

PEACE IV – August 2018 Newsletter.



'I hope we be best friends forever...'

Out and about visiting our projects this summer I hear about the stories that never make the headlines. Across the Irish Street / Top of the Hill interface in Derry~Londonderry over 150 children play together on a cross-community summer-scheme. 'It's a huge step forward,' says a leader. The children have made new friends. One mother was nearly in tears telling us of a wonderful birthday card here child received from a new friend from a different community. 'When we met at our summer scheme, I knew we'd make a good team,' it reads in purple and pink childrens' handwriting. And it's not just this one project. We're hearing great reports of work across communities on many fronts. Are you getting involved? With an additional £0.5 million recently secured, bringing the total funding for the council area programme to £6.7million, in this newsletter we feature just a few of many projects and opportunities. You can also still view our video by clicking here:

<https://youtu.be/7YK82yrLCoc>

The Beacon Project



Delivered by YouthActionNI, the BEACON Programme is a peer leadership development programme which reaches out to and engages young people and adults aged within the 16 – 25 age group. These young people will be the most marginalised young adults; invisible in their communities and/or at risk of engaging in anti-social and/or criminal activities.

Recent work has included participants from The Foyle Down Syndrome Trust and The Playtrail. In workshops, residentials, city tours and cultural experiences, participants are inspired and given a sense of belonging and hope to explore their potential. For further information contact: connor@youthaction.org

Traditions Meet (CultureFuse Project)

As part of the PEACE IV CultureFuse Project, traditional Irish, Ulster-Scots and Marching Bands musicians have worked with renowned composer Sid Peacock to create a showcase of traditional music. Accompanied by Highland and Irish dancers under the instruction of award winning choreographer Georgina Kee-McCarter, the performance was met with rapturous applause from a packed house at the Sollus Centre, Bready on 31st July. CultureFuse has a range of project elements and is delivered under a partnership between Cultúrlann and the NW Cultural Partnership. For more information contact: laverne@culturlann-doire.ie



Creative Centenaries



Why not drop in? From 26th July 2018 – 31st March 2019 the public can visit the Tower Museum to see the 'Creative Centenaries' #MakingHistory 1918 Exhibition. 1918 was a year of civic action, the end of war in Europe, women voting for the first time and a groundbreaking election result in Ireland. The Nerve Centre and Council's Heritage and Museum Service worked through a community engagement programme to develop the exhibition. A short film about their experiences can be seen on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fjU0VfQC7w>

A full programme of free public events will run at the Tower Museum until December this year. More information on the project can be found on: www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/Museums-and-Heritage/Tower-Museum/Creative-Centenaries

Want to take part? Seven free opportunities:

1. Creative Centenaries: Free Exhibition ongoing in Tower Museum. Also, Tuesday 21st August, 7pm Tower Museum 'The 1918-19 Influenza Pandemic and its impact on Irish Families at a time of War and Revolution. Talk on the Impact of the Spanish Flu and how it claimed more lives than the First World War. Thursday 13th September, 7pm Tower Museum. Eagles over Lough Foyle – Talk on the deployment of the US Navy to Lough Foyle in 1918. www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/Museums-and-Heritage/Tower-Museum/Creative-Centenaries

2. Waterside Shared Village Older People's Cross-border project: Re-starting in September after a successful first year anyone 50+ is welcome to join this cross-border, cross-interface project which includes tea-dances, physical activity, crafts and trips. Contact: rhonda-wnp@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

3. Training Course – Valued Voices/TUH 'Trauma Healing and Education Programme'
This six-day trauma healing education programme offers a range of activities – experiential learning, brief theoretical inputs, Q&A, reflection.
Dates/Venue: Free. 10am -4pm each day. Holywell Diversecity Community Partnership, Derry-Londonderry. 6 days – 28/9/18; 5/10/18; 12/10/18; 19/10/18; 2/11/18; 3/11/18.
Information/registration: Eamonn Baker 71261941 eamonnbaker@thejunction-ni.org

4. Training Course: Discrimination against women: Why is the earliest and first form of discrimination still with us?
It's been a *man's world* for too long, with consequences for all genders! This community education course is for everyone wanting to bring about positive change and a lasting peace.
Contact: mhetherington@thejunction-ni.org or cathyhiggins34@hotmail.com

5. Valued Voices Conference – 17th September 2018 – Save the Date

Towards Understanding and Healing Valued Voices programme. One day conference exploring the concept of post traumatic growth. 9 30 am - 4pm Holywell DiverseCity Partnership. Contact: Eamonn Baker- 02871261941 eamonnbaker@thejunction-ni.org

6. Open invite to language and culture classes.

If you are interested in a free cross-community beginners Irish Language class including language, culture, heritage and a residential trip contact laverne@culturlann-doire.ie

7. Peace Tourism – ‘Our Place, Our Voices’ – Save the date. Thursday 13th September. The conference aims to be a platform for productive discussions between different stakeholders on how to bring our Peace Tourism products together in collaborative packages and create an action plan. Limited places for those relevant to the field. Contact:

Linzi.simpson@derrystrabane.com

Opportunity: Does your organisation work with Youth or Children? Tender!

In early September DCSD Council will advertise opportunities to tender for 9 projects under the local PEACE IV Programme. Opportunities will be advertised on:

<http://www.derrystrabane.com/Business/Tenders> Many will be of particular interest to community groups or consultants who work in the field of **Children and Young People and Cross-Community Work**.

Derry City and Strabane District Council’s PEACE IV Programme is a project supported by the European Union’s PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

For further information on the local council programme contact: peace@derrystrabane.com or visit our website www.derrystrabane.com/Peace-IV