

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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SAME/Difference Workshops / Sky, You Are Too Big - International Migrants Day Event

Council Area: NI-Wide

Grant Awarded: £5,500

T:BUC Priority: Our Shared Community

Project Overview:

Quotidian delivered a hugely impactful 'Sky, You Are Too Big' online event to celebrate the United Nations' International Migrants Day 2020 aimed at showcasing a positive and inclusive Northern Ireland. It featured a range of artistic performances from renowned migrant artists who creatively shared their lived experiences of migration, including Viviana Fiorentino, Nandi Jola, Frederic Husca, Wilhelmina Peace Covington, Siobhan Brown, Una Lee, Dragos Musat. Quotidian also co-ordinated a series of creative workshops and a showcase event aimed at exploring migrants' experiences of what makes Northern Ireland home. It focused on using photography and poetry as a tool to explore the concept of identity, belonging, home, diversity and peacebuilding.

Project Impact:

- Delivered a hugely impactful and meaningful online celebration with images, creative writing and music that marked International Migrants Day 2020.
- The 'Sky, You Are Too Big' Podcast has garnered 549 listeners.
- 62 writing and photography workshops to support 12 participants from Northern Ireland, South Africa, Syria, Iran, Italy, Romania, Sudan, and Indian backgrounds.
- Creative art showcase event attended by 30+ people.
- The poetry of the participants is showcased in English and the writers first language at www.quotidian.ie.

"This project truly promoted belonging, diversity, identity, languages, inclusion, and awareness through the lived experiences of participants. It demonstrated that Northern Ireland is multi-cultural and multi-ethnic, by making the lives and stories of participants visible. We would like to be able to integrate people originally from Northern Ireland in the workshops aimed at promoting integration, awareness and sharing."

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