publish the consultation document on the cohesion, sharing and integration strategy.

(AQO 235/10)

Ms Lo asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister when their Department expects the cohesion, sharing and integration strategy to be published. AQO 238/10)

The junior Minister (Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister)

(Mr Newton):

It was originally intended that the draft programme for cohesion, sharing and integration would be brought forward before the end of 2008. That and subsequent timing commitments were made in good faith, and we expected those to be met. It was not possible to meet that date, but reaching agreement on the cohesion, sharing and integration strategy remains one of OFMDFM's policy priorities. The First Minister and deputy First Minister have agreed a process, and OFMDFM officials are working on a revised draft of the programme. That process will identify areas of agreement and outstanding areas of contention. We continue to work intensively towards an agreed strategy that will benefit all our people now and in the longer term. However, work to promote community relations and good race relations has continued for the past two years, led and supported by junior Minister Kelly, myself and the entire ministerial team. There are many examples of that commitment. In the current CSR period, we have invested a not insubstantial amount — £29 million — in good relations work to build a shared and better future. Junior Minister Kelly and I continue to chair the north Belfast working group, which focuses on interface issues in Belfast and across Northern Ireland. This summer, we spent £500,000 to resource work on summer intervention programmes. Since devolution in 2007, we have spent a total of £1.5 million on such intervention work.

Since May, we have spent £4.372 million on district councils' community relations programmes, and we have committed a further £2.79 million in this financial year. We have worked proactively with our key partners in Coleraine, both statutory and non-statutory, following the killing of Mr Kevin McDavid in May. We provided £23,000 to Coleraine Borough Council for divisionary work in addition to the £86,000 that was awarded to the council for good relations activities.

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Policy Update continued

Finally, in the past two weeks, we have provided further funding for specific intervention work in east and north Belfast.

Mr Ford: I am totally baffled by that response. It was great to hear that long list of financial statements, but it has absolutely nothing to do with the question that I asked. Some of us have complained for a long time about the lack of a CSI strategy from OFMDFM. My question was about a consultation document on a CSI strategy, and we got no information whatsoever on that. The DUP and Sinn Féin have both prepared documents. If they cannot agree on a consultation document, will they at least agree to circulate their two different documents so that we can have a consultation on them?

The junior Minister (Mr Newton): I am sorry, but I am not quite sure what the question was.

Mr Deputy Speaker: I ask the Member to ask a brief question.

Mr Ford: I am sorry. Perhaps if the junior Minister had answered my question in the first place, he could have concentrated on my supplementary. I asked a simple question: if it is impossible for OFMDFM to publish a single consultation document on a CSI strategy because of differences between the two parties, will it at least publish the two separate documents for consultation? We can then engage in a formal consultation process, which might move the issue forward.

The junior Minister (Mr Newton): It is my understanding that the two documents have not only been published but have been made public and roundly examined in the press. I am certain that if Mr Ford consults the press or the DUP — I cannot speak for Sinn Féin — those documents will be made readily available to him.

Ms Lo: It was bad enough to have a long delay in publishing the CSI strategy, but the situation is now worse: we have two draft documents, which shows that the two major parties cannot agree on an approach to community relations.

Mr Deputy Speaker: I ask the Member to come to the question.

Ms Lo: Can OFMDFM give an indication of how long it will take to resolve the impasse and provide a clear timetable for when the strategy will be published for consultation?

The junior Minister (Mr Newton): I thank the Member for her question. We want to publish a document together. I do not think that it is correct to say that the fault lies wholly with either the DUP or Sinn Féin; the Ulster Unionist Party and the SDLP also worked on the document for a long time. However, there is a need for agreement, and that agreement was not found in the two parties that had initial responsibility. The Executive have come a long way over the past two years; we can, at least, air those issues and recognise that it will take time, consideration and huge effort on the part of everyone in the Executive to address the legacy of our past and the challenges that lie ahead. We want a strategy for cohesion, sharing and integration and a blueprint for a shared and better future, but, while we continue to do our very best to reach that stage, we continue to work in communities where much important work is being done locally. We are also working at the heart of government to deliver meaningful programmes that are aimed at ending the scourge of sectarianism

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Policy Update continued

.Nothing highlights that scourge more than the reports of the bigotry, sectarianism and, perhaps, ethnic cleansing that is being experienced in Rasharkin at the moment, where Protestant families are under threat and are being driven out of the village. We all want to address those important issues. We want to share a strategy that is

effective and can produce results. We need to bring that together.

Ms Anderson: Go raibh maith agat. I thank the junior Minister for his answers. Given that we all want a shared and better future based on equality and human rights, can the junior Minister outline the relationship between equality and good relations as set out in section 75 of the 1998 Act and as relates to PSA 7 and objective five, as agreed in the Programme for Government?

The junior Minister (Mr Newton): The Member raised several issues. The existence of equality does not necessarily mean that there will be good relations. I have made clear the importance that we attach to the matter. It must be addressed, and I hope that it will be addressed sooner rather than later. I hope that the Member's side of the House places as much emphasis on that as does this side of the House.

Mr O'Loan: In light of the junior Minister's evident concern about Rasharkin, one expected to hear more from him about outcomes rather than process. Do the First Minister and deputy First Minister have realistic expectations of producing a report on a CSI strategy before the summer recess? I am thinking of the summer recess of 2010.

The junior Minister (Mr Newton): My answer to the original and supplementary questions made it clear that the strategy is important and that it will be produced as soon as possible. It will not be a superficial document that does not deliver exactly what we want; it will be based on strategy, it will contain finite detail, and it will produce outcomes.

Consultations

CRC responded to the following consultations during October:

OFMDFM - Victims and Survivors Service – Consultation Paper.

NIO - Dealing with the Past in Northern Ireland: The Recommendations of the Consultative group on the Past.

DOE - Reform of the Planning System in Northern Ireland: Your chance to influence change.

Derry City Council - EQIA of the Resolution to make application to the Privy Council to have the name of the City changed from Londonderry to Derry.

These responses are available to view [click here](#)

Current consultations

NISRA - Update of Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005. The consultation process will end on 6th November 2009. You can download the consultation document on the NISRA website www.nisra.gov.uk

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New Council Members

CRC has appointed 10 new Members to its Board. They will be joining 11 existing Members at its next meeting in November. The new Members are:

Jonny Byrne

Researcher at the School of Policy Studies, University of Ulster.

Billy Gamble

Recently retired civil servant, formerly Head of the Good Relations and Reconciliation Division of OFMDFM

Katie Hanlon

Director of Ballynafeigh Community Development Association in South Belfast

Dr Leon Litvack

Reader in Victorian Studies at the School of English, Queen's University, and regular BBC Religious Affairs presenter

Deirdre McBride

Community Relations consultant

Sinead McShane

Youth Officer, Southern Education and Library Board

Hassan Sami Mansour

Administrator, Belfast Islamic Centre

Robin Morton

Recently retired Belfast Telegraph journalist (and former acting Business Editor)

Dr David Russell

Head of Communications and Education at the NI Human Rights Commission

Jacqueline Witherow

Policy Development Officer at the Arts Council of NI

News and Events

Community Dialogue

How will Local Communities be affected by the Devolution of Policing and Criminal Justice?

How does the St. Andrew's Agreement link into these changes ..in fact what IS in the St. Andrew's Agreement?

Community Dialogue was successful in obtaining funding under the Special European Union PEACE III Programme to deliver a project entitled 'Steps into Dialogue'.

As well as promoting a process of Dialogue, the project is also producing a series of leaflets and pamphlets on issues which are important to local communities here.

We are now launching the next two documents in this series. One is on the Devolution of Policing and Criminal Justice to Northern Ireland and the other explains the St. Andrews Agreement. Community Dialogue hopes that these Aids for Dialogue will enable a more informed discussion around two very important issues which have a direct impact on our community.

News and Events continued

The overall goal of the project is to use dialogue as a mechanism that allows people affected by the conflict to deal with and address their past and to begin to understand the views and past of others. Through this process, Community Dialogue hopes to ensure people can begin to move forward to a peaceful society together.

As well as launching these documents we also want to provide an opportunity for some dialogue around the key issues raised.

We cordially invite you to take part.

Sessions will take place at the following venues:

- Farsert International Belfast at 5.30pm on Monday 9th November
- The Junction Derry/Londonderry at 1pm on Tuesday 10th November
- Linen Green Moygashel Dungannon at 1pm on Wednesday 18th November.

Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served at all 3 events.

If you are interested in attending, please contact us by email at admin@communitydialogue.org or telephone Jim or Maura at 028 90 351450

Young People, Policing and Human Rights

In spite of the many changes to policing in Northern Ireland following the [Patten Commission Report in 1999](#), the policing of Northern Ireland remains for some a controversial issue. Thanks to funding support from the Irish [Department of Foreign Affairs \(Reconciliation Unit\)](#), Public Achievement is working with [Achieve Enterprises](#) to gather the views and experiences of young people from across Northern Ireland about policing and the rights of young people. We have already made a [short film](#) and we are currently working on a longer production, outlining the views and experiences of young people. We are also working with the [Institute for Conflict Research \(ICR\)](#) on a report which we will present to the [Northern Ireland Policing Board](#), the [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#), the [Police Ombudsman's](#) office, and to members of the [Northern Ireland Assembly](#).

As part of that research we are asking young people to complete a [Young People and Policing survey](#) which is an update of research the ICR did in 2003, and will give us a stronger sense of how young people feel about the key issues. You even have the chance to win one of the new iPod Nanos - now with a built in video camera! To do so you need to give us your name and either your email address or mobile number - or both. **These details are for Public Achievement use only and will not be shared with any other party. All the information submitted in the survey is confidential.** Please read the [competition rules here](#).

You may also wish to comment on our discussion forum, or on the [WIMPS \(Where Is My Public Servant?\) website forum](#) - we would love to hear from you on these important issues

We are also interested in hearing about the views and experiences of organizations that are conducting or have conducted projects around young people and policing. This will be included in our report on the landscape of young people and policing in Northern Ireland. Your input will help us better understand the work being done in the area.

We'd like to hear about what works and what doesn't work, what types of resources (funding, support, etc) have been put into the projects and where it comes from, a brief description of the project(s) you have been involved in, any obstacles or issues you've encountered, and what you would do if (any) resources were available.

If you are interested in including your experiences in our research, please contact Liz Nelson by email at liz@publicachievement.com or on 028 9044 2813 to schedule a time for a short 30 minute discussion.

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Football For All 3rd Annual Awards Night

Football For All, with support from European Union, will be hosting its 3rd annual awards night on the 21st November at Belfast City hall. The evening is one of the most important events in the Football For All calendar and will seek to provide some recognition for the valuable work done by the unsung heroes of grassroots football. The IFA's Head of Community Relations Michael Boyd has acknowledged "Volunteers are the lifeblood of football in Northern Ireland The evening is due to be hosted by 5LIVE Colin Murray-Football For All ambassador, and will be attended by other supporters of Football For All such as Nigel Worthington and IFA Chief Executive Patrick Nelson.

For more details about the evening please contact Maria Wilson at mwilson@irishfa.com.

Craigavon District Youth Council in partnership with Craigavon Borough Council Good Relations Department is running a local Question Time event. This will take place on Tuesday 17th November from 7.30 – 9.00pm in Lough Neagh Discovery Centre. The event will give young people from throughout the Borough the chance to quiz local politicians on a range of issues. These young people will be recruited from youth Centres from across the area. There will be a celebrity chair for the evening; John Daly. It is hoped the event will be lively, fun and genuinely reflect the agenda of young people from Craigavon Borough.

Contact Eamonn Fleming at 38338556 for further information.

Bill of Rights Training

The NIO will be running a public consultation on their response to this advice in late Autumn 09. CAJ will deliver training on the process so far and how to get involved in the consultation.

When?

Wednesday 4th November

Friday 27th November

Where?

Belfast – venue to be confirmed

Agenda

10am – 1pm – Introduction to a Bill of Rights. What is a Bill of Rights, why is it important?

1pm – 2pm – Lunch

2pm – 4pm – Bill of Rights public consultation: how to get involved.

Attendees can choose which parts of the day to attend, or can be present for the full session.

For more information or to register, contact Fiona Murphy, Human Rights Programme Officer on 028 9096 1122 or email fiona@caj.org.uk

The pilot ESRC Knowledge Exchange Small Grants Scheme is now open and is calling for applications.

This scheme provides funding (between £2,000 - £10,000 - non FEC) for social science PhD students, researchers and knowledge transfer professionals to undertake knowledge exchange and impact generating activity (applicants do not need to be ESRC-funded to apply). The scheme is not designed to fund new research but is explicitly for new knowledge exchange or impact generating activity that may include events, networks, policy briefings, mini exchange projects, online

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knowledge exchange/engagement projects they put forward.

The knowledge exchange activity must be focused on promoting the application of social science within non-academic communities and should help to facilitate the co-production and application of knowledge. The target/main audience of the award activity must be non-academic stakeholders within the private, public or third sectors.

Applications must demonstrate links to the ESRC strategic objectives and research challenges.

All applications should be made via the [Research Council Joint Electronic Submission System \(Je-S\)](#), and submitted to ESRC by no later than **4.00pm on 3rd December 2009**.

For further information contact Kirsty Johnson on kirsty.johnson@esrc.ac.uk.

Public Achievement is Northern Ireland's leading youth focused civic education organisation. We are recruiting a dynamic individual to our growing team as part of our Away from Violence Project.

Apprentice Civic Educator – Away from Violence Project (full-time post) NJC Scale 1 point 8 annual salary £12,732

This trainee position is aimed at people who are interested in active citizenship, improving community relations and have some youth work experience. The successful applicant will work on the 'Away from Violence' project, supporting groups of young people to identify how they are affected by violence and develop active citizenship projects to address this within communities and on a cross-community basis.

The post holder will receive ongoing youth-work training from Public Achievement and through the George Williams (YMCA) College.

Project supported by International Fund for Ireland Community Bridges Programme, and the Department for Education.

Application forms and further information for this post can be downloaded from www.publicachievement.com (publications section) or by contacting Public Achievement:

Telephone: 028 9044 2813
Email: info@publicachievement.com

Closing date: 6th November 2009

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Newtownabbey Borough Council, on behalf of the CAN Peace III Partnership is seeking to appoint suitably qualified organisations or consortia as delivery agents for elements within a number of the programmes in its Action Plan including:

- Dialogue and Civic Leadership Programme
- Capacity Building Programme Stage 2 – Managing a Peace III Project and
- Identifying and Applying Best Practice
- Business Diversity Programme
- Faith Communities Programme
- Addressing Perceptions Programme
- Play Fair Programme – Arts Element
- Area Development Programme

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The appointment process will be by way of submission of tenders/quotations for consideration by the Partnership. Relevant terms of reference are available on www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/procurement or for further information contact Alison Keenan, Peace (III) Programme Co-ordinator on 02890340212 or akeenan@newtownabbey.gov.uk

The Department of the Environment is holding its annual meeting of the Department's Equality Forum on Friday 27th November 2009. The meeting will be held this year in Lindsay Room 5, Loughry College, Cookstown, The meeting will begin at 11.30am and will be followed by a light lunch at approximately 1.00pm. Please find attached more details on the meeting. Please confirm with George Turkington on 028 90540047 (george.turkington@doeni.gov.uk)

by Friday 6 November 2009 whether or not you, or another representative from your organisation, will be attending.

"Circumcise Me"

Jews Schmooze present "Circumcise Me" a documentary about the identity, conversion and the comedy of New York Catholic-Jewish convert Israel Campbell whose off-Broadway show opens in November. The documentary will be followed by a light-hearted discussion (with full audience participation) about Identity - by Anglo-Israeli film-maker Matthew Kalman and London comedian Dave Schneider (The Alan Partridge Show and the Day to Day)" Sunday 8th November Doors open 7.45. Guests £5 at the door. Belfast Synagogue, 49 Somerton Road, Belfast

An introduction to human rights—Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Workshop details

The aim of this half-day workshop is to explore what human rights are and how they work. Participants will have the opportunity to consider the concept of rights and how they are protected and promoted in practice. There will be a particular focus on the Human Rights Act 1998.

This workshop will be of interest to groups and individuals from both the community and voluntary sector and from statutory organisations. No prior knowledge of human rights or law is required.

Dates and venues

Wednesday 18 November 2009 Omagh Community House
2 Drumragh Avenue
Omagh
BT78 1DP

Tuesday 24 November 2009 The Junction
8 Bishop St
Londonderry
BT48 6PW

Wednesday 25 November 2009 NIHRC
Temple Court
39 North Street
Belfast
BT1 1NA

Time: 9.30am (prompt) to 1.30pm, lunch included

Please register no later than one week in advance of the workshop you wish to attend. Early booking is advised as spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come/first served basis.

There is no cost for this workshop.

If you require further information or help with registration, please contact Charlene Craig, tel: 028 90243987.



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New Books

Shared Space

The Community Relations Council has just published the eighth volume of its research journal *Shared Space*. Published twice a year the journal addresses themes of peace, conflict and community relations in Northern Ireland.

In this volume

UNESCO researchers at the University of Ulster, **Professor Alan Smith and Clare Magill**, write on
Reconciliation: Does education have a role?

Neil Jarman, John Bell and Mary-Kathryn Rallings from the Institute for Conflict Research write on
Dialogue or Disengagement? Responding to Disputes on Parades

Katy Radford and Sara Templer from Queen's University write on
Moments in a Life on the Margin: migrant communities in Northern Ireland

Mick Beyers, previously a researcher with Coiste na nIarchimi, a Republican ex-prisoner support group, writes on
Pandora's Box? Engaging With Our Pasts: initial explorations from the victims sector and republican community

Fred Vincent from the Institute for Conflict Research examines attacks on sacred places in
From Desecration to Reconciliation

Copies of the Journal can be obtained free of charge from the Community Relations Council, 6 Murray Street Belfast, tel 028 90 227500.

To be put on the mailing list for future issues contact rmullan@nicrc.org.uk

The Challenges of Peace

In 2006, the Community Relations Council called for research applications (under Measure 2:1 of the Peace II Extension Programme) which would focus on the following 4 themes:

- The Impact and Role of Sectarianism in Everyday Life; the Dynamics and Structure of Segregation
- Practically Implementing A Shared Future
- Rules, Rights and Codes of Conduct for a Diverse Society – Protecting Minority Participation
- Giving Voice to New Voices – Minority Ethnic Representation in Northern Ireland

Research was undertaken on a wide range of subjects and across a wide range of disciplines on topics including planning and a shared future, education and a shared future, minority rights, everyday patterns of sectarianism and segregation and faith in a plural society. This research is now written up in *The Challenges of Peace*

A limited number of hard copies are available from CRC phone or email poneill@nicrc.org.uk, 028 9022 7500.