



Building Positive Relations Project:

Year One Activity Overview

January – October 2019

Year One of the Building Positive Relations Project has been very successful. Across each of the regional areas Coordinators have been successful in outreach and have engaged with and supported participants. Project events have been well attended and a wide range of interesting and informative workshops and conferences have taken place across the regions.

Year One Achievements:

- Project Launch, 27/2/2019
- 9 workshops on the themes of Anti- sectarianism, Anti- racism and Cultural Awareness. March – October 2019.
- ‘Addressing Poverty, Building Peace’ Conference, 26/6/2019
- ‘Prosecuting the Peace’ Conference, 9/8/2019
- Welfare Advice Support
- Counselling Service
- Planning and delivery of the first intake of the ‘Sustainable Leadership Programme’ with the Open Doors Project.

Details and Photographs from some of our project events and activities are outlined below:



Pictured is Historian, Dr Eamon Phoenix presentation at the Anti-Racism workshop arranged by the Belfast Regional Coordinators entitled ‘Past and Contemporary Experiences of Migration’.

Project Workshops

The themes of Anti- Sectarianism, Anti- Racism and Cultural Awareness have been explored through a range of regional workshops. The workshop content included a range of speakers, interactive and engaging seminars and presentations, as well as trips to local historical and cultural points of interest including: Omagh Folk Park, Cultra Folk and Transport Museum, Tour of Walls of Derry, The Apprentice Boys of Derry Museum and a trip to the Free Derry Museum.



Support Services

The Welfare Rights and Counselling service has provided an invaluable support to programme participants and the wider community. Coordination of the project has been crucial and monthly meet- ups, site visits, organised and provided by Ashton have provided programme support throughout the regions. The Sustainable Leadership Programme has also been developed in partnership with Open Doors and will be delivered in Year Two of the project.

Project Launch and Conferences

To date we have had our project launch and two conferences on the theme of peacebuilding entitled 'Addressing Poverty, Building Peace' and 'Prosecuting the Peace'. We engaged a wide range of speakers who delivered engaging presentations to project attendees.



Looking Forward

We are excited delivering the remainder and the project, where will provide additional workshops and engage participants across each of the project regions. We also look forward to a further conference and the development of the Sustainable Leadership Programme. In addition, the project will continue to provide counselling services and welfare advice.

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