

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

Belfast Interface Project (BIP)

As with many organisations in the sector, BIP are faced with the challenge of ensuring that they remain relevant and responsive to a changing environment. A challenge made more difficult in a time of austerity and increased competition and regulation. BIP's main function is to work with local communities to inform development that is of relevance and practical benefit to interface communities.

BIP will continue to act as an independent voice for interface communities and to act as a catalyst for change, empowering and supporting interface communities. This approach has seen BIP enjoy a trust built over many years based upon its values of reliance, trustworthiness and integrity. BIP continues to deliver projects/programmes across Belfast that address relevant issues such as contentious/shared spaces, most recently through their "Shared Futures - Future Planning" youth programme and the development of their "Community Platform".

109-113 Royal Avenue

Belfast

BT1 1FF

Belfast Library and Society for Promoting Knowledge

Formed in 1788, The Linen Hall is the oldest library in Belfast. The Linen Hall encompasses a library, a museum, an archive, and an arts and cultural venue. The library has throughout its history provided a rare, shared space which has hosted difficult conversations in an open and inclusive atmosphere.

CRC Core Funding will support their outreach, learning and education programme which engages with communities from different geographical, political, and generational backgrounds. These programmes will explore Northern Ireland's recent past in a sensitive and objective way through discussion panels, workshops, and co-producing exhibitions, thereby helping to eradicate division and contention through open dialogue and sharing experiences.

Linen Hall Library
Belfast
BT1 5GB

Belfast YMCA Limited

For over 170 years, Belfast YMCA has been dedicated to serving children, young individuals, and communities in Belfast. Their unwavering commitment to peacebuilding is not just an aspect of their work; it is the very essence of how they operate. They are wholeheartedly dedicated to fostering reconciliation in their city.

This proposal would support their community relations youth work by contributing towards the salaries of their Community Relations Youth Worker and Youth Work Leader. These roles are crucial to their provision of high-quality community relations opportunities with young people. As a small staff team, their youth workers provide relevant and engaging community relations education to a growing number of young people from across the city, both out in the school community and onsite at their centre in South Belfast. They are deeply committed to peacebuilding as an organisation and embed it within all elements of what they do.

58 Knightsbridge Park
Belfast
BT9 5EH

www.belfastymca.org

Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs is an independent, voluntary association of local youth clubs and youth organisations. It aims to provide support and opportunities to address educational segregation, conflict, and the division of young people in their society. The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs is to support the personal and social development of children and young people and to promote good relations and community development.

Through this proposal they aspire to strengthen inter-club relationships to build mutual trust between communities. They plan to: increase opportunity for member clubs to come together and promote the sharing of best practice and resources; quality assure and support good relations work happening at grass-roots level; assist youth workers in the delivery of quality youth work through the provision of educational frameworks and accredit young peoples' learning using meaningful and relevant qualifications.

22 Stocksman Way
Musgrave Park Industrial Estate
Belfast
BT9 7JU
www.boysandgirlsclubs.net

Community Relations Forum

Community Relations Forum's 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. They 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 30 years of experience working in good relations / relationships.

The Barron Hall
230 Antrim Road

Glengormley
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

East Belfast Mission

East Belfast Mission are there to change lives and their doors are open to anyone in need. Their Mission is to share hope, love and leadership in East Belfast and their vision is for a thriving, inclusive and confident East Belfast.

They offer services to alleviate the difficulties faced by their community through projects such as our Hosford Homelessness services, their Employability project which helps people back to work, their Irish Language project to connect a divided community, their social economy businesses which provides employment and volunteering opportunities, their community groups, crisis support and counselling service.

Their work is based on the Lower Newtownards Road in Inner East Belfast, which is one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland. According to the Neighbourhood Renewal Area Profile Report (2021), 15% of the population are living in households whose income is below 60% of the NI median.

239 Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 1AF
www.ebm.org.uk

Falls Community Council

Falls Community Council delivers a range of services using models of community development. The organisation delivers programmes around community empowerment, health, advice, community safety, economic growth, good relations and conflict resolution at a grass roots level in a way that benefits residents most affected by the issues.

They have a programme of conflict transformation work which includes public discussions, training and grassroots development work that involves statutory and community partners. They organise a programme of peace building public talks and discussions on contested issues such as culture, legacy and history, the discussions also address current policy issues including tackling paramilitarism and peace walls.

St Comgalls
Divis Street
Belfast
BT12 4AQ

Falls Women's Centre

This proposal would support the vital and essential post of their Good Relations Training Development Coordinator, enabling the implementation and delivery of their unique Good Relations project that meets the identified needs of women in their communities most affected by the conflict and current political climate. Their project includes accredited education programmes such as community development, Dealing with the Past, Women in Political Life, Diversity, Leadership and Cultural Awareness. They host a variety of one-off events and engagements that enable women to come together to discuss current issues that affect their lives, and their families lives.

Their experience and expertise are reflected in their long-term working partnerships with women's centre/groups, universities and international peace organisations. Through these partnerships they bring women together to engage at a cross community/ cross border/international level to share and tell their story and to play a meaningful role and have a voice in peacebuilding.

256 Falls Road

Belfast

BT12 6AL

www.fallswomenscentre.org

Forthspring Inter Community Group

Forthspring Inter Community Group is a busy community centre situated strategically on the longest peace wall interface area between west and north Belfast. Fortspring has offered a safe purposeful busy space for a wide variety of cross community activities addressing the issue of peacebuilding and community development in innovative and creative ways.

They run Springers after school's care/daycare to children from five local primary schools. They run MUMO Moving Up Moving On which has Pupil Support Workers in the local Protestant and Catholic schools and Family Support Workers resourcing families locally. They also run Youth Matters offering centre based and detached youth work. They are also planning a significant community dialogue project called the Future Decades Project. Their workplan this year will also include the establishment of the West Belfast Friendship Club, a drop in facility open to the whole community.

375-377 Springfield Road

Belfast

BT12 7DG

www.forthspring.org

Harmony Community Trust

Harmony Community Trust addresses issues of isolation and division on a cross-community basis, bringing together people of all ages within a safe setting to explore new experiences, learn, have fun, and experience volunteering. They offer a family outreach group for carers and infants. Their cultural, creative and activity-based sessions provide social and educational interaction and cross-community

engagement to an ageing population in an area of rural isolation. Their “Seedbed” community garden has developed a new shared space, harnessing their rural setting and organic environment to build relationships between communities. This programme will enhance well-being, confidence and empathy and form new relationships for 400 people of all ages who will enjoy being together over 590 sessions.

Glebe House
23 Bishops Court Road
Strangford
BT30 7NZ
www.glebehouseni.org

Holywell Trust / The Junction

The principles that underpin Holywell and Junction are based on Together Building a United Community principles and priorities. Equity, respect for diversity, and interdependence informs their project work, which is grassroots based, locally owned, contextual, cross-community and cross-cultural, relational, and which transcends painful historiographies.

The Junction and Holywell Trust work in partnership to deliver a range of community relations/good relations programmes and projects which empower individuals, groups and organisations to develop confidence, capacity and skills, building knowledge through learning and critical thinking, promoting leadership-in-action.

10-14 Bishop Street
Derry~Londonderry
BT48 6PW
www.holywelltrust.com

Intercomm Ireland

Intercomm was founded in 1995 as a direct response to grassroots community concerns about inter-community conflict and social deprivation. Delivering a portfolio of programmes Intercomm proactively works to combat the social, economic and political problems created by over 30 years of conflict and help construct a concrete and viable peace. In recent years Intercomm has broadened its initiatives and outlook to learn from, and assist in, other conflict transformation processes worldwide, using local knowledge and expertise. Intercomm is a solution-focused peace building organisation that has developed an organic peace building practice and model. They have deployed this model with local groups and exported it to other countries including

Afghanistan, South Africa and Middle East. This work combined with bespoke programmes and partnership working across the Island has help build peace and restore confidence and provide learning opportunities at community and individual level.

290-292 Antrim Road
Belfast
BT15 5AA

Irish School of Ecumenics

The ISE Churches Fora Project: Strengthening and expanding a network of inter-church groups working on reconciliation and GR issues in the community.

This project offers support for governance and programmes to Inter-church Fora across N Ireland to help their development and sustainability and equip them to tackle emerging issues.

The project also delivers: 'CONNECT' Conferences, Sixth Form Conferences, Education Programmes. Recent Education programmes include - 'Identity and Belonging; ' New Challenges, New Opportunities', 'Blessed be the Peacemakers'; Responsible Christian Citizenship'; Education in Democracy Matters'; Public Theology - values and ethics as applied to Public, Social, Economic, Environmental and Gender Realities.

The project also publishes a Fora Newsletter. The project includes intergenerational conversations on Good Relations and Reconciliation issues and links to the Shared Education government initiative.

9 Lennoxvale
Belfast
BT9 5BY

Londonderry Bands Forum

The LBF 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 played a key strategic and peace-building role providing a unique form of positive mentorship to all bands in the North-west as well as facilitating 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, local mentorship and advocacy support, helping to accommodate local training needs, expanding local knowledge and encouraging cross-community dialogue

whilst celebrating the arts community. Using musicianship as a vehicle, it will continue to work in collaborative manner to promotes inclusivity in urban and rural communities in the DSDC area and further afield. It will also allow them to be a valuable civic voice and sounding board in this time of political uncertainty for decision-makers.

2-4 Kennedy Place
Derry~Londonderry
BT48 6RF

www.londonderrybandsforum.com

North West Play Resource Centre (The Playhouse)

The Playhouse is one of the most vibrant theatres and arts organisations in Northern Ireland, established to meet the needs and aspirations of people and communities at a time of conflict. They have since grown to become a national asset: an award-winning producing theatre, an empowering centre for learning and a global leader in the arts and peaceful change. They matter to their locality and to the international communities they connect with, and they continually innovate to offer a space to make meaning and a place that's here for good. They believe in inclusion, in inspiring creativity and opening up the imaginative world of theatre, dance, art and music for everyone to enjoy. The Playhouse is core funded by the Arts Council for Northern Ireland, Derry City and Strabane District Council, and Community Relations Council.

5-7 Artillery Street
Derry~Londonderry
BT48 6RG
www.derryplayhouse.co.uk

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

PeacePlayers Internation – 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 1900 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 engage with 100 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 Charity established in 1996 to address community need in the Lurgan area. For over 25 years they have offered services to the whole Community of 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

Flush Place

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 targeted to areas/groups that face disadvantage, are affected by division or conflict and/or dealing with the legacy of the past.

This proposal will support them in providing dynamic, needs-led learning opportunities through seven programme interventions for individuals and groups, which facilitate positive change, personal growth, an increased sense of belonging and improved community/good relations. Since 1992 they have built up significant expertise and experience and their application aims to make a positive and sustainable difference to

individuals and have significant mutual benefits in building a diverse, shared and interconnected society.

112-114 Donegall Street

Belfast

BT1 2GX

www.springboard-opps.org

St. Columb's Park House

St Columb's Park Reconciliation Trust was established in 1994 as a peace building centre offering a safe neutral venue that supports communities across the City to become actively involved in building and sustaining peace. Their aims People Place and Peace supports local people to become active citizens, peace builders and positive changemakers who are committed to maintaining peace in the future. Their peacebuilding projects provide the platform for the Trust to engage with communities and individuals of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, encouraging collaborative working towards a fair and peaceful society where every individual can make a positive difference and feel that contribution is valued by others.

4 Limavady Road

Waterside

Derry~Londonderry

BT47 6JY

The Churches Trust

Churches Trust was founded in 1993 by the leaders of the mainstream Christian churches, who recognised the need to address deprivation, with a united voice. They are uniquely placed to work collaboratively across faith and cultural traditions, to address deprivation and build stronger, more cohesive and resilient communities.

The Churches Trust has two main aims:

- Identifying, challenging and tackling sectarianism and racism through the delivery of good relations and cohesion programmes.
- Recognising the ongoing impact of poverty and disadvantage, supporting people and families in need, tackling social determinants of health inequalities and empowering communities.

11 Limavady road

Waterside

Derry~Londonderry
BT47 6JU
www.thechurchestrust.org.uk

The Corrymeela Community

Every year at their peace and reconciliation centre in Ballycastle, through their programmes of work in the community and through the lives of their community members and volunteers, Corrymeela supports people from different backgrounds to contribute towards a more cohesive and hope filled society.

With continued Community Relations Council Core Funding 2024 - 2025 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 support post primary teachers and pupils understand how sensitive and controversial issues can be safely explored; promote an inclusive theology connected and engaging with everyday lives within a society emerging from conflict; support emerging leaders by being alongside and with community relations practices.

5 Drumaroan Road
Ballycastle
BT6 9GH
www.corrymeela.org

TIDES Training

Founded in 2000, TIDES Training has an established reputation in both Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK and internationally for helping lead the development of training modules, capacity building and mediations in a range of key cross cutting themes around the sectors of Conflict Management, Good Relations, Diversity and Active Citizenship, Women Peace & Security, Mediation & Restorative Practice across the Community, Public and Private Sectors.

Value Statement: "TIDES Corporate values are Compassion, Justice and Understanding and our work is underpinned by our belief in the principles of Transformation, Interdependence, Diversity, Equity and Sustainability".

Duncairn Complex
174 Duncairn Avenue
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 and 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 NI

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