

SSGT Supporting Intercommunity Practice & Activism

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1	Artillery Youth Services	Harry Murphy	artilleryyc@hotmail.co.uk	Cross Community Youth Leadership Programme	Belfast
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Youth Leadership Programme

Artillery Youth Centre

Artillery Youth Centre will deliver a year-long programme that develops the skills, capacity and social capital of **young leaders** from across the divide in North Belfast. Participants will undertake accredited training; will gain valuable work experience and be exposed to a range of ideas that will challenge their values and build their capacity to work together within and between communities.

In particular the young leaders will:

- Complete an OCN level 2 in Community Youth Work
- Participate in two residentials over the year
- Undertake community projects designed and delivered by their peers
- Work collaboratively across communities in North Belfast
- Volunteer a minimum of 6 hours per week
- Plan and deliver a cross community workshop to identify issues facing young people in North Belfast and complete visits across the divide.

These young leaders will be drawn from those young people who have influence amongst their peers. They will come from a range of backgrounds but have also demonstrated the capacity to play a positive role in their communities. The programme will build on this capacity and develop new skills, support community action and develop links amongst at risk young people across the divide.

2	Ballybeen Women's Centre	Tanya Hughes	thughesbwc@yahoo.co.uk	Enable BWC to design and develop a collaborative Initiative	Belfast
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Ballybeen Women's Centre will design and develop a collaborative initiative with Footprints Women's Centre aimed at improving the confidence of women, promoting active citizenship, building capacity within local communities and progressing peace and reconciliation on a cross community basis.

BWC will develop and deliver a range of programmes and initiatives that:

- Empower women to participate in community leadership to promote peace building within and between communities
- Promote social inclusion
- Focus on what communities have in common alongside a recognition of the value of diversity
- Forge lasting relationships between individuals and families from dissimilar communities
- Challenge attitudes to sectarianism and racism
- Celebrate culture and identity

This project will create a space for shared learning and dialogue, a place where participants can gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of their own and others culture, history and identity.

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3	Community Intercultural Programme (Oasis Youth)	Gordon Woolsey	Gordon.woolsey@cipni.com	Community Relations Programme	Armagh
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Oasis will deliver a 2 year cross community project taking 40 Young people on a year long journey of Engagement, Education and Empowerment.

The initial phase will seek to **Engage** with the team and develop dynamics by a series of recreational activities, outdoor pursuits and workshops.

Following this the young people will move on to a phase of **Education** which will be delivered in both single and multi-identity group, receiving training in areas around Self Identity, Cultural Diversity, Dispelling Myths, Overcoming Prejudice before moving on to an accredited qualification in either Good Relations, Youth Leadership or Conflict Resolution.

The final phase of the year long project will be focused on a social action programme. The **Empower** element will create an opportunity for young people to engage in a community event delivered in contentious area, which will seek to demonstrate a model of good practice, by people from diverse backgrounds working together for the benefit of all citizens. Although the social action projects will be youth led examples of what have been suggested are:

- Community clean ups along interface areas.
- Good Relations Graffiti Projects.
- Fundraising activities and support for homeless.

We anticipate that the above programme:

- Give young people a better understanding of different identities.
- Improved attitudes towards diverse communities and increased friendships.
- Improved community cohesion across interface areas.

4	Quaker Service	Rory Doherty	Rory.doherty@quakerservice.com	Youth Storytelling Project and campaign around 20yr anniversary of Good Friday Agreement	Belfast
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Quaker Service seeks to serve the most vulnerable in our communities who society has often marginalised or sought to forget. Friends' testimonies of honesty, simplicity, equality and peace are infused through every aspect of our charity, steering all we do. In its simplest terms, our charity seeks to *make love visible* in the lives of those from whom it's often absent.

This **campaign for change** project builds on the holistic family support services offered at Quaker Cottage. Coinciding with the 20-year anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, our teenagers will work in partnership with ESC and Homeplus to deliver a two-year project with approximately 8 families living within North/West Belfast.

In the first part, film, photography, storytelling, poetry and art will be used to document life in these neighbourhoods over the past 20 years, illustrating personal experiences of growing up within North and West Belfast. The second part will link this initial storytelling element with the campaign for change, *20 years on from 'The Good Friday Agreement'*. Our teenage Youth Panel will help to lead this campaign using a docufilm resource co-produced with ESC. These young people, from the margins of our society, will be given the voice to speak truth to power, candidly sharing what they have learned with politicians and others in strategic decision-making capacities and what they hope for and envisage for their shared future.

5	REACH Across	Barney McGuigan	reach_across@hotmail.com	Programme of cross-community activities with youth and schools	Derry
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We would like to provide a twin-track project that would benefit young people, primarily from the informal sector, but also from the formal sector to maximise accessibility to the project. The project would be a cross-community programme of non-accredited good relations courses, education visits, social awareness workshops and development residentials. The project will also offer several accredited courses, so that here is tangible outputs resulting from the programme of events.

Oct–Dec Good Relations, Citizenship & Leadership Courses

Jan–Feb Education Visits, Teacher/Youth Worker Sessions

Mar–Apr Development Residentials

May Social Awareness Workshops

July – Aug Summer Programme (Various Funders)

The Good Relations and Leadership courses will include modules on cultural traditions, symbols, politics, shared future proposals etc.

The PeaceLine education visits will allow participants to observe the consequences of conflict and division.

The residentials will allow participants to maintain contact through informal workshops and activities and to develop leadership skills during self-catering duties and team-building sessions.

The social awareness workshops will allow participants to hear personal stories of sectarianism or prejudice and the RADAR Centre workshop will promote personal and community safety.

6	Rural Community Network	Kate Clifford	kate@ruralcommunitynetwork.org	Two year programme working with 4 different Women's Groups	Belfast
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The WREN project

Women's Rural Empowerment Network

RCN alongside three other partner organisations (REACT, Building Communities Resource Centre and NIRWN) will engage in a two year programme working with 4 different women's groups /individuals from rural areas in 4 different geographic locations across rural Northern Ireland.

The purpose of this project will be to build the capacity and empower women in rural communities to be active participants in building peace at a local level.

We recognise opportunities for women in rural communities to take part in building peace and training programmes is very limited and we want to address this directly. We also know there are a number of active women who are working hard in their localities to make a difference but they are doing this and are largely unconnected or supported by others in the work they are doing. We want to change this.

Some of these groups will be single identity in nature due to the where they are sited, some are cross community, however we would like to engage these groups of women/individuals in a piece of work which would involve workshops on self-esteem, confidence building, assertiveness, relationship building, community safety and community awareness, community development practices, social justice issues, inter and intra community issues as well as best practice visits, guest speakers and a residential based programme where women would come together to engage, connect to each other in a supportive way, network, learn, reflect and discuss.

The programme would use a wide range of creative methods to engage the women using a holistic approach to upskilling them for future work in their areas.

Key to this is that at the end of the programme we aim to bring all 4 areas together for a final residential so the women who have taken part can collaborate, learn from each other and build their own support networks.

7	WRDA – Women’s Resource & Development Agency	Anne McVicker	anne.mcvicker@wrda.net	North Belfast women’s Voices Action Project	Belfast
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WRDA carried out research earlier this year - Exploring Identity, Culture and the Future with 5 women’s groups from North Belfast. The report made 5 key recommendations and this project will enable WRDA to continue to work with these groups and take these recommendations forward. The recommendations cover issues that the women believe are required to move their communities forward in terms of dealing with paramilitaries, funding for work with women, flags disputes, political leadership and housing. WRDA will support the groups to be active agents of change on these issues. This project titled North Belfast Women’s Voices Action Project will commence with a residential bringing the five groups of 40-50 women together to reflect on the research and discuss how this work can be taken forward highlighting opportunities & threats for the implementation of the recommendations.

A training programme will be designed & developed to address the personal, community and structural barriers to the implementation of the recommendations and this will be followed by a second residential to share the learning and agree a Women’s Charter for Action. All of this work will be informed through the Toolkit on women, peace and security which clearly sets out the actions required by government & decision makers to enhance the protection of women’s human rights and advance gender equality as central to building sustainable peace and transformative community development.

8	Youth Initiatives	Siobhán Darragh	siobhan@youthinitiatives.com	Living beyond Sectarianism	Belfast
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The Youth Initiatives “Living beyond sectarianism” project will bring together young people aged 15 to 20 from West Belfast and East Belfast in on-going good relations through volunteering, leadership development and youth community activities. The activities will involve single identity work in youth community programmes, mentoring and leading programmes for younger teens, coming together across East and West Belfast for joint leadership training and good relations residential weekends and activity days. Participants will experience hands on learning through leading outreach summer schemes for local 11-14 year olds and a cross community summer camp.

Over the next two years we aim to raise up leaders from divided social needs areas of Belfast, bringing them together in youth leadership training to have a common experience of inform education together, equipping them to be leaders in a future without sectarianism. Young people through a common cause will contribute to their own communities with the hope of impacting a new Northern Ireland. After two years of contributing to positive community building and on-going inter-community relationships across Northern Ireland’s divides, participants will have built lasting relationships with a vision of working together to build a shared society.

9 **Carson Project** **Cyril Rainey** ronda.carsonproject@yahoo.com **Deeper Dialogue** **Ballymena**

Deeper Dialogue – Carson Project

Over the next two years the Carson Project will engage with a number of groups within the greater Ballymena area. These workshops and site visits will examine the legacy of the conflict in Northern Ireland but also within the workings of the programme the Carson Project will organise events examining conflicts in a global context and what lessons can be drawn from these conflicts. The examination of these conflicts will be facilitated through the delivery of experiences of individuals who had been involved in these conflicts.

The programme will also enable participants to visit groups who are engaged in peace-building activities across Northern Ireland. These visits will also help to develop relationships between groups. This programme will help develop groups and individuals capacity and in the second year of the programme dialogue and discussion will take place between groups co-ordinated by the Carson Project and the Leafair Community Association. The outcomes of these joint events will be captured and recorded in pamphlet or booklet form and these documents will be used by other communities and groups to explore the difficult and contentious issues.

10 **EALU** **Frankie Quinn** ealu@mail.com **Civic Dialogue and Peacebuilding Programme** **Dungannon**

EALU ST STEPHEN'S GREEN TRUST PROJECT INCEPTION REPORT

Ealu have begun preparatory work on their St Stephen's Green Trust Project. Key individuals / organisations are being invited on to the Strategic Steering Group and Advisory Panel. The Ealu Coordinator and Committee have met to assess the feasibility of target dates and venues across the strands of activity identified by the Project and an Operational Plan is being drawn up. Our target activity strands are: i) Strategic Steering Group & Advisory Panel; ii) Youth & Women; iii) Ex-Prisoners & minorities; iv) Civic dialogue & social justice activity (wider community)

The Project has been developing networked links with a range of community organisations and area-based activists who have an interest in participating in the Project. We anticipate spend to commence in October. In terms of delivering a schedule of activities we have drawn up the following Operational Plan covering the remainder of 2017.

Activity	September	October	November	December
Ealu Committee Meeting	2 meetings re Operational Plan & Partners	2 meetings re Operational Plan & Networking & Implementation	2 meetings re Implementation	1 meetings re Implementation
Steering Committee & Advisory Panel	1 Inception Meeting	1 Strategic Steering Meeting	1 Review meeting	1 Review and Evaluation meeting
Youth Media Training		1 Day session		
Women's Media Training			1 Day session	
Cultural / Educational Study Visit			1 Day Study Visit	
Social Justice & Power Analysis		Inception meeting with trainers	1 Social Justice & Power Analysis session	1 Social Justice & Power Analysis session
Civic Dialogue Conference Event		1 Planning and coordination meeting		1 Conference Event
BME & Minorities Event		Inception meeting and building partnerships & ownership	1 Networking event	
SSGT		SSGT Conference, Belfast 27 Oct.		