



Good Relations Update



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Welcome To The Good Relations Monthly Update

This online publication is intended to raise awareness of Good Relations work and projects that are happening in the Development Department and throughout the Borough. We hope that you enjoy this publication and look forward to hearing any comments or feedback. Should you require any more information about any of the stories or features in this update do not hesitate to contact Louise McCrory, Good Relations Officer on 028 3831 2490, email

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Successful Good Relations Training for Community Representatives

Civic leadership, cultural difference and diversity in the local community are just a few of the hot topics discussed at a recent Good Relations training course for community volunteers across the Borough.

Organised by Craigavon Borough Council's Development Department, the training course facilitated 16 participants from a wide range of community groups and organisations throughout Craigavon to explore vital good relation issues and see how they relate to their own community and work. The training will help equip the volunteers to actively promote and implement good relation strategies and projects within their neighbourhood and educate people on a wide variety of good relations issues.

Chair of the Development Committee, Alderman Sydney Anderson comments; "I am delighted to see community representatives volunteering for this valuable training. People working on the ground within the community are crucial for a better society and their work is extremely valued by Council. This training will help support them in their role and promote the Borough's rich cultural diversity."

He adds; "Over the past year almost 60 community representatives and volunteers have undertaken accredited good relations training facilitated by Craigavon Borough Council. This training will help build a brighter future between different cultures throughout the Borough and encourage people to embrace diversity."

Good Relations within the Development Department receives financial support from the Community Relations Unit, in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

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Colin Craig and Billy Robinson of Tides Training and Consultancy and Marian Fitzpatrick Good Relations Support Officer, Craigavon Borough Council, with the participants who took part in a residential Good Relations training programme for community and voluntary group representatives in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle. The programme was organised by Craigavon Borough Council's Development Department.



Colin Craig and Billy Robinson of Tides Training and Consultancy, Louise McCrory, Craigavon Borough Council Good Relations Officer, Marian Fitzpatrick, Craigavon Borough Council Good Relations Support Officer, Carolina Aguinaga, Craigavon Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, and Lexi Davidson, Avenue Road Residents' Association, Lurgan.



Colin Craig of Tides Training and Consultancy facilitating at the recent Good Relations and Civic Leadership residential training course for community and voluntary group representatives

High Performing Communities Conference for Youth Providers Launched

A conference focusing on an innovative youth engagement model from California is to be hosted on 4th November for all youth providers and community groups within the Craigavon, Armagh, Banbridge, Newry and Mourne, Louth and Monaghan council regions.

The conference event entitled 'High Performing Communities' is being held in the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown, as part of the Investing in Our Future priority - one of seven priorities outlined in the Beyond Tolerance Strategy, funded by the EU's PEACE III Programme.

The cross community conference which hopes to attract over 100 attendees, is being coordinated by the Investing in Our Future Programme on behalf of the Southern Cluster Partnership which represents Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon and Newry and Mourne, Louth and Monaghan Council regions.

Investing in Our Future Programme Coordinator Emma O'Carroll explains: "The aim of this priority is to improve inter community and intergenerational understanding and relationships, focusing on interface areas. Youth have been identified as one of the main beneficiaries and this is why we wanted to organise this conference to communicate directly with youth providers.

"Leading on from this, we will also be hosting a cross border Youth Conference for age 16+ on Saturday 4th December in the Carrickdale Hotel, Co Louth. This event will tackle issues that directly affect the young people in our Cluster communities."

It is anticipated that issues and ideas from the first Conference event will inform the second Youth Conference event on 4th December and will form the basis of workshops and learning forums for the young participants.

Key speaker at the November Conference for youth providers is California based consultant Iris Archuleta who will talk about the Youth Intervention Network project in Antioch, CA, and the 'Building High Performing Communities' model she has developed.

This innovative model offers outcome driven strategies for engaging and intervening into the lives of young people and addressing areas of tension. Iris is a consultant with Emerald Consulting and a former Police Crime Prevention Commissioner.

Joint Chair of the Southern Cluster Cllr Charlie Casey and Dr James McCammick welcomed the announcement of the events which will focus on engaging youth as active participants in our communities.

"Some of the issues raised through these conferences will provide valuable information for

supporting our connections with young people and developing the right platforms to support engagement, intervention and help them becoming key contributors to successful 'high performing communities' in Northern Ireland," Cllr Casey said at the launch.

To register your interest in attending log onto <http://www.macpr.co.uk/events> or call 028 4173 9017.



Investing in Our Future Programme Coordinator Emma O'Carroll with Southern Cluster Joint Chair Cllr Charlie Casey.



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Investing in Our Future Programme Coordinator Emma O'Carroll with Southern Cluster Joint Chair Cllr Charlie Casey and youth providers Stephen McNally, Clan Eireann and Brenton English, YMCA, Lurgan FRONT pictured with Sean Hyndman, Aine Hoye, Sarah Henderson and Daniel Conway from Lurgan.

Good Relations Training for Town Hall and Community Centre Managers

Contentious cultural issues, prejudice & discrimination were all top of the agenda at a recent good relations training course for local Town Hall and Community Centre Managers.

Organised by Craigavon Borough Council's Development Department, the training aimed to help Managers explore vital good relation issues, better equip them to identify and address these issues at a local level and promote diversity and interdependence as key areas in their daily work.

Hot topics discussed at the training course included culture & tradition, identity, prejudice, tacit cultures and current legislative frameworks from Government.

Chair of the Development Committee, Alderman Sydney Anderson comments; "Council is committed to promoting and developing positive relationships using an integrated community development approach to foster good relations. This training will not only help Community Centre and Town Hall Managers promote and better understand good relation issues but also equip them with the practical tools they need to deal with contentious issues and any problems which may arise."

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Pictured at the training held in Portadown Town Hall were (front from left) Stephen Black, Brownstown Community Centre; Louise McCrory, Good Relations Officer; Alderman Sydney Anderson, Chair of the Development Committee and Gillian McAllister, Watson Centre and Killicomaine Community Centre. (Second Row from left) Kate Freeburn, Lurgan Town Hall; Shona Bell of Tides Training; Donna McConville, Ardowen Community Centre and Violet Johnston, Portadown Town Hall. (Third Row from left) Louis McCann, Ashgrove Community Centre; Colin Craig of Tides Training and Karen Callaghan, North Lurgan Community Centre. (Back Row from left) Catherine Magennis, Moyraverty Community Centre; Lynda Mark, Mourneview and Avenue Road Community Centres and Cathy Roberts, Senior Playworker

Race Equality Month – November 2010

Race Equality Month has developed from Anti-Racist Workplace Week which the Equality Commission has been running since 2004.

It provides a platform to make individuals from a black or minority ethnic background aware of their rights and remind employers and service providers of their responsibilities under the Race Relations Order. It is also an opportunity to share best practice and demonstrate a commitment to race equality.

Log on to the Equality Commission's website www.equalityni.org for more information. Literature to promote Race Equality Month within your organisation is available for downloading from this website.

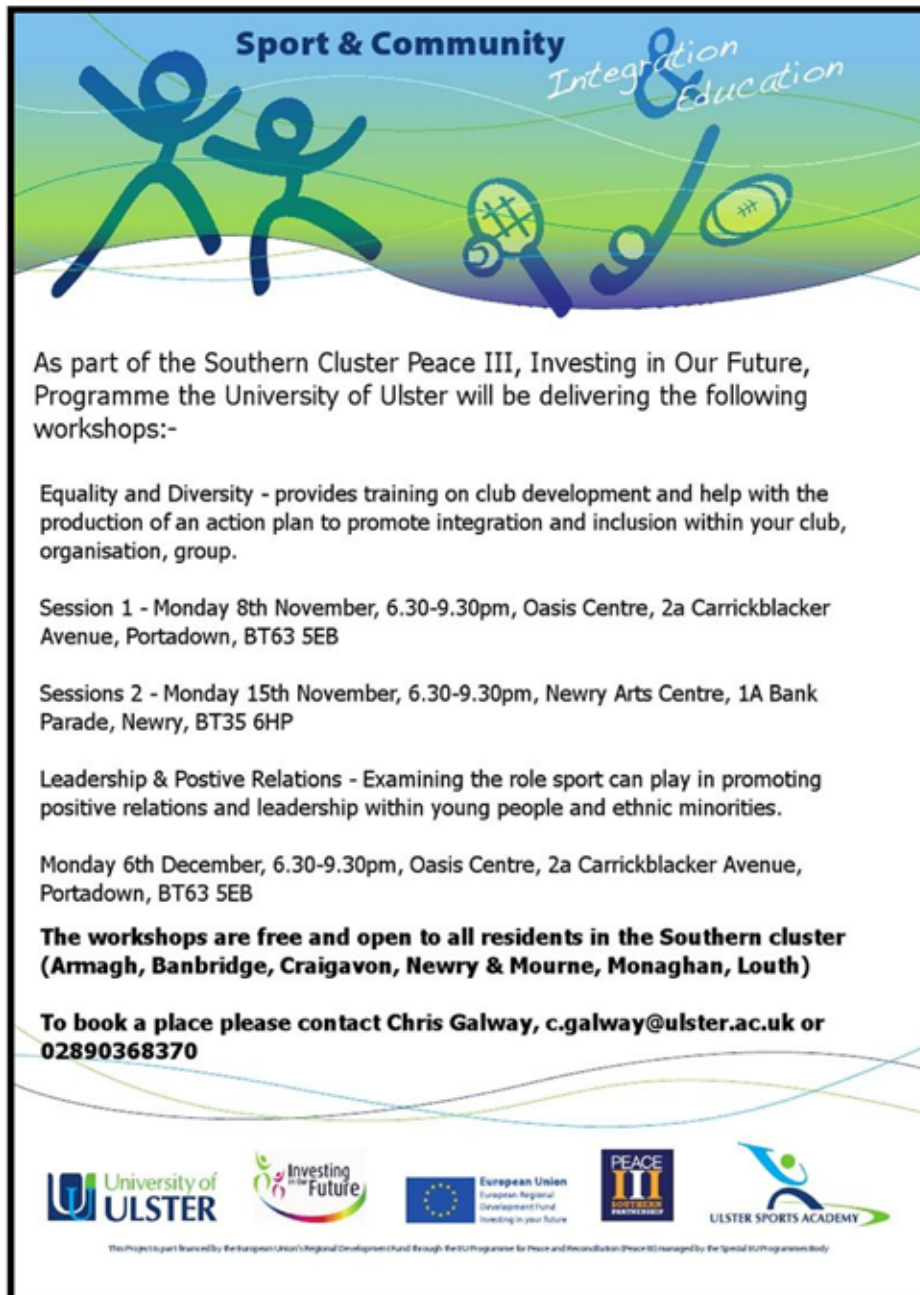
Traveller Focus Week 2010 – 29th November – 3rd December

An event will take place on Thursday 2nd December 2010 in the Craigavon area to mark Traveller Focus Week 2010. Good Relations are working along with Arts Development and other relevant agencies, including Craigavon Travellers Support Group and PEACE III Challenge of Change, to co-ordinate this event, which will focus on traditional skills such as dressmaking and blacksmithing, and a puppetry workshop for children.

This event will complement a wide range of events which are taking place throughout Northern Ireland during the week. For more information contact the Equality Commission on 028 90 500 600, email: information@equalityni.org , or log on to the Commission's website www.equalityni.org

Sport and Good Relations Workshops

Click the following link to view the Sport and Good Relations Workshops flyer.
http://clients.bniproducts.co.uk/good_relations/newsletter8/images/sgr.jpg



Sport & Community *Integration & Education*

As part of the Southern Cluster Peace III, Investing in Our Future, Programme the University of Ulster will be delivering the following workshops:-

Equality and Diversity - provides training on club development and help with the production of an action plan to promote integration and inclusion within your club, organisation, group.

Session 1 - Monday 8th November, 6.30-9.30pm, Oasis Centre, 2a Carrickblacker Avenue, Portadown, BT63 5EB






Sessions 2 - Monday 15th November, 6.30-9.30pm, Newry Arts Centre, 1A Bank Parade, Newry, BT35 6HP

Leadership & Postive Relations - Examining the role sport can play in promoting positive relations and leadership within young people and ethnic minorities.

Monday 6th December, 6.30-9.30pm, Oasis Centre, 2a Carrickblacker Avenue, Portadown, BT63 5EB

The workshops are free and open to all residents in the Southern cluster (Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Newry & Mourne, Monaghan, Louth)

To book a place please contact Chris Galway, c.galway@ulster.ac.uk or 02890368370

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"To promote, develop and foster relationships within the Borough using an integrated Community Development approach."

