

Core Funded Groups 2020/2021

An Gaeláras Ltd

£28,363.87 The Droichead project in An Gaeláras has been key in the development of an innovative successful working relationship with those considered to be representative of the two main disparate cultural communities. Its success is reflected in the normalising, in the main, of a working relationship between representatives of the Irish Language, Ulster Scots and Marching Bands communities.

An Gaeláras aims to contribute to an environment of mutual understanding and appreciation amongst the two main local cultures by delivering projects that de-mystify historical and cultural traditions, create opportunities for meaningful engagement and build trusting relationships. The organisation has established itself as an experienced practitioner in mediating difficult conversations as well as delivering the most celebratory, high quality, multi-cultural events and the Droichead Project plays a key role in ensuring that this occurs.

37 Great James Street

Derry

BT48 7DF

www.culturlann.org

Building Communities Resource Centre

£46,129 Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC) core areas of work are:
Community Development & Good Relations, BAME, Mental 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 will focus on Children & Young people Leadership & Shared Education; Developing Shared Spaces; Community Safety Fresh Start Agreement work; Building Positive Communities and continuing the legacy of our Key Institutions work with cultural institutions.

Unite 22-23 Acorn Business Centre

Ballymoney

BT53 7LH

Community Relations in Schools (CRIS)

Community Relations In Schools (CRIS) is a peacebuilding and education charity £79,317 that works in partnership with schools, district councils and other statutory providers to positively and systematically address the separated context of living in Northern Ireland. Through strategic action, service delivery, reflective practice, advocacy and research – CRIS has developed unique, multi-faceted, collaborative approaches to achieve its mission which is:

“To be a leading agent of change in shaping an inclusive, peaceful and safe society where everyone has hope and the opportunity to learn and grow.”

Unit 6

Belfast

BT15 2GG

Early Years – the organisation for young children

Early Years – the organisation for young children (formerly NIPPA (Northern Ireland Preschool Playgroup Association) from 1965 until 2007) is the largest £75,027.26 organisation in Northern Ireland working with and for young children. They are a non-profit making organisation which has been working since 1965 to promote high quality early years care and education for children aged 0-18 and their families. The vision of Early Years is that:

- Children are strong, competent and visible in their communities
- Children are physically and emotionally healthy
- Children are eager and able to learn
- Children are respectful of difference
- Children grow up in a peaceful, prosperous and shared region

The organisation provides support, training and advice to a range of early years settings to achieve this vision."

6c Wildflower Way

Apollo Road

Belfast

BT126TA

www.early-years.org

East Belfast Mission

£47,253.62 Turas brings people of different backgrounds together through an interest in the Irish language, challenging stereotypes of the language by celebrating it as an aspect of the shared heritage of Ulster.

The project provides 14 Irish language classes for over 190 people every year and has a bursary scheme to enable learners to pursue their interest in Irish at university.

Their programme also includes a choir, music classes, dance classes and a walking group. Other regular events include film, drama, art, public lectures and debates. Their facilities include a dedicated social area and a library of more than 2,000 books in Irish.

Turas also runs historical bus tours and publicises the Gaelic history of east Belfast in order to make the language relevant to locals. They sell a range of merchandise to help fund future programmes.

239 Newtownards Road

Belfast

BT4 1AF

Falls Community Council

£33,049 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.

They have developed a cultural awareness training toolkit which they deliver to adults – this has also been adapted to be used with young people in a residential setting.

275-277 Falls Road

Belfast

Antrim

BT12 6FD

www.fallscouncil.com

Falls Women's Centre

£27,496.98 FWC was established in 1982 in West Belfast by local women in order to improve the quality of life for women and their families living in areas of extreme deprivation and most affected by the conflict. It is based in West Belfast, a community recognised as one of the poorest in Western Europe. FWC was the first of its kind in the area and has continually worked to raise awareness within the community and with statutory agencies on issues that affect women's lives.

They support women's development through the provision of training, education, good relations, childcare, advice, advocacy, counselling, health and well-being.

They have developed many networks and partnerships over the years building strong relationships in areas of peace building, good relations and opportunities for women to build upon their capacity.

256-258 Falls Road

Belfast

Antrim

BT12 6AL

www.fallswomenscentre.org

Forthspring Inter Community Group

£33,929.43 Established as an inter-community group in 1997 and based within the old Springfield Methodist Church building beside the Springfield/Woodvale 'peaceline' in West Belfast, Forthspring is probably the oldest of a handful of shared spaces situated at an interface in Belfast and dedicated to providing much-needed local services, building cross-community relationships and supporting local empowerment through a community development approach.

Their vision is of a diverse, vibrant and flourishing neighbourhood where people feel secure, confident and positive about their future.

They deliver services to the neighbourhood on both sides of the interface. This area has been characterised for many years by significant levels of disadvantage, particularly relating to education, health and employment, and regularly features within the top few percent of the most deprived areas within Northern Ireland.

They seek to enhance life opportunities for local people and to enable sustained relationships through a varied range of development programmes and activities.

373-375 Springfield Road

Belfast

Antrim

BT12 7DG

www.forthspring.org

Intercomm

£28,646 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 FA Foundation

£27,900 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 breaks

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

£30,000 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.
- Education programmes include - Thematic approach to events 1917 - 1922. Themes (i) Violence (ii) Democracy (iii) Shaping a Common Good
- A Shared Abrahamic Ethic (inter-faith)
- Public Theology - values and ethics as applied to Public, Social, Economic, Environmental and Gender Realities

The project also publishes a Fora Newsletter.

The project collaborates with the Irish Council of Churches on some initiatives.

9 Lennoxvale

Belfast

BT9 5BY

www.tcd.ie/ise/

Londonderry Bands Forum

Londonderry Bands Forum objective was founded in 2010 to promote Flute, £69,387.80 Accordion, Pipe and Brass bands in Londonderry. They aim to create a confident, competent, membership with the ability to engage constructively with all levels of society in the interests of the band's fraternity.

"To promote through music the history and culture of marching bands and to challenge all prejudice, preconceptions, misconceptions and negativity of bands through education, honest dialogue and positive engagement."

The organisation started out as a way to promote bands but moved into education providing free music tuition to schools, free GCSE classes, health and wellbeing, training initiatives and working towards cross community activities.

20-22 Hawkin Street

Derry-Londonderry

BT48 6RE

Nerve Centre

Established in 1990 as a focal point for youth culture in Derry-Londonderry, the £13,212 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

North Belfast Interface Network

£31,124.78 NBIN is an organisation that has supported and enabled positive change across interface communities in North Belfast since its inception. As the lead partner of the TASCIT programme, NBIN is currently managing the delivery of a programme of positive engagement that challenges the negative stereotypes of 'them' that is still prevalent in many segregated communities in North Belfast.

The TASCIT Promoting Positive Change/Challenging Conversations programme 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.

123 Cliftonville Road

Belfast

BT14 6JR

North West Play Resource Centre

£34,166 The Playhouse is a high-quality arts venue which provides the following:

- Education and Outreach Department: they work with some of the most vulnerable and marginalised members of the community to provide accredited and non-accredited arts training that kick-starts educational and employment prospects, as well as developing self-esteem, confidence, motivation and much more.
- Community Relations Department: they use the arts to promote peace building, working with former members of Republican and Loyalist organisations, police officers, former army personnel and relatives of those killed or injured. They've had a significant impact on peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, and were short-listed for the prestigious Christopher Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize 2014.
- 150 Seat Theatre: Each year they host approximately 150 nights of theatre, music and comedy to audiences of approximately 15,000 people.

- Producing Theatre: they commission, produce and tour contemporary theatre that resonates with a wide range of audiences.

5-7 Artillery Street

Derry-Londonderry

BT48 6RG

Partisan Productions

£32,006 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."

Their mission is:

"To engage people in co-creating compelling, complex and honest theatre about the stuff that matters to them."

Their policy is to generate innovative theatre and film projects which allow them 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.

117 Ormeau Road

Belfast

BT7 1SH

www.facebook.com/partisanproductions/

PeacePlayers International – Northern Ireland

£50,463.81 PeacePlayers International – Northern Ireland (PPI-NI) was formed in 2002 (1st September). PPI-NI uses sport, and specifically the game of basketball, to

unite educate and inspire children and young people from the historically divided parts of the community in Northern Ireland.

PPI-NI facilitators leverage sport and its inherent lessons of teamwork, cooperation, communication and determination as a means to promote peace and reconciliation in areas that continue to suffer most from continued sectarianism and division.

Peace House

224 Lisburn Road

Belfast

BT9 6GE

www.peaceplayers.org

REACT

REACT was formed in 2002, with a focused approach on addressing community need through reconciliation and community relations work, education, youth development and training. The organisation's core work is aimed at developing whole communities, with an emphasis on reaching out to those most marginalised, while also encouraging the value of diversity.

However, more importantly, REACT continues to rise to the challenges of dealing with contentious issues on an inter and intra community basis and encourage those affected by the legacy of the conflict to move forward, through the facilitation of community dialogue and encouraging participation in development programmes. This promotes peace and reconciliation not only within the City of Armagh but further afield.

REACT is guided by the principles and practices of community development in both the work of REACT and the approach it takes in relation to the development of that work.

2 Mallview Terrace

Armagh

BT61 9AN

www.reactni.org

Rural Community Network

£44,658 Rural Community Network is a regional voluntary organisation established by community groups from rural areas in 1991 to articulate the voice of rural communities on issues relating to poverty, peacebuilding, disadvantage and equality.

It is a membership-based organisation, managed by a voluntary Board of Directors, elected every two years. Two community representatives from each of the six counties make up the main component of the Network's Board with statutory, voluntary, farming, environmental, cross border and other sectoral groups making up the rest.

Rural Community Network adopts a community development approach to its work and employs a team of staff with a broad spectrum of skills. At the core of our work is an ambition to work with local groups to support them to address the legacy of the past and move them towards a more shared and peaceful future.

38a Oldtown Street

Cookstown

BT80 8EF

Shankill Parish Caring Association

£34,364 Shankill Parish Caring Association was established in 1996 to address community need in the Lurgan area. For over 20 years they have been offered Christian service to the whole Community delivering programmes to combat isolation, improve wellbeing and address division in the Community.

A large part of their work, in relation to this proposal, is their Community Relations Programme which offer mentoring and support to influencers and leaders in the local area, mediation, project planning and development support, conflict resolution and much more.

Jethro Centre

Craigavon

BT66 7DT

www.jethrocentre.org

Shankill Women's Centre

£30,529.4 Shankill Women's Centre is dedicated to helping women and their families from all walks of life reach their full potential through a variety of projects and activities.

A Good Relations and Cross-Community ethos underpins all Shankill Women's Centre work within the community.

151-157 Shankill Road

Belfast

BT13 1FD

www.shankillwomenscentre.org.uk

Springboard Opportunities Limited

£52,051 Established in 1992, Springboard is "committed within a spirit of partnership to building the capacity of disadvantaged people and their communities and contributing to a society that is at ease with itself and its diversity."

Their 27-track record engaging community relations work, contributes to strategic aims and objectives of building a united community, supporting capacity building, promoting active citizenship and community participation, contributing to community cohesion and being an effective organisation.

Since their inception they have worked with 12,000+ people across communities and facilitated significant attitudinal/behavioural change, personal growth and aspiration. They develop and deliver innovative cross-community and cross-border 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. Ultimately becoming more active contributors in building a shared, united and more cohesive society.

112-114 Donegall Street

Belfast

BT1 2GX

www.springboard-ops.org

St Columb's Park House

£44,928 St Columb's Park Reconciliation Trust opened in 1994 as a peace building centre offering a safe neutral venue including conference and residential facilities. Their mission is to be the heart of the park, nurturing peaceful, compassionate and vibrant communities.

They host a range of outreach projects that animate communities and individuals to work together towards a fair, peaceful society where every individual feels valued and can make a positive difference. These outreach projects include working with some interface communities, with vulnerable young people, building relationships and channels of communication between these communities and young people as stepping stones to greater understanding, acceptance and community cohesion.

The organisation provides unique training spaces, conferencing and residential accommodation as well as coordinating a range of programmes that promote civic activism, peace building and leadership.

4 Limavady Road

Derry-Londonderry

BT47 6JY

The Churches Trust

£36,662 The Churches Trust (CT) is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, established in 1993 (9 February) by the leaders of the four main churches, who recognised the need to address deprivation, in a divided city, with a united voice.

The four denominations represented in CT are Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic churches.

The Church leaders acknowledge that deprivation and disadvantage are key barriers to building a united community, equality of opportunity and good relations and recognise their role in presenting a united voice to help change attitudes and ultimately contribute to moving our community on from conflict to peace.

Their services and activities include:

- Community Education: Inter-church/ community collaboration: Faith based work: Cultural awareness, diversity and respect
- Youth Development & training
- Older People services
- Social enterprise – shop, maintenance service
- Addressing deprivation – eg Foodbank.

121 Spencer Road

Derry-Londonderry

BT47 6AH

www.thechurchestrust.org.uk

The Corrymeela Community

£63,800 Corrymeela is a place for extraordinary practice and stories of reconciliation. Their community members, staff and volunteers connect and learn with 8,000 people per year at the centre in Ballycastle and in communities throughout and beyond Northern Ireland.

Corrymeela's mission is "Transforming Division through Human Encounter" and their four priority themes are: tackling marginalisation; transforming sectarianism; developing an inclusive public theology; and learning from the legacies of conflict.

Founded in 1965, Corrymeela grew out of the post World War II reconstruction movement concerned with the protection of minorities and the development of ecumenical social action across Europe. They provide a welcoming and safe space in this increasingly divided

world where people of all faiths and those with none, people with different views, backgrounds, sexual orientations and identities engage with each other.

The Corrymeela Centre

5 Drumaroan Road

Ballycastle

County Antrim

BT54 6QU

www.corrymeela.org

The Junction Community Relations & Peace Building Initiative

The Junction and Holywell Trust are two separate organisations with a common goal of building a sustainable and enduring peace based on the principles of equity, respect for diversity, and interdependence. As a model of partnership, through discussions with CRC, the organisations amalgamated their programmes in 2008 to consolidate and strengthen community relations work, alongside pursuing efficiency, effectiveness and value for money.

The principles that underpin Holywell and Junction are based on Together Building a United Community (T:BUC) 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 project work seeks to be an empowering process for the individuals, groups and organisations involved.

Holywell DiverseCity Community Partnership

8-14 Bishop Street

Derry-Londonderry

BT48 6PW

www.thejunction-ni.org

TIDES Training

£56,017 Founded in 2001, TIDES Training is an organisation with extensive experience working on a local, district council and regional basis. Working with grass roots community, ex-combatants, statutory agencies, council staff, elected representatives and their Council constituents. It delivers bespoke accredited and non-accredited training, facilitation, mentoring and mediation services.

They work to:

- Support organisations and communities to build better relationships and deal with contentious issues
- To influence policy and support the change process
- Develop community facilitators/mediators/trainers for sustainable peace

TIDES as an organisation is committed to supporting positive change through social justice, helping people connect, reconnect and build relationships. They help individuals make incremental changes in their lives.

Duncairn Complex

Belfast

BT14 6BP

www.tidestraining.org

Trademark Training

£59,234.74 Trademark is a trade union based social justice organisation dedicated to tackling prejudice, discrimination and inequality through training, research, community and workplace interventions, facilitated dialogue, and the establishment of cooperative enterprises in socially deprived areas.

Uniquely positioned at the heart of the trade union movement and the community relations sector, Trademark is trusted and respected in both of the main communities – as well as in other “new” communities – across Northern Ireland. This enables them to maximise the reach and impact of their work, making inroads at a grassroots level where other groups might encounter obstacles.

Twin Spires Centre

NG2 North Building

Belfast

BT13 2JF

Women's Resource and Development Agency

WRDA is a regional organisation whose mission is to advance women's equality and participation in society by working to transform political, economic, social and cultural conditions. The organisation was established in 1983 and works with women's groups from both traditions in the most disadvantaged communities and from other urban and rural areas of NI.

WRDA's Strategic Aims 2017-2020 are:

- Empowerment and Tackling Inequalities
- Policy and Advocacy
- Leadership and Infrastructure Support
- Organisational Development.

WRDA promotes empowerment by developing the capacity of women to tackle inequalities affecting them. They do this by providing safe space for women to discuss issues which are of major concern to them and their families. This ranges from Good Relations training to Peace building workshops, Referendum/Brexit information, domestic violence and sexual abuse and abortion discussion groups and conferences.

6 Mount Charles

Belfast

BT7 1NZ

Youth Initiatives NI

Youth Initiatives is a cross community youth work organisation that specialises in reaching out to 11-25 year olds at risk of engaging in criminality, excluded from education and living in divided communities entrenched in sectarian views.

Their youth work targets those least likely to access, but most in need of community relations youth work and informal education – young adults standing at the cross roads of major life decisions.

Regionally, Youth Initiatives runs 36 distinct, weekly youth programs including street/schools outreach, community relations youth arts, sports activities, school based, youth volunteering, personal and social development, mentoring groups, community service projects, cross community leadership training and cross community summer programs and camps.

Youth Initiatives aims to awaken hope, inspire initiative and mobilise young people to make a vital contribution to their community and to a shared future in NI.

50 Colin Rd

Poleglass

Belfast

BT17 0LG

www.youthinitiativesni.com

Youth Link

£46,534 Youth Link is a unique partnership of the four larger Churches working together to build excellence in youth work and ministry, towards a just, peaceful and flourishing society based on the common good.

Youth Link exists to provide support and training for youth workers and peace building and reconciliation experiences for young people.

Youth Link delivers a comprehensive programme involving young people, young adults and youth practitioners focused on the informal educational dimension addressing a range of youth leadership, community relations, citizenship and peace and reconciliation issues, developing community relations organisational policy and strategy and resources to support the development of programmes.

Farset Enterprise Park

Belfast

BT12 7DY