

<b>Good Relations Leadership Programme</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2016</b>
<b>To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
<b>Outcome</b>	Stable and Cohesive Communities
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Julie Welsh – Head of Community and Culture
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

**The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the Good Relations Leadership Programme.**

### **Good Relations Leadership Programme**

As part of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Good Relations programme, supported through OFMDFM, up to 10 places will be available to Councillors to participate in a 'Challenging Prejudice through Leadership Programme' to be delivered during September / October 2016.

### **Background**

The aim of the overall programme is to provide information, skills and knowledge to empower both Elected Members and community representatives to respond to emerging issues within local communities, particularly in relation to intimidation and hate crime.

The stories and lessons learned from the Holocaust have been identified as a useful mechanism for raising awareness of the impact of the issues that trigger intimidation and hate crime.

Two training groups/cohorts will run concurrently as part of the overall programme. One will target Elected Representatives while the other will work with community workers/representatives, with opportunities during the study visit for the two groups to engage directly with each other.

Due to the good relations content, both groups will seek broad cross community representation, and where possible, reflect the Section 75 groups.

Training will be tailored specifically to the needs of participant groups, introducing participants to the history of the holocaust with particular emphasis on the history and experience of the different groups of people who were put to death at the former Nazi Concentration Camp at Auschwitz in Poland.

The training will consist of 2 main elements:

1. Facilitated seminars and learning workshops on the theme of the Holocaust and how the lead up to the Second World War relates to the modern day context, specifically in terms of racism.
2. A detailed study visit to the former Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland which will assist in further developing learning, along with pre and post departure workshops.

The programme will consist of approximately 4 full training days and approximately a 4 day study visit. Participants will be required commit to participate in the entire programme, to comply with the funding criteria.

It is anticipated that the programme will take place from September to October 2016.

Councillors who are interested in participating are asked to contact Patricia Cameron, Good Relations Manager by no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 to facilitate the logistics associated with both the training and travel element of the programme.