

Core Funded Groups 2022/23

An Gaeláras Ltd

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

BT48 7DF

<http://culturann.org>

Building Communities Resource Centre

Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC) core areas of work are: Community Development and 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

www.theresourcecentre.org

Community Relations Forum

Community Relations Forum (CRF) was formed in 1993 and works at grassroots level to help ensure that all residents of Antrim and Newtownabbey can live together in a safe, pleasant, vibrant and shared community where everyone feels welcome and equal.

Core funding supports the everyday running of The Barron Hall in Glengormley and also a project manager who oversees the work of the forum.

Core funding allows CRF to run projects that includes history classes, good relations training, social events and much more. This also gives CRF the opportunity to keep the Barron Hall open, and provides a safe place for individuals and groups to come along and meet each other and join in the various programmes we have on offer.

The Barron Hall

230 Antrim Road

Glengormley

BT36 OTS

Community Relations in Schools (CRIS)

Community Relations in Schools (CRIS) was established in Northern Ireland in 1984 out of a context of a violent political conflict. Its founders believed there was a unique role for education to play in supporting communities to tackle historic prejudices, promote sustainable long-term peaceful conflict resolution and to build social trust and reconciliation.

CRIS addresses multi-layered and deep-rooted divisions by working both at the grassroots and within the education system. Their model – Good Relations and Collaborative Education (GRACE) – seeks to enable changes within attitudes, cultures and structures at multiple levels: pupil, parent, family, teacher, school, community and institutional levels.

The “mobilising education, catalysing reconciliation” project will foster a “new generation’ of peacebuilders.” Children, parents, teachers and school leaders will develop inter-cultural understanding and reconciliation skills; educators will collaborate together across seven conflict legacy localities; and communities will cultivate their voice and leadership so “narratives of violence” become stories of hope and reconciliation.

Unit 6

Belfast

BT15 2GG

www.crisni.org

Early Years – the organisation for young children

Early Years (as a non-profit making organisation since 1965) has developed and delivered projects targeted at preschool, school age and youth in the field of respecting difference and shared education.

CRC Core Funding has supported the implementation to fidelity of the *Media Initiative for Children, Respecting Difference Programme* for three years and Early Years 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 and 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

Belfast

BT126TA

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 14 language classes, making it the largest provider of classes in the

city. Over 700 people of all ages have benefited. In September 2019, Turas sent eight of its learners to university with its own bursary scheme.

239 Newtownards Road

Belfast

BT4 1AF

www.ebm.org.uk/turas

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 grassroots 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 also organise a programme of peacebuilding 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.

Falls Community Council has 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

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 a 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

The Irish School of Ecumenics' 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, and Education Courses which will support faith communities engaging with contemporary challenges and bringing ethical values and praxis to community and public life.

Courses will include: Recovering The Social Foundations of The Common Good; Living with Imperial Legacies, a course which will explore the role of religion both in support of, and resistance to, empires and their legacies; and *The end of Religious Nationalism*, a course engaging with sectarianism as attitudes, behaviours, systems and structures which are religio-political.

The project also publishes a Church Fora Newsletter.

ISE Belfast Campus

9 Lennoxvale

Belfast

BT9 5BY

www.tcd.ie/ise/

Londonderry Bands Forum

The Londonderry Bands Forum (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 local peacebuilding role, providing a unique form of positive mentorship to all bands in the North-west and also a range of ground-breaking grassroots and regional initiatives.

Core Funding will ensure they continue to advance this peacebuilding 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 while celebrating the arts community.

Using musicianship as a vehicle, the organisation works in a cross-collaborative manner to promote inclusiveness across the DSDC area and further afield. They will also provide a valuable civic voice and sounding board for key government officials, political parties and policy makers.

1A The Old Fire Station

Hawkin Street

Londonderry

BT48 6RD

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 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. As a partner and the lead agency 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. This work is critical to creating the conditions that will facilitate the transformation of segregation barrier.

123 Cliftonville Road

Belfast

BT14 6JR

North West Play Resource Centre

The Playhouse was established during 1992, and is a well-used and 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:

Their 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 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 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.

PeacePlayers will provide over 2,600 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 Northern Ireland.

Peace House

224 Lisburn Road

Belfast

BT9 6GE

www.peaceplayers.org

Rural Community Network

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 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 can 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 20 years they have offered service to the whole Community delivering programmes to combat isolation, improve wellbeing and address division in our Community.

A large part of their work, in relation to this proposal, is our Community Relations Programme which offers mentoring and support to influencers and leaders in the local area, mediation, project planning and development support, conflict resolution and much more. They offer tailored programs each year to engage and encourage discourse on specific historic or cultural milestones and the contentious political topics of the day with a view to building understanding and tolerance in the wider Lurgan area.

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 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 13,000+ people across communities and facilitated significant attitudinal/behavioural change, personal growth and respect for diversity.

Springboard 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-opps.org

The Churches Trust

The Churches Trust is an interdenominational organisation founded by leaders of the Methodist, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Catholic churches in the North West, who recognise the need to stand together as a united voice to address deprivation. They are committed to addressing issues of deprivation, social justice, equality and inclusion.

The Churches Trust is 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 – eg Pantry project foodbank, an inter-church model of response, and provision of services to Older People addressing isolation and inclusion
- Work to engender a safe community where cultural identities are respected.

121 Spencer Road

Derry-Londonderry

BT47 6AH

www.thechurchestrust.org.uk

The Corrymeela Community

In the midst of the Troubles, Corrymeela welcomed tens of thousands of people from different sides of the conflict and enabled them to meet safely, have difficult conversations well, and build relationships based on reconciliation and trust. This is as important today as it was then.

Every year at their residential centre in Ballycastle, through their programmes around Northern Ireland and through the lives of their community members, we enable thousands of people from different backgrounds to actively explore how to live better together.

They particularly focus on challenging sectarianism, creating awareness about the legacies of our conflict, empowering marginalised people, and developing a theology of justice and inclusion.

The Corrymeela Centre

5 Drumaroan Road

Ballycastle

County Antrim

BT54 6QU

www.corrymeela.org

The Junction/Holywell Trust Partnership

In partnership, The Junction and Holywell Trust are driven by the overall strategic aim of: “Creating the conditions whereby a once divided society becomes a rights-respecting, shared, and peaceful society, where all citizens are enabled to work, learn, play, and socialise together without fear or threat.”

The principles that underpin Holywell and The Junction are based on equity, respect for diversity, and interdependence. Their project work is grassroots based, locally owned, contextual, cross-community and cross-cultural, relational, and attempts to transcend painful historiographies. The project work is an empowering process, including community education and training, 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

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 and Developing Community Leadership.

c/o Duncairn Cultural Arts

174 Duncairn Ave

Belfast

BT14 6BP

www.tidestraining.org

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre

Tobar Mhuire will create the post of Good Relations Manager to oversee and to ensure the effectiveness of their Good Relations programme over their three sites: Tobar Mhuire retreat and Conference Centre; the Houben Centre; and the Passionist Peace and Reconciliation Office.

Their primary base will be Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, which they intend to develop as a Good Relations hub to deliver a range of effective Good Relations initiatives, but also be a place that will continue to host discreet, confidential conversations; and be a place where people can go to engage in “shuttle diplomacy” in sensitive issues that underpin the work of reconciliation.

They aim to provide a longer term and strategic approach to peace building by expanding on existing peace and reconciliation progressed and delivered across the three sites. This will also maintain existing relationships with local groups to provide sustained cross-community networks.

Tobar Mhuire Retreat

Crossgar

Downpatrick

BT30 9EQ

www.tobarmhuire.com

Trademark Training

Established in 2001, Trademark is an organisation dedicated to tackling prejudice, discrimination and inequality through mediation, intervention, education, research, capacity building and the establishment of cooperative businesses in interface areas.

They intend to support three main bodies of work that play to the organisation's relative strengths and directly address the priorities identified by NICRC, both thematic and geographical.

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.

Core Funding 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

Youth Initiatives NI is a Northern Ireland 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.

The organisation's youth work targets those least likely to access, but most in need of community relations youth work, and envisions a shared future for young adults standing at the crossroads of major life decisions.

Regionally, Youth Initiatives run 39 distinct youth work programmes leading to eight Good Relations projects on a weekly basis, including schools engagement programmes, detached youth outreach, arts and sports projects, good relations training for programme volunteers and cross-community summer programmes including camps. Youth Initiative's core funding will support the organisation to oversee the Good Relations outcomes of their eight good relations projects, embedding Good Relations practices and approaches long term across 6 regional hubs.

50 Colin Road

Dunmurry

Belfast

BT17 0LG

<https://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, pilot and make available a new educational resource entitled *The Practice of Integrated Reconciliation*. The resource development will include six integrated strands of reconciliation, all of which are required if reconciliation is to be a meaningful and realisable process. In reality, such an integrated approach is about the practice of social reconciliation as a planetary common good and a global community common good.

Using tested methodologies, the resource will be used to engage and mobilise young people to build a shared and inclusive society based on a process of integrated reconciliation.

Farset Enterprise Park

Belfast

BT12 7DY