



CRC e-Bulletin

The Challenge for Change



Duncan Morrow

After decades of conflict, Northern Ireland does have a limited functioning private sector economy. We might think of ourselves as a kind of Bosnia, kept on life-support by injections of public spending and international cash. In truth, most of us have been relatively lucky: most places where groups have feared or hated each other enough to start killing one another don't get to keep normal life together.

And we got a second chance. The 'peace process' was mostly paid for by people who don't live here. The massive EU PEACE programmes have no precedent, pumping £2bn into reconstructing a society for peace over twenty years. The International Fund for Ireland has put £630m into rebuilding an economy and promoting a shared society and there have been huge contributions by individuals and organisations. All of that was on top of the £8bn per annum subvention from the UK which kept our living standards in touch with those across the water.

All of this gave us the *massive* opportunity of now: an opportunity to sell our wares as a worldwide feelgood story at the investment conference in Washington, an opportunity to make a case that- with careful thought and real partnership- we could wean ourselves off dependency and make this a beacon of reconciliation and hope. We have an opportunity to feel safe without having to rely on massive forty foot physical barriers, to move to school system which does not simply live with producing 'sides' to a conflict but produces citizens of a shared and diverse society and to treat our city centres, swimming pools, streets and housing estates as places where everyone can go in safety rather than having to worry about whether they are wearing the right football top or in favour with the local leadership. Above all we might become a place where the brightest might move to rather than avoid and where our young saw a shared and better future rather than endlessly bitter and sectarian past.

The trouble is we are missing the boat. The international money is on the way out. Public spending is being gutted and core services are at risk. The police need extra money, but only to tackle a problem which should be behind us. And poverty and disappointment continue to blight the same places as before. So no interfaces have come down, our education system is in crisis and we are sorely lacking in ideas about how we move on from dependency.

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The Challenge for Change (contd)

Terminal division is our signature weakness and it continues to undermine all of our efforts to move on. That is why the policy on reconciliation and building a shared and better future- now called cohesion, sharing and integration-should be a Rolls Royce vision of reconciliation, driving a shared society determined to put violence behind it. It should build on the investment of the past but move it to a new level. Less community pilots and more ideas about how to share our schools, our housing estates and our assets- like shops, parks, leisure facilities and libraries. We should spend less money to manage conflict and more money to promote change. Instead of making a special case to treasury for a hand-out, we should be asking them to give us a hand-up by presenting plans to turn this into a safe, attractive, open and tolerant place where people might want to invest and creative people might stay.

Cohesion, sharing and integration (so-called CSI) should be the twin of a policy for prosperity and growth. There is no point in calling for investment, if we don't tackle the issues which put investors off. Small business will continue to lose customers if there are no tourists. We must find a way to avoid spending money where we don't need to - on too many police, on too many schools, on too many duplicated public facilities - by ensuring that everyone is safe and welcome wherever they are. And we must find a way to tackle poverty, by taking the fear out of whole areas and opening up the future to investment and regeneration. Reconciliation is a massive economic issue. Get this wrong and we will still be a basket case in a few years time, but this time without international support. Get it right and we might even be able to argue that money spent here to get us to a new place is money well spent.

As it stands, the cohesion, sharing and integration strategy is simply not good enough. It misses too much out, it provides no budgets and - above all - it seems to walk away from reconciliation and settle for the dull vista of resentful apartheid. Even worse, it seems to focus on gathering power back to the centre rather than leading an inclusive new vision.

The Community Relations Council believes that this is a very important moment. We will never have another chance like this again. The repeated message of the CSI consultation period has been that cohesion, sharing and integration policy is not a good enough answer to the challenges we face. Instead of a Rolls Royce we have an old banger. It is time for the Executive to listen to the consultation, rethink the priorities and lead the change. Quickly.

By Duncan Morrow, CEO, Community Relations Council

This article appeared in the Belfast Telegraph on 22nd October, 2010

OFMdFM have extended the deadline for return of submissions to the CSI Consultation to Friday 5 November.

CRC's response is on our website.

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Report on Live Issues Conference

19th October 2010—Stormont Hotel Belfast

This year's Live Issues Conference took place in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast. The focus of the conference was the government's consultation into the Draft Cohesion, Sharing and Integration Programme (CSI).

The aim of the conference was to provide a forum through which a wide spectrum of representatives from across the community and voluntary sector, as well as those from statutory and government agencies, could come together to critically reflect, not only on the CSI consultation document, but more importantly, the future plans for addressing community division.

The Council's CEO, Duncan Morrow, gave the opening address and outlined some of the issues to be addressed to enable communities to develop, grow and prosper. Duncan outlined the key issues and where the CSI document falls short from delivering an effective policy for community relations work.

His address was followed by a debate on the issues raised. It was chaired by the BBC's William Crawley with a panel that included Bernadette McAliskey and Alex Kane. This proved a very challenging and lively debate which energised the conference and provided much food for thought, not only on the future of the community sector, but also on the challenges facing the assembly.

The afternoon session provided an opportunity for the political parties to present their ideas on the future of CR work and of their opinion on the Draft CSI document. All the main political parties were represented (Stephen Farry, Alliance; Delores Kelly, SDLP; Danny Kennedy, UUP; Martina Anderson, Sinn Fein; Dawn Purvis, Independent; Simon Hamilton, DUP) and William Crawley again chaired a lively debate in which the broad policy positions were explored. Many on the panel described CSI as a work in progress and they put forward a range of views on the future working of the programme.

At the end of the conference delegates were strongly encouraged to submit their responses to the consultation.

The feedback from this year's conference has been extremely positive and we hope the energy and desire to move the work of peace building, expressed on the day, is carried forward in the coming months as the future of community relations work is agreed.

By Paul Jordan, Director of Funding and Development, CRC

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The Urban Environment—Mirror and Mediator of Radicalism

Summary of a report by Ralf Brand

The initial assumption underpinning this project was that community polarisation and even radicalisation (as well as its opposite: community cohesion) might have some material aspects and mirror and mediate social trends. These assumptions led to four separate but connected research questions and tested in four carefully chosen cities with different types of tensions between certain sections of the population: Belfast, Beirut, Berlin and Amsterdam.

After extensive research with built environment professionals, politicians, NGO representatives and local residents of the case study cities, we can clearly confirm our initial assumptions: Socio political conditions do manifest visibly and tangibly in the urban environment (UE). However, the mechanisms through which this causal link plays out on the ground are extremely varied. The 'reading' of the UE can sometimes reveal insights that would not otherwise be known to outsiders – however, there is also a great danger of misinterpretation. For local residents, changes to the UE indicate rarely unknown social trends. We also found many examples of the reverse: Where the UE has the potential to influence and solidify the routines, stereotypes and social practices of most people, including children. We therefore suggest the term 'silent socialiser' to describe this effect of the UE.

We also discovered examples where the UE can be the trigger of social interaction across traditional divisions and we have proposed certain steps to create such physical interventions towards community cohesion. Key findings were translated into a professionally curated exhibition which travelled to all four case cities plus Manchester, Exeter and London.

The project is considered by many as full success, not the least because of its touring exhibition which has been on display in eight different locations. For images see <www.youtube.com/brandrg>.

To access full report go to http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/research-documents/Final-report_ESRC-res-181-25-0028.pdf

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Report on Peace III—October 2010

Independent reviews of both Theme 1.1, Building Positive relations at Local Level, and Theme 1.2 , Acknowledging with the Past, of Peace 3 commissioned by the Managing Authority, SEUPB, were presented to the Peace 3 Monitoring Committee on 20th October 2010.

ASM Horworth's review considered Phase 1 of Theme 1.1, implementation of the fourteen Partnership's Action Plans and the role of the Consortium (Community Relations Council and Pobal) The Review was very positive on both counts and made a number of pertinent recommendations for improvements during Phase 2. The Partnerships have recently submitted their Phase 2 plans which have considered by Consortium staff and will be presented to the Consortium Steering Committee in early November. Following Economic Appraisal the Plans will be considered by SEUPB and Letters of Offer issued early 2011. In the meantime the Partnerships continue with the implementation of the final part of their Phase 1 plans.

Deloitte's review considered Phase 1 of Theme 1.2 and changes possible for Phase 2. Phase 1 was delivered through three strands of an Open Call with almost sixty Projects worth €25million. A further €25million is available for Phase 2 Recommendations of the review include consideration of a number of alternative delivery methods in addition to an Open Call. Consortium staff are finalising plans for the next open call and it is intended that this will begin within the next few weeks. At the same time discussions have begun with stakeholders regarding the other recommendations of Deloitte's report. As ever successful delivery within timescales available will be a challenge. Management of the existing projects continue, some completing in May 2011 and most in December 2011.

Report by Frank Murphy, Director, European Programme, CRC

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Policy Update

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- To detail their Department's expenditure in each of the past 5 years, arising out of investment from international or independent sources, on community and good relations work, broken down by (i) programme; and (ii) recipient.
- What mechanisms currently exist to monitor how the Community Relations Council allocates departmental funding to (i) core funding; and (ii) project funding.
- To outline their Department's definitions of (i) cohesion; (ii) sharing; (iii) integration; and (iv) good relations.
- How groups, such as ex-prisoner groups, victims groups and groups involved in the conflict, will be consulted with regard to the Cohesion, Sharing and Integration strategy; and to provide details of these consultations.
- Why the Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration does not contain any targets or review mechanisms.

DARD

- To outline the progress made in implementing the Capacity Building programme, aimed at Protestant communities in border areas.
- How many applications have been received to date in each of the target areas under the Capacity Building Programme for Rural Protestant Communities in Border Areas?

DCAL

- To outline any significant dates that will be marked as part of forthcoming commemoration events and what consultation his Department will carry out to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach to each event.

DE

- For her assessment of the statement by Oxford Economics that integrated schooling could help schools survive future funding cuts.
- For her assessment of whether the rationalisation of the school system can only be achieved within the context of an approach based on inter-school and cross-sectoral co-operation.
- Whether she will publish the report on enhancing the community use of school premises produced by the Working Group of key educational stakeholders.

DETI

- For her assessment of the effect the displaying of flags, emblems and Paramilitary signage has on (i) inward investment; and (ii) the promotion of tourism

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Policy Update (contd)

DOJ

- To detail (i) the number of reported sectarian attacks in the vicinity of the Fountain Estate in Londonderry in each of the last three years; (ii) whether a pattern or purpose has been detected in relation to these attacks; and (iii) what consideration has been given to enhancing security in the area.
- What meeting he has had, or intends to have, with victims of sectarian attacks in Rasharkin.
- Whether he has met, or intends to meet, senior PSNI representatives regarding prosecution for sectarian incidents in Rasharkin.
- To detail the number of convictions for hate crime in each of the last five years; and the average sentence imposed.

Hansard

Two motions were debated on 1st October and can be accessed at their respective links:

Private Members Business – Public Sector Recruitment

Mr Campbell: I beg to move

That this assembly notes the importance of ensuring that public sector recruitment is based on the merit principle; acknowledges that there are still areas of the public sector where under-representation of certain communities appears to be worsening; further notes the ongoing problems associated with recruitment to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive; and calls on the Minister of Finance and Personnel to take further measures to ensure that recruitment in the public sector is more broadly reflective of the working-age population.

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/reports2010/101011today.htm#a6>

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/reports2010/101011today.htm#a9>

Disappeared Victims

Mr D Bradley: I beg to move

That this Assembly acknowledges the continuing suffering of the families of disappeared victims; pledges its support for them and for the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains; and calls on all groups and individuals who have any knowledge of the location of victim's remains to bring that information in confidence to the commission without further delay.

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/record/reports2010/101011today.htm#a10>

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Consultation Hub

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

DE

Consultation on the policy framework: teacher education in a climate of change - the way forward

The Department of Education and the Department for Employment and Learning have jointly undertaken a review of teacher education. A key aim of the Teacher Education Review has been to ensure that the whole teacher education system is organised to effectively address the changes facing the education sector in the coming years. The Policy Framework document, which emanated from the Review, entitled "Teacher Education in a Climate of Change – The Way Forward", outlines proposals on how the system will deal with the challenges facing teacher education and sets out the respective roles of the various players.

Deadline for response is **8 November 2010**.

[http://www.deni.gov.uk/teachers - teacher education review-consultation](http://www.deni.gov.uk/teachers_teacher_education_review-consultation)

Consultation on the draft Community Relations, Equality and Diversity in Education policy.

The consultation exercise seeks views on the draft policy which sets out the overall aims and objectives of the policy in relation to promoting community relations, equality and diversity in education and describes the range of actions that will be taken to improve community relations, equality and diversity for our children and young people.

The Department is holding a number of public consultations and a list of dates, times and venues can be viewed using the following link: [Public Meetings - Dates and Venues](#).

Deadline for response is 29 November 2010.

http://www.deni.gov.uk/index/20-community-relations-pg/community_relations-consultation.htm

Consultation on the draft Early Years (0-6) Strategy

The purpose of the new Strategy is to set out a vision and plan for ensuring better outcomes for children by improving the provision and quality of services to the youngest children, their parents and families for the next 5 years.

Deadline for response is 30 November 2010.

http://www.deni.gov.uk/english_early_years_strategy_.pdf.pdf

DSD & OFMdfM

ILEX Urban Regeneration Company - Draft Regeneration Plan for Derry.

The deputy First Minister and the Minister for Social Development launched the draft Regeneration Plan (Mark II) for the city. The new draft plan, which was commissioned by Ministers, will set the vision of transformational change for the city in terms of building a more vibrant economy with increased prosperity, in ways which will ensure that opportunities and benefits from regeneration are targeted towards the most deprived groups.

Deadline for response is December 9th 2010.

http://www.illex-urc.com/userfiles/File/Regeneration_Plan_document_3_FINAL.pdf

Consultation Responses

CRC recently responded to OFMDFM's consultation on Draft Programme for Cohesion Sharing and Integration, to view the response go to

<http://www.community-relations.org.uk/campaigns/csi-consultation/>

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Research/Reports

Early Years programme helping to tackle sectarianism

Experts in early childhood from across the world were in Northern Ireland recently to hear the results of an in depth research project that Early Years - the organisation for young children, hopes will lead to more effective measures to tackle racism, sectarianism and bullying in Northern Ireland's still deeply divided society.

The research assessed the impact of the 'Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme', developed by Early Years and the Peace Initiatives Institute in the USA.

The research found that with children as young as three, the Media Initiative for Children can have an impact on preventing the adoption of sectarian attitudes. The research report is the accumulation of years of work and it is an important platform from which Early Years can continue to develop tools for tackling segregation, discrimination and separation in our society.

For more information and to download the Executive Summary, visit www.early-years.org/coral

Diversity In Action

NCB NI and Barnardo's NI recently launched Diversity in Action NI (DIANI), a project aimed at improving the lives of ethnically diverse children and young people through practice support and policy development including access to information. DIANI is the direct response to a research report carried out by NCB NI looking at the issues faced by migrant, asylum seeking and refugee children in Northern Ireland.

The report entitled 'New to Northern Ireland' and DIANI were recently launched at the Long Gallery, Stormont, hosted by Sue Ramsey MLA and attended by OFMdFM Junior First Ministers Gerry Kelly and Robin Newton. Both the research and DIANI project are funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. For more information visit www.ncb.org.uk/diani.

The Troubles Aren't History Yet

In October 2009 the Institute for Conflict Research and Achieve Enterprises were commissioned by the Community Relations Council to undertake research into the ways in which history is taught to young people in Northern Ireland, how and where young people learn about the past and to explore what they knew of both recent and earlier historical events.

To download the report click on the link below.

<http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/the-troubles-arent-history-yet.pdf>

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Research/Reports contd:

Consultation on inter church and church community relations in the Ards Peninsula

Research in relation to inter church and church community relations in the Ards Peninsula was commissioned by The Link (Newtownards) in conjunction with East Down Rural Community Network (EDRCN) with funding secured from the International Fund for Ireland's Community Bridges Programme.

Following on from research in Newtownards a number of meetings took place with The Link and East Down Rural Community Network leading to a decision to start the process of exploring and auditing the relationship between the churches and between the churches and the community in the Ards Peninsula.

The purpose of commissioning the research was to pose the question: "Are there barriers and divisions between the churches, and between the churches and the local community in the Ards Peninsula? If so, what are the causes and consequences of these barriers and divisions for community engagement and peace-building in the Ards Peninsula?"

The research was conducted during Spring / Summer 2010 with guidance for the research being provided through a steering group of locally based church and community leaders.

This report sets out the research findings in relation to inter church and church community relations and considers "what next."

To download the report go to the link below.

http://www.vmsconsults.com/pdf/Church_Relations.pdf

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Research/Reports (contd)

Model of Regeneration and Partnership Working

Hazelwood Community Partnership recently launched two reports in Whitecity Community Centre. The launch was attended by Junior Ministers Gerry Kelly and Robin Newton, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Pat Convery and Mayor of Newtownabbey, Paula Bradley. The Junior Ministers congratulated the partnership on their success to date and welcomed both the reports and presentations made on the night pledging support through OFMDFM's forthcoming *Programme for Cohesion Sharing and Integration*.

A presentation by young people of the youth steering group was one of the events highlights with remarkable leadership and vision being shown by all the young people involved. In welcoming the young people's presentation Susanne Wardlow and Brian Dunn of the Youth Providers Forum acknowledged the commitment, hard work vision that has been demonstrated by all the young people involved in the area.

This was further echoed by Newtownabbey Mayor, Paula Bradley who considered that adults and politicians alike should look to these young people as models of inspiration and leadership.

The Hazelwood Community Partnership is a space, structure and example of collective working that is vitally important to ensuring that regeneration initiatives have engagement at all levels and are supported through appropriate strategies and frameworks to ensure complementarity and enhance existing area-based initiatives.

From its inception the partnership has grown in strength and the launch of the Working Practice Review produced through funding by CRC and Youth Survey funded by Newtownabbey Borough Council are testimony to the success of the partnership to date. These publications provide an overview of progress to date of the Hazelwood Community Partnership and its plans for the future. The Youth Survey also details the young people's attitudes towards facilities, activities and programmes, mobility patterns, alcohol and drug taking, levels of cross community interaction and their future aspirations.

Lord Mayor of Belfast, Pat Convery praised the efforts made by both the partnership and young people and recognised that this had required additional determination and commitment as the area as a whole covered both council areas. This included good cooperation between the two Councils.

This type of approach is particularly crucial to the Cohesion, Sharing and Integration Strategy in which the model of Hazelwood Community Partnership should be included. Duncan Morrow, CEO of CRC concluded saying "The Hazelwood process as an important model of best practice for both CRC and others to learn from."

For further details about the partnership or to obtain a copy of the report contact Brian or Deborah at the Greater Whitewell Community Surgery on 028 90 859 911 or Bebhinn at the CRC offices on 028 90 227 500, alternatively both reports can be downloaded using the link below:

<http://www.community-relations.org.uk/about-us/news/item/533/model-of-regeneration-and-partnership-working/>



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News and Events

Policy Research: Mapping Belfast Interface Connection

Invitation to tender for Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium research project on the connection of interface communities to the city.

Researchers are invited to tender for a contract to carry out a research project for Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium that will critically examine the connection of inner city interface communities to the city and analyse the implications for shared space in the city.

Gender and Conflict Resolution Research

Invitation to tender for Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium gender research project.

Researchers are invited to tender for a contract to carry out a research project for Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium on the significance of gender in grassroots peace building and conflict transformation at interfaces.

The terms of reference for both of the above are available on the BCRC website www.bcrc.eu under PUBLICATIONS

Contractors should submit their tenders by email or hard copy to the address below demonstrating how they would meet the requirements.

BCRC Interface Policy Research Tender
c/o Falls Community Council
275 – 277 Falls Road
Belfast
BT12 6FD
Claire.hackett@bcrc.eu

The submission deadline for this tender is Monday 15th November at 5.00pm.

This project is part-financed by the European Union's European Regional Development Fund through the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.



BCRC is supported by four partner organisations; Falls Community Council (lead agency), Epic, Charter and Intercomm.

News and Events (contd)

Leading Ladies Leadership Programme aims to

Develop the leadership skills, the capacity and knowledge of conflict transformation and global issues for women in Belfast

Come join a group of interesting and inspiring women. Discover and develop your leadership skills. Expand your understanding of the world around you. Together we are going to explore the following three concepts from a gendered* perspective:

Developing Leadership Skills
Conflict Transformation
Understanding Global Issues

Participating in this interactive training programme earns you three OCN qualifications, the opportunity to learn about empowered women who have made history around the world, and the chance to explore your own leadership qualities.

Training will be relevant, practical, challenging and accessible. For more information, log onto www.irishpeacecentres.org or contact Courtnae Dunn, Tides Training, (028) 90202026 / 07540707566

Dealing with the Past – Shaping the Future

The Peace and Reconciliation Group cordially invite participants to a seminar. With input from keynote speakers, outlining the challenges we face in addressing how we should deal with the past, and help shape the future.

Speakers are: Brendan McAllister, Victims Commissioner, Catherine Cooke, Foyle Women's Information Network. Earl Storey, Church of Ireland and Michael Doherty, Peace & Reconciliation Group Director

Friday 12th November, Da Vinci's Hotel, 10am - 1pm followed by a light lunch.

Please RSVP as spaces are limited. Contact Michael Barr on telephone number 028 9071 9206 or email michaelbarr@peaceprg.co.uk or info@peaceprg.co.uk

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News and Events (contd)

Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium, Sharing The Urban Agenda and Forum For Alternative Belfast (FAB) invite you to a morning information workshop on

Future planning developments in North Belfast

The workshop will be an opportunity to find out about planned road schemes and major public developments rolling out in the next ten years.

The Forum's recent summer school focussed on North Belfast because of the number and scale of planned developments taking place in this area in the future. At this workshop the Forum will make a presentation on the information they have gathered, the implications for communities in North Belfast and also East Belfast and the need for joined up thinking.

Friday 12th November 2010
Clifton House, Clifton Street, Belfast
9.00am to 12noon
Starting with breakfast

The workshop is particularly aimed at community activists and public representatives in interface areas.

Although the workshop is focussed on North Belfast it will be relevant to community representatives from East Belfast.

Places are limited: please book in advance and use your place.

Jessica Blomkvist Tel. 90352165 or 90202030 Email: jessica.blomkvist@bcrc.eu

News and Events (contd)

The SELB Youth Service are

Calling All Young People 14plus ~ ...

A Chance to have YOUR Say.....

What's it all about?

The Department of Education (DE) has reviewed its Community Relations Policy and as a result a draft Community Relations, Equality and Diversity (CRED) in Education Policy has been created. We want to know what YOU think of their plans and any other ideas that you might have to help improve relations between communities.

This is a major consultation on a policy area fundamental to the future of our society and it is important that the views of young people are taken into account.

We do hope young people everywhere will make a real effort to come along to one of our planned events ~

Monday 15th November 2010

Venue Cookstown

Cookstown Youth Resource Centre

7:00pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 18th November 2010

Venue Portadown

Bann House ~ Craigavon / Banbridge Divisional Youth Office

7:00pm – 9:30pm

Monday 22nd November 2010

Venue Newry

Newry Teachers Centre

7:00pm – 9:30pm

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Omagh District Council

In recognition of Traveller Focus Week & Race Equality Month Omagh District Council's Good Relations Programme presents:

'Same Difference World's Apart' by Michael Collins on Monday 15th November at 11 am in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh.

The play, written by Michael Collins, tells the story of a young Traveller woman who is forced to flee her home because of domestic violence and finds a new home in England and a new love in the arms of an African man. When she becomes hospitalised her partner Tiga enlists the help of her brother Miley. With so many similarities and differences in their strong cultural backgrounds, will Miley and Tiga be able to pull together in the face of tragedy?

Tickets are complimentary, but must be booked in advance through the box office at **Strule Arts Centre 028 8224 7831**.

Book online: www.struleartscentre.co.uk

Housing and Safety Information Evening

Monday 15 November at 11am -1pm in SAI PAK
(2/F Ebrington Centre, Glendermott Road Londonderry/Derry)

Free to attend

The Housing and Safety information day will provide information on the services provided to ethnic minority groups. Information will include:

Housing rights and options
Community safety projects
BME services

The event will provide a wonderful networking opportunity as well as a chance to speak to organisations offering the above services and provide information about the rights of ethnic minority groups. Please see attached leaflet for further information or to confirm your place at the event please contact Karen at the Chinese Welfare Association on 028 7128 8858 or email karen@cwa-ni.org

News and Events (contd)

Coleraine Borough Council

Coleraine Borough Council cordially invites you to attend a Hands on History event – an informal talk by historian, Don Shelagh entitled ‘The Poppy of Remembrance – a History’. The event will offer an opportunity to explore the origins of the symbolism and significance of the Poppy of Remembrance. Talk will take place in Portrush Town Hall on Thursday 18th November commencing at 7.00pm. This project has received financial support from the Community Relations Unit, OFMDFM and Coleraine Borough Council’s Good Relations Programme.

For further information and RSVP contact Karina McCollum, Development Services Unit, Coleraine Borough Council Tel: 028 7034 7044.

Dialogue for Peaceful Change Training Conflict is natural – learn how to deal with it.

DPC is a global coalition, dedicated to creating safe spaces to overcome division through a structured and skilled process of mutual empowerment. DPC training welcomes people with a diverse background, including nationality, faith, life and work experience.

The five day interactive and experiential DPC Training of Facilitators course consists of four parts:

1. The Nature of Conflict
2. The Conceptual Framework and Models
3. The Tool Kit
4. The Practice and Application

The first weekend residential training will be 21st - 22nd November 2010 and 4th – 5th December 2010. Location: Belfast. Venue to be confirmed.

For more information, visit www.irishpeacecentres.org or contact Courtnae Dunn, Tides Training on (028) 90202026

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News and Events (contd)

*Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium
in association with Fáilte Feirste Thiar
invite you to a half day information workshop on*

Community Tourism

Belfast has been able to grow a tourist industry from the experience of the conflict, the legacy of which is most visible in interface areas. However many interface working class communities in Belfast experience tourists passing through or around their areas but do not gain anything in return. This workshop will explore the potential of a community tourism approach which aims to include and benefit local communities. The workshop will also examine strategies for local communities wishing to promote a community tourism agenda.

Wed 24th November 2010

Group Space, Ulster Hall, Bedford St

9.30am to 1.00pm

Lunch provided

The workshop is particularly aimed at community activists and public representatives in interface areas.

Places are limited: please book in advance and use your place.

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