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Monthly News

December 2020

Hi <<First Name>>

This is our final newsletter of 2020 so we'd like to wish you season's greetings and a Happy New Year.

Nominations for the 2021 Good Relations Award are now open. If you know someone deserving recognition, then fill out the application form.

Also in this month's issue of the CRC newsletter, you can read about:

- Our open funding schemes
- Good Relations Week video with Stormont Ministers
- Case Studies from our Small Grants Scheme
- Good Relations Week archive - Tellyscope from Youth Initiatives
- A virtual reality game show with CRC staff members
- The 20th Anniversary of IFA's Football For All campaign on tackling sectarianism
- An interview with CRC Board Member Rory Campbell

Keep safe.

Covid-19 Update

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

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

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

Good Relations Award

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

Good Relations Award 2021



Nominations are now open for the Good Relations Award 2021.

We host an annual award in recognition of exceptional achievement in peacebuilding and community relations.

If you know someone deserving special recognition, nominate them now.

[Read more](#)

Grants & Funding



CR/CD Small Grants Scheme

Our Small Grants Scheme is now open.

This funding can help community and voluntary groups throughout Northern Ireland engage in Community Relations work.

Deadline: **15 January 2021.**

[Read more](#)

Publication Grant Scheme

CRC's Publication Grant Scheme is open.

It aims to encourage the

production and dissemination of publications that contribute to better community relations in Northern Ireland

Deadline: **15 January 2021.**



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Shared History Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is distributing a total of £1 million through the Shared History Fund to organisation's marking the forthcoming centenary.

Deadline: **15 January 2021.**

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VCSE Covid Recovery Fund

The VCSE Covid-19 Recovery Fund is now open for applications up to £5,000 for voluntary, community or social economy organisations.

Deadline: **11 December 2020.**



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National Lottery Funding

The National Lottery have several funding schemes open with grants awarded from £3,000 and upwards.

Including a Heritage Recovery Fund and more.

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CR/CD Case Study

SMALL GRANTS CASE STUDY



PROGRAMME	CR/CD Small Grants Scheme
ORGANISATION	Guardians of the Flame
PROJECT NAME	Film screening plus Q&A
LOCATION	Portadown & Coleraine
COUNCIL AREA	ABC Borough Council

Our CR/CD Small Grants Scheme has helped to fund and support a wide range of innovative projects. We've developed a series of case studies to highlight the amazing work being done around Peacebuilding and Good Relations.

This month we've highlighted a project by Guardians of the Flame, an organisation that exists to transform conflict and prevent violence by promoting values of peace and reconciliation.

They used the screening of their film and Q&A sessions to explore the role tribal religion has played in fuelling sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

[Read more](#)

GR Week Archive



Even though Good Relations Week 2020 has finished, there's still a wealth of amazing content available all year round for you to peruse at your leisure. We'll be taking the time over the coming months to highlight particular pieces that we think merit revisiting.

This month we delve into a fantastic offering from Youth Initiatives who are

core funded by the Community Relations Council.

Tellyscope

Tellyscope is a youth arts performance showcasing the work of participants of Crosslinks, a cross community good relations project.

Tellyscope highlights the events of 2019 through the eyes of young people.

[View GR Week archive](#)

Good Relations Week Best of



Watch our "best of" video to see the highlights of this year's Good Relations Week, and to also hear a message of support from the Junior Ministers at Stormont.

[Read more](#)

Monthly News

We support and fund a wide range of organisations and projects that promote community relations work.

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

In this section, you can find the following:

- A virtual reality game show with CRC staff members
- 20th Anniversary of IFA's Football For All campaign on tackling sectarianism
- An interview with CRC Board Member Rory Campbell.

Would I Lie to All of You ContactVirt Project



The Community Relations Council, in association with Queen's University Belfast, participated in a virtual reality project.

Organised by Dr Salvador Alvidrez, who helped research the project with CRC, it allowed CRC staff to participate in a gameshow entitled Would I Lie to All of You.

The event provided a great example of how VR can bring communities together in Northern Ireland.

[Read more](#)

IFA Football For All 20th anniversary



Michael Boyd of the Irish Football Association – who are core funded by CRC – was interviewed by Sky Sports for the 20th anniversary of their Football For All campaign on tackling sectarianism.

The Irish FA's Football For All campaign focuses on tackling sectarianism at Northern Ireland international games, and for the 20th anniversary Michael Boyd took time to reflect on all that has been achieved.

Before the launch of the Football For All campaign, Michael recalled: “We were struggling to get a sponsor for the kit because the image of NI football was so bad.”

Issues of sectarianism and racism in the Windsor Park stands needed to be addressed and changed for the better.

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CRC Board Interview

Rory Campbell



We've recorded a series of interviews with our Board Members to introduce them and their work, and to find out more about who they are.

This month we're featuring an interview with Rory Campbell.

Rory is a tech and commercial lawyer with Forde Campbell, a law firm he set up in 2007. He has been advising the public sector, social housing providers and charities on corporate governance since 1994.

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Upcoming Events

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

- Single identity Programme - Mediate NI January 2021 Course
- Conflict Management and Mediation Skills - Mediate NI January 2021 Courses
- Re-imagine your neighbourhood with Amplify NI toolkits

- Anti-Bullying resources from Unite Against Hate and Kidscape
- Join the PeacePlayers Leadership Development Programme for ages 15-18
- Public Theology Course by Dr Johnston McMaster and hosted by Drumalis on Zoom
- Spanner in the Works Theatre Company wish to bring the play Buttercup to your school, group or community – free of charge!
- World of Words is a new online diversity programme using the medium of storytelling to explore traditional folklore myths

Sky You Are Too Big



International artists – who have made their home in Northern Ireland – will come together for a special showcase on International Migrants Day 2020.

The event is funded through the CR/CD Small Grants Scheme from the Community Relations Council.

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T:BUC Camps

The T:BUC Camps Programme 2021/22 is now open for applications.

The T:BUC Camps Programme provides funding to groups to deliver cross-community programmes to young people aged 11-19 years old.

Information sessions are available from TEO and the



Education to provide further details about the Programme.

[Read more](#)

T:BUC Engagement Forum



The next T:BUC Engagement Forum is taking place on **19 January 2021** and will be delivered online.

The theme is "Shared Space."

Further details to follow, with registration opening soon. For more information contact Paul Killen below.

[Contact Paul about T:BUC](#)

Submissions

Have you got an amazing story or case study that would make a great fit for our next monthly newsletter?

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