



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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International Sport and Good Relations Conference in Craigavon

An international conference looking at how sport can effectively be used to develop good relations and build bridges throughout local communities was recently held at Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre.

The event attracted representatives from the sporting community throughout the six council areas of the Southern area. Four high profile speakers from the world of sport – Adi Birrell former Ireland cricket coach, Dr Eugene Young Director of Coaching at the Ulster Council of GAA, David White of Concept Eleven and Trevor Ringland former Irish and British Lions rugby player - delivered presentations on how sport can be used as a tool to build bridges between communities, promote social inclusion, tackle racism and help eradicate sectarianism. They also focused on social engagement, integration, building trust and diversity.

The event was part of the PEACE III Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body and delivered by the Southern PEACE III Partnership, through the Investing in our Future Priority.

Craigavon Borough Council is the delivery agent for the Investing in our Future Priority. For more information contact Emma O'Carroll, Programme Co-ordinator, telephone 028 3831 2492, email emma.o'carroll@craigavon.gov.uk



Emma O'Carroll, Investing In Our Future Programme Co-ordinator, Craigavon Borough Council, pictured with Dr Eugene Young and Trevor Ringland, two of the guest speakers at the conference.



Presenter Claire McCollum, conference compere, and conference attendees pictured with the European Cup.

Public Consultation on the Cohesion, Sharing and Integration Report

The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM), are currently carrying out a public consultation exercise on the Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration (CSI). OFMDFM state that the aim of CSI is 'to bring about real changes for people and places across our society. To build a strong community where everyone, regardless of race, colour, religious or political opinion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation can live, work and socialise in a context of fairness, equality, rights, responsibilities and respect'.

The consultation period formally opened on Tuesday 27th July and will run until the end of October 2010. A series of public meetings will be held throughout the month of September. A full schedule of the public meetings can be accessed from the link below.

Copies of the Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration can be obtained online via the OFMDFM website www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk

Direct link: www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/community-relations/content-equality-newpage-csi.htm

Good Relations Accredited Training

As part of its ongoing training programme, Good Relations within Craigavon Borough Council's Development Department provides free Good Relations accredited training to anyone over the age of 18 years who lives in the Borough, or works in the Community/Voluntary sector throughout the Borough. Feedback from previous participants highlights that this training is easily accessible and informative within an informal setting.

Information has been circulated to local community and voluntary organisations about two accredited OCN Level II courses which will be taking place in October and November 2010, and both courses are now fully booked. The Good Relations and Civic Leadership course will facilitate individuals to explore Good Relations issues and how these relate to their own community and their work. New to our training programme is the Working with Contentious Cultural Issues course, which will facilitate individuals to understand the meaning of culture and tradition, with a focus on identity, cultural expression and cultural differences.

Should you wish to register your interest for future courses please contact Marian Fitzpatrick, Good Relations Support Officer, on 028 3831 3605, email marian.fitzpatrick@craigavon.gov.uk

Investing In Our Future Update

Film & Drama Workshops for Young People

Under the Investing In Our Future Priority, the Future Builders Consortium are currently recruiting young people to take part in Film and Drama workshops. More details are available on the Future Builders website. Click on the following link to access the registration section: http://www.thefuturebuilders.co.uk/signup_workshop.php

Craigavon Borough Council is the delivery agent for the Investing in Our Future Priority, which focuses on young people with an overall aim 'To improve inter community and intergenerational understanding and relationships, focusing on interface areas'. The Priority is funded by the European Union's PEACE III Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body and delivered by the Southern PEACE III Partnership.

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Community Engagement Priority Training Programme

The Community Engagement Priority is funded by the European Union's PEACE III Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body, and is being delivered by Banbridge District Council.

For more information about the Priority, and to access the Community Engagement Priority's Training Programme for September – December 2010, click on the following link:

<http://www.southernpartnership.com/peace-iii-community-engagement-priority-training-calendar>

Traveller Focus Week 2010

Traveller Focus Week 2010 will take place from Monday 29th November until Friday 3rd December. A wide range of events will take 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 at www.equalityni.org

Last year Craigavon Borough Council hosted a very successful Southern area event and this year plans are underway for additional events in the Borough during Traveller Focus Week.

NI Rural Development Council Launch New Integrating Communities Programme

The NI Rural Development Council (RDC) has announced the opening of a new Integrating Communities programme, following on from the success of the initial programme which ran from Feb 2008 until June 2010. Details are available on a factsheet which has been produced by RDC and is available from the RDC website www.rdc.org.uk

RDC advises all potential applicants to read the factsheet carefully. For further information and/or advice on applying contact Yvonne Breen or John Kelly at RDC on 028 8676 6980.

This project has received financial support from the Community Relations Unit, OFMDFM



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

