

<b>Good Relations Annual Report</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June 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 & Engaged Communities
<b>Outcome</b>	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Julie Welsh - Head of Community & Culture
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

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

### **Background**

The statutory responsibility for public authorities is set out in Section 75 (2) of the Northern Ireland Act. The act states 'a public authority shall in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group'

'Together Building a United Community' (TBAUC) is the Executive's Strategy, led by OFMDFM which focuses on the delivery of Good Relations, including providing support to Local Authorities in delivering their statutory duty.

OFMDFM recognises the value of the Council's contribution to Good Relations and for 2015/16 committed £284,856.75 as 75% funding to support the delivery of the action plan. Additional funding of £8,801.42 was secured through OFMDFM's pilot summer programme.

### Themes / need

In terms of developing submissions for funding, Councils were required to develop Good Relations Action Plans with priorities that were reflective of the themes of TBAUC, while ensuring performance was against the Good Relations Indicators as prescribed by OFMDFM.

The 5 thematic programmes contained within the strategy are:

- Our Children and Young People: Improving attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role.
- Promoting Shared Communities: creating a community where division does not restrict life opportunities; where all areas are open and accessible to everyone.
- Safe Communities: to create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety.
- Cultural Expression: Creating a community which promotes mutual respect is strengthened by its diversity, and cultural expression is celebrated and embraced.
- Increase and improve leadership, capacity, organisation and capital building skills in order to support Good Relations outcomes.

The actions contained within plan reflect the priority needs as identified within the audit and existing areas of responsibility which were approved by Council in May 2015.

The four key leading factors for programme delivery were identified as:

- Flags and emblems.
- Language and behaviour.
- Parades and Protests and
- Cultural Out Workings.

The audit identified the following specific audiences as most appropriate to target:

- Young families.
- Pre-teens and young adults.
- Civic and community leaders (existing and emerging).
- High Capacity Single Identity groups.

All programmes within the action plan gave consideration to existing interventions and local sensitivities with the aim to building the confidence, knowledge and skills of the participants to contribute to the development of a culture of respect, understanding and tolerance within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

#### Monitoring and Evaluation

During 2015/16 a bespoke monitoring and evaluation toolkit was developed for implementation from 2016 onwards. The new toolkit will measure performance, using the Good Relations Indicators as set by OFMDFM, for each programme against anticipated outcomes identified within the action plan.

#### Outputs / outcomes to date

1906 people engaged directly in the Good Relations Programme throughout 2015/16. Another 1690 people engaged in additional projects implemented by community groups / organisations that were funded through the Good Relations Building a United Community Grants programme.

Additionally 7 Councillors engaged in the Good Relations programme by participating in the Let's Talk event.

The Good Relations plan has been successful in continuing to develop partnership working with other statutory agencies including the NIHE, PSNI, local schools etc. in order to identify and understand the issues, barriers and solutions to building greater tolerance and understanding between different communities.

The programme has engaged with pre-teens and young adults and from the information provided using the new toolkit, there has been an improvement in the attitudes of children and young people, including a willingness to engage in and place a full and active role in their communities. The programme has been successful in bringing children and young people together from different communities and there is enthusiasm to continue to develop such initiatives.

Mediation and dialogue with community stakeholders has continued to prove essential in order to assist in and / or resolve localised issues. Through engagement with local communities, there has been some success in assisting to decrease tensions in particular areas at specific times throughout the year. There continues to be the need to develop new and build on existing relations with key stakeholders / influencers within communities throughout the Borough to understand trigger issues particularly around the expression of culture.

The Building a United Community fund provided grants to 18 groups throughout the Borough. These grants have helped to increase the capacity of groups to engage in and deliver their

own Good Relations Projects. However, it is acknowledged that groups are at different levels of capacity for developing and delivering Good Relations projects. Taking this into consideration, the fund will become a developmental programme to ensure that lower level capacity groups have the opportunity to receive officer support for successful funding provision.

Overall, there is continued improvement to increase the Good Relations capacity throughout the Causeway Coast and Glen's area. Further information/breakdown is available in Annex A.

Annex A

**Good Relations Action plan 2015/16 outputs and outcomes**

Priority	Activities/deliverables	Outputs	Outcomes
<p><b>Our Children and Young People:</b> Improving attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Youth Cohesion Project targeting 20 youth peer leaders delivered</li> <li>• 1 Youth education citizenship resource including DVD developed and delivered to 18 post primary schools and targeting 1000 young people.</li> <li>• 1 youth leadership 'Let's Talk' local democracy project delivered engaging at least 120 young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Project delivered, 15 people completed.</li> <li>• 1 event / exhibition delivered, 46 people attended.</li> <li>• 1 resource including DVD developed – official launch to take place 2016.</li> <li>• 1 event, 6 schools, 62 pupils and 7 councillors engaged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved attitudes from young people from different backgrounds.</li> <li>• Improved knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of attendees.</li> <li>• Improved knowledge, attitude to help young people make informed choices for voting.</li> <li>• Positive promotion of local democracy. Young people engaged with civic leaders.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Promoting Shared Communities:</b> creating a community where division does not restrict life opportunities; where all areas are open and accessible to everyone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 positive media programme delivered to positively promote GR with local and social media</li> <li>• Policy development – provision of support to the corporate policy function on GR (S75) issues, in relation to development of new policies.</li> <li>• 1 Mediation and Dialogue programme, including 12 facilitated workshops and up to 30 meetings involving both statutory &amp; community stakeholders to address a range of issues relating to cultural expression, shared space etc across the Borough area. This programme also includes provision to provide mediation on an inter or intra community basis (reactive response)</li> <li>• 1 Early years programme delivered across the Borough, promoting shared communities through cultural diversity, involving 12 playgroups, 24 practitioners and up to 80 families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular press coverage, monthly internal staff newsletters.</li> <li>• Regular support with policy development.</li> <li>• 10 facilitated workshops, 25 informal meetings and 8 facilitated dialogue sessions.</li> <li>• 1 media initiative delivered. Support provided to playgroups. 5 groups participated, 14 practitioners, 70 families participated in parent workshops. 5 Committees workshops delivered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive promotion of GR programme. Increase staff communication.</li> <li>• Emerging issues identified.</li> <li>• Emerging issues identified. Development of positive relations and engagement with local communities. Positive engagement with statutory agencies. Reduction in tensions in particular areas.</li> <li>• Positive promotion of attitudes to physical, social and cultural differences amongst young children, practitioners and parents.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Safe Communities::</b> to create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 programme developed and delivered to challenge prejudice and tackle hate crime – 16 workshops, recruiting 170 participants and at least 60 participants completing</li> <li>• Tension monitoring programme including interagency collaboration on shared priority issues (reactive). Engagement with at least 6 local communities on emerging community issues affecting service delivery, providing collaborative approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 programme delivered in in partnership with PSCP. 17 schools targeted. 14 schools participated. 836 pupils completed the challenging prejudice element of the programme.</li> <li>• 17 facilitated meetings. 8 specific engagement meetings with local communities. Regular informal contact with key community representatives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people's attitudes which contribute to racism and other forms of hate crime challenged. Issues and myths that contribute to hate crime addressed. Improvement of the attitudes of young people to assist in the reduction of hate crimes / anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Identification of trigger issues that cause tensions. Collaborative working resolutions resulting in reduction of community tensions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cultural Expression:</b> Creating a community which promotes mutual respect , is strengthened by its diversity, and cultural expression is celebrated and embraced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Cultural Capacity programme, engaging with up to 6 cultural/heritage groups (up to 80 individuals) to encourage positive engagement with wider communities on cultural identity</li> <li>• 1 Cultural Showcase (dependent on additional external OFMDFM funds) hosting 4 events to celebrate culture and heritage within the Council area</li> <li>• 1 Celebrating Sporting Difference Programme (dependent on additional external OFMDFM funds) targeting 120 young people and young adults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 cultural event delivered. Engagement with Bands forum.</li> <li>• 6 cultural workshops, 4 identity workshops, 2 cultural showcase events, secured additional funding. Total 108 participants + additional guests in audience.</li> <li>• 1 programme delivered, 4 events, 1 finale event. Approx. 380 participants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive promotion of cultural expression.</li> <li>• Positive promotion of cultural identity. Increase in understanding of and respect for people from other cultural backgrounds.</li> <li>• Increase in understanding of, respect for and tolerance for different sporting cultural traditions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase and improve leadership,</b> capacity, organisation and capital building skills in order to support Good Relations outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Community &amp; Statutory Dialogue (strategic/proactive) programme with representatives from relevant community &amp; statutory partners to identify shared priorities/themes and develop collaborative approaches to addressing these – Community Planning for GR</li> <li>• 1 Good Relations Action Learning Programme. Advice/mentoring to at least 40 groups to develop GR projects. Delivery of 20-30 GR Action Learning Grants to local groups, involving at least 500 participants in activities supported. 2 shared GR peer focused workshops, attended by at least 80% of groups supported through grant aid.</li> <li>• 1 Monitoring &amp; Evaluation toolkit developed to be used for all programme areas. 1 evaluation report compiled using data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 workshops - 6 to community groups, 2 public and 1 staff workshops. Approximately 72 participants.</li> <li>• 18 grants awarded although 2 unable to complete projects. 1690 participants in 16 projects.</li> <li>• 1 toolkit developed. 2 GRO's attended conference. 4 GRO's attended 1 train the trainers programme. – Programme postponed until 2016/17.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in understanding of shared history. Increase in tolerance and respect for cultural commemorations around the decade of centenaries.</li> <li>• Increase the capacity of groups to engage in and deliver their own Good Relations Projects</li> <li>• New toolkit will monitor and evaluate impact and performance of the GR programme for moving forward.</li> <li>• Building capacity for GRO's to develop and deliver own training programmes to address local needs.</li> </ul>

- 1 Train the Trainer Programme delivered to support staff in the delivery of training programmes to the community. At least 30 staff targeted to receive GR training and at least 40 groups receive GR training (inc. grant recipient groups).

## Building a United Community Fund - Grants awarded 2015/16

<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club - Rasharkin	832.50	
Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society	1,500.00	
Asian Over 50 Club	1,500.00	
Ballymoney Community Playgroup	985.50	
Ballymoney Community Resource Centre	1,500.00	
Beyond Skin Music	1,500.00	
Causeway Coast Peace group	1,232.50	
Coleraine Multi-Cultural Forum	1,183.50	
Girl Guiding Ballycastle	337.50	
Feeny Community Association	1,207.50	
Glenshane Community Development Ltd	1,001.55	
Gortnaghy Community Association	1,015.50	Returned grant
North Coast Integrated College	564.00	
North West Tongues Tones and Tapping	1,500.00	
Rasharkin & District Rural Cultural & Educational Society	850.00	
Regimental Association of UDR	832.50	
Glack Community Association	1,500.00	Returned grant
Wave Trauma Centre	1,500.00	

## Good Relations programme 2015/16

List of groups who engaged in GR projects, activities, events, dialogues, training etc.

<b>Name of organisation</b>
Roe Valley Residents Association
Glens Community Association
Durmsurm Community Association
Benbradagh Community Association
Milburn Community Association
Coleraine College
Dalriada
St Patricks College
Limavady Grammar School
Limavady High School
Ballymoney High School
Cross and Passion
Ballycastle High
Dunluce
Dominican
Our Lady of Lourdes
St Josephs
St Marys Limavady
Loretto
Coleraine Inst
St Pauls College
Rasharkin Playgroup
Watt Fun Playgroup
Limavady Historical and Cultural Society

Carins Community Association
Bovalley Community Association
Aghadowy- Gleenkeen Fife and Drum
Garvagh Cultural Awareness
Happy Days Community Childcare Ballymoney
Harpurs Hill Children and Family Centre
Dalriada Sure Start – Bushmills
Dalriada Sure Start - Ballycastle
Ballymoney Churches Forum
Portrush Creative writing group
Flowerfield Creative writing group
Roe Valley Writers group
Roe Valley Photography group
Ballycastle writing group

<b>Name of organisation</b>
Rasharkin Community Association
Henry Joy McCracken
Rasharkin Woman’s group
Ballymaconnelly Heritage group
Rasharkin Playgroup
Rasharkin Luncheon Club
StMarys GAA
Rasharkin residents Collective
Rasharkin Presbyterian Church + Rasharkin Community Partnership
Rasharkin History group
University of Ulster
Good Morning Ballycastle
Causeway Borough of Sanctuary
Churches Ministry of Jewish People
PUL Forum Coleraine
Coleraine Churches Forum
Wave Trauma Centre
North Antrim Bands Forum
Ballanarrig Band
Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club - Rasharkin
Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society
Asian Over 50 Club
Ballymoney Community Playgroup
Ballymoney Community Resource Centre
Beyond Skin Music
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