

Core Funded Groups 2023/24

An Gaeláras Limited

The Droichead project in An Gaeláras has been key in the development of an innovative successful working relationship with those perceived to be representative of the two main disparate cultural communities. Its success is reflected in the normalising of a working relationship between representatives of the Irish Language, Ulster Scots and Marching Band communities.

Droichead is the only project in the Northwest of Ireland providing accessible language awareness and cultural programmes and Irish classes to non-traditional learners. As the language becomes more visible, gaining growing stature within official institutions, including DCSDC Tri-lingual policy, Droichead provides the opportunity to access the language through education rather than first encounters being through local news or signage. The organisation has established itself as an experienced practitioner in mediating difficult conversations as well as delivering well attended, inclusive, celebratory, high quality, multi-cultural events.

37 Great James Street
Derry~Londonderry
BT48 7DF
www.culturlann.org

Building Communities Resource Centre

Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC) core areas of work are Community Development & Community Relations, Ethnic Communities, Health, Disability and Older People. BCRC is recognised as one of the leading NGOs in in the Causeway Coast and Glens driving forward quality community initiatives using a community development approach at an appropriate level.

BCRC Outreach Workers, resourced by CRC Core funding, will build relations of trust and work towards a peaceful and shared society based on reconciliation and mutual trust with communities in the Causeway Coast and Glens borough. BCRC 2023-24 and beyond will focus on Developing Shared Spaces and Community Safety including Fresh Start Agreement work.

Unite 22-23 Acorn Business Centre
Ballymoney
BT53 7LH
www.theresourcecentre.com

Community Relations Forum

CRF core business is to respond to the needs of residents of the borough and is underpinned by equality, good relations and inclusion for all, promoting good community relations by encouraging honest and open dialogue, enabling people to have a better understanding for each other's views and opinions.

They work to ensure that all residents can live together, in a safe, pleasant, vibrant and shared community where everyone feels equal, safe and welcome. CRF provide the ways to network with other communities, deliver good relations events / projects / programmes, history classes, dialogue sessions, reminiscence classes, a hate crime card scheme, dialogue with ex-combatants, partnership opportunities with statutory agencies and something which is very important- a safe place to call in for a cuppa and a chat. They also offer a signposting service, if they can't help, they should know someone that can. CRF have nearly 30 years of experience working in Good Relations / relationships.

The Barron Hall
230 Antrim Road
Glengormely
BT36 0TS

Community Relations in Schools (CRIS)

CRIS's mission is 'to inspire and equip whole school communities as powerful catalysts for peace and reconciliation'. Its vision is 'an inclusive and dynamic society, built on respect and trust, where all children and young people can reach their true potential'.

CRIS believes that school communities hold enormous potential as places of transformation for young people, their families and wider society. CRIS Strategic Plan, 'Peace Builds at the Speed of Trust' 2021-2024 sets out two programme linked aims:

Aim 1 - Catalysing Peace and Reconciliation

Aim 2: Equipping and Inspiring the Education Sector with the following objectives:

- Work with individual schools and school partnerships to build their confidence and capacity to engage in wider and deeper collaboration
- Support multi-sector collaborative education partnerships within localities to develop, have impact and become more sustainable
- Support confidence & capacity of educators, and parent/carers to become everyday peacebuilders

Unit 6 North City Business Centre

Belfast

BT15 2GG

www.crisni.org

Donegall Pass Community Enterprises

Donegall Pass Community Enterprises Ltd was formed to undertake regeneration activities to benefit communities residing in the Donegall Pass and surrounding area. Its primary priority to date has been to secure a commitment to develop a Good Relations Community Hub on the former PSNI site which would play a central role in regenerating the local lives and local communities living in the Donegall Pass and the South Urban Village area. CRC would provide a contribution toward running costs and an Apprentice Business Administrator to support consultation and engagement activities to inform a comprehensive Good Relations Strategy supporting the Good Relations Community Hub.

65 Donegall Pass

Belfast

BT7 1DR

Early Years – the organisation for young children

Early Years as a non-profit making organisation since 1965 has developed and delivered projects targeted at pre-school, school age and youth in the field of respecting difference and shared education. CRC funding has supported the implementation to fidelity of the Media Initiative for Children, Respecting Difference Programme for 3 years and they want to enhance, sustain and further embed this programme in local communities. This programme aims to bring about positive attitudinal and behavioural change among children, young people, parents, teachers and the wider community. The programme supports, focused community relations activities with children & young people from marginalised and divided communities, ethnic minority communities and vulnerable socio-economic backgrounds, with the aim of active participation by parents and children in the communities where they live and the continued improvement of

attitudes among children of different backgrounds, and that respect for difference and sharing is evident in those local communities.

6c Wildflower Way

Apollo Road

Boucher Road

Belfast

BT12 6TA

www.early-years.org

East Belfast Mission

Turas means journey or pilgrimage in both Irish and Scottish Gaelic. Based in east Belfast, it is a language project designed to bring people together by raising awareness of the Irish language. It works to promote understanding and acceptance of the shared history and heritage of Ulster. A guiding statement for Turas is: “ag foghlaim le chéile - learning together”.

The Turas Programme, established in 2011, includes language classes, a choir, music classes, dance classes and a walking group. Other regular events include film, drama, art, public lectures and debates. The project is based in the Skainos building on the Newtownards Road. Turas is a centre of excellence. It provides 17 language classes, making it the largest provider of classes in the city. Over 1000 people of all ages are currently benefitting from the work of Turas.

239 Newtownards Road

Belfast

BT4 1AF

www.ebm.org.uk/turas

Falls Community Council

Falls Community Council is a community development umbrella organisation which has been based in West Belfast since 1974. It has almost 50 years of direct delivery of community development-based services to the local community of West Belfast but also on a city-wide basis. Its original aim was to bring community organisations together, to share resources, and to advocate on community concerns.

FCC has maintained a pivotal role in developing the community infrastructure and harnessing community activity in West Belfast. It has continued to develop a comprehensive range of services, in response to identified need, which contribute to

the enhancement of community life, health, and well-being of all the residents of West Belfast.

FCC works to help the general population of West Belfast. They do this through advocacy for the local community and interagency working for the benefit of the community.

St Comgall's

Divis Street

Belfast

BT12 4AQ

www.fallscouncil.com

Forthspring Inter Community Group

Forthspring is an inclusive and innovative organisation seeking to enhance life and learning opportunities across community and interface divisions. They are dedicated to building meaningful and sustained cross-community relationships, providing needs-based services, and supporting local empowerment through good relations and community development approaches. They work entirely on a cross-community basis in their uniquely shared space and throughout community spaces - in their schools, in partnership with others, and at street level.

All of their work focuses on “making the extraordinary ordinary: Integrating good community relationships into everyday life”.

Their work fosters everyday peace-building and good relations initiatives in a safe and nurturing shared environment catering to all ages and groups, this includes:

- Children in local schools
- Children in Afterschool provision
- Young people at street level
- Young people in youth provision
- Parents, adults, and the elderly in group work, training, arts, and heritage provision

373-375 Springfield Road

Belfast

BT12 7DG

www.forthspring.com

Harmony Community Trust

With this funding the Harmony Community Trust shall continue to deliver a vibrant programme of community relations work at Glebe House, its residential centre within a 16-acre pasture and wildlife area at Kilclief close to the shores of Strangford Lough. From here they deliver community relations, social inclusion and respite programmes on a year-round basis for children, young people and adults which enable them to come together and overcome the barriers put up by poverty, disadvantage, social-exclusion, rural-isolation and sectarian divisions. Other groups will use their centre because they provide a shared, safe environment where people of all ages can come together, work, play and develop relationships. They provide opportunities for meaningful and effective voluntary service, and through their community growing garden The Seedbed, they provide opportunities for individuals and communities to engage in cross community programmes building skills in biodiversity and sustainability in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

23 Bishopscourt Road
Kilclief
Strangford
BT30 7NZ
www.glebehouseni.com

Intercomm

Intercomm continues to provide support to groups, individuals, and organisations who could be described as those who are "Harder to Reach". They do this with willing partners from community and statutory organisations including political representatives, local councils, PSNI and the NIHE. This partnership approach is vital in promoting good relations and developing positive outcomes. Work will also be established at a cross-border level to engage with members of the Garda and young people to help address issues of policing and community engagement. This proposal would continue to support the afore mentioned groups and use innovative ways to engage with people from North Belfast, Carrickfergus, Larne, Mid Ulster, Derry and cross boarder activities. This will be achieved by providing wide reaching good relations programmes designed to meet their, help reduce community tensions and deal with real issues of concern.

290-292 Antrim Road
Belfast
BT15 5AA

Irish FA Foundation

The Irish FA Foundation is committed to improving community relations within football and wider Northern Irish society. They deliver community relations programmes to create safe and inclusive society by inspiring change and helping people to fulfil their potential. This project enables IFA to employ a dedicated Community Relations Officer that empowers the organisation to deliver far reaching programmes, using football to help deliver positive social change and influence. The Community Relations Officer liaises directly with communities, stakeholders, government to identify opportunities to build community relations.

IFA Foundation promote, foster and develop equal opportunities and a more cohesive Northern Irish society. The Foundation works in partnership with communities to break down barriers within and between communities to increase social inclusion, improve community relations, encourage community integration and promote shared safe spaces. The Foundation aims to promote peaceful and cohesive society, using football as the hook to tackle sectarianism, paramilitarism and racism.

National Football Stadium at Windsor Park
Donegall Avenue
Belfast
BT12 6LU
www.irishfa.com/irish-fa-foundation

Irish School of Ecumenics

ISE is located in the School of Religions in Trinity College Dublin and has a Belfast base at Edgehill College. The Aim of the ISE Trust is to bring its expertise to support education programmes in the community to enable reconciliation. These focus on opportunities for shared learning between different church groups and consideration of theological and reconciliation perspectives.

A Network of 'Churches Fora' in towns across N Ireland has been developed and supported by an ISE programme. The CONNECT conferences and newsletter of shared information and ideas serve these groups and other interested faith-based groups who want to participate.

Edgehill College
Lennoxvale
Belfast
BT9 5BY

www.tcd.ie/ise

Londonderry Bands Forum

The Londonderry Bands Forum was set up as an alternative delivery alliance to challenge misconceptions of the Bands community through education, programming and dialogue. In the convening years they have become a key strategic and local peace-building role providing a unique form of positive mentorship to all bands in the North-West and a range of ground-breaking grass roots and regional initiatives.

The fund will continue to advance this peace-building role by providing the staffing resource, provide local mentorship and advocacy support, help accommodate local training needs, expand local knowledge and encourage cross-community dialogue whilst celebrating the arts community. Using musicianship as a vehicle, it will work in a cross-collaborative manner to promote inclusiveness across the Derry City Strabane District Council area and further afield.

It will also allow them to be a valuable civic voice and sounding board for key government officials, political parties and policy makers.

New Gate Arts & Culture Centre

2-4 Kennedy Place

Derry~Londonderry

BT48 6RF

www.londonderrybandsforum.com

Nerve Centre

Established in 1990 as a focal point for youth culture in Derry~Londonderry, the Nerve Centre has become Northern Ireland's leading creative media arts centre.

More than 120,000 people a year benefit from the Nerve Centre's wide-ranging programme of arts and cultural activity, cutting edge projects, creative learning centres, training opportunities, community relations activities and state-of-the-art production facilities.

A successful social economy enterprise, the Nerve Centre employs more than 50 staff at sites in Derry~Londonderry and Belfast.

7-8 Magazine Street

Derry~Londonderry

BT48 6HJ

www.nervecentre.org

North Belfast Interface Network

NBIN is an organisation that has supported and enabled positive change across interface communities in North Belfast since its inception. NBIN is also the lead partner of the Twaddell Ardoyne Shankill Communities In Transition (TASCIT) an IFI Peace Barrier programme. As such it manages all aspects of TASCIT programme delivery.

Alongside working to reduce, remove or transform segregation barriers it engages local residents in programme of positive engagement that challenges the negative stereotypes of 'them' that is still prevalent in many segregated communities in North Belfast. This work provides opportunities for community engagement, exploration, capacity building and an increased understanding of a range of issues that are often considered divisive, such as ethnicity, cultural identity and community allegiances. This work is critical to creating the conditions that will facilitate the transformation of segregation barriers and lead to a more integrated community.

123 Cliftonville Road

Belfast

BT14 6JR

North West Play Resource Centre

The Playhouse was established during 1992 and is a well-used & trusted neutral arts venue in Derry/Londonderry. The Playhouse is overseen by a Board of Trustees with expertise in Arts, Community Relations, Business, Law, Finance and Education. Trustees are drawn from both main communities in Northern Ireland, and is gender balanced.

The Playhouse's Strategy outlines that: "The Playhouse's Vision is to create community, celebrate diversity and empower people through the arts. Our Mission is to deliver creative, innovative and accessible Arts, Education and Peacebuilding programmes that enrich the lives of the people that we serve. The Playhouse's Values include working as a community, for the community - creating safe spaces where diverse people can meet, interact and thrive".

5-7 Artillery Street

Derry~Londonderry

BT48 6RG

Partisan Productions

Partisan Productions is a professional theatre and film production company committed to creating socially engaged art. Their Corporate Strategy describes the company's vision as follows: "Our vision is that people are conscious of the factors that shape their lives and are confident to create change. Our mission is: to engage people in co-creating compelling, complex and honest theatre about the stuff that matters to them. Our policy is to generate innovative theatre and film projects which allow us to research, develop, test and share effective community educational processes within an integrated structure of creative activity". Community relations and development issues are at the heart of this work.

Mornington Community Project

117 Ormeau Road

Belfast

BT7 1SH

www.facebook.com/partisanproductions

Passionist Peace and Reconciliation Office

They aim to develop a comprehensive network involving the Peace Office; the Houben Centre and Tobar Mhuire to provide an effective approach to peace building utilising the potential of each centre to deal with specific interest groups. Key activities:

1. Development of Tobar Mhuire as a 'safe place' for the peace building
2. The Houben Centre has the potential to be a source of healing and reconciliation.
3. Parading and inter-face work -there is still an ongoing task to embed the parading agreement within the community
4. Young People - they work in partnership with RCity with young people who are at risk of involvement in anti-social activity
5. Engagement with ex-prisoners.

Core Funding supports the development of Tobar Mhuire and Houben Centre becoming a "safe and welcoming space" where difficult conversations and encounters can occur. They aim to lower community tensions and bring communities together face to face and through cross-community engagement.

614 Crumlin Road

Belfast

BT14 7GL

PeacePlayers International – Northern Ireland

Based on the simple premise that “children who play together can learn to live together,” PeacePlayers International – Northern Ireland (PPI-NI) leverages sport and its inherent lessons of teamwork, cooperation, communication and determination to unite children and young people from the two historically divided traditions in Northern Ireland. PeacePlayers believes that to truly address the problems in Northern Ireland, it must do more to intentionally tackle the institutional /structural barriers to peace, that young people encounter even when they desire change.

Through this proposal PeacePlayers will provide over 2000 children and young people with the opportunity to engage with a comprehensive programme of cross community, community relations through sport activities. In addition, PeacePlayers will train 40 key stakeholders and work with them and the institutions, industries and organisations they work in /are a part of, to more intentionally and directly tackle the institutional / structural barriers to peace in NI.

Peace House

224 Lisburn Road

Belfast

BT9 6GE

www.peaceplayers.org

Rural Community Network

RCN is a member led and membership-based organisation working with and alongside rural community groups to build their confidence in dealing with issues resulting from the conflict and to support the integration of minority groups into existing structures and community life. RCN believes that by using a community development approach local communities can be empowered to address the legacy of the past, look to a shared future and to support the inclusion of minority groups in rural life. RCN plays a significant role in reminding policy makers and those working in the sphere of community relations that rural areas still have contested spaces, have legacy issues and are still need investment and support to move their communities towards a more shared future. RCN holds a unique role as a rural policy commentator and consultancy agency, and they endeavour to be reflective of both majority and minority voices.

38a Oldtown Street

Cookstown

BT80 8EF

www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org

Shankill Parish Caring Association

Shankill Parish Caring Association is a Christian Based Charity established in 1996 to address community need in the Lurgan area. For over 25 years they have offered service to the whole Community delivering programmes to combat isolation, improve wellbeing and address division in their society. A large part of their work, in relation to this proposal, is their Good Relations Programmes which offer mentoring and support to influencers and leaders in the local area, mediation, project planning and developmental support, conflict management and much more. They offer tailored projects to build tolerance and understanding at grassroots level and especially target historic, cultural or political issues of relevance.

Jethro Centre

Craigavon

BT66 7DT

www.jethrocentre.org

Springboard Opportunities Limited

Springboard designs and delivers innovative cross-community and cross-cultural programme interventions to support distinct groups of disadvantaged people from diverse communities to realise their potential; build capacity to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background; and develop increased respect for diversity. Their key activities are primarily targeted to areas that face disadvantage, are affected by division or conflict and/or dealing with the legacy of the past. They provide dynamic, multi-benefit, needs-led learning opportunities for individuals and groups, by co-designing with participants, offering accredited training and tailored one to one development support. Since 1992 they have worked with 13800+ people across communities and facilitated significant attitudinal/behavioural change, personal growth and respect for diversity. They believe their work can make a positive and sustainable difference to individuals and has significant mutual benefits to building shared communities in which we all live, work, learn and play.

112-114 Donegall Street

Belfast

BT1 2GX

www.springboard-ops.org

The Churches Trust Limited

Churches Trust is an interdenominational organisation founded by leaders of the Methodist, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Catholic churches in the Northwest, standing together with a united voice; they are committed to addressing issues of deprivation, social justice, equality and inclusion. They are uniquely placed to promote a more united, shared and cohesive society with a collaborative network of churches, schools and community groups.

Core funding from Community Relations Council supports the following work:

- Design and delivery of community education programmes to increase mutual respect and understanding across faith traditions
- Youth development programmes underpinned by personal and skills development, and Good Relations
- Addressing inequalities – bringing people together from diverse communities to address and understand the social determinants of health inequalities.
- Work to engender a safe community where cultural identities are respected.
- Empowering people to stand against coercive control and actively participate in their communities

11 Limavady Road
Waterside
Derry~Londonderry
BT47 6JU

www.thechurchestrust.org.uk

The Corrymeela Community

Every year at their residential centre in Ballycastle, through their programmes in the community and through the lives of their community members and volunteers, Corrymeela enables thousands of people from different backgrounds to actively contribute towards a more cohesive and hope filled society which deepen their respect for each other so we can live well together.

With this Community Relations Council Core Funding grant they will: develop their work in promoting the public ritual of healing within the context of the conflict in and about Northern Ireland; take forward the Facing Our History Shaping The Future project to help post primary teachers and pupils understand how sensitive and controversial issues can be explored safely; promote an inclusive theology connected to everyday

lives within a society emerging from conflict; support emerging leaders with community relations practices.

The Corrymeela Centre
5 Drumaroan Road
Ballycastle
BT54 6QU
www.corrymeela.org

The Junction/Holywell Trust Partnership

The Junction was originally established in 2000. The Junction has a local, regional, national and international remit. The work of the Junction continues as a community education and training for peace building organisation. The Junction seeks to inform and validate approaches, policy and practice that value people and empower them to live with their differences.

Holywell Trust is a community relations and community development organisation that was established in 1988 to foster better relationships and social transformation in the North West and across Northern Ireland. Through a range of groundbreaking approaches and methodologies, Holywell has contributed significantly to the tackling of contested space and the building of shared and respected places.

The Junction and Holywell Trust work in partnership to deliver a range of community relations focused projects to empower individuals, groups and organisations by developing skills, building knowledge and critical thinking and by providing and building leadership.

Holywell DiverseCity Community Partnership
8-14 Bishop Street
Derry~Londonderry
BT48 6PW
www.thejunction-ni.org

TIDES Training and Consultancy

TIDES are committed to helping build the community infrastructure necessary to sustain a lasting and equitable peace in situations which have experienced violent conflict. The core work of the organisation includes Community Dialogues, Facilitating Relationship Building Process, Peace Building / Leadership and Good Relations training,

Conflict resolution and mediation services, Conflict Coaching, Restorative Practices and Developing Community Leadership.

174 Duncairn Avenue

c/o 174 Trust

Belfast

BT14 6BP

www.tidestraining.org

Trademark

Established in 2001 as the successor to Counteract, Trademark functions as the anti-sectarian unit of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU). The organisation is dedicated to tackling prejudice, discrimination and inequality. Trademark implement this through mediation, intervention, education, research, capacity building and the establishment of cooperative businesses in interface areas. Uniquely located at the nexus between the trade union movement and communities, Trademark has a long track record of working in partnership with the public, private and third sectors, including trade unions, to build relationships within and between communities. This track record has led Trademark to grow into one the most well-established community relations organisations, trusted and respected to engage with the two traditional communities as well as the growing number of people who do not see themselves unambiguously as falling into either category.

Twin Spires Centre

NG2 North Building

Belfast

BT13 2JF

www.trademarkbelfast.com

Ulster GAA

Ulster GAA formed in 1903 is one of five provincial bodies of the Gaelic Athletic Association and it supports the efforts of its nine constituent County Committees, 300+ clubs and 250,000 volunteer members and players. It also has close links with the respective provincial bodies of its sister organisations – namely Ulster Camogie and Ulster Ladies Gaelic Football. The headquarters of Ulster GAA is in Armagh City. Ulster GAA works with a range of public bodies to deliver on its key strategic objectives. Core to this work is providing support and services to both Clubs and Counties which strengthens the ongoing grassroots development of the Association.

This proposal will enable the delivery of Ulster GAA's commitment to promoting inclusivity and community outreach as per Theme 4 of the current strategic plan of the organisation.

8-10 Market Street
Armagh
BT61 7BX
www.ulster.gaa.ie

Youth Initiatives NI

Youth Initiatives NI is a Northern Ireland cross community youthwork organisation that specialises in reaching out to 10–25-year-olds at-risk of engaging in criminality, exclusion from education, and who are living in divided communities entrenched in sectarian views. Their youthwork targets those least likely to access, but most in need of good relations youthwork and envisioning for a shared future- young adults standing at the crossroads of major life decisions. Regionally, YI run 39 distinct youthwork programmes all incorporating good relations principles and opportunities on a weekly basis. These include schools' engagement, detached youth outreach, arts & sports projects, personal and social development programs, regional youth volunteer programme and cross-community summer projects including TBUC camps. Youth Initiatives requests CRC NI Core Funding for their Good Relations Manager to train staff and oversee the Good Relations outcomes, embedding Good Relations practices and approaches long term across 6 YI regional youth community hubs.

50 Colin Road
Dunmurry
Belfast
BT17 0LG
www.youthinitiativesni.com

Youth Link

As a partnership of churches working together, Youth Link will contribute to a more inclusive and peaceful society by enabling young people and youth practitioners to build positive, healthy and sustainable relationships within and between communities through education, training and empowerment programmes.

Youth Link will develop and deliver a new educational resource entitled 'ASPIRE' (Advocating and Supporting the Practice of Integrated Reconciliation in Education). The resource development will include several integrated strands of reconciliation, all of

which are required if reconciliation is to be a meaningful and achievable process. In reality, such an integrated approach is about helping young people to 'see, judge and act' upon the issues impacting them, whilst pursuing the Common Good on a local and global basis.

Using tested methodologies, the ASPIRE resource is used to engage and mobilise young people to build a shared and inclusive society.

Farset Enterprise Park

638 Springfield Road

Belfast

BT12 7DY

www.youthlink.org.uk