



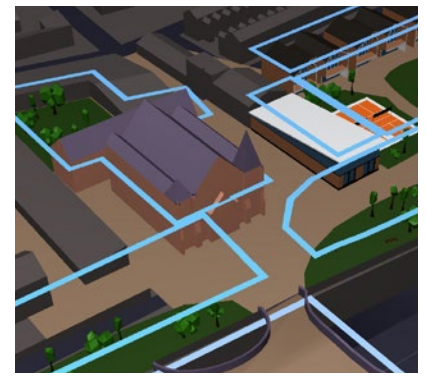
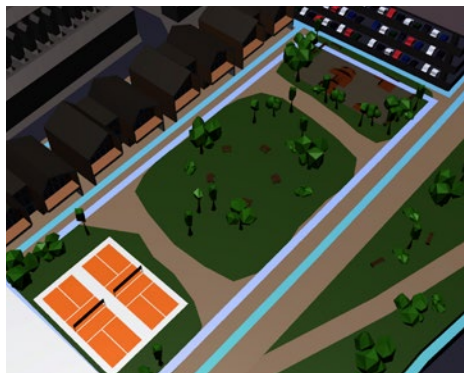
The Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Grant Scheme

The Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Grant Scheme was established by the Community Relations Council (CRC), with the support of Government, to help local community/voluntary groups across the region.

This funding support aims to help develop and support their capacity to deliver positive community relations projects in their local communities aimed at tackling sectarianism and racism and promoting cultural diversity.

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Organisation:
Project Name:
Council Area:

Belfast Interface Project
Promoting Shared Futures
Belfast City Council

Grant Awarded:
T:BUC Priority:
Delivery Method:

£4,000
Shared Spaces
Augmented Reality Technology and Workshops

Project Overview:

Belfast Interface Project delivered a ground-breaking augmented reality project to re-imagine how Belfast's neighbourhoods could look without peace walls. The project developed a new augmented reality app allowing participants to create their own 'artists' impression' of how their local streetscape would look if peace walls and barriers were removed and replaced with other buildings and public spaces. The project aimed to encourage constructive dialogue and shared future building between marginalised interface communities in Belfast by allowing participants to share ideas about how to improve where they live and work today and shape their future.

Project Impact:

- Delivered a ground-breaking augmented reality project that showcased and created a local interface network for collaborative community planning.
- 100% of participants felt a positive attitudinal change of community relations and cultural diversity because of the project.
- The development of an innovative toolkit promoted positive interfacing and allowed communities to develop a local interface network for collaborative community planning.
- Delivered 9 workshops with young people and Youth Leaders from the Star Neighbourhood Youth Centre, Mount Collyer Youth Centre, and Limestone United to co-design the promotion of the augmented reality project.

"This augmented reality app is part of a pioneering effort to bring interface communities with histories of conflict together through principles of communication and cooperation. The idea was inspired by the desire to engage members of interface communities and give them a chance to positive interact using augmented reality technology in order to collaboratively share ideas about how they can improve their communities and shape a future without peace-walls and division."

Paul Smith, Project Manager at Belfast Interface Project

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