

CRC e-News



Together: Building a United Community Engagement Forum

G Attwood, Policy Officer, CRC

Diary Date

The next T:BUC Engagement Forum event 'Our Shared Community' will take place on the morning of Thursday 15th June 2017, in Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast.

Please put this date in your diary – further details will follow.

In the meantime, please use the following link to the latest [T:BUC Engagement Forum Newsletter](#)

The theme of June's forum is 'Our Shared Community', we look forward to welcoming you at the event.

Further information on the T:BUC Engagement Forum can be found [at https://www.community-relations.org.uk/tbuc-engagement](https://www.community-relations.org.uk/tbuc-engagement) or contact us on 028 9022 7500 or email gattwood@nicrc.org.uk

Update – Community Relations & Cultural Diversity Grants Scheme 2017/18

P Jordan, Director, Funding & Development, CRC

The CR/CD Grants Scheme is planning to re-open to new applications during the week beginning 15th May 2017.

We anticipate that there will be a number of changes to the 2017/18 Scheme which will include a new application form. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a proposal prior to submitting an application please contact Judith Hamilton jhamilton@nicrc.org.uk or phone 9022 7500

Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week 2017

The theme for the week is "Shared space, safe place" and will run from the 18th –24th September. Details and entry form will be posted on the website shortly.

Reflection and Years Ahead

D Mac Bride, Director, Cultural Diversity, CRC

Three *Reflection and Years Ahead* events took place in January in Lurgan, in February in Belfast and in March in Derry Londonderry. At this stage we can bring to your attention the YouTube Videos of the three keynote lectures which set out the challenges from a different perspective.

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Reflection and Years Ahead continued

The purpose of the events was to share the learning arising from our exploration of the first half of the decade of centenaries and to think about the challenges ahead and how we approach them. A similar format was used - dramatic input and its effectiveness, case studies focusing on grassroots activity, council programmes and council supported museum programmes, educations, outreach and creativity; and facilitated workshops. The ensuing discussion was informative and has provided much food for thought. A summary report is currently being drafted.

Eamon Phoenix ‘A Divided Ireland in a Dividing Europe’

How we mark, or commemorate, the centenary events in the years to 2023 will be complicated and involve us in difficult conversations. The centenaries ahead are arguably the most challenging. Emerging from the afterglow of 1916, the rise of Sinn Fein and the fall of Redmond’s Irish Parliamentary Party and the March 1918 Irish Conventions, soldiers return from the Great War to a dividing Ireland in a dividing Europe.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebhXhEGjO_I&feature=youtu.be

Johnston McMaster “Beyond 1916 Where Now for Commemorations in A Changing World?”

We are not nor should be through with commemoration, the Rising and the Somme laid foundational myths for both states. There are perhaps three clusters of events on which to focus. These are the violence of the past, democratic foundations and the common good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Azziz5XjCac&feature=youtu.be>

Elisabeth Crooke “The agency of memory: memory, responsibility and public action”

“Fearful objects” - objects which can “prick and wound, grab and puncture” are those to which evoke different responses that we find difficult to deal with personally or nationally in museums or in our local authority museums. Before we may have included these objects without engagement. We have been learning through the decade of centenaries work that we are now better equipped to deal with a difficult object.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBXemXINreQ>

Survey of the Decade of Centenaries

D Mac Bride, Director, Cultural Diversity, CRC

The Community Relations Council (CRC) as part of its collaborative work with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) have asked Stratagem, a local consultancy practice, to carry out research about the range of activity undertaken in relation to the Decade of Centenary Anniversaries thus far, resources used, and to consider what is relevant for the next few years.

The survey consists of 25 short questions and should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The report will not make reference to individuals or organisations but rather report back in general terms and themes.

All those who participate in the online survey will receive the survey report in due course.

Decade of the Centenaries Survey – www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DecadeOfCentenaries

Please complete the survey by 5th May 2017.

North Belfast Women’s Voices—Exploring Identity, Culture and the Future

The purpose of this research is to give voice to women in North Belfast, by capturing their lived experiences of 4 decades of conflict, which was disproportionately concentrated in this part of the city. As such, this study explores how the conflict has affected/impacted on them, their families, their community, and in turn, their geographical, and cultural relationships. This report will bear witness to the realities of women that are working in both single identity and/or cross community groups in this locality; women who are well versed in dealing with the grassroots issues that arise from cultural, social and political instability throughout the conflict. In sum, this study will highlight the issues that are of importance to them in terms of culture, identity, and flags, whilst sketching out a number of recommendations which the women themselves feel are required to move their community forward namely in terms of dealing with paramilitaries, funding for work with women and young people, housing and political leadership

Download the [report here](#)



Remembering '68: The Civil Rights Movement in Northern Irish Memory

Dr Sarah Campbell, Newcastle University



Are you a '68er? Did you go to university in Northern Ireland during the 1960s? Were you an activist in the civil rights movement or counter-movements? If so, the 'Remembering '68' project would like to interview you!

This project explores how the civil rights movement is remembered in Northern Ireland. Issues of civil rights, past and present, remain vital to the contested political culture in Northern Ireland. Since 1998, society in Northern Ireland has been marked by a tendency towards divided memory. Events, such as those during the civil rights movement, which are often referred to as the start of the conflict have been interpreted in contrasting ways and the facts themselves are often disputed. There has been very little consensus about what happened, why it happened, and crucially, how to remember what happened. Even *within* communities, there has been a tendency to promote one set of memories over others. The overall aim of this research project is to create a many-voiced oral history archive about the civil rights movement, and to explore its wide-ranging legacies which would have the potential to present non-violent alternatives of engaging in politics in the region and encourage reaching out to communal rivals. The initial research questions are:

1. *How do men and women of different generations, social positions, religious identities, and political views narrate their experience of the civil rights movement?*
2. *How did participation in student activism affect the participants' identities and their subsequent activism? And how did the transformation of this '68 generation manifest itself in Northern Ireland?*
3. *How do participants evaluate the achievements and failures of the civil rights movement?*
4. *Does the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, recent economic problems, and failure to address issues relating to the legacies of the conflict influence recollections of the past?*

If you think you can help, please contact Dr Sarah Campbell (Newcastle University)

<mailto:sarah.campbell@newcastle.ac.uk> or telephone: +44 (0) 191 222 7842

Lessons from Rwanda – Biblical reflections for the church in Northern Ireland

Taken from resource 'flyer'

Thrive Ireland, in partnership with Contemporary Christianity, has produced a peace and reconciliation resource for churches in Northern Ireland. The material is based on the Rwandan churches response to the need for post-conflict National healing following the Genocide. The resource is designed to facilitate biblical reflection with Christians to consider how the Rwandan experience might inspire and inform commitment to peace building.

The resource explores, in the context of NI, four essential themes:

- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Justice
- Repentance

The workshop format includes opportunity for study, reflection and interactive learning. Also, the resource is designed to be facilitated by an experienced group leader to help participants get the most out of the workshop.

For further information please contact Thrive Ireland info@thriveireland.org

Community Relations Media Initiative

If you would like to contribute to NVTV news on Focal Point, longer current affairs discussions for Focal Point Extra and have ideas that could be pursued with regard to documentaries on community relations subjects - please contact feedback@nvtv.co.uk
NVTV is broadcast on Freeview 7 to the greater Belfast area and on Virgin 159 throughout Northern Ireland.

It is also available online at www.nvtv.co.uk

NI Peace Monitoring Report V

NICRC invitation to tender for the provision of the Northern Ireland Peace Monitoring Report

G McKeown, Director, DFAP, CRC

Northern Ireland Community Relations Council would like interested and experienced parties to tender for the provision of the Northern Ireland Peace Monitoring Report as specified in the attached set of documents (see below).

Your tender must be in accordance with the enclosed Invitation to Tender. The closing date for receipt of bids is 3pm on Friday 12 May 2017. It is the responsibility of all tenderers to ensure that their tender is delivered on time. CRC will not consider tenders received after that time. It is important that the attached Form of Tender is completed when submitting a tender.

The Community Relations Council is not bound to accept the lowest priced or any tender and shall not be bound to accept the Contractor as a sole supplier.

Expression of interest and enquiries should be addressed to Gerard McKeown via email gmckeown@nicrc.org.uk. Responses to questions that are not commercially sensitive will be shared with all those who have expressed an interest.

[Invitation to Tender PMR - May 2017 \(Word 26 KB\)](#)

[Specification PMR - May 2017 \(Word 27 KB\)](#)

Training

MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies at Jordanstown Campus, Ulster University

Gráinne Kelly, Course Director, Ulster University

Now accepting applications for the 2017/18 academic year. Start date: September 2017
Ulster University have been at the forefront of offering postgraduate studies in Peace and Conflict Studies for the past 25 years. From the 2017/18 academic year (starting in September 2017), the Postgraduate Diploma / Masters Degree is being offered on the Jordanstown campus, Belfast. The programme is delivered by academics based within INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute) and draws on the expertise of a range of policymakers and practitioners working on peacemaking and peacebuilding efforts in Northern Ireland and internationally.

This programme has a strong focus on post-violence peacebuilding, which is appropriate given that it is rooted in a society emerging from decades of protracted violence. However, the geographical scope of INCORE's work in research, policy, and practice is both local and global and this is reflected in the modules offered on the programme. The overall approach seeks to develop the critical, theoretical and analytical skills necessary for working in conflicted societies – in ways that are grounded in real life application and case studies. Students of this programme are well placed to follow a number of distinct career opportunities, based on their specific interests and core strengths. The past decades have seen tremendous changes in the global context. As a result, the demand for well-trained individuals to work on the myriad of peace and conflict issues continues to rise. The knowledge and capacities developed by INCORE peace and conflict studies students are transferrable across sectors and regions, making their skill set mobile and flexible within a globalised job market.

Applications are now being accepted. Further details on the programme, including entry requirements, are available here on the Ulster University Online Prospectus (Postgraduate): <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/courses/course-finder/201718/applied-peace-and-conflict-studies-15231>. If you have any questions, contact Gráinne Kelly, Course Director (g.kelly@ulster.ac.uk) or 028 90366934.

If you would like to comment or submit an article for this bulletin or advertise a community relations event or publication, please contact Patricia poneill@nicrc.org.uk.

Training continued

Trauma Education Information Night - WAVE

Belfast City Hall Friday 19th May at 6.30pm

Join us for light refreshments as we recruit for our latest accredited trauma courses WAVE in Partnership with Queen's University Belfast - Open Learning Short Trauma Courses - BSc Psychological Trauma Studies

WAVE in Partnership with University College Cork - Online Postgraduate Diploma in Trauma Studies

Other bespoke Trauma Education Courses

WAVE kindly thank Belfast City Council for their hospitality and generosity of their use of the City Hall.

We hope to see you there. Kindly let us know any dietary requirements for catering purposes.

Please email RSVP before Friday 5th May 2017

trauma.education@wavetrauma.org

Accredited Conflict Management and Mediation Skills Course

Northern Ireland Open College Network Accredited Course at Level 2 – 2 Credit
Clarendon Street Chambers, 67 Clarendon Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT 48 7ER
02871 365636 1st 2nd June 2017 - 9.30am – 4.30pm both days
Cost: £200 (includes NIOCN registration fee and course workbook)

This course is designed for solicitors, police officers, social workers, probation officers, school teachers, Good Relations Officers, Project Officers and facilitators who work in group settings.

(This course may qualify for CDP points under self-notification)

Learning Outcomes: by the end of the course participants will be able to;

- Understand the legal framework of mediation as a conflict Management tool.
- Identify different ways people deal with conflict
- Differentiate between Mediation/Negotiation/Arbitration/Litigation
- Be aware of the skills of a mediator
- Have an understanding of how mediation works in practice
- Be able to understand the difference between Facilitative, Evaluative and Shuttle mediation processes
- Help disputing parties create their own agreements
- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of co-mediation.

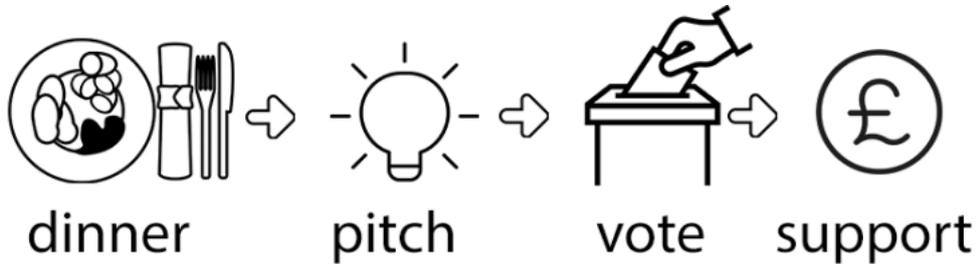
Duration: The course will be delivered over two days that will include an experiential learning process involving tutor input and practical case studies that will be supplemented by a course workbook and hand-out material.

The course is restricted to 10 participants and early booking is advisable

For further information email michael.doherty@mediateni.com or phone

Events

Holywell Stew



Do you have an idea for a community project?
We'd love to help!

Holywell STEW is a new project of Holywell Trust to encourage local community activity and philanthropy in Derry/Londonderry. Based on the Detroit Soup model, we are looking for 12 community initiatives to pitch for support at 3 community dinners over the coming months.

Organisations will have the opportunity to pitch for small financial support (approximately £500) for a project to support local people. Every organisation that takes part in the programme will receive support and training on preparing and delivering their pitch.

This project is about local people helping each other - by paying to attend the dinner you get the chance to vote for the project you want to see supported. The available funds are the resources we collect at the door.

At each community dinner we will hear from 4 groups who will have four minutes to pitch their idea. Following the pitches the audience will vote for the project to receive the financial support.

We are really looking forward to supporting a range of community initiatives and would love to hear from you about your idea.

The deadline for the receipt of completed applications for this round of Holywell STEW events is Friday 5th May 2017.

Please fill the form out below to tell us about the project you would like support for. Groups that promote religious belief, political opinion or are sports club related will not be accepted. We'd love to hear from you if you have an idea for a community development, community relations, social justice, arts, social enterprise or community education project.

To hear more about the project [click here to listen to our new podcast](#).

Events continued

The history and the ethos of the Salvation Army

Margaret Kane, Community Outreach Group, Lurgan

Wednesday 10th May at 7.30 pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Union Street, Lurgan, Lieutenant Colonel Roland Sewell will give a presentation on the history and the ethos of the Salvation Army, illustrating how its aims and objectives are translated into action in the community, regardless of colour, creed or class and the evening will be rounded off with a tour of the various services available within the local church premises.

Contact Margaret Kane for more information kane.margaret@ymail.com

Delivering Change in a Shifting Landscape: Future challenges and opportunities for the VCSE and its partners

Building Change Trust invites you to an event on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at HOLYWELL - DiverseCity Community Partnership, 8-14 Bishop Street, Derry/Londonderry at 9.30am

Supported by Holywell Trust and North West Community Network

In a climate of great uncertainty faced by voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations (VCSE) not least due to political instability, Brexit, and continued austerity, organisations, groups and volunteers continue to strive to deliver positive social change for the individuals and communities they work with.

This event is one of a number of engagements being held by Building Change Trust across Northern Ireland between February and June 2017 as part of its VCSE Futures initiative.

Throughout the initiative we are engaging with the sector itself, funders and policy makers, to hear their views.

The purpose of this 10 May event is to hear views from VCSE groups and organisations in the North West on current challenges and possible opportunities, and to attempt to answer the following questions:

To create an enabling environment that delivers the best outcomes for the people and places your organisation, works with:

- What action does the sector itself need to take?
- What action does the public sector need to take?
- What action do funders need to take?

We invite you to arrive at 9.30am for tea/coffee & scones for a 10.00am start. The event will finish at 1pm.

Please register by clicking on the link below and adding your details:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delivering-change-in-a-shifting-landscape-challenges-opportunities-tickets-34105006994>

Events continued

'The radical working class Protestant tradition in Northern Ireland' – one day Spring school

Aisling O'Callaghan, Fundraising and Communications, Glencree

Glencree, along with the UNITE trade union and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, are the sponsors of a Spring School in Dublin on Saturday 6th May with the title 'The radical working class Protestant tradition in Northern Ireland' This will explore the historic but unjustly little known tradition of radicalism, and particularly working class radicalism, in Belfast and other places in Northern Ireland. Among the speakers will be the Alliance Party leader Naomi Long MLA, leading trade unionist Peter Bunting, People Before Profit activist and writer Eamonn McCann, and historian and playwright Philip Orr. The event will take place in UNITE's headquarters at 55-56 Middle Abbey Street from 11 am to 5.15 pm and admission is free.

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Online Advice Surgery - Thursday 11 May, 12.30-.130pm

Want some feedback on your heritage idea or advice on what programme is best for you? Need help with a potential or on-going application?

Join us [right here](#) for a live online advice surgery on Thursday 11 May from 12.30-1.30pm.

We'll have various members of HLF staff on hand to answer all the questions we can fit in an hour.

So, whether you have little or no knowledge of Heritage Lottery funding and would like to find out more, or you've got a fully-formed idea and want advice on our application criteria and assessment - or anything else - join us for this special live Q&A session.

NB: Commenting will open at 12.30pm on 11 May. At that time you'll be able to log-in to take part using either your HLF account, or one of your social media profiles.

Events continued

Irish History Course - Rebels, Radicals, Royalists and Loyalists

Charmain Jones, RCN

Venue: REACT Offices, 2 Mallview Terrace, Armagh

This course consists of 6 workshops (7 – 9pm) and 2 study visits. Participants will examine the following events and their impact on the Island of Ireland.

Thursday 11th May 2017 - Catholic Emancipation and Home Rule

Thursday 18th May 2017 - Crises and Volunteers (Redmond and Carson)

Thursday 25th May 2017 - Blood Sacrifice: Easter Rising and WW1 - The Somme

Thursday 1st June 2017 - War of Independence and Partition

Thursday 8th June 2017 - Irish Civil War and Civil Strife in Northern Ireland

Thursday 15th June 2017 - "The Troubles" and Course Evaluation

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May 2017 – Study Visit 1 - Dublin - This is an overnight residential which includes visits to Glasnevin Cemetery, Arbour Hill Cemetery, the Memorial Gardens at Island Bridge, the National Museum at Collins Barracks and the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square.

Saturday 3rd June 2017 – Study Visit 2 - This is a 1 day visit to Parliament Buildings at Stormont, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast and The Somme Museum.

There is a fee of £30 for the course payable on the first night.

There are two eligibility criteria that all participants must meet:

1. They must be actively involved in their community so that they can share the learning.
2. They must be able to attend all workshops and the study visits (except for illness which is unforeseeable).

The course is organised by Marion Jamison, Community Relations Officer for REACT and Charmain Jones, Community Relations Officer for RCN, funded by the Reconciliation Fund of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dublin and delivered by Martin Snoddon from Northern Spring.

Anyone interested in participating in the course should contact Marion at the REACT offices on 028 37526869, mobile 07720077570 or email marion@reactni.org giving their expression of interest and confirming that they meet the eligibility criteria.

Events continued

Open Day Event at the North West Islamic Centre

"Your Muslim Neighbours Are Inviting You For Tea And Tour"

The Muslim community in the city is going to mark the arrival of the month of fasting (Ramadan), with an open day at the North West Islamic Centre (8 Hyde Business Park, Pennyburn Industrial Estate, BT48 0LU), on **Sunday 14th May 2017 between 1-5pm.**

In the spirit of friendship and conversation, we hope to give members of the local community an engaging insight into the life of the Muslim community and to promote greater understanding of Islam. We anticipate welcoming local people from all walks of life to visit the centre and meet with its diverse Muslim members.

The open attitude of the Islamic centre and its people hope to make a major contribution in fostering interfaith and intercultural understanding within the city.

During the course of the afternoon visitors will be given the opportunity to talk with members of the Muslim community, observe their religious practices (including live mid-day prayer at 2:30pm) and receive some information through an exhibition about Islam. In addition to this, we will have a Hijab and Henna desk, kids' corner, some local and ethnic snacks with tea, and more.

We would be honoured to have your presence on the day at our Islamic centre.

Please reply at info@nwia.org.uk to confirm your attendance or for further information.

"Penal Laws in Ireland - Preventing Popery or Asserting the Protestant Ascendancy?"

Margaret Kane, Community Outreach Group, Lurgan

On Wednesday 31st May at 8.00 pm in the Jethro Centre, Dr Johnston McMaster will present the topic "Penal Laws in Ireland - Preventing Popery or Asserting the Protestant Ascendancy?". The talk will be followed by the customary question and answer session during which those attending are always keen to participate.

Contact Margaret Kane for further information kane.margaret@ymail.com

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Free schools workshops to explore the Battle of Messines



Creative Centenaries will launch a new graphic novel resource on the Battle of Messines in May to mark the centenary of the First World War campaign that took place in June 1917.

To mark the launch of the new educational resource, a programme of free digital workshops for schools will take place at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) on May 31, June 6 and June 8.

Using the new graphic novel, students will learn about the battle through the experiences of soldiers William Redmond and John Meeke from the 16th (Irish) and 36th (Ulster) Divisions respectively.

The attack is particularly remembered in Ireland for the part played by both divisions who fought alongside each other.

Students can then choose from a digital workshop using stop motion animation to recreate the beginning of the battle or use digital comic book technology to design and feature in their own graphic novel story.

Workshops will take place at PRONI where schools can also receive a behind the scenes tour of PRONI's First World War archives and visit a travelling art installation inspired by the Battle of Messines. All participating students will also receive a free copy of the new Battle of Messines graphic novel.

Workshops are open to both Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 and two sessions are available to book each day. For more information and to book a free workshop contact Niall Kerr at the Nerve Centre on **028 7126 0562** or email: info@creativecentenaries.org

A separate evening workshop will also take place on Thursday 8 May from 7pm - 9pm and is available for 14-18 year olds. Visit www.creativecentenaries.org for more information and to register for this workshop.

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Peace Building Summer School Armagh

Will Glendinning, Diversity Challenges

The Summer School is being led by Diversity Challenges <http://www.diversity-challenges.com> and University of Massachusetts Boston Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance https://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/grad/conflict_resolution and a partnership of:

REACT <http://www.reactni.org>

West Armagh Consortium <http://www.westarmaghconsortium.org>

Rural Community Network <http://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org>

Program overview

The summer institute will focus on the enormous achievements of local activists and agencies in bringing Armagh to its current state of peace, through years of community dialogue, negotiation and with the formation of new institutions and processes.

Representing a chance for participants to engage with local peace-builders, this ten-day program aims to deliver mutual benefits for participants and locals. Students learn about the Northern Ireland conflict, get an intimate perspective of the methods and practices used to address this dispute and in dialogue with local practitioners, and critically evaluate their effectiveness in Northern Ireland and their utility in other contexts.

The program will be led by Professor Marie Breen-Smyth, a native of Northern Ireland who has written extensively about conflict in Northern Ireland and elsewhere. The Institute's faculty contains a range of experts and practitioners from Northern Ireland and the US and is organized in partnership with a consortium of Armagh community groups led by the charity Diversity Challenges working on conflict resolution, reconciliation and storytelling. The local consortium will organize the logistics and participate in classes and visits. There will be a mixture of local and international participants who are working on peace-building thus facilitating learning, exchange of local and international perspectives and networking opportunities.

The ten-day institute will focus on the achievements of the past and the key contemporary challenges still facing peace-building in Northern Ireland: dealing with the past and provision for victims: memorials; parading; flags and paramilitaries. The program will begin with a survey of the issues, with expert speakers on each topic and then focus in more detail on two of these issues: dealing with the past and parading.

Local participants can either stay in en-suite accommodation in the Charlemount Hotel or attend daily and classes will be held in the hotel or on site at venues. In addition, the program includes visits to Belfast, with a tour of the city's peacelines and political murals.

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Local participants can enrol for a dedicated Open College Network accreditation. The organisers have applied for funding for a number of bursaries and hope to be able to offer these to selected participants. This will be a competitive process and details can be found on the application page on the web site.

Cost including accommodation at Charlemount Hotel and OCN fees £1,600

Non-residential but including lunches and OCN fees £900

For further information contact Diversity Challenges

email: diversitychallenges@hotmail.com

Or visit the web site <http://www.peacebuilding-summerschool-armagh.org>