Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week
Safe Space: Shared Place
18th - 24th September 2017

#CRWeek17
www.nicrc.org.uk

This is a Together: Building a United Community initiative
Welcome

Welcome to Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week 2017. Our theme this year is Safe Space, Shared Place. This place is home to so many of us - all different people with such a mix of identities, histories, opinions, interests, skills and talents. Despite our differences, we are bound by a common humanity, and by the hope in all of us that we can be happy in the part of the world we share and call home. Fundamental to that is a sense of safety. As the poet Maya Angelou said: “The ache for home lives in all of us. The safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.”

We have chosen the theme Safe Space, Shared Place to allow us to show how many safe and shared spaces we have here. Not just physical spaces, but space in how we think about ourselves and others; space in our heads and hearts. We want to draw attention to the work that is going on all the time to broaden and deepen our sense of safety and to create even more spaces that are shared by all of us. The week is an opportunity to showcase the ways in which people are making room for each other and getting involved in helping people feel safe to share sport, drama, film, food, arts, culture, music, debate, talks, tours and everything that can make life good here.

This place is not fully shared by everyone yet. We are making progress but we still carve out our own safe territory and we are still questioning each other. There is work to be done; we are not in a completely safe space. We are not home yet.

Jacqueline Irwin
Chief Executive
Community Relations Council
Further updated information about events in the programme can be obtained from the CRC website www.nicrc.org.uk

Some of the events in this programme are by invitation only. We recommend that you contact the event organiser using the details provided in the listings.
Urban Villages

The Urban Villages Initiative is proud to support Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week with a series of events organised throughout Urban Villages areas to promote inclusivity, diversity and to embrace all cultural backgrounds.

Urban Villages is a headline action within the NI Executive’s Together Building a United Community (T:BUC) Strategy. It is designed to improve good relations outcomes and develop thriving places through fostering positive community identities, building community capacity and improving the physical environment.

The initiative supports communities with a history of deprivation and community tension across Belfast and Derry–Londonderry including Colin, West Belfast; EastSide (Lower Newtownards Road); Sandy Row, Donegall Pass and The Markets; Ardoyne, Marrowbone and Greater Ballysillan and the Bogside, Bishop Street and The Fountain area.

European Heritage Open Days

European Heritage Open Days has been running in Northern Ireland for 20 years and has a wide range of events taking place to celebrate this milestone. Over the weekend, many private and public places of historical interest will open their doors free of charge to the public with over 400 events happening across Northern Ireland. More than 50 countries across Europe will take part, opening thousands of historical interest buildings to the public.

The theme for this year’s celebrations is ‘Heritage and Nature: A Landscape of Possibilities.’ For more information on events taking place, visit www.facebook.com/ehod or search European Heritage Open Days.
International Peace Day 2017

Celebrated on 21 September, The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year since its inception in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace across the globe.

The theme for Peace Day this year is ‘Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All’, which is reflected in the many events taking place as part of Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week to mark the day.

Look out for a unique series of #ArtsDialogue concerts co-ordinated by Beyond Skin and featuring a host of world-class musicians. Primary school children from across the Mid-Ulster district take to the stage of the Burnavon Theatre in Cookstown for an evening of cultural celebration. In Belfast, the Northern Ireland Inter Faith Forum will mark the day with a lunchtime inter faith event to celebrate the broad range of faiths practising in the city today consisting of readings, songs and reflections.

Libraries NI

Libraries NI has once again put together a full programme of events to celebrate Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week with activities taking place in many branches across Northern Ireland. Throughout the week, library visitors can enjoy art exhibitions by students from Maghaberry College, dance recitals from Maginn School of Irish Dancing and Closkelt Highland Dancers, storytelling workshops from renowned author Peter Chand and creative writing events to welcome refugees to Northern Ireland.

Libraries NI wants to give members of the public the opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our culture and heritage while promoting cultural diversity in a welcoming, neutral environment. Visitors to libraries across Northern Ireland should feel they are in a safe and shared place and enjoy the broad range of free services they can access within their local library.
ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH

LIBRARIES NI

Art Exhibition from Maghaberry Prison

Antrim Library
Throughout September, during branch opening hours
028 9446 1942
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Antrim-Library.aspx

Art exhibition in which the work of inmates from Maghaberry HMP Prison will be displayed. The exhibition hopes to promote social inclusion for the inmates and provides participants the opportunity to showcase their cultural expression in an environment of mutual respect and understanding.

BEYOND SKIN

#ArtsDialogue

The Baron Hall, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey
Monday 18th September
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Pamela@southantrimcommunitynetwork.org
www.beyondskin.net

An evening of Music & Dialogue with special guests from Heartbeat.fm, Mark Smulian and Gani Tamir. The event will encourage young people to share insights and perspectives on issues affecting them most and show how an arts-driven approach to peacebuilding can be just as effective as traditional methods. The evening is supported by the Public Health Agency, Community Relations Forum, Arts Council NI and IBIS Belfast Hotel.

LIBRARIES NI

Raquel McKee – Rainbow Storytelling and Dramatics

Randalstown Library, New Street, Randalstown
Tuesday 19th September
1:00pm – 2.00pm
Private event

Intercultural storytelling session led by Raquel McKee who will recite African / Caribbean folk tales to highlight themes of respecting difference and celebrating diversity. Funded by the Jim and Peg Armstrong bursary, the event will give an invited audience of local primary school children the chance to learn more about social inclusion and respect through the medium of storytelling.

LIBRARIES NI

Coole Craic

Rathcoole Library
Wednesday 20th September
10.30am – 11.30am
028 9085 1157

Reminiscence session to celebrate all aspects of culture and heritage in the Rathcoole area with a particular focus on how music, songs, stories and films can evoke shared memories.
**ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Ask Andi**

Launching Friday 15 September
10.00am – 12.00noon
07970 847772

Launch of a mobile app which will provide information about community activities taking place across the borough. Local residents can use the app to find out what is going on near them and become more involved with their local communities.

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**HOLYWOOD SHARED TOWN**

**Holywood Culture Night**

Holywood Main Street
Friday 22nd September
6.00pm – 9.00pm
holywoodculturenight@gmail.com
www.holywoodculturenight.com

Holywood Culture Night is a volunteer led, local community event that aims to be a fun, free, annual celebration of everything cultural with something for everyone to enjoy.

An inclusive intergenerational event, it will bring several thousand people together to share diverse cultural experiences including those that directly reflect local community traditions and traditions from around the world. This is a Holywood Shared Town initiative, promoting a vision of Holywood as a safe and welcoming and flourishing place.

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**LIBRARIES NI**

**Storytelling with Margaret Cameron**

*Ballyclare Library, School Street*
Friday 22nd September
2.30pm – 3.30pm
028 9335 2269
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/ballyclare-Library.aspx

A storytelling performance by Margaret Cameron, Ulster-Scots storyteller and author which will highlight aspects of the Ulster-Scots culture including heritage and writings. By facilitating the performance, Ballyclare library will encourage people who aren’t familiar with this culture to come and experience it in a safe and shared space.

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM**

**Meet your Ballyclare Neighbours**

*Ballyclare Presbyterian Church, Doagh Road*
Saturday 23rd September
1.00pm – 3.00pm
028 9084 9314 crforum@yahoo.co.uk

Local churches and community groups in the Ballyclare area will come together to showcase the wide range of activities and support services they have on offer to encourage residents to become more involved. The event hopes to improve the sense of community in the area and will be supported by local business, PSNI, Peace 4 and the PCSP.

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM**

**“Come on, on in”**

*The Baron Hall, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey*
Friday 22nd September
7.30pm – 10.30pm
028 9084 9314 crforum@yahoo.co.uk

Open invitation to join an evening of music, song and dance at the Baron Hall in Newtownabbey. The event will showcase the good work that goes on in the area and in particular, the benefits for all communities coming together in a shared space such as the Baron Hall, to display their culture and traditions, while also learning about those of their neighbours.

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM**

**Launch of Peace Pledges Project**

Programme commences in September
07970 847772

The start of a 10-week workshop between two groups of young people who will address hate crime through the production of a drama that will be recorded and premiered at Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2018.

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WheelWorks with Donard House in Maghaberry Prison Art Exhibition

Lurgan Library, 1 Carnegie Street, Lurgan, Armagh, BT66 6AS
Throughout September, during branch opening hours
(028) 3832 3912 www.librariesni.org.uk

This exhibition presents a series of masks created by participants from Maghaberry Prison who are at risk of self-harm or suicide. The exhibition explores the benefits of art therapy for the participants of the two-part project, both inside and outside, during which time they worked with a community artist to create the masks.

Irish Dance Demonstration by The Maginn School of Irish Dancing

Lurgan Library, Carnegie Street
Tuesday 19th September
6.30pm -7.30pm
028 3832 3912 www.librariesni.org.uk/
Libraries/Pages/Lurgan-Library.aspx

Established over 30 years ago, The Maginn School of Irish Dancing is dedicated to the promotion of Irish Dancing and Culture. Come and see the school take to the stage in Lurgan Library as they showcase their talents and cultural expression through the medium of Irish Dance.

A Cultural Tour of Portadown

Portadown Town Centre, meet at Carleton Street Orange Hall
Monday 18th September, 2.00pm – 3.45pm
028 4066 0605
heather.wilson@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

A tour of the historic buildings in Portadown Town Centre in which participants will gain a greater understanding of the shared history of the town. Spaces limited, booking recommended.

Refugee Awareness and Arabic Culture Information Session

Venue TBC
Thursday 21st September, 9.30am – 4.00pm
028 3831 3605 Evia.aigbokhae@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Training and information day to promote cultural diversity and tackle sectarianism and racism in the area. Organisers will provide information, learning and training workshops centring on Arabic culture and refugee awareness. The event aims to promote understanding, respect and engagement between and amongst all sections of our community. Booking essential, spaces limited.

Community Fun Day

Lord Lurgan Community Park, Lurgan
Saturday 16th September, 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Glen.dickson@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Community fun day and council roadshow with arts and crafts, children’s activities and information about council activities for local residents. The fun day hopes to promote community relations and creates an opportunity for people from all backgrounds to come together in a safe and shared place.

Intergenerational Tea Dance

TMAC Centre, Keady
Tuesday 19th September, 2.00pm – 5.00pm
028 3752 1810 emma.gribben@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Tea dance for senior citizens, with help provided by young people in the local area. The event will help break down barriers between age, race, gender and political background as people from all walks of life come together to enjoy an afternoon in a safe and shared place.
ARMAGH BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Social Networking Event

Ashgrove Community Centre, Portadown
Friday 22nd September, 4.00pm – 6.00pm
028 3833 1650 David.mayers@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Four senior citizens groups from across the Portadown area will come together in a shared, safe place to discuss issues concerning local residents. By meeting in a shared space, it is hoped participants will overcome their divisions and learn more about each other. Local representatives from the PSNI / PCSP will also address the event to tackle any safety concerns the groups may have.

ARMAGH BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Outdoor Cinema Event

Lord Lurgan Community Park
Friday 22nd September
7.30pm – 9.30pm
028 3831 2419

Members of the council’s Good Relations team will transform this under utilised park into an outdoor cinema for one night only. The event hopes to remind the local community how valuable local parks are in promoting community relations and highlight how by coming together, everyone can have an enjoyable evening in a safe, shared place.

ARMAGH BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Youth Disco

Lord Lurgan Community Park, Lurgan
Saturday 16th September,
2.00pm – 5.00pm
Glen.dickson@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

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LIBRARIES NI WITH TRACEY JOHNSTON

The Welcome Wall

Brownlow Library, Craigavon
Saturday 23rd September
10.30am – 1.00pm
028 3831 2483

Event aimed at children to help them understand issues refugee children of a similar age face on a daily basis. Through stories, arts and crafts, children will learn what it means to leave your home and produce a welcome wall, to be displayed for refugees when they arrive in Northern Ireland.

ARMAGH BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Community Picnic

Hoy’s Meadow, Portadown
Saturday 23rd September,
11.00am – 4.00pm
028 3831 2492

Community picnic including food, family activities and music celebrating the shared community Space of Hoy’s Meadow in Portadown. The event hopes to reclaim an area which has recently been targeted by vandalism as a safe and shared place for the whole community.

ARMAGH BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cultural Fun Day

Killicomaine Jubilee Community Centre, Portadown
Saturday 23rd September
12noon – 3.00pm
028 3833 6816 David.mayers@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Members of the Kilcomaine Jubilee Community Centre and wider community will gather in a shared space to celebrate the cultural diversity in the town. The family fun day will enable members to showcase their own culture in a safe place and encourage participants to learn more about the culture of their neighbours.
Art Exhibition from Hydebank Wood College

Newtownbreda Library, Saintfield Road, Belfast
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9070 1620
www.librariesni.org.uk/libraries/pages/newtownbreda-library.aspx

Exhibition of artwork by students of Hydebank College facilitated by Belfast Metropolitan College. The artwork showcases personal expression of students from a range of backgrounds which has been influenced by contemporary artists.

The Hackney Collection Exhibition with National Museums NI

Shankill Road Library, Shankill Road, Belfast
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9050 9232
www.librariesni.org.uk/libraries/pages/shankill-road-library.aspx

This exhibition showcases the work of talented amateur photographer George Hackney. The photographs follow each stage of his life from raw recruit to battle-seasoned veteran. The exhibition will give visitors the chance to trace the steps of this young man through his own iconic images from the era.

Refugee Sketches – An Exhibition

Whiterock Library, Whiterock Road, Belfast
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9050 9236 www.librariesni.org.uk/libraries/pages/whiterock-library.aspx

Sketch artist, Marwan Moussa, exhibits emotive pieces inspired by his journey from Syria, through refugee camps to Northern Ireland. As well as depicting his personal experiences, the exhibition provides a remarkable insight into the difficult journey Marwan and so many others have been forced to make in the quest for safety.

First Choice with Urban Villages and National Museums Northern Ireland

Tulycarnet Library, Kinross Avenue, Belfast
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9048 5079
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/tulycarnet-Library.aspx

Groups from each of the five Village areas were asked to visit a range of museums and libraries and choose objects which reflect their cultural identity to be displayed in this photographic exhibition. Funded by Urban Villages with support from National Museums Northern Ireland and Libraries NI, visitors to the exhibition will have the opportunity to celebrate all aspects of culture and identity and see how this can promote cultural diversity.

Hands On with Reminiscence Network and the Belfast Trust

Suffolk Library, Stewartstown Road, Belfast
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9050 9235 www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Suffolk-Library.aspx

Cross community art exhibition following a collaborative creative reminiscence project between Libraries NI, Reminiscence Network Northern Ireland and the Belfast Trust. To create the ‘Hands On’ exhibition, sessions were held with people living with dementia, to encourage engagement, learning and participation through reminiscence programmes and these memories have now been expressed through art.

Facing the Past with National Museums Northern Ireland

Ormeau Road Library, Belfast
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9050 9228
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/ormeau-road-Library.aspx

‘Facing the Past’ exhibition is a series of intimate portraits depicting people in everyday settings. Drawn from a range of times, places and social classes, the exhibition examines things that unite and divide society today and celebrates our cultural history.
Confidence Exhibition with WheelWorks Multiple Realities and Hammer Youth Club

Grove Wellbeing Centre, 120 York Road, Belfast
Throughout September, during centre opening hours
028 9050 9244

Participants from Hammer Youth Club collaborated with WheelWorks Multiple Realities to creatively explore issues close to them. Throughout the sessions, young people were guided by professional artists to document their shared learnings through a photographic exhibition. The project has been supported by BBC Children in Need and Belfast Harbour.

A Level Playing Field with PRONI

Grove Wellbeing Centre, 120 York Road, Belfast
Throughout September, during centre opening hours
028 9050 9244
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Grove-Library.aspx

A Level Playing Field is an exhibition held in partnership with PRONI, which shines the spotlight on ‘Women in Sport’ and celebrates diversity.

My Belfast with Belfast Exposed

Colin Glen Library, Stewartstown Road, Dunmurry
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9043 1266

Through creative writing, this project helps communities to discover and explore local war graves. Inspired by photographs taken at Dundonald Cemetery, a local writing group penned a series of poems examining the past which are now being displayed at the Falls Road Library.

The ‘My Belfast’ photography project provides a new perspective of the city through the eyes of displaced people. Together with Belfast Exposed, a group of Syrian refugees show the world their new city of Belfast through a photography exhibition.

A Picture Paints a Thousand Words – An Exhibition with Play Resource

Cregagh Library, Cregagh Road
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9040 1365
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/cregagh-Library.aspx

Play Resource will deliver a programme of events and creative activities for older people which hopes to reignite the participants appreciation for their local library and the role it plays as a social hub in local communities. By hosting the event, Cregagh Library hopes to demonstrate the broad range of services it offers in a safe and shared place.

The Library Men of WW1

Chichester Library, 109 Salisbury Avenue
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 9050 9210
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/chichester-Library.aspx

This touring exhibition features the recently digitised collection of letters written by staff of Belfast Public Libraries who were enlisted during the First World War. The exhibition marks the contribution and sacrifices that the library men made during the war and, through supporting online resources, encourages visitors to learn more about this significant time in our shared history.
**Women’s Resource and Development Agency**

**Women; Exploring our shared history and future of bonfires – Sharing the Learning**

WRDA, 6 Mount Charles, Belfast
Tuesday 19th September
10.30am - 12noon
Kellie.odowd@wrda.net

Pilot project in which women explored the history, international use and personal experiences of bonfires. The groups will now present their learnings and share recommendations as to how bonfires and associated events can become more culturally inclusive celebrations in Northern Ireland.

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**Libraries NI**

**Techno Stitch**

Ardoyne Library, Crumlin Road
Monday 18th September
10.00am – 12noon
Private event

An intergenerational event to encourage shared skills and learning. Young people will learn how to knit or crochet while teaching older people all about the digital world. The event hopes to promote social inclusion within a shared community and it is hoped that in sharing skills, participants will form friendships across the community.

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**Remembering Srebrenica Northern Ireland**

**Inter Faith Board Meeting**

Northern Ireland Muslim Family Association
Monday 18th September, 6.00pm

Remembering Srebrenica Northern Ireland wants to build on its events this year and plan to take forward inter faith activities for victims, including memorial services, walks and activities promoting peace and understanding.

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**Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**

**Asylum and Refugee Awareness**

Cancer Centre, Belfast City Hospital
Tuesday 19th September
12.45pm – 2.00pm
028 9504 6636 veronica.mceneaney@belfasttrust.hscni.net

The Asylum and Refugee Awareness session is an interactive workshop which offers an introduction to asylum and refugee issues in Northern Ireland. The sessions have a particular focus on the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme and give staff the opportunity to learn more about issues experienced by refugees and asylum seekers to enable empathy and understanding as well as providing relevant needs-based services.

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**Turas – East Belfast Mission**

**Gaelic East Belfast**

Short Strand Community Centre
Monday 18th September
7.30pm – 9.00pm
028 9045 8560

Join Linda Ervine and Gordon McCoy to uncover the largely forgotten, Gaelic history and heritage of East Belfast which connects the Short Strand and Newtownards Road. This will be an opportunity for Turas staff to meet with residents of the Short Strand and to encourage them to come along to programmes in the Skainos Centre.

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**Linen Hall Library**

**Divided Society Exhibition**

Linen Hall Library
Tuesday 19th September
9.30am – 5.00pm
028 9032 1707 www.linenhall.com

‘We Lived It – The Social Impact of the Troubles’ is part of the Linen Hall Library’s ‘Divided Society’ digitisation and outreach project. The exhibition explores how working and family life was impacted by the conflict and also charts the peace process in the 1990s. Community groups and schools from across Northern Ireland were interviewed as part of the project and explored topics including The Good Friday Agreement and subsequent referendum.
ONE SMALL STEP

Facebook Live and Twitter Q&A

Tuesday 19th September, 6.30pm

Join One Small Step on Facebook and twitter @onesmallstepni for the launch of an interactive social media campaign. The campaign hopes to promote a shared future and encourage peace building and relationship building with the most marginalised and vulnerable in society.

SOUTH BELFAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Horsey Hill Community Village Clean-Up

Horsey Hill, Holyland, Belfast

Wednesday 20th- Sunday 24th September

Sophie.rasmussen@southbelfast.org

www.southbelfast.org

Neighbourhood clean-up to create a shared space where the ethically and religiously diverse residents in the Holyland area of South Belfast can meet and socialise. The space will offer residents the opportunity to share stories, music and meals and the chance to take joint ownership of the forgotten historic area and adjacent green. The clean-up will make this area a more attractive place for children to play and for neighbours to gather and learn more about each other’s cultural traditions.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE, TIDES TRAINING AND CONSULTANCY AND 174 TRUST

Galvanising the Peace

Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts

Wednesday 20th September

10.00am – 1.00pm

07540 524186

jim@communitydialogue.org

A series of small group discussions to discuss ongoing obstacles to building a united community. The discussions will be based on issues arising from the Galvanising the Peace consultations and report which was carried out between 2015 and 2016 and involved community groups, community practitioners and wider society. Community Dialogue, TIDES Training and 174 Trust are now organising a follow-up dialogue event to explore effective responses to some of the issues raised in the report.

NATIONAL MUSEUMS NORTHERN IRELAND

Conflicting Images Gallery Tour

Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 20th September

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Vivienne.pollock@nmni.com www.nmni.com

Gallery Tour of Conflicting Images photography exhibition by Curator Dr Vivienne Pollock. The Conflicting Images exhibition forms part of the museum’s ‘Collecting the Troubles and Beyond’ programmes which proactively engages with communities to develop the Ulster Museum’s Troubles archive. Those who attend the event will be encouraged to contribute their own personal experiences of the Troubles and how this influenced their lives, right to the present day.
INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND

The Role of Education in a Post-Conflict Society

Room 115, Parliament Buildings, Stormont
Wednesday 20th September
2.30pm – 4.30pm
028 9069 4099 samuel@ief.org.uk

International expert, Professor Alan Smith will address an invited audience of politicians, business and community leaders and wider educational stakeholders on how best to build and develop good relations within the current framework of the education system.

KABOSH

Quartered – Open Forums

Venue TBC
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
028 9024 3343

Open forums will be held by Kabosh to discover local opinions on the role of LGBT space in Belfast. The basis of these discussions will then help to inspire an upcoming theatre project which will explore Belfast’s ‘gay quarter’ as a safe and shared space within the city for all.

INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION SERVICE & THE URBAN VILLAGES INITIATIVE

‘How to’ Achieve School of Sanctuary Status

Fortwilliam Educational Resource Centre
Thursday 21st September
10.00am – 12noon
Education Authority – 028 9448 2210 jonathan.fulton@urbanvillagesni.org

A workshop for school leaders and teachers using the School of Sanctuary resource booklet which has been developed to help schools create a more welcoming environment, to be a safe place and enhance the intercultural skills of the whole school. The workshop will establish a connection with the Schools of Sanctuary Programme and highlight how this can help schools welcome new pupils in a more positive way.

GROUNDWORK NI

Locally Grown, Global Flavours

Connswater Street Garden
Thursday 21st September
10.00am – 2.00pm
heatherboyd@groundworkni.co.uk

Cooking demonstrations of produce grown in the community garden which will incorporate flavours from around the world. The event will highlight how food we eat is heavily influenced by other cultures and explain the social and health benefits associated with this. Participants will then have the opportunity to share lunch with each other and engage with people from neighbouring community gardening projects.

NORTHERN IRELAND STRATEGIC MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

Bridging the Gap

Equality House, Shaftesbury Square, Belfast
Wednesday 20th September
2.00pm – 4.30pm
028 9022 7500 www.migrationni.org

One hour film and panel discussion with educators, educationalists and creators of the Bridging the Gap documentary. This questioning and challenging documentary examines the educational attainment of children whose native language is not English and how this can act as a barrier to educational success. Invited guests will then have the opportunity to discuss the film and ways in which they can tackle these issues and improve communication between pupils, parents and schools.

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NATIONAL MUSEUMS NORTHERN IRELAND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PEACE PEOPLE

Peace Culture
Ulster Museum
Thursday 21st September
10.00am – 4.00pm
028 9039 5160 karen.logan@nmni.com

Children from differing backgrounds are invited to the Ulster Museum to celebrate the 2017 International Day of Peace. Children will learn more about the work of the Peace People project through exploring the Ulster Museum’s relevant archives and collections. Games and activities will be organised to teach children that individuals’ humanity is more important than ethnic inheritance, which is Peace People’s key understanding of peace culture.

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

Health Relations for a Healthy Future 2
Girdwood Community Hub
Thursday 21st September
11.30am – 12.45pm
028 9504 6636 veronica.mceneaney@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Together with the Housing Executive and Belfast City Council, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust will host a celebration day to mark Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week. The event will begin with a series of ‘small-worlds’ round table discussions where participants will learn more about each other, followed by an outline of the Trust’s new good relations strategy and an art exhibition.

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Irish Cultural and Linguistic Experience
An Culturlann, Falls Road
Thursday 21st September, 10.00am – 12.00noon
goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk

Participants not familiar with the Irish language will be shown a traditional Gaeltacht experience through music, food, history and language, highlighting the rich heritage of Belfast’s Gaeltacht quarter and promoting linguistic diversity.

SOUTH BELFAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Gather the Spirit of South Belfast
The Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast
Wednesday 19th September
12.30pm – 3.00pm
Sophie.rasmussen@southbelfast.org

Members of the South Belfast Partnership Board will gather for a working lunch to plan a community festival event. The ‘Gather the Spirit of South Belfast’ will be an open and collaborative event designed to promote good relations and a greater sense of community within the South Belfast area.

NORTHERN IRELAND INTER FAITH FORUM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS)

Faith in Peace
Riddell Hall, Belfast
Thursday 21st September
12.30pm – 1.30pm
Suggested donation of £3
n.richardson@stran.ac.uk m.magill@downandconnor.org
www.niinterfaithforum.org

Join the Northern Ireland Inter Faith Forum as they mark the International Day of Peace 2017 with a lunch-time, inter-faith event. The inter-denominational service will include readings, songs and reflections from a variety of the different faiths now represented in Northern Ireland and will focus on the theme for International Peace Day this year; “Together for Peace; Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.”

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goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk

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Faith in Peace
Riddell Hall, Belfast
Thursday 21st September
12.30pm – 1.30pm
Suggested donation of £3
n.richardson@stran.ac.uk m.magill@downandconnor.org
www.niinterfaithforum.org

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#CRWeek17
Safe Space: Shared Place
BALLYMAC FRIENDSHIP TRUST

Moving on Up!

Ballymac Friendship Centre, Frazer Pass, Belfast
Wednesday 20th September
028 9045 2020
roz.small@hotmail.com

Launch of the Frazer Pass Public Realm Showcase of the proposed redevelopment of Pitt Park which will include an Urban Arts platform and cultural space for the whole community to use. The event will also see members of the Ballymac Young Men’s group receive their Bronze Youth Achievement awards.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS IN SCHOOLS

Every Day Peace
Building #BuddyUP

Launches on 21st September at 9am

The campaign will raise awareness of the ongoing endeavour to build relationships and trust across the communities of Ardoyne and Shankill. It will raise awareness of the groundbreaking work between Holy Cross Nursery School and Edenderry Nursery School and celebrate their 20th anniversary year of working together with CRIS to affect positive social change.
LIBRARIES NI

Welcome Wall Reading Group with English for Speakers of Other Languages

Woodstock Library, 358 Woodstock Road, Belfast
Friday 22nd September
4.00pm – 5.00pm
028 9050 9239 www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/woodstock-library.aspx

Reading event aimed at young people whose first language is not English. Through books, arts and craft activities, the children will explore what it would be like to live in another country and produce welcome messages to display for refugees when they arrive in Northern Ireland.

LIBRARIES NI

W5 Science Magic Show

Belfast Central Library, Royal Avenue
Friday 22nd September
4.00pm – 4.45pm
028 9050 9150 www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/belfast-central-Library.aspx

Interactive demonstration for young people to bring fun and learning together for everyone. The event hopes to promote libraries as a safe and shared place for all children in the local community. By coming to this event, parents and children alike will discover the wide range of services they can access in their local library.

ULSTER UNIVERSITY

Peace and Tourism: Advancing Peace through Harnessing the Potential of Tourism

Ulster University, Belfast Campus
York Street
Friday 22nd September
1.00pm – 2.00pm
028 9036 6667

Seminar and networking opportunity, highlighting development of Ethical Peace Tourism guidelines to inform new collaborations and innovative community-based approaches to advancing peace. The seminar will discuss how tourism can be a transformative platform in local communities for relationship building.

LIBRARIES NI

YOUTH LINK: NI

Remembering the Future

Youth Link, 638 Springfield Road, Belfast
Friday 22nd September, 10.00am – 4.00pm
joanne@youthlink.org.uk

One-day, practice based workshop aimed at challenging youth workers to consider how they can explore the many complexities of the past whilst also encouraging the young people they work with to shape the future. The event will provide space for youth practitioners to test out new youth work resources, to listen as people from diverse cultures and backgrounds share their experiences and enable them to reach out and make new connections.

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COLIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Safer Streets Initiative

Saints Youth Club/ Fullerton Park
Dunmurry
Friday 22nd September – Time TBC
Michael@newcolin.com

To reduce community tensions among local teenagers, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has provided alternative activities for them over the summer months. This scheme has encouraged young people living in the area to form friendships with one another and help build a better, more inclusive community. The group will come together one final time to present their learnings and shared experiences.

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CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Launch of Causeway Prejudice Challenge

Throughout the borough
028 2766 0294
Jonny.donaghy@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Causeway Prejudice Challenge will provide opportunities for Council staff, elected representatives, community representatives and the wider community to become more proactive in promoting and developing towns and villages as safe and welcoming for all.

CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Sanskriti Exhibition

Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre
Thursday 14th September, 7.30pm
028 2764 9484
nic.wright@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

This event celebrates the existing diversity within the Causeway community. The evening will create an open forum to showcase Indian culture through art, movement, smell, and taste, to make it accessible for everyone to experience regardless of their own background or abilities. The event marks the end of an engagement programme which explored the practical and cultural aspects of Indian visual arts.

CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Have Your Say on Good Relations

Ballymoney Museum, 1 Townhead Street, Ballymoney
Saturday 16th September – Saturday 23rd September, 9.00am – 5.00pm
028 7776 0304 Patricia.cameron@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tackling sectarianism, racism and other forms of intolerance, residents of the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area are encouraged to feed into the consultation for the Council’s new Good Relations strategy.

CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Primary School Shared Education Open Day

Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle
Monday 18th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
lisamooney@corrymeela.org

Inviting primary school teachers and children working in shared education partnerships across NI, this open day includes activities focusing on identity, conflict resolution, transformative leadership, resilience through transition, global inequalities and communication and problem solving.

Ballymoney Model School Exhibition

Ballymoney Museum, 1 Townhead Street, Ballymoney
Friday 1st September – Saturday 28th October, 9.00am – 5.00pm
028 2764 9487 Helen.perry@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Celebrating its unique history and subsequent change to a controlled integrated school, this exhibition showcases photographs and artefacts of classroom and playground life through the years encouraging all members of the local community to come together and reminisce about their experiences.

BEYOND SKIN

#ArtsDialogue Peace Day at the Library

Ballycastle Library, 5 Leyland Road, Ballycastle
Thursday 21st September
1.30pm – 3.30pm
07877 756987 www.beyondskin.net

Schools in the Ballycastle area will be invited along to this ‘Music is the Dialogue’ event with special guests Mark Smulian and Gani Tamir from Heartbeat.fm. Supported by Libraries NI, Arts Council NI, Comic Relief, IBIS Belfast Hotel, CRC and Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, the event will highlight how an arts-driven approach to peacebuilding can be just as effective as traditional methods and equally engaging for young people.
**DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**History from Headstones**

Derry City Cemetery, Top entrance of Iniscarn Crescent of St. Mary’s Chapel  
Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th, Friday 22nd September, 1.00pm  
028 7125 3253  
A shared resting place for both communities since 1853, this tour – guided by both Catholic and Protestant tour guides – will inform participants about its shared history and connections with the ‘Troubles’.

**RURAL AREA PARTNERSHIP IN DERRY**

**Rural Connections**

Cumber House, Claudy  
Monday 18th September  
11.00am – 2.30pm  
028 7133 7149  
Bringing together older rural dwellers and members of black and minority ethnic communities in the Derry-Londonderry area to explore and celebrate cultural diversity through music, discussion, dance and food.

**DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Labelling**

Lisnafin Community Centre, Strabane  
Monday 18th September, time TBC  
Ciaran.boyle@eani.org.uk  
Facilitated workshop for young people, challenging their preconceived ideas about recent bonfires in the town and how people involved with these events were labelled as a result. The event hopes to encourage understanding of other cultural traditions while overcoming prejudices and stereotypes.

**DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT LIBRARIES NI**

**Make Them Visible – Oxfam exhibition**

Strabane Library, Railway Street  
Throughout September, during library opening hours  
028 7188 3686  
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Strabane-Library.aspx  
Oxfam exhibition featuring images from South Sudan and people who have had to flee this country. The exhibition hopes to make ‘these invisible people’ visible by highlighting the situation of South Sudanese refugees and raise awareness of the challenges they often face.
EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND

Café Culture

Strabane Youth Resource Centre
Tuesday 19th September, 6.30pm – 9.30pm
028 7138 2096

Facilitated group discussions for local teenagers which hopes to promote greater understanding of cultural differences in a safe and shared place. Young people will be encouraged to challenge prejudices and stereotyping and to see cultural diversity as a positive thing which should be celebrated.

LIBRARIES NI

My City, My Craft

Waterside Library, Glendermott Road, Derry~Londonderry
Wednesday 20th September
10.30am – 11.30am
Private event

City scape activity incorporating familiar landmarks such as the Peace Bridge, the River Foyle and the Guildhall which will support the learning and development of pre-school children from all corners of the city. The children will be encouraged to work positively together and it is hoped that they can sustain the relationships they forge at this young age.

DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Syrian Women’s Event

Derry~Londonderry
Wednesday 20th September (TBC)
11.00am – 1.00pm
028 7125 3253
pauline.oneill@derrystrabane.com

Aimed at integrating Syrian and refugee women who have recently moved to the city, this event allows women from different cultures to interact and share stories of their experiences, backgrounds, troubles and challenges to ultimately improve tolerance, respect and celebrate diversity.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR PEACE STUDIES (ISPS)

Messines Programme DVD Showcase

International School for Peace Studies, Glendermott Road, Waterside, Londonderry, BT47 6BG
Tuesday 19 September
11.00 – 12.00 noon
07813 641251

Screening a DVD made with a group of participants from different communities in Lisburn and Castlereagh, this event will showcase the work of ISPS and how the programme works toward peace and reconciliation.

SHANTALLOW YOUTH CENTRE & OUTER NORTH / AYW

My City – Your City – Our City

Shantallow Youth Centre
Racecourse Road
Tuesday 19th September
4.00pm – 6.00pm
028 7135 3571
john.davis@eani.org

Young people from Outer North and the local Chinese community in Derry will participate in workshops to promote mutual understanding and acceptance of each other. The event will provide a safe and secure environment for these young people to explore their values and beliefs and challenge stereotypes.

DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Traveller Culture Awareness Training

Strabane
Wednesday 20th September
9.00am – 5.00pm
(028) 7125 3253
Amanda.biega@derrystrabane.com

Aiming to dispel myths and increase understanding, participants will explore Traveller culture, increasing awareness and capacity to engage with the Traveller community.
Peace and Tourism: Advancing peace through harnessing the potential of tourism

Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry—Londonderry
Thursday 21st September, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Working with local communities to examine how sites of memory, conflict and peace can underpin regeneration and transition, this seminar and networking opportunity highlights the development of Ethical Peace Tourism guidelines to inform new collaborations and innovative community-based approaches to advancing peace and shared space.

Access your Art

Tower Museum, Derry
Thursday 21st September, 2:00pm
Anna.liesching@nmni.com

Highlighting the activity of Creative Community Connections, members of the Creggan Day Centre will unveil their community-curated objects selected from the Ulster Museum art collection aimed at enriching the lives of local communities through knowledge of art.

Frances Quinn – Irish Language Storytelling

Derry Central Library
Friday 22nd September, 028 7122 9990 www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Derry-Central-Library.aspx

Frances Quinn will perform from her extensive repertoire of Irish and multicultural stories, verse and dramatic monologues. The event has been funded by the ‘Peg and Jim Armstrong Bursary’ and will help to promote mutual respect and understanding for the Irish language as a safe and shared place.

Culture Night – On the Move

The Bogside, Fountain and Bishop Street, Derry—Londonderry
Friday 22nd September, 028 7126 2812 jonathon.fulton@urbanvillagesni.org

Culture Night goes on the move to the historic and culturally rich neighbourhoods of the Bogside, Fountain and Bishop Street Urban Village area. The event will encourage local residents to partake in the Culture Night celebrations in a safe and shared space.

This tour will take young people from both Protestant and Catholic backgrounds in Castlederg to Belfast, exposing them to the political division that exists in the Falls and Shankill areas to see and hear from those most visibly affected by the ‘Troubles’.

Polish Film Night

Nerve Centre Cinema, 7-8 Magazine Street, Derry—Londonderry, BT48 6HJ
Saturday 23rd September
6:00pm – 8:00pm
info@polishabroad.co.uk

This Polish film screening (inc. English subtitles) gives all minority and majority communities a chance to participate in the cultural experience of one of the largest ethnic minorities in NI.
Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week 2017

NORTH WEST PLAY RESOURCE CENTRE (DERRY PLAYHOUSE)

The Social Conscience of the Song

The Playhouse, 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry, BT48 6RG
Saturday 23rd September
8:00pm – 9:45pm
Fee: £8
028 7126 8027 liam@derryplayhouse.co.uk

Focusing on how artistic expression can unite communities, this live musical performance and interactive discussion will trace the history of songs that became the soundtrack to generations and causes, including civil rights, the ‘Troubles’, anti-war and class struggles.

FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OMAGH CHURCHES’ FORUM

People and Politics: Engaging with Politicians for the Common Good

Silverbirch Hotel, 5 Gortin Road, Omagh, Tyrone
Monday 18 September, 19:00 – 21:00
0300 303 1777 Pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com

This facilitated discussion focuses on how people and churches can engage with politicians to help build a better society, reflecting on the common good, equality and a healthy, active democracy.

LIBRARIES NI

Liz Weir – One Land, Many Voices

Omagh Library, Irishtown Road, Omagh
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Private event

Libraries NI resident storyteller Liz Weir tells stories from around the world to an invited audience of local school children. The event has been funded by the ‘Peg and Jim Armstrong Bursary’ which was set up to promote the art of storytelling and recognise the role storytelling can play in promoting cultural diversity.

FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK AND LIBRARIES NI

1917-1918 – On the Front and Here at Home

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OMAGH FORUM FOR RURAL ASSOCIATIONS

Shared Space, Segregated Space

Drumnakilly Hall, Omagh, Wednesday 20th September
7.00pm – 9.30pm
028 8225 1559
www.omaghforum.org

Incorporating community relations into rural community development, this facilitated discussion will engage local community activists and guest speakers exploring good practice around rural shared spaces.

EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND

Cultural Awareness and Diversity Development

Omagh Boys and Girls Club
Wednesday 20th September
7.00pm – 9.00pm
028 8224 3772
dympna.mullin@eani.org.uk

Information evening for local young people interested in becoming Peer Educators and promoting good relations within their schools and communities. The event is particularly aimed at young people who are new to the town and who have English as a second language.

FERMANAGH CHURCHES FORUM IN ASSOCIATION WITH IRISH SCHOOL OF ECUMENICS AND FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Civil Society Engaging with Politics

Killyhevlin Hotel, Dublin Road, Enniskillen
Thursday 21 September
10:00am – 4:00pm
eccgallagher@yahoo.co.uk
www.fermanaghchurchesforum.org
www.ecumenics.ie

This conference will explore, through input and interactive discussion, the ideas of common good, equality and democracy as the key to the flourishing and wellbeing of all the people of Northern Ireland.

FERMANAGH UNDERAGE ENTERTAINMENT LIFE (FUEL)

Promoting Diversity Through the Medium of Dance

Enniskillen Presbyterian Church, East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, Fermanagh
Thursday 21 September
11:00am – 1:00pm
028 6632 5559
aoife@thefindcentre.com

This interactive workshop will introduce members of the Traveller community to the Asian community to share cultural experiences through the medium of dance and food.

FERMANAGH UNDERAGE ENTERTAINMENT LIFE (FUEL)

The Traveller Community Through the Lens

The Hangout/FIND Centre, 2 Quay Lane, Enniskillen, BT74 6AG
Thursday 21 September
5:00pm – 8:00pm
(028) 6632 5559
aoife@thefindcentre.com

An exhibition of photographs taken by members of the Traveller community in Fermanagh, this exhibition showcases the heritage and culture of the Traveller community living in the modern world.

SUBTERRANEAN FILM CLUB

Moonlight

The Basement, Omagh Community House, Market Street, Omagh
Thursday 21 September, 20:00pm
078355 87855
subterraneanfilmclub@gmail.com

Using film as a medium to promote community relations, diversity and tackling social barriers, this screening of Moonlight, which depicts the struggles of black men in marginalised communities, is an inspection of identity as a whole.
GOODWILL GIFTS SUPPORT GROUP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Meet and Greet
Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, Fermanagh, BT74 7HR
Friday 22 September, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
07881347716

Promoting stronger links between minority ethnic communities and the larger local community in the local area, this meet and greet will provide an opportunity to meet people of different nationalities living in the area and learn about the Goodwill Gifts Support Group.

AN CREAGÁN

Celebration of Cultures
An Creagán, 186 Barony Road, Creggan, Omagh, BT79 9AB
Friday 22nd September
6:30pm – 8:30pm
028 8076 1112
www.ancreagan.com

A multicultural celebration, the celebration of cultures at An Creagán invites participants, artists and the public to unite and educate on local cultural diversity through arts, crafts and music.

OMAGH ETHNIC COMMUNITIES SUPPORT GROUP

Coffee Morning
Omagh Community House, 2 Drumragh Avenue, Omagh, BT78 1DP
Friday 22nd September
11:00am – 1:00pm
028 8224 9750

Gathering over food and a game of bingo, this coffee morning will bring people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds together with the local community in a friendly, socially-inclusive environment to support the development of relationships and links between Omagh-based communities.

EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND

T:BUC Camps Celebration Event
Owenkillew Activity Centre, Omagh
Friday 22nd September
5.30pm – 10.30pm
028 7138 2096

Celebration event for young people who have successfully participated in the T:BUC Camps programme where they will receive their certificates and take part in a debrief workshop. The young people will learn how they can continue to be ambassadors for peace in their local communities and sustain the friendships they have formed throughout the camps.

EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND

Our Town
Omagh Youth Centre
Friday 22nd September, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
028 8224 9349
julie.donaghy@eani.org.uk

Facilitated arts and crafts sessions for young people in which they will explore the different flags, cultures and traditions of local communities. The session will inspire an art installation which will then be displayed in the centre for the wider town to see.

FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Féach: Bearblann agus Bóthar Iarainn
Headhunters Barbershop and Railway Museum, 5 Darling Street, Enniskillen
Saturday 23rd September
11:00am – 12:00pm
0300 303 1777

A bilingual tour of Headhunters Barbershop and Railway Museum, this event explores the use of Irish in conjunction with life in the past promoting respect, understanding of the Irish language and celebrating the depth of shared history with the language.
**EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND**

**T:BUC Basecamp, Post Camp Workshops**

Residential Centre, Gartan
Saturday 23rd September
John.mallon@eani.org.uk

Young people from across the Fermanagh and Omagh council area will travel to Donegal to take part in a series of community relations workshops, exploring topics such as sectarianism, diversity and acceptance. The event will give these young people who are largely segregated, the opportunity to come together and form friendships and a mutual understanding of each other.

**EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND**

**T:BUC Residential**

Gortin Outdoor Activity Centre
Saturday 23rd September
028 8224 3772
dympna.mullin@eani.org.uk

Residential event for young people who will take part in workshops focusing on the legacy of the Troubles and conflict in Northern Ireland. It is hoped that through spending time together, these traditionally separated young people will form friendships and grow to have a better understanding of one another.

**EDUCATION AUTHORITY NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Youth Activity Day**

Owenkillew Activity Centre
Saturday 23rd September, 1.30pm – 4.30pm
028 7138 2096

20 teenagers from both sides of Northern Ireland’s political divide will spend a day engaging with each other in a series of facilitated workshops. The group will have the opportunity to get to know one another, challenge prejudices and explore cultural differences in a safe and shared place.

**LIBRARIES NI**

**A Storytelling Performance by International Storyteller Peter Chand**

Dundonald Library, Church Road
Thursday, 21st September, 10.30am – 11.30am
Private event

Renowned storyteller Peter Chand will open this year’s Tullycarnet Yarnspinners programme with his unique style of storytelling which draws on his own personal experience of growing up in Britain with Indian heritage. The event, which is funded by the Peg and Jim Armstrong Bursary, will give an invited audience of local school children, the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of cultural integration.

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY**

**Shared Cultural Heritage**

18th – 24th September, time TBC
028 9266 2496
ivan.ferris@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

An invited audience made up of local youth groups will explore their shared cultural heritage by creating a work of art together, inspired by the names of townlands in their locale. The event will promote respect and tolerance while encouraging participants to learn more about good relations work in Lisburn.
A Storytelling Performance by International Storyteller Peter Chand

Tullycarnet Library, Kings Road, Belfast
Thursday 21st September, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Private event

Renowned storyteller Peter Chand will open this year’s Tullycarnet Yarnspinners programme with his unique style of storytelling which draws on his own personal experience of growing up in Britain with Indian heritage. The event, which is funded by the Peg and Jim Armstrong Bursary, will give an invited audience of local school children, the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of cultural integration.

Lift the Lid – Music from Around the World

Lisburn Library
Saturday 23rd September, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
028 9266 9345
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Lisburn-City-Library.aspx

Celebrate Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week at Lisburn City Library with ‘Lift the Lid’ piano sessions. Emerging and experienced musicians will play music from around the world and introduce local residents to musical traditions from other cultures.

Talk and Discussion with Historian Philip Orr

Carrickfergus Library
Monday 18th September, 6.30pm - 7.45pm
028 9336 2261 www.librariesni.org.uk

Historian, lecturer and playwright Philip Orr will provide a thought-provoking contribution to how communities look back at World War One events today, along with an opportunity to examine different attitudes to this historical period.

FOR YOUR FREEDOM AND OURS CIC

Polish Airforce in WWII

Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre
Monday 18th September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
07930 476649
maciek@foryourfreedomandours.com

Providing an introduction to the historical links between Northern Irish and Polish communities, this exhibition focuses on Polish airmen fighting in the Battle of Britain.
LIBRARIES NI

Raquel McKee – Rainbow Storytelling and Dramatics

Kells and Conor Library, Main Street, Kells
Tuesday 19th September, 10.30am – 11.30am
Private Event

Intercultural storytelling session led by Raquel McKee who will recite African / Caribbean folk tales to highlight themes of respecting difference and celebrating diversity. Funded by the Peg and Jim Armstrong Bursary, the event will give an invited audience of local primary school children the chance to learn more about social inclusion and respect through the medium of storytelling.

MID & EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Safe space, Shared Place?

The Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ
Wednesday 20th September, 7:00pm
028 2563 3141
goodrelations@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

One of three conversations inviting the people of Mid and East Antrim to have their say on the borough, focusing on shared and safe spaces and the council’s role in developing shared space.

MID & EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Safe space, Shared Place?

Carrickfergus Civic Centre, 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG
Thursday 21st September, 7:00pm
028 2563 3141
goodrelations@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

One of three conversations facilitated by broadcaster William Crawley inviting the people of Mid and East Antrim to have their say on the borough, focusing on shared and safe spaces and the council’s role in developing shared space.

AGENCIES SUPPORTING ETHNIC COMMUNITIES (MID AND EAST ANTRIM)

ASEC Quarterly Meeting

The Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ
Thursday 21st September, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Invitation only event

The quarterly meeting will provide members from statutory, voluntary and community sectors the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and share information and good practice to support minority ethnic communities in Mid and East Antrim.

INTER ETHNIC FORUM

Safe Space, Shared Place

The Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ
Thursday 21 September, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Ivy.goddard@interethnicforum.org.uk

Working with community groups across the Mid and East Antrim area to create the installation, join the Inter Ethnic Forum as they unveil a 6-foot Mandala encapsulating the vibrancy and colourful traditions of the many communities in Mid and East Antrim.
DUNCLUG YOUTH FORUM

Soap Box Derby

Woodside Road, Ballymena
Saturday 23rd September
12:00pm – 4:00pm
07907 533354

Promoting community relations with local towns and villages, this great spectator event will see soap boxes compete in a timed race over a distance from the Woodside Road to Bog Road.

MID ULSTER DISTRICT

LIBRARIES NI

Write to Refugee Photographic Exhibition with Oxfam

Dungannon Library, Market Square, Dungannon
Throughout September, during library opening hours
028 8772 2952 www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/dungannon-Library.aspx

Writers Glen Patterson, Jan Carson and Colin Dardis imagine life as displaced people around the world in this new exhibition by Oxfam Ireland. The exhibition is made up of powerful images of refugees taken throughout the world alongside specially commissioned written pieces inspired by each image. Those who view the exhibition will be encouraged to have more empathy for refugees and forge a greater understanding of the challenges they face.

DU DANCE NI

Get it Together Dungannon

Venue TBC
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd September
07790 236130 info@dudanceni.com

A week long performance project involving workshops for primary school pupils in the Dungannon area. The event will celebrate culture and heritage and promote diversity while inspiring new ideas and encouraging participants to form new friendships.

LIBRARIES NI

Browsealoud Taster Session

Dungannon Library, 36 Market Square, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT70 1JD
Tuesday 19th September
2:00pm – 3:00pm
028 8772 2952 www.librariesni.org.uk

Designed to help with website browsing for those holding English as a second language, people with dyslexia, low literacy, and those with mild visual impairments, this taster session will demonstrate the benefits of the Browsealoud assistive software which adds speech, reading and translation to websites.

MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

International Day of Peace Concert

Burnavon Arts and Cultural Centre, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DN
Tuesday 19th September
19:30 – 22:00
(028) 8676 4714
Sean.mcelhatton@midulstercouncil.org

In an evening of music, poetry and reflection, pupils from 20 primary schools across the Mid Ulster District Council area, the Mid Ulster Clergy Forum and the Ulster Scots Youth Pipe Band will celebrate the International Day of Peace.

LIBRARIES NI

Frances Quinn – Irish Language Storytelling

Dungiven Library, Main Street, Dungiven
Friday 22nd September
11.00am – 12 noon
Private event

Frances Quinn will perform from her extensive repertoire of Irish and multicultural stories, verse and dramatic monologues. The event has been funded by the ‘Peg and Jim Armstrong Bursary’ and will help to promote mutual respect and understanding for the Irish language as a safe and shared place.
**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT**

**LIBRARIES NI**

**Wrens of HMS Caroline**

Newry City Library, 79 Hill Street, Newry, Down, BT34 1DG
Throughout September, during branch opening hours
(028) 3026 4683
www.librariesni.org.uk

This exhibition examines the role and experiences of the women of HMS Caroline. This event will give members of the public an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our culture and heritage. Libraries are welcoming neutral venues which are open to everyone in the community and by hosting this event, people are able to access a range of free services in this ‘safe and shared place’.

**LIBRARIES NI**

**Highland Dance Demonstration by Closkelt Highland Dancers**

Rathfriland Library
Tuesday 19th September, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
028 4063 0661 www.librariesni.org.uk/LibrariesPages/rathfriland-Library.aspx

Highland Dance Demonstration by Closkelt Highland Dancers providing an opportunity for people unfamiliar with this tradition to come and experience the culture in a safe space, such as the library.

**LIBRARIES NI**

**Healing with Harmonies with Beyond Skin**

Castlewellan Library, 3 Upper Square
Throughout September, during branch opening hours
028 4377 8433
www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Castlewellan-Library.aspx

Following on from their trip to Sri Lanka, journalist Joseph O’Connor and videographer Paul Loughran document how music has been used to unite divided communities in this area. The Healing Harmonies exhibition explores how music can be an effective platform for reconciliation and is in partnership with Beyond Skin and The Music Project.

**DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM**

‘The Cost of Reconciliation – not peace at any price but love at all costs.’

Down County Museum, The Mall, Downpatrick
Tuesday 19th September, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
028 4461 5218
www.downcountymuseum.com

Reverend David Armstrong will give a talk based on his recollections of his experiences as a Presbyterian Minister in the parish of Limavady 1980 -1985. The lecture will give an account of what it was like serving the community during some of the most turbulent days of the Troubles and how there are still lessons of reconciliation for everyone to learn.

**GLENCREE CENTRE FOR PEACE & RECONCILIATION**

**Glencree Peace Walk**

Glencree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation, Co. Wicklow
Sunday 24th September, 11.30am – 5.00pm
Aisling.ocallaghan@glencree.ie

Sponsored walk to raise funds and awareness about the work of the Glencree Centre. The walk will create a convivial atmosphere and help to connect participants by walking together and sharing their stories in a rural setting. The walk will help the centre to continue in their efforts for peace and reconciliation throughout the whole island of Ireland.
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