



T:BUC Case Study

delivering Good Relations programmes during the Covid-19 pandemic

Funding Programme: North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Programme (NBSGRP)

Organisation: Intercomm

Project name: Shared History Programme

Normal delivery

The Shared History Programme has been delivered by Intercomm and funded by The Executive Office (TEO) and the Community Relations Council (CRC) through the NBSGRP for a number of years. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, participants have engaged with each other through a number of group workshops, where shared history is used as the common interest to deliver good relations learning and increase understanding.



Delivery during Covid-19 pandemic

Intercomm have been looking at new ways to deliver aspects of our programme under the NBSGRP while we are in lockdown and ensuring social distancing. We knew it would be very difficult to deliver our programmes considering the very necessary restrictions that have been implemented on movement and interaction. As a staff team we decided to introduce video conferencing to maintain programmes and plan future events.



what did we do?



switched to video conferencing

We made contact with Dr Eamon Phoenix to see if he would be available to take people on a virtual walking tour of historic Belfast from the turn of the century, pointing out key locations and key events in our shared history. Eamon agreed and we discussed how to modify the existing programme to reflect these new arrangements.



30 people took part

Outcomes

Each participant was emailed with a link detailing the start and end time of the session and information on how to access the event. Eamon covered a not stop history of the City that was impressive, entertaining and full of shared learning. The participants then had an opportunity to ask questions related to the talk. Given the positive feedback, we are planning further online delivery in the coming weeks.



1 hour webinar

Feedback - What difference did we make?

"This was a fantastic idea I had heard Eamon before and enjoyed his lectures but this was different it was full of passion and because it was on-line it was like Eamon was just talking to you. I hope there is a follow up"

"This is the first time I have heard Eamon Phoenix I found the talk to be informative and I have defiantly learned a lot from it. It was great to be able to ask him about the Water Works and Cave Hill. If there is a follow up Id be keen to be involved."

"This was a great idea I really enjoyed the talk and I'm very interested in joining again should there be a follow up. I didn't know that Belfast was so anti-slavery. Great event and brilliant to be able to ask questions."



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