

GOOD RELATIONS PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 2012

MEETING OF THE GOOD RELATIONS PARTNERSHIP

- Members present: Councillor Hendron (Chairman); and
Councillors Attwood, Kyle, McVeigh and Reynolds.
- External Members: Ms. A. Chada, Minority Ethnic Groups;
Mr. R. Galway, Bombardier Aerospace/
Confederation of British Industry;
Ms. J. Hawthorne, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
Mr. P. Mackel, Belfast and District Trades Council;
Mr. B. McGivern, Belfast City Centre Management;
Mr. P. Scott, Catholic Church;
Ms. M. De Silva, Voluntary/Community Sector; and
Mr. U. Tok, Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum.
- In attendance: Mrs. H. Francey, Good Relations Manager;
Mr. I. May, Peace III Programme Manager;
Mr. D. Robinson, Senior Good Relations Officer; and
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Alderman Stoker, Mr. S. Brennan, Archdeacon B. Dodds, Mrs. M. Marken, Mr. M. O'Donnell and Ms. J. Peden.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 6th February were taken as read and signed as correct.

New Members

It was reported that Councillor McVeigh and Mr. Ugur Tok had replaced Councillor Maskey and Ms. S. Bhat respectively on the Partnership. The Chairman, on behalf of the Members, welcomed them to their first meeting and thanked Councillor Maskey and Ms. Bhat for the contribution which they had made during their time on the Partnership.

Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were reported:

- In respect of item 7, viz., Peace III - Strategic Grants Programme, Ms. M. De Silva indicated that her organisation, namely, Women into Politics, worked in partnership with the Training for Women Network, which had submitted an application for funding under the Programme; and

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- Regarding item 8, viz., Good Relations Grand-aid Fund, Ms. M. De Silva advised that her organisation, namely, Women into Politics, had, in association with Downtown Women's Group, submitted an application under the Fund.

Conflicts of Interest Policy

(Mr. C. Quigley, Assistant Chief Executive and Town Solicitor, attended in connection with this item.)

The Partnership was informed that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 13th December, had approved a Conflicts of Interest Policy for Members. The Assistant Chief Executive and Town Solicitor provided a brief overview of the Policy, which had been formulated in accordance with the Nolan Principles governing standards in public life. He explained that the Policy applied to all Councillors, together with any member of a Working Group or Panel, including the Good Relations Partnership, who was not a Councillor. The Policy covered three main areas, namely, the general principles for dealing with Conflicts of Interest within the Council, formal registration of interests and procedures for declaring and managing conflicts. He explained that, should a person consider themselves to have an interest in an application or other matter, as defined by the public perception test, they should declare that interest in advance of the matter being considered and take no part in discussions. Declarations of Interest reported would, subsequently, be recorded fully within the minutes of the meeting.

After discussion, the Partnership noted the information which had been provided.

Update on Roots of Empathy Project

The Partnership was reminded that, at its meeting on 14th May, 2010, it had approved in principle a Roots of Empathy Project which would be delivered to pupils in primary schools across the City and funded under the Peace III Theme of Shared Cultural Space.

It was reported that Ms. M. Morgan, representing the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, one of the participating organisations in the Project, was in attendance in order to provide an update on the initiative and she was welcomed to the meeting. Ms. Morgan informed the Partnership that the Roots of Empathy Project sought to engender a positive understanding of diversity, teach children to respect one another, build a culture of caring, develop empathy and enable children to recognise the need for inclusion. It sought also to value participatory democracy and encourage non-violence and anti-bullying.

She reported that the Project had now been extended to include twenty schools from the most deprived areas in the City and that it was being delivered in each school by trained instructors, who were drawn from participating organisations such as the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, the Public Health Agency and Queen's University Belfast. She explained that instructors' meetings were held five times a year in order to

discuss any issues arising from the operation of the Project and that a School Principals' Forum would take place in October. She added that Queen's University Belfast had undertaken assessments of children before and after their participation in the Project in order to evaluate its effect upon them. Results had shown that the initiative had contributed to their development in terms of managing their emotions, building successful relations and shaping their attitudes towards others.

After discussion, during which Ms. Morgan answered a number of questions which had been put to her by the Partnership, she was thanked by the Chairman and retired from the meeting.

The Partnership noted the information which had been provided.

Outcome of Research on Interface Barriers in Belfast

The Good Relations Manager informed the Partnership that Dr. J. Byrne, University Of Ulster, had published recently the outcome of his research entitled "The Belfast Peace Walls: The Problems, Policies and Politics of the Troubles Architecture" on the impact of peace walls/barriers upon communities across the City. She reported that Dr. Byrne was in attendance in order to outline his findings and he was welcomed by the Chairman.

Dr. Byrne explained that, since 1969, peace walls/barriers had become commonplace in Loyalist and Republican working class communities in the City, which were characterised by high levels of unemployment, social and economic deprivation, poor housing and a lack of investment. He reported that it had been recognised as far back as the early 1970s that significant work was required to encourage opposing communities to engage in dialogue in order to create the confidence, understanding and friendships necessary for the removal of peace walls. However, it had only been over the past two years that a new political and community focus had resulted in an evolving, yet tentative, process to address the difficult and sensitive issues surrounding peace walls.

He informed the Partnership that his research had shown that there was no evidence to suggest that physical barriers would simply disappear and, therefore, public policy decisions would, at some point, be required to address their existence. Such decisions would be required to take into consideration concerns raised by both Loyalist and Republican communities around community safety, parades/bonfires/flags, demand for space, housing issues and population changes and would require also political agreement and public support. He highlighted the various initiatives which were being undertaken by organisations and agencies, including the Council's Interface Strategy, to address the issue of peace walls, together with the associated challenges, and stressed that a co-ordinated approach was required to ensure their success.

Dr. Byrne's research had concluded that the Council was best placed to lead that work, since it was regarded as being crucial both at a political and community level in the evolving discourse and action planning on peace walls. He pointed out that peace walls required support and intervention at local government level and, in his view, the Council had in recent years tackled consistently and addressed successfully politically sensitive and contentious issues.

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Dr. Byrne then answered a number of questions which were put to him by the Partnership and retired from the meeting.

Noted.

Peace III Implementation Update

The Partnership considered a report which provided an update in respect of the implementation of Phase I of the Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan. The Peace III Programme Manager provided a brief overview of each of the approved Phase II Projects contained within the Plan and reported that expenditure to date had been approximately £124,000 less than anticipated for this stage of the Programme. That had arisen due to delays in the completion of economic appraisals relating to the Youth Engagement and the Tension Monitoring Programmes, and in project implementation arising from issues involving recruitment, stakeholder consultation, detailed project planning and finalisation of delivery options. He explained that, in line with the requirements of the Peace III Programme, budgets would be re-profiled and would be submitted in April to the Special European Union Programmes Body for approval. The monitoring of budgets at project level would continue on a monthly basis in order to ensure that expenditure targets were met and regular updates would be submitted to the Good Relations Partnership for its consideration.

The Peace III Programme Manager reported that, following an independent economic appraisal of the Youth Engagement and the Tension Monitoring Programmes, the Council had now received formal confirmation from the Special European Union Programmes Body that both Programmes had been granted approval. A presentation on each initiative would be delivered to the Good Relations Partnership meeting in June. He pointed out that the Peace III Steering Committee would, at its meeting on 22nd March, consider the additional interfaces proposals which had been agreed by the Partnership at its meeting on 7th November. An update on the outcome of the Steering Committee's deliberations would be submitted to the Partnership in due course.

Forthcoming Events

The Partnership noted that the following events had been arranged:

- 28th March – Community Relations Council Offices, Dungannon (10.30 am.) – Chairpersons' and Managers' Forum

- 18th April – Belfast City Council Learning and Development Centre (9.30 a.m.) – Information and Networking Session for Projects and Key Stakeholders

The Partnership noted the information which had been provided.

Peace III – Proposed Budgetary Changes

(Ms. K. Sweeney, Tourism, Culture and Arts Manager and Ms. J. Smith, Tourism, Culture and Arts Officer, attended in connection with this item.)

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“Purpose of report

This report seeks approval for the proposed change request to the Creative Legacies (034064) and City of Festivals (034060) Projects.

Background

Belfast City Council’s Development Department is the project promoter for two projects under the theme of Shared Cultural Space namely Creative Legacies (034064) and City of Festivals (034060). The promoter has requested approval for budgetary changes to the two projects.

Key Issues

Following consideration of the available delivery options and the stringent compliance requirements of running projects with a large number of delivery partners, the promoter has requested that the budgets are re-profiled to allow for recruitment of one dedicated co-ordinator employed across both projects with the requisite expertise to manage the workload and programme requirements. The delivery approach has also been revised to procurement of delivery partners in line with Programme procurement requirements rather than grant aid.

The overall costs for both projects remain unchanged.

The proposed recruitment would be in line with Council’s standard recruitment procedures, a draft job description has been prepared and evaluated by Human Resources and confirmed as PO1 grade. The promoter has been advised of the need to accurately record time spent by the co-ordinator on both projects to ensure eligibility of expenditure.

The timescale of the Creative Legacies project has been revised with a new start date of May 2012. Both projects are scheduled to complete by 30th September, 2013. Subject to approval the project officer will be appointed in May 2012 for 18 months.

The promoter is of the opinion that the projects will not be able to run as outlined without the requested changes.

Budget Revision

The revised budgets and timetables have been assessed by the PEACE III Team as reasonable. The changes mainly impacts upon advertising/ marketing and communications costs and a reduced number of forum meetings and training events (given the reduced timescale). Anticipated outputs and outcomes will remain substantially unaltered in terms of numbers of festivals supported, target areas and target groups and the promoter has indicated that they will cover any decreases in communications and marketing in kind. The proposed budget revisions are as follows:

Creative Legacies (034064)

Budget Line	Total project budget (originally approved)	The new applied total budget–	Variance per budget line compared to the original budget	Transfer between Budget Lines
1. Creative Legacies 15 Development and Outreach Projects	247,500	240,000	-7,500	-7,500
2. Coordinator	15,000	27,000	+12,000	+12,000
3. Events (workshops, forums, exhibition, 5 training events)	20,500	18,000	-2,500	-2,500
4. Evaluation	5,000	5,000	0	0
5. Communications	12,000	10,000	-2,000	-2,000
TOTAL COSTS	300,000	300,000	0	0

The most notable reduction is the - £7,500 from the 15 Creative Legacies projects, this is a reduction of £500 each, however the new project officer will in return provide significant support to each project.

City of Festivals (034060)

Budget Line	Total project budget (originally approved)	The new applied total budget–	Variance per budget line compared to the original budget	Transfer between Budget Lines
1. Large festival support	210,000	210,000	0	0
2. Small festival support	50,000	45,000	-5,000	-5,000
3. Coordinator post	15,000	27,000	+12,000	+12,000
4. Communications (advertisements, advice clinics, marketing)	5,000	0	-5,000	-5,000
5. Festivals Forum support (cross-border networking, skills development, audience development)	20,000	18,000	-2,000	-2,000
TOTAL COSTS	300,000	300,000	0	0

Resource Implications

Financial Implications

Eligible costs can be 100% recouped from the PEACE III Programme. It is proposed that the project promoter absorbs some of the marketing costs.

Equality Implications

None at present.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to approve the proposed change request and note that the proposed budgetary changes will also need to be approved by the Special European Union Programmes Body.”

After discussion, the Partnership adopted the recommendations.

Peace III – Strategic Grants Programme

(Ms. M. De Silva left the room whilst this matter was under discussion.)

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“Purpose of report

To update the Partnership on the assessment of applications received under the open call for the Strategic Grants Programme.

Background

There was an open call for applications to the Strategic Grants Programme within the Belfast PEACE III Plan which opened on 21st October and closed on 16th December, 2011. The purpose of the open call was to identify project ideas which:

- demonstrate a meaningful focus on peace and reconciliation;
- demonstrate active partnership in development and delivery of the activity;
- demonstrate robust financial and administration systems;
- complement existing and/ or planned activity in the city with particular reference to partner led projects within the Phase II Plan;
- will take place between 1st April, 2012 and 30th September, 2013 with activity beginning no later than 30th September, 2012; and
- have a robust methodology for monitoring and evaluation of activity in line with the PEACE III Aid for Peace Framework.

The strategic grants programme is aimed at properly constituted organisations with sound management and good governance arrangements with a track record of successful delivery who can demonstrate the management and administrative capacity to deliver large scale projects involving multiple stakeholders. Projects identified in this call will be expected to work closely with other projects supported under the Belfast PEACE III Plan.

The fund for the Strategic Grants Programme is approximately £1million with projects expected to demonstrate significant peace and reconciliation outcomes with budgets of between £75,000 and £125,000.

Applications received

There were 52 applications received by the published closing date. An overview of the individual project applications has been forwarded to the Partnership.

Assessment

The Assessment Process was developed in line with guidance from the SEUPB and consists of the following steps:

- Receipt of signed and completed application form by the deadline with late applications not accepted.
- An initial eligibility check whereby each application must meet the following criteria:
 - the project activity must be within the eligible area;
 - all sections in the application form must be completed accurately and in full;
 - applications must be submitted on time (in the case of a published closing date);
 - if the project involves partners, the willingness for project partners to engage in the partnership must be fully demonstrated in the application; and
 - the project must be in accordance with the governing EU Regulations (in particular, rules on the eligibility of expenditure of Structural Funds support in relation to public procurement, state aid, environmental assessment and equal opportunities).
- Each application was scored against programme, priority and thematic criteria and cross cutting themes of the programme in line with the project selection criteria issued by the SEUPB, weighted as follows:
 1. PEACE III Programme criteria- 30% weighting
 2. Priority and Theme criteria- 30% weighting
 3. Efficiency and Effectiveness and the cross cutting themes of equality, sustainable development; impact on poverty and partnership - 40% weighting

An application must score a minimum of 65% under Programme and Priority Criteria and efficiency and effectiveness objectives as well as under the cross cutting themes before it can be considered for funding under the PEACE III Programme.

52 applications were received by the deadline on 16th December. One application was received after the deadline and was not assessed. Following receipt one application was deemed to be incomplete and was not scored.

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An initial independent assessment of all applications received by the closing date was considered by an assessment panel consisting of members of the Good Relations Partnership supported by Council officers. Any actual or perceived conflicts of interest were declared. The panel considered the project applications in detail along with the initial assessment and commentary. All documentation relating to the process including original applications forms and supporting documents along with assessment notes are available for inspection.

The recommended score under each of the criteria for each application following this process is attached as an appendix. A total of 30 applications have recommended scores above the quality threshold of 65% and would be eligible for funding under the Peace III Programme.

Budget

The allocation for the strategic grants call is approximately £1 million. The total amount requested by those applications scoring above the minimum quality threshold is approx. £3.3 million.

Applications by location

The geographic location of the lead applicant by post code is as follows:

BT Code	Number of Applications	%
1	10	19%
2	2	4%
3	-	0%
4	3	6%
5	1	2%
6	3	6%
7	7	13%
8	-	0%
9	3	6%
10	-	0%
11	1	2%
12	8	15%
13	2	4%
14	2	4%
15	8	15%
16	-	0%
17	1	2%

Other	1	2%
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In addition to the incomplete application 21 projects failed to score over the quality threshold. These are listed below along with a summary of where the application was considered weak.

Ref	Applicant Organisation	Project Title	Summary
35712	Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership	YEHA 'Doing Diversity' Project	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35864	Arts for All	CAST Community Arts Strengthening Ties	Application was incomplete.
35865	Community Change	Collaborative Communities Building Change	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35786	Co-operation Ireland	The Keep	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35715	Falls Women's Centre	Falls Women's Centre Counselling Training Support Project	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35791	GEMS Northern Ireland Limited	LOCATE (Looking Outwards Changing Attitudes To Engagement)	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35824	Glentoran Partnership	Levelling the Playing field	Applicant failed to meet quality threshold under efficiency and effectiveness criteria.
35781	Groundwork NI	Burning Issues	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35836	Inner East Youth Project	Given a chance	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35670	Inter Church Addictions Project	Addiction Counselling Service for Young People	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35885	Irish Congress of Trade Unions	A shared workplace, a shared future	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35875	Lower Shankill Community Assoc.	CARIS Initiative	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria

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Ref	Applicant Organisation	Project Title	Summary
35888	Northern Ireland Anti poverty Network	Rights to unite	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35878	Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities	Tackling & Preventing racial hatred crime in Belfast	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria
35839	Northern Ireland Youth Forum	Belfast Future Leaders Project	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35816	Ocean Youth Trust	Sailing through Time	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria.
35887	Solas	Youthpodcast A Bridge Building Programme in South & East Belfast	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35705	Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group	Suffolk Lenadoon Youth Council	Applicant failed to meet quality threshold under efficiency and effectiveness criteria.
35831	Willowfield Parish Community Association	The Next Step	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with local action plan.
35794	Women's Resource and Development Agency	Reclaiming women's Heritage	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria.
35694	Workforce Training Services	Cross Community Integration	Applicant failed to demonstrate sufficient fit with PEACE III Programme Criteria.
35838	Youth Enterprise Northern Ireland	Primary Master Class	Applicant failed to meet quality threshold under efficiency and effectiveness criteria.

The applicant organisations will be invited to avail of a debrief meeting on their application. It is also anticipated that applicant organisations will be able to be signposted to other sources of support and assistance. The SEUPB has established a review procedure for the entire programme and details of this procedure will be communicated to applicants.

Thirty projects were scored over the quality threshold. These projects have been scored and ranked as follows along with a summary of the geographic focus of the proposal.

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Ref.	Applicant Organisation	Project Title	Score	Area of Focus
35901	Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG)	Botanic Shaftesbury Ballynafeigh (BSB) Cohesion Network	79.75%	South
35854	Northern Visions Ltd	A Century Later	77.75%	Citywide
35695	Ashton Community Trust	REAL Project	77.00%	North & West
35652	Belfast Interface Project	Inner East Outer West	77.00%	East & West
35871	Mediation Northern Ireland	Belfast Interface Mediation Delivery Programme	76.25%	Citywide
35841	PeacePlayers International	Belfast Interface Olympics	75.75%	North/East/West
35827	Forthspring Inter Community Group	Cross Interface Planning Group	75.50%	West
35709	Public Achievement	WIMPS Belfast	73.50%	Citywide
35886	Small Steps	Walk of Faith II	72.25%	North & West
35904	Training for Women Network	Visions of Peacebuilding	72.00%	Citywide
35884	Fellowship of Messines	Citizens for Peace	72.00%	Citywide
35651	Upper Springfield Community Relations Partnership	Upper Springfield Community Relations Programme	69.25%	West
35675	WOMEN'STEC	Bits & Pieces and Beyond	69.00%	North & West
35678	NI Community of Refugees & Asylum Seekers	Inclusive Neighbourhood Project	68.50%	South/West/East
35877	Workers' Educational Association	Diversity Challenge Programme	68.00%	Citywide
36106	Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre	Your Isms	67.50%	Citywide
35861	The Terry Enright Foundation	Transforming Lives	67.50%	East/North/West
35900	Ardoyne Youth Club	Engaging Young People, Building Relationships - Ardoyne/Woodvale Interface	67.25%	North
35631	Beyond Skin	My Place Our Space	67.25%	South/West/East
35855	Early Years	Media Initiative for Children & Roma Community	67.25%	Citywide
35805	East Belfast Mission	Deepening the Conversation - making space for difficult interface dialogue.	66.50%	East
35776	Youth Initiatives	Future Building	66.25%	North/East
35792	Ballynafeigh Community Development Association	Ballynafeigh Champions - Sustaining A Shared Neighbourhood	66.00%	South

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35894	Opportunity Youth	Crossroads	66.00%	Citywide
35627	Belfast Metropolitan College	SCOPE (Schools & Community Outreach Progressive for e3)	66.00%	West
35897	Intercomm	Ambassadors for Conflict Transformation - Interface Leadership Programme	65.75%	Citywide
35807	MENCAP	BID - Building Inclusion & Diversity	65.75%	North/ East/ West
35899	Exit	Consulting, engaging and working together across the interface in East Belfast	65.00%	East
35823	Falls Community Council	Re-Engaging Communities	65.00%	Citywide
35601	Women's Information Northern Ireland	Women- Conflict & Peace	65.00%	

It is proposed that pre-contract and site visits are conducted and prioritised according to rank order for each of the projects identified above and subject to available funding. Funding agreements will be prepared subject to the satisfactory conclusion of all the required pre-contract checks with an update to be brought back to the Partnership at its April meeting. These pre-contract checks will include a site visit, meeting with applicant organization management and project staff to cover issues such as legal status of organisation; audit, governance and risk management, previous audit activity (internal and external), organisation structure, details of partners and partnership agreement, previous experience and track record of applicant; details of relevant policies and procedures – e.g. recruitment, equal opportunities, employment terms and conditions, health and safety, redundancy etc; insurance details; publicity requirements; document retention and storage; VAT status; financial procedures; procurement; bank arrangements; cashflow management; payroll systems; grant claim systems and accounting systems.

Advance funding

Advance funding has been available under previous calls but with the significantly increased financial risk attached to implementation of a PEACE III Project advances will only be made available in exceptional circumstances where a sound value for money case can be made backed up with guarantees at the appropriate level. The pre-contract check stage should identify if this issue is likely to arise.

Reserve List

It is proposed that following completion of the pre-contract checks and preparation of funding agreements that a reserve list of potential projects for support consisting of project applications scoring above the threshold will be put in place, subject to review by the Partnership.

Resource Implications

Financial Implications

Eligible project costs can be 100% recouped from the PEACE III Programme. Under the programme there is potential for advance funding subject to risk assessment and provision of appropriate guarantees.

HR Implications

None at present

Equality Implications

None at present.

Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to note the assessment process, approve the recommended scores as presented and approve also the commencement of pre-contract checks.”

During discussion, the Peace III Programme Manager confirmed that projects would be subjected to robust scrutiny throughout the application process and in project delivery to ensure that they complied fully with the relevant criteria and legislation. Those organisations which were successful in obtaining funding would be required to enter into a written agreement, which would set out clearly their roles and responsibilities over the course of the project, and to put in place appropriate safeguards against potential financial and reputational risks.

The Partnership adopted the recommendations and noted that further updates on the Strategic Grants Programme would be submitted to the Partnership in due course.

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Good Relations Grant-aid Fund

(Ms. M. De Silva left the room whilst this matter was under discussion.)

The Partnership was reminded that, at its meeting on 28th November, it had approved expenditure in the sum of £80,385 under the third call of Good Relations Grant-Aid Funding for 2011/2012. The Good Relations Manager reported that a fourth call for applications had been made on 9th January, with a closing date of Friday, 3rd February. She advised that, at the closing date for the receipt of applications, a total of sixty applications had been received, requesting in total £217,699. Following the assessment of the applications using pre-agreed criteria, forty-six submissions had been recommended for funding.

Accordingly, the Partnership agreed that grant-aid of £89,915 be awarded under the delegated authority of the Chief Executive to the following organisations:

Ref No	Organisation	Recommended Amount, up to £
627/2601	Glencolin Residents Association	3,000
1188/2614	NICHHS	1,000
1054/2640	Deanby Youth Centre	1,000
1027/2658	Woodvale Football Club	1,640
607/2652	North Belfast Women's Initiative & Support Project	1,000
1200/2650	Skegoneill & Glandore Common Purpose	1,000
678/2636	North Belfast Alternatives	3,000
890/2607	Ulster Hall	3,000
308/2649	Star Neighbourhood Centre	1,000
1206/2662	East Belfast Alternatives	3,000
1202/2653	Fight Academy	850
733/2660	Glenbank Community Association	1,000
264/2599	East Belfast Area Project	3,930
1205/2661	Adullam Ministries	900
373/2627	Ballymac Friendship Trust	3,500
602/2631	Tinderbox Theatre Company	2,500
609/2606	Village Focus Group	3,000
1129/2656	Belfast Sparta FC	310
740/2628	Culturlann McAdam O Fiaich	6,500
690/2645	Di-verse	800
590/2642	Indian Community Centre	2,000
405/2611	St. John Vianney Youth Centre	5,000
1190/2618	The Law Centre (NI)	5,000
1189/2616	Bryson Intercultural	4,000
1198/2647	Polish Mission Church	585
1197/2641	Falls Women's Centre	1,000
1187/2608	Northern Ireland Dialogue Society	1,380
1196/2634	Replay Theatre Company	1,000

Ref No	Organisation	Recommended Amount, up to £
598/2638	Tar Anall	3,284
792/2602	Teach na Failte	1,200
782/2637	Upper Andersonstown Limited Youth Network	2,500
908/2626	The Belfast Boxing Ring	4,000
1033/2612	COPE	1,000
603/2646	Corpus Christi Youth Centre	4,180
186/2605	Amazing Brains	600
1191/2619	36th (Ulster) Division Memorial Association	1,000
1192/2620	Rainbow Health Ltd (Rainbow Project NI)	1,000
425/2622	Round Tower Community Project	1,000
1193/2623	Tiger's Bay History Group	1,000
1194/2629	Macara	930
923/2632	Ballysillan Youth for Christ Drop-in Centre	1,000
1201/2651	Albert Foundry FC	900
1203/2654	Grove United Football Club	950
1204/2655	Belfast Primary Schools Football Association	846
816/2657	Loughside Football Club	1,200
1195/2630	Women into Politics/Downtown Women's Group	1,430
TOTAL		89,915

Seminar – Awareness of Human Trafficking

The Partnership was informed that the issue of human trafficking had been identified by the Police Service of Northern Ireland as being a growing organised crime issue in Northern Ireland. From April till December, 2011, twenty-five people from countries such as China, the Czech Republic, Ghana, Hungary and Zimbabwe had been rescued from traffickers.

The Good Relations Manager reported that the Good Relations Unit, in partnership with the organisation Migrant Help, had, in June 2011, organised a one-day seminar to raise awareness of the issues surrounding human trafficking. She explained that Migrant Help, a United Kingdom national charity, had been founded in 1963 to provide support and advice to migrants in distress and that it was the principal service provider in Northern Ireland for the care of victims of human trafficking. Since February, 2011, it had, in partnership with Women's Aid, been contracted by the Department of Justice to provide physical, psychological and emotional support to victims of human trafficking.

She informed the Partnership that, at the seminar in June, the Good Relations Unit and Migrant Help had been requested to host a follow-up event in order to enable further discussion to take place on the issue. That event would take place on 6th March in the Mount Business and Convention Centre and would seek to increase knowledge of the extent and nature of human trafficking, increase skills in identifying victims of trafficking, suggest ideas for future action at community level and encourage information-sharing amongst partner organisations. A number of agencies, including

the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and Queen's University, would be in attendance. The cost of staging the seminar would be approximately £3,000, 75% of which could be recouped through the Council's Good Relations Programme.

The Partnership granted approval for the hosting of the seminar.

Broadway Murals and Artwork

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Partnership that the Council had, over a number of years, been working with local communities, initially through the Brighter Belfast Initiative and, more recently, the Arts Council's Re-imaging Communities Programme, to remove and replace murals. She reported that the Re-imaging Communities Programme was suspended at present, however, the Arts Council had confirmed that it hoped to obtain sufficient funding to re-open the Programme in the near future.

She informed the Partnership that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive was in the early stages of undertaking a major housing redevelopment scheme in the Village area of South Belfast. The Housing Executive had been working closely with community and voluntary groups in that area on all aspects of the scheme, including identifying ways of building a more positive cultural identity for the area. She reported that two paramilitary murals in the Broadway area had been highlighted as having a negative impact upon the redevelopment programme and that the Housing Executive had been working with Mr. Ross Wilson, a respected local artist, who had been instrumental in progressing detailed and sensitive community engagement work with key stakeholders in the area on the matter. The Housing Executive was committing significant funding to the housing programme and, in the absence of funding from the Re-Imaging Communities Programme, had requested financial assistance from the Council to meet the costs associated with the removal and/or the replacement of the murals by more acceptable images. To this end, it was proposed that the Council allocate funding of not more than £7,000 towards those costs, 75% of which could be recouped from the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

The Partnership approved the allocation of funding in relation to the re-imaging of the Broadway murals, subject to ratification by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Launch of Public Lectures on the Decade of Centenaries

The Partnership was reminded that the Council was developing, through its Historic Centenaries Working Group, a programme of events to mark the Decade of Centenaries. The Good Relations Manager reported that other organisations/agencies across Northern Ireland were involved also in such work and that the Community Relations Council, in association with the Heritage Lottery Fund, had organised a series of ten public lectures on various aspects of the Decade. Those would be taking place in the Stranmillis College and the Ulster Museum over the next two to three months.

She reported that a formal launch of the lectures would take place in the Ulster Museum on Thursday, 8th March and that an invitation had been extended to the Members of the Good Relations Partnership and the Historic Centenaries Working Group.

The Partnership noted the information which had been provided.

International Women's Day

The Partnership noted that Thursday, 8th March had been designated as International Women's Day and that the Council would be hosting in the City Hall on that day an event for female employees, the theme which would be "Our Role in Creating and Seizing Opportunity".

Chairman