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Monthly News

September 2020

Hi Everyone,

We are all getting excited for Good Relations Week which is kicking off 14 September to 21 September. There are already over 150 registered events with even more coming in every day.

Our website at goodrelationsweek.com contains all the events listings which cover a range of innovative virtual (and real world) talks, lectures, seminars and more.

There is still time to get involved. So, if you have an event to register just head over to the website.

In this month's issue of the CRC newsletter, you can also read about:

- The Playhouse's ambitious global broadcasting programme
- A virtual launch spanning 3 continents from Beyond Skin
- Good Relations Award 2020 winner ceremony
- Rural Community Network's project to highlight groups helping local rural communities.

Keep safe everyone.

Covid-19 Update

The key priority of the NI Community Relations Council (NICRC) is the health and well-being of those we work with, our staff and their families. We also want to ensure that we continue to deliver our services as far as is possible in these unprecedented times. You will all be aware of the recent change to the government's guidance on Covid-19. Below we have set out the steps we are taking as a result of the new guidance:

- Currently our office is closed. Our staff are working remotely and can be contacted by email or through our current office number: 028 9022 7500.
- All events organised by CRC have moved to online platforms. We will update this position when the government's guidance permits people to gather in numbers again.
- Until the emergency arrangements are relaxed, we have limited ability to collect post from our office. Post will be collected on Wednesdays only. Consider contacting us by phone or email.

To stay up-to-date, keep checking our website and social media channels.

Good Relations Week 2020

**GOOD
RELATIONS
WEEK
2020**

**CELEBRATING
OUR JOURNEY,
EMBRACING
OUR FUTURE.**
30 YEARS OF CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Good Relations Week 2020 takes place 14-21 September 2020.

This year we are embracing digital technology and curating a week of innovative, immersive, live, interactive and collaborative events – all online.

The theme is is: "**Celebrating our Past. Embracing our Future.**"

Get the full list of events and take part in Good Relations Week 2020:

[Visit Good Relations Week 2020 website](#)

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Good Relations Award 2020



The Good Relations Award presentation event will take place on **Wednesday 16 September 2020** at 12 noon.

The event will be hosted online using Zoom.

To attend the virtual event, reserve your place now...

[Book your place here](#)

A Better Normal

14th September 2020 at 2.30pm

Join Dr Eamon Phoenix and Dr Maire Braniff online for a look back at peacebuilding and reconciliation work over the past 30 years.

Email pday@nicrc.org.uk to register and receive the Zoom joining details.



[Reserve your place now](#)



For the first time ever we are hosting the T:BUC Engagement Forum online.

It takes place Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 10.15am.

The theme is: "**Delivering T:BUC during the pandemic.**" Exploring the creative ways in which the T:BUC strategy has continued to be delivered during Covid-19.

[Get your tickets now](#)



Celebrate peace building and good relations work happening in North Belfast.

The **North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Awards** will showcase the excellent work ongoing in the area.

Join us for the online event - Friday 18 September at 2pm.

[Confirm your place here](#)



Explore issues around the centenary of the partition of Ireland.

Join our **Decade of Centenaries Roundtable** which includes a presentation, with discussion afterwards, from Cormac Moore, author of *Birth of the Border*.

Take part online - Thursday 17 September at 2.30pm.

[Reserve your ticket now](#)

Grants & Funding

CR/CD Small Grants Scheme

Our Small Grants Scheme is now open for funding applications.

This funding can help community and voluntary groups throughout Northern



Ireland engage in Community Relations work.

[Read more](#)

Media Grants Scheme

CRC's Media Grant Scheme is opening soon for application.

We're commissioning media projects to help with peace building.

Opening **14 September 2020**.



[Read more](#)

Monthly News

We support and fund organisations that promote community relations work right across Northern Ireland.

Our funded groups affect positive change in people's everyday lives.

In this section, you'll find out about:

- The Playhouse's ambitious global broadcasting programme
- A virtual launch spanning 3 continents from Beyond Skin
- RCN's special "In This Together" project.

Global Broadcasting The Playhouse



The Playhouse has an ambitious global broadcasting programme of live performances that will be available online through its newly installed live broadcasting infrastructure.

Adapting to the enforced new circumstances of the Coronavirus, the Playhouse (who are core funded by the Community Relations Council) will showcase their work across the world.

Kieran Griffiths, Director of the Playhouse, said: "When lockdown began, we asked ourselves, how do we change? How do we programme for our communities and keep them safe? And how do we survive when social distancing means our theatre can hold only 20 audience members?"

"The answer was, by using technology to ensure that the show can certainly go on, both at the Playhouse and online!"

[Read more](#)

In This Together Project Rural Community Network



This week sees the final instalment of the *In This Together* programme.

Over the past 5 months, Rural Community Network (who are core funded by the Community Relations Council) has collected stories from key individuals and organisations who have really stepped up to the plate to provide vital support to the most marginalised and most in need in rural communities.

The stories collected in this instalment showcase the efforts of a local GAC and a BAME project, one operating in Ballymoney and the other operating in Maghera.

[Read more](#)

"Made to Parade" Beyond Skin



Beyond Skin, who are funded by the Community Relations Council, launched a book online in three simultaneous virtual locations – Belfast, Bogota, and Philadelphia.

An online live event took place on 13 August 2020 co-hosted by three organisations in Northern Ireland, Colombia and the United States. They were the Fundación Nacional Batuta, Beyond Skin and BuildaBridge International.

All three organisations are active in enabling music to assist community development and peacebuilding.

The directors from all three organisations spoke to Glenn Millar, the author of *Made to Parade*.

Made to Parade is the debut book by Glenn Millar, a Belfast community worker and bandsman. Glenn has been involved with the Marching Bands scene, reflecting Protestant culture for over 35 years.

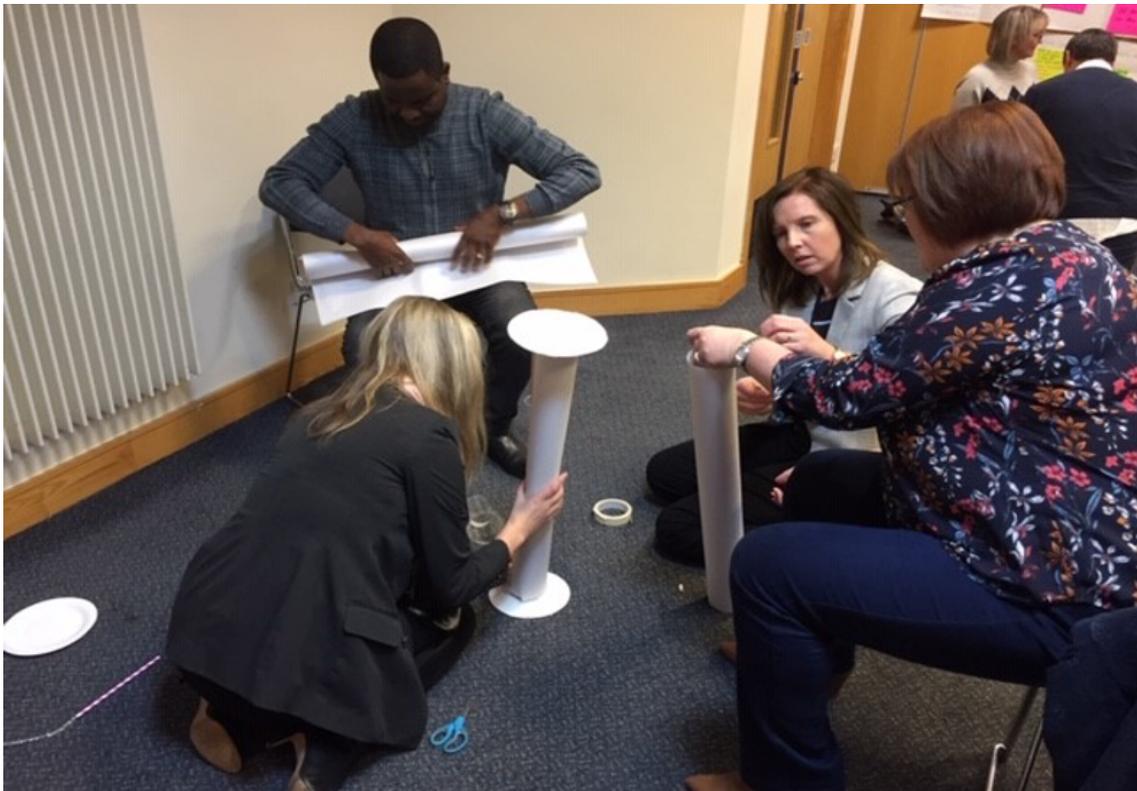
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Upcoming Events

In this section, you'll find links to upcoming events focused on peace building and good relations from various local groups across Northern Ireland

- Fermanagh and Omagh District's Good Relations Programme
- The Rural Community Network has two courses seeking participants
- extraORDINARYwomen by the Linen Hall Library

Transformative Leadership Programme NICVA



Autumn dates are available for the Transformative Leadership Programme (TLP) – a leadership training programme funded by the PEACE IV Programme through Belfast City Council – and it's now online.

This bespoke and inclusive programme is available across 15 interface areas in Belfast, and NICVA is delivering the programme along with locally-based partners across the city

This collaborative programme is tailored to suit local need and to help participants learn skills for building solution-focused approaches that can make lasting changes in Belfast.

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with a
photograph.

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