

## Community Bridges Programme

In January 2007, the Community Relations Council acquired the responsibility for the management of the Community Bridges Programme of the International Fund for Ireland. The Community Bridges Programme was established in 1996 with the assistance of staff seconded from the Community Relations Council. The Community Bridges Programme has now become a directorate within the Council itself. The Council is responsible for the management of the programme while the International Fund for Ireland retains responsibility for funding decisions. The Programme operates an annual budget of £3 million, applications are considered initially through an expression of interest application process.

### Grant Awards January – December 2007

Group	Summary	Amount Paid	
		£	€
<b>Lower Shankill Community Association</b>	A 3 year community relations capacity building programme addressing sectarianism, establishing cross-community partnerships and the provision of training in dealing with contentious issues.	165,299	
<b>Sesame Workshop</b>	The production of a series of TV programmes for early years in partnership with BBCNI focusing on respect for difference and diversity.	307,769	
<b>LINC</b>	The provision of a community relations mentoring programme focusing on the production of cross-community partnerships among communities in North Belfast and South East Antrim.	192,971	
<b>Peace Players International</b>	The provision of a community relations youth leadership development programme.	144,030	
<b>Finaghy Crossroads Group</b>	The provision of a 3 year cross-interface community relations programme	249,662	
<b>Cornerstone Community</b>	The provision of a 3 year cross-interface programme	113,477	
<b>Public Achievement</b>	The provision of a 3 year youth leadership community relations development programme	276,140	
<b>Fellowship of Messines</b>	The provision of a cross-border and cross-community capacity building programme	168,004	
<b>St Columbs Park House</b>	The provision of a youth leadership programme in community relations	169,507	
<b>Irish School of Ecumenics</b>	The establishment and development of new inter-Church for the design and delivery of women as peacebuilders, the delivery of reconciliation focused adult learning and the preparation for a series of publications.	287,330	
<b>New Border Generation</b>	The provision of a cross-border and cross-community development and training network.		399,049
<b>Donegal Youth Service</b>	The provision of cross-community and cross-border youth development programme.		479,623
<b>Overall totals</b>		<b>2,074,189</b>	<b>878,672</b>