



# 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 have 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 [louise.mccrory@craigavon.gov.uk](mailto:louise.mccrory@craigavon.gov.uk) or Marian Fitzpatrick, Good Relations Support Officer, on 028 3831 3605, email [marian.fitzpatrick@craigavon.gov.uk](mailto:marian.fitzpatrick@craigavon.gov.uk)

## Good Relations Presentation Evening

Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre will be the venue for a Good Relations Presentation Evening on Thursday 1st July 2010 at 7.00pm. Individuals attending the event will have the opportunity to network and hear about the good work being carried out by community organisations across the Borough.

This event will include a presentation of Good Relations Small Grants cheques to successful community organisations who applied to the 2010/11 Good Relations Small Grants Programme. In addition, participants who completed Good Relations OCN Level II training successfully in January 2010 will be presented with their certificates.

Local community organisations will have the opportunity to showcase their work during the evening, including good relations projects which have taken place over the past year. The evening will also provide a platform to raise an awareness of the diversity of society, by incorporating music and dance from different cultures.

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## Lurgan Town Project Celebration

The Southern Education Library Board Youth Service and Craigavon Borough Council celebrated the start of Community Relations Week by hosting an event on Monday 26th April 2010 to honour and celebrate the role of Lurgan Town Collaborative Youth Project, and the contribution of young people and youth organisations to building a shared and better future in Lurgan. It was a very successful night with an excellent turnout from a wide variety of organisations and young people showcasing their artistic endeavours towards a shared and better future for Lurgan.



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Nicola Lane, Head of Community Development, Craigavon Borough Council gave everyone a warm welcome and outlined the role of the Council in promoting Good Relations. Gerard Doran, Head of Youth Services, SELB highlighted the crucial and valuable contribution that youth work has made to a shared and inclusive society and introduced the theme of Community Relations Week, 'A shared future for the next generation'. He particularly welcomed the participation of young people in setting their own agenda and giving adults the opportunity to listen to their views and experiences through their presentations.

The floor was then handed over to the young people from four youth organisations who gave the audience an insight into the community relations issues effecting young people in the town.

Young people from Lurgan Youth Annexe's launched their DVD Media Presentation. Clann Eireann launched their Art Presentation and Youth Reach / Links Projects exhibited a 3D Model of Lurgan Town. The Lurgan YMCA showcased the work of their organisation. Issues of segregation, fear, alcohol, control over young people and anti social behaviour where among the issues raised.

The Lurgan SPADE Project Diary Room DVD footage was launched on the evening. This was a very reflective and thought provoking DVD, which demonstrated the commitment and courage of youth workers to peace building and this DVD was an example of leadership, commitment and courage. Representatives from 11 youth providers where represented through this DVD including Taghneven Youth centre, The Foyer Mount Zion and High Street Methodist.

The evening was brought to a close by Philip Weir, former Deputy Mayor, Craigavon Borough

Council, who thanked everyone for attending and welcomed the partnership approach to building good relations. He thanked the young people and youth workers for their creativity and thought provoking presentations.

The event was hosted by Good Relations within the Development Department of Craigavon Borough Council, which receives financial support from Community Relations Unit, in the Office of the First Minister Deputy First Minister.



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## The Southern PEACE III Partnership – An Overview

The Southern PEACE III Partnership is the delivery mechanism for Theme 1.1 of Priority 1 of the PEACE III Programme in the council cluster of Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon and Newry and Mourne. Theme 1.1 – Building Positive Relations at Local Level aims to challenge attitudes towards sectarianism and racism and to support conflict resolution and mediation at the local level.

The Southern PEACE III Partnership has developed a strategic plan ‘[Beyond Tolerance](#)’ which will contribute to the objectives of the PEACE III Programme by promoting attitudinal and behavioural change among the residents of the area, ultimately leading to a more peaceful and stable society. Within the strategic plan a number of individual programmes have been developed, which will be implemented across the Southern area and border areas of Counties Louth and Monaghan:

- Challenge of Change
- Good Relations Forums
- Alternative Focus
- Small Grants Programme
- Investing in Our Future
- Encouraging Civic Leadership through Community Engagement on Reconciliation
- Celebrating Communities & Cultures

Craigavon Borough Council is the delivery agent for the Investing in Our Future programme. This programme focuses on young people with an overall aim ‘To improve inter community and intergenerational understanding and relationships, focusing on interface areas’. The objectives of the Investing in Our Future programme will be delivered through 4 programmes;

- A Consortia programme
- A Training and Development programme
- A Creative Young People’s programme
- A Creative Drama/Art programme
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Activities will include workshops, conferences, residentials, dance, sport, training programmes, art activities, mentoring, seminars and music workshops. Forthcoming events under this programme include The Future Builders Launch which is profiled separately in this update.

Further information on the Partnership and the individual programmes can be found on Southern Peace III Partnership website [www.southernpartnership.com](http://www.southernpartnership.com).

## The Future Builders Launch – Youth are the Future

**Wednesday 30 June 2010, 7.00pm, Armagh Market Place Theatre**

Investing in Our Future is a PEACE III funded initiative which aims to develop the skills and leadership of young people so that they can build more integrated and peaceful communities across the Southern Cluster area; that is the Craigavon, Armagh, Newry and Banbridge Council areas. The Southern PEACE III Cluster which manages the European Union funded PEACE III Programme across these four Council areas engaged the Future Builders Consortium to provide a number of exciting skills and personal development opportunities for people in the Southern area.

The Investing in Our Future Initiative will launch three Programmes called Embark, Empower and Express on the 30th June 2010 at 7pm in the Armagh Market Place.

These Programmes will provide young people with an opportunity to work together, develop their skills and express themselves thus helping to develop their personal leadership and team working capabilities so that they can be the architects of their future.

The Future Builders Consortium brings together a range of experienced youth, leadership and creativity organisations including Northern Ireland Youth Forum, BNL Productions, Making Music Workshop, Copius Consulting and the Venturei Network.

Howard Keery, Director of the Joint Secretariat, Special EU Programmes Body, stated that, 'We are all aware that young people are the future of our society. The Southern PEACE III Cluster is making a significant investment of EU monies in the Investing in Our Future Programme in order to leave our young people best placed to build a shared future and society across the Southern Cluster area'

The launch event is a multimedia and creativity event providing young people interested in the Programmes with an opportunity to come along, meet the people involved and try their hand at dance, music, arts and film.

Any community organisation, youth organisation or people involved in youthwork are encouraged to link young people in the Southern Cluster area with this exciting and innovative Programme. If you are interested in attending the launch event please visit the following website in order to obtain further information; [www.thefuturebuilders.co.uk](http://www.thefuturebuilders.co.uk)

## Awards for Bridging Cultures 2010

In 2008, the Institute of Community Cohesion (iCoCo) launched the Awards for Bridging Cultures (ABCs). Funded by the Baring Foundation, the ABCs reward grassroots projects, run by community and voluntary organisations, that help to build bridges between communities and cultures. They also reward private and public sector organisations that support this work by funding or initiating projects.

The ABCs received a number of submissions from Northern Ireland to the 2009 ABCs. An initiative targeting young children to deal with the legacy of sectarianism was a joint winner. A project working to move men away from politically motivated violence was commended.

Commended projects and schemes and overall winners receive a trophy and a cash prize or a certificate.

The application process is short and simple. Interested organisations can visit [www.bridgingcultures.org.uk](http://www.bridgingcultures.org.uk)

For help and advice call the ABCs team on 024 7679 5768 or email [awards@bridgingcultures.org.uk](mailto:awards@bridgingcultures.org.uk)

Deadline for applications: **5pm on Monday 13th September 2010**



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

