

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER, 2019

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson)
Alderman Rodgers; and Councillors Lyons,
Magennis and Smyth.

External Members: Mrs. O. Barron, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Mr. A. Cole, Good Relations, TEO;
Mr. J. Currie, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. S. Dallas, Education Authority;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Superintendent K. McMillan, PSNI;
Miss. G. Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management;
Mr. P. Mackel, Belfast and District Trades Union Council;
Ms. H. McClay, Faith Sector; and
Mr. M. O'Donnell, Department for Communities.

In attendance: Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;
Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager;
Mrs. M. Higgins, Senior Good Relations Officer; and
Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillors M. Kelly and Verner, Mr. J. Donnelly, Mr. S. Hamilton and Ms. A White.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 9th September, 2019 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Ms. McClay declared an interest in item 5, District Council Good Relations Programme-Good Relations Grant Aid and St. Patrick's Celebration Grants 19/20, in that the organisation she worked for had applied for a St. Patrick's Day grant.

Roundtable discussion on Good Relations Audit

(Mr. P. Osborne, Facilitator, attend in connection with this item.)

Mr. Osborne provided the Panel with an overview of the Good Relations Audit which included the consultation process. He highlighted that the consultation was still ongoing and advised that there were initial key issues for discussion, which included potential areas of direction and how the Council might further develop the work of the partnership.

After discussion with the facilitator, the Partnership noted the information and that the final Audit findings would be presented to the Shared City Partnership in due course.

Update on Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme

The Partnership was reminded that an independent consultant had been appointed to visit all participating sites on the 2019 Bonfire and Cultural Expression programme up to 8pm on 11th July and that the findings of this report had been presented to the Shared City Partnership in September.

The report identified the following:

- the majority of sites on the programme were well maintained and met the aims of the framework;
- the majority of sites on the programme were not fully constructed by 10 July;
- prior to 8.30pm on 11 July, no sites on the programme had any paramilitary displays;
- prior to 8.30pm on 11 July, no sites had tyres on the bonfire; and
- prior to 8.30pm on 11 July, four sites had flags and/or other Nationalist/Republican election posters on the bonfire.

It was reported that the Review Panel had met with the groups involved on 30th September, and following consideration of the monitoring report and the previous engagement of the groups on the programme, the review panel had agreed the following recommendations in respect of the three considerations:

1. This group should receive the final 30% of the first stage payment for activity already undertaken, subject to receipt of all relevant documentation.
2. This group should be able to access the additional funding available for cultural activity for groups who met the aims of the programme.
3. This group should be eligible to take part in a 2020 programme.

Review Panel Recommendations

	1.	2.	3.	Rationale
Belvoir Area Residents' Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	When group was advised that flags and emblems were on the bonfire, they had them removed.
Consensus Restorative Justice	Yes	Yes	Yes	When group was advised that flags and emblems were on the bonfire, they had them removed.
Dunmurry Community Association	Yes	No	Yes	The panel recognises the work that has been carried out by the group and commends them for the progress that has been made. Council officers will seek to support the group on an ongoing basis through the DCGRP.
Westland Community Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	When group was advised that flags and emblems were on the bonfire, they had them removed.

After discussion, the Shared City Partnership recommended the Review Panel's findings to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and commended the progress that had been made by participating groups in meeting the aims of the programme and supporting positive cultural expression.

Update on Peace IV

Peace IV Secretariat

The Shared City Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources committee that they note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 Implementation of the programme and support to projects is continuing, an overview of project implementation is outlined in the PEACE IV Programme Dashboard detailed in Appendix I.

3.2 Governance

3.3 Shared City Partnership (SCP)

Finalising signing of members to the Supplemental Agreement PEACE IV Partnership.

3.4 Thematic Steering Groups (TSG)

Formal invitations to extend membership of TSG have been issued to identified organisations and are currently being followed up.

3.5 Underspend proposals

As previously agreed, the mini application for the proposals are being developed with a view to submit to SEUPB in October 2019.

3.6 Monitoring & Evaluation

On the spot verifications of delivery agents has commenced. This process provides members with an additional assurance of effective project delivery.

3.7 Secretariat Staffing

Recruitment for the PEACE IV Programme Support Assistant is underway.

3.8 Financial & Resource Implications

As at 28 August 2019 claims totalling £1,279,062.96 have been submitted to SEUPB, of which £814,965.40 has been reimbursed to date.

SEUPB are currently conducting financial checks on claim period 18 (1 February – 30 April 2019) for Shared Space and Services theme valued at £92,311.57 and claim period 19, (1 May – 31 July 2019) across all 3 themes totalling £371,785.99.

Forecasts for claim period 20, 1 August – 31st October 2019 (which is to be submitted by 28 November 2019) are as follows:

Children and Young People	£251,907.63
Building Positive Relations	£244,966.95
Shared Space and Services	£189,720.34

3.9 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015.”

During discussion, the Programme Manager explained the reasons for the withdrawal of some of the Schools and Youth Groups involved from the Children and Young People’s projects, and that new ways to increase participation in the projects would be considered.

The Partnership adopted the recommendations.

Update on Peace IV - Children and Young People

The Programme Manager provided the Partnership with a progress report in respect of the Children and Young People’s (CYP) theme of the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

She advised that implementation of the projects within the Children and Young People theme was continuing, with all projects now mobilised and support provided by the PEACE IV team.

In relation to ‘CYP 1 – Tech Connects’, the Programme Manager reported that the delivery agent continued to raise concern regarding high outputs and participant targets associated with the project and the Delivery Agent would submit an options paper on the delivery for discussion and consideration through the PEACE IV Governance Structure and also the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

She highlighted that, Under ‘CYP 3 – On the Right Track – Sports Element’, 12 new partnerships had been established and groups were now participating in cross border activities and residential days. She advised that a tendered approach was being developed to deliver tailored cross border activities.

The Programme Manager informed the Partnership that under 'CYP 5 – Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Local Area Network Partner Delivery', regular meetings with the NIHE were continuing and the project delivery was increasing with community planning elements which had commenced in September, 2019. She advised that tender specifications were being developed for aspects of the programme delivery and the specification for Digital Inclusion would be resubmitted by the NIHE for approval prior to issue. She pointed out that the NIHE staff changes within the project would take effect from November.

She highlighted that a recruitment exercise for a CYP Thematic Manager was currently underway and the PEACE IV Secretariat and SSS Thematic Manager were supporting and managing the delivery agents, in the interim.

The Partnership noted the update and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the progress, as detailed in the report.

Update on Peace IV - Shared Spaces and Services

The Shared City Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources committee that they note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Key Issues

Implementation of both the Shared Space & Services (SSS) capital and programming element is continuing on a phased basis. The current focus is on Sections 2 and 3 located at Springfield Dam, Springfield Park, Paisley Park and INI sites. Then progression on to Section 4 at Bog Meadows.

3.2 Capital Works

Planning permission for Springfield Dam was approved by the Planning Committee and is subject to ratification by full Council.

The procurement process for the appointment of a contractor for Springfield Dam is being finalised.

3.3 Key planning dates for the wider PEACE IV scheme are as follows:

- Section 1 (Glencairn and Forthriver Linear Park) – Minor Planning application required for lighting and entrances – anticipated application to be submitted Oct 2019**
- Section 2 Major Planning application to be submitted Dec 2019**
- Section 3 Minor Planning application for lighting to lower path to be submitted before end 2019 -**
- Section 4 Major Planning application to be submitted Jan/ Feb 2020 (subject to consultation with Ulster Wildlife)**

As Sections 2 & 4 require major planning applications, these remain a risk to the project given the time constraints, we will continue to work with planners to achieve the 6-month target.

Pre-application Discussions (PAD) with planners are continuing.

A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) has been submitted in relation to Section 2 (Ballygomartin to Springfield Rd, inc of the INI site). Surveys to assist with the detailed design stage is ongoing and site investigation work of this section is to commence in early October.

3.4 Engagement

Consultation/Publication Information Sessions

Feedback from the public engagement events for Section 2 (Ballygomartin to Springfield Road (includes INI site) were all positive, some comments as below:

- 'Great health and exercise possibilities for senior citizens'
- 'Long overdue!'
- 'Truly wonderful inclusive idea. Hope it comes to fulfilment soon'
- 'Yes, this will benefit the children in the afterschool. This will encourage us to use the area around us and help the children to explore more outside areas'
- 'I have been part of a cross community group on the Springfield Road for many years and this is a wonderful ray of hope'

3.5 Two further public engagement events for Section 4 Bog Meadows are taking place on

- 6th November at St John's Parish Hall – 10am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm**
- 7th November at Park Centre - 10am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm**

3.6 Official Launch

With Planning Permission approved, the official launch will take place on Wednesday 27 November 2019, from 10 am to 12.30, is the provisional date for the official launch of the Peace IV Reconnecting Open Spaces Project, although this is subject to securing planning approval.

Members should note the date for the launch and hold in their diaries. Formal invitations will follow in due course.

3.7 Branding

Creative NRG (t/a McCadden) has been awarded the branding contract and community engagement is to commence over the coming weeks. The contractor is required to identify three branding options, which will be presented to the SCP in November 2019 for final decision.

3.8 Programming

Engagement with the community on suitable programmes to animate and use the connected spaces is ongoing. The recent consultation identified the following programming ideas.

- Creative (photography, drawing)- 86%
- Environmental Awareness- 86%
- Family- 71%
- Health & Fitness- 100%
- Other- 14%- encourage seniors to use

Clonard Monastery Youth Centre (CMYC) and Forthspring Inter Community Youth have started the Youth Civic Engagement outreach work. So far this work has involved groups from not only around Springfield Dam and the INI site, but also as far down as Clonard Shops and up into Woodvale Park. The next stage is to identify further 2 groups, aged 14-16 years participating in the project early October.

A draft quotation document for an intergenerational project, targeted at the communities across the open space network has been developed. This project will focus on local history, identity, culture, etc. with facilitated cross community workshops and showcase events. One of the anticipated outcomes will be that local people will be given the opportunity to contribute to the development of story-boards / interpretative panels as part of the branding exercise. It is hoped that a call for applications will be advertised in October.

The PEACE IV team is currently liaising with a specialist adviser on the remaking of divisive lines into shared spaces, with a view to facilitating workshops with community leaders/ representatives on ownership of the new sites and inclusion of all communities.

3.9 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015.”

During discussion, the Programme Manager highlighted that the official launch of the Peace IV Reconnecting Open Spaces Project had been confirmed for Wednesday, 27th November, which included a sod cutting ceremony on site and the Partnership would be invited to attend.

She also explained further the Youth Civic Engagement outreach work which was being undertaken in relation to the Programme.

The Partnership noted the update and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the progress, as detailed in the report.

Update on Peace IV - Building Positive Relations

The Shared City Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Building Positive Relations (BPR) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources committee that they note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 Implementation of projects within the Building Positive Relations theme is continuing with 3 of the key projects and one element of BPR5 now mobilised. The PEACE IV team continues to work closely with all delivery agents to monitor progress and address challenges as they arise.

3.2 BPR 1 – Cross Community Area Networks – Partner Delivery with NIHE

NIHE is progressing the mobilisation of this project. Awaiting formal acceptance of Partner Agreement.

3.3 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

Project mobilisation is progressing, although the level of contact hours required (90 hrs) remains a concern and this will be kept under review as participation in the project. An arts facilitator has been appointed to work with established clusters to shape the project concept.

Discussions with East Belfast groups regarding establishing a creative cluster and community participation in the project are continuing.

3.4 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Mobilisation of the project is progressing. The official launch of Transform for Change launch is planned for 4 November in City Hall. Members of the SCP will receive a formal invitation in due course.

Neighbourhood Area Managers are engaging with managers in front line units and departments as part of a staff nomination process to ensure staff and managers are represented within Phase 1 clusters, West, North and South.

Securing political participation remains a key focus and presentations are being arranged for Area Working Groups. In addition, a briefing to Party Group Leaders is scheduled for 31 October 2019.

3.5 BPR5 – Traveller and Roma elements of Supporting Connected Communities

Discussions to reshape project content and deliver mechanism are ongoing. Programme Manager and BPR Project Development Officer attending the next Traveller Interagency Forum on 26 September 2019.

BPR – Cinematography

A pre market engagement session took place on 13 September 2019 attended by 11 different organisations. Details of the session was also published on social media and the Council website.

The revised tender opened on 20 September 2019 allowing four weeks for submissions.

3.7 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015.”

The Partnership noted the update and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the progress, as detailed in the report.

District Council Good Relations Programme- Good Relations Grant Aid and St. Patrick's Celebration Grants 19/20

The Shared City Partnership considered the following report and associated appendices:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To provide a summary of the projects that have been recommended for Tranche 2 19/20 of the Good Relations Small grants programme and Saint Patrick's Day Celebration programme.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 To note the allocations to Tranche 2 of the Good Relations Small grants programme and Saint Patrick's Day Celebration programmes.

- £110,069 to support 26 organisations to deliver Good Relations projects from October 2019 – March 2020 through Good Relations small grants funding.**
- £30,805 to support 49 organisations to deliver Saint Patrick's Day Celebration events.**

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 The second tranche of funding under the Good Relations Small Grant Fund for activities taking place between 1 October 2019 and 31 March 2020 and the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration programme closed on 5 July 2019.

3.2 The purpose of the Good Relations Small Grant Fund reflects the Together: Building a United Community strategy and supports local approaches to identified good relations needs. The Saint Patrick's Day Celebration programme supports voluntary and community groups who want to organise celebratory events in local areas throughout the city to mark St. Patrick's Day.

3.3 Both programmes are co-funded by TEO (75%) and Belfast City Council (25%) through the District Council Good Relations Programme.

3.4 Approval for delegated authority to approve grant allocations was recommended by the Shared City Partnership and approved by Council in March 2017. This was based on a recommendation in the 2017 good relations audit report.

- 3.5 By the closing date of applications, the Good Relations Small Grants Fund had received 34 applications totalling £201,573. This compares with the previous two years as follows:

Year	No. of Applications	Amount Requested
19/20	34	£201,573
18/19	55	£336,950
17/18	57	£377,393

- 3.6 The Saint Patrick's Day Celebration programme received 55 applications totalling £52,058. This compares with the previous two years as follows:

Year	No. of Applications	Amount Requested
19/20	55	£52,058
18/19	56	£50,405
17/18	43	£37,814

- 3.7 Members will note that the number of applications to the GR grant aid programme has decreased significantly in this call. Feedback from applicants has highlighted the following contributing factors which may explain the reduction in applications:

3.8

- uncertainty of core staff funding which impacts on the capacity to make project applications
- ability to access funds from larger programmes such as the TEO Central Good Relations Fund, Camps Programme and/or Urban Villages on a longer term basis
- organisations focusing on other areas of programming

- 3.9 Applications to the Saint Patrick's Day celebration programme have remained at a similar level for the last two years. There is a good spread by area and community background of groups being supported through this fund.

- 3.10 All applications have been assessed and scored against set criteria by Good Relations Officers as outlined in the guidance notes. Following this, independent assessment panels are set up to review a sample of applications, these are attended by 2 other officers independent of the Good Relations Unit and facilitated by Central Grants Unit (CGU).

- 3.11 The role of these panels is to ensure that the scoring of applications has been undertaken appropriately and to provide verification of sampled applications and the overall process.

- 3.12 The Good Relations Action Plan has a total resource of £740,857 which includes £205,273 for good relations small grants programme and £30,000 for Saint Patrick's Day celebration programme. There are sufficient funds to support the recommended allocation to the Saint Patrick's Day celebration

programme. In Tranche 1 of 2, grants to the value of £110,373 were recommended, leaving an available allocation of approximately £95,000 for tranche 2 grants.

- 3.13 Following a mid year review of spend, an allocation of £15,000 within year was available to support small grant projects which allows funding of £110,069 to 26 applications which scored 65 and above bringing the total allocation to £220,273 towards grant aid costs for the 19/20 year.

Financial & Resource Implications

Following the in year reallocation, the above funds have been awarded within existing budgets.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

All activity is aligned with one of the four Good Relations Outcomes within the Action Plan, which has been screened for equality, good relations and rural needs, and screened out.

Appendix I – Good Relations small grants programme awards

Project Title	Project Description	Score %	Requested	Recommended
Then and Now. Sandy Row-Grosvenor- Donegall Road	A series of exhibitions depicting the communities as they were in the past and how they have changed in the present. Will host a number of lectures and discussions into our common similarities and how we can learn from each other.	80	£6,465.00	£4,915.00
The Island	Working with 6 targeted primary schools from throughout Belfast, the "Our Island" project will use arts based techniques to tackle sectarianism, racism and promote cultural diversity. It will distribute teacher resources and brief teachers on the project to ensure a legacy is left after this funding	77.5	£8,329.50	£5,155.00
Connecting Clonard Shankill history project	The project will organise a spatial history workshop and local history tour to build relationships between residents in the Clonard Shankill area across these interfaces in West Belfast. The project builds on previous community history and discovery work and involves	77.5	£9,510.50	£3,595.00

	five community groups working in partnership.			
The Wondering Women Project	This project will provide a group of women explore, gain knowledge and experience different cultures. The aim is for women to gain confidence and understanding of others. All give the opportunity to develop discussion around tolerance in their community and to challenge their values and beliefs.	75	£5,420.00	£4,270.00
Open Doors	This proposal aims to open up the doors of the Clifton Street Orange Hall and encourage other communities to visit the facility and experience the history and heritage of the building. It is part of a wider long-term cultural and heritage programme - the North Belfast Great Places.	75	£9,650.00	£5,350.00
Girdwood Peer Led Youth Champions 2020	To deliver the cross-community development programme -designed and developed by last year's Girdwood Youth Champions group - to 15 young people allowing them to have a voice in the future development of the Girdwood site. Members of last year's Youth Champions programme will co-deliver the 2020 programme alongside Youth Workers.	75	£8,347.00	£7,732.00
Sit down and hear our story	This project will bring local and new comer women to tell their stories though the medium of creativity and art.	75	£4,072.00	£3,402.00
The Friendship Project	A series of arts, cultural identity and personal development workshops with young people from Glenwood and St Clare's Primary Schools and Gaelscoil an Lonnain. Project will consist of sessions with individual	75	£9,880.00	£7,587.00

	classes in their school and larger "Get Together" sessions with all three school classes meeting up at Spectrum Centre.			
4 Corners Festival 2020 - Youth Programme	The 4 Corners Festival seeks to inspire people from across Belfast to transform it for the peace and prosperity of all. It features innovative events designed to entice people out of their own corners of the city and into new places where they encounter new perspectives, ideas and friends.	75	£10,000.00	£7,060.00
'Stories and Journeys': Development & Pilot	This project will develop and pilot a new schools engagement programme to raise awareness and understanding of the experience of child refugees and asylum seekers, improving attitudes and promoting tolerance amongst young people and good relations in areas where Syrian families are settling in Belfast.	75	£7,000.00	£5,687.00
We Love Where We Live	Project will highlight and celebrate the good relations and diversity inherent in Ballynafeigh by raising morale and positively promoting the health and social well-being of local people and groups from all backgrounds across the life-cycle, through shared participation and engagement in enjoyable, educative, and possibly challenging, events and activities.	75	£5,215.00	£3,265.00
Growing together; Staying together.	20 women from across north Belfast from both PUL and CNR communities will participate in a 12 week Social Inclusion Programme . The programme will look at how the legacy of the troubles has impacted on women from both sides of the community in North Belfast	75	£3,009.00	£2,809.00

The Meaning of Music	This project will explore the musical diversity that exists within our community. This will involve young and older people engaging with musicians and artists from different communities and cultures, learning about their music and culture, and in doing so promote the ethos of cultural expression, and a shared community.	75	£5,525.00	£3,950.00
From Reformation to Reconciliation	Cross community project that will explore how and why the Protestant Reformation took place and its relevance today. Explore as a group what could possibly be "reclaimed" from the past to change our attitudes to one another.	75	£4,385.00	£3,385.00
Do Something for Change	A six-month project involving a representative group of 10 CRED Champions from Belfast. CRED Champions will take part in residential training modules and further workshops in CRED and youth research techniques. Participants will use their skills, knowledge and attitudes to encourage 100 peers to implement CRED focused shared social action.	72.5	£8,407.00	£3,595.00
Falls Women's Centre Welcome Project	Project provides a one to one service to BME/Syrian women supporting them integrate and settle within our community thus reducing isolation and vulnerability for women. Provide a one to one support worker, English speaking conversation classes, coffee mornings, advice, creative activities and volunteering opportunities in a safe space.	72.5	£9,280.00	£8,460.00
Green Shoot In The Community-Tigers Bay,	Green Shoot In The Community-Tigers Bay, is a community arts workshop programme exploring the impact living in an interface area can have on the lives and experiences of those growing up there. The project	70	£6,160.00	£3,590.00

	uses storytelling and issue-based theatre workshops to develop dialogue on the issues associated with the interface.			
The Past and Peace	This project is a history project for local people who want to become better informed around the past and the troubles and the road to peace and the future.	70	£2,896.00	£2,036.00
African Life, Belfast Home	This project aims to profile a number of visual and informative media forms to enhance the integration of the African community into community life in Belfast. It involves the design and posting of information regarding the African Community and a pop-up exhibition on African life in Belfast..	67.5	£2,650.00	£2,050.00
Building Positive Relations Through Sport	The project will provide training and experiential learning opportunities that will create the next generation of empowered young people who are equipped to use sport in actively promoting peace, initially in their part of the community and subsequently across Belfast, Northern Ireland and beyond.	67.5	£9,950.00	£4,490.00
Rebels, Radicals, Royalists & Loyalists 19th / 20th Century	Rebels, Radicals, Royalists & Loyalists 19th / 20th Century will cover the period in Irish history from Catholic Emancipation through to the ending of the Civil War in the south and early decades of the state of N.Ireland, through the 'Troubles' to the Good Friday Agreement.	67.5	£5,161.80	£4,566.00
The Home Project - Belonging	The Home Project is an intercultural Arts Project in east Belfast. The project offers training to 4 ethnic minority artists living in Belfast and then puts this training into practice by placing the artists with local community groups to facilitate	67.5	£3,600.00	£3,110.00

	workshops around diversity which will help them create new work.			
Refugee/Asylum Seeker Integration into local NI Neighbourhoods	The aim of the project is to tackle issues such as racism and discrimination by conducting interactive workshops in 3 local Primary Schools along with Crusader's & Linfield Football Supporters Club, in conjunction with North Belfast PNSI community police.	66.25	£2,750.00	£1,570.00
Festival of Lights -Bridging Indo-Shankill relations - 2019	Celebrating Diwali & Halloween to mark the occasion of festival of lights thereby creating an atmosphere of unity in diversity.	65	£6,300.00	£1,950.00
Reconciliation through Boxing	Project aims to use the sport of boxing to support reconciliation and create better understanding between people and traditions from opposing backgrounds/religions. Developing cross-community links with a variety of boxing clubs from Belfast and Northern Ireland, will build stronger relationships to develop tolerance and respect for all sections of society.	65	£4,500.00	£2,890.00
Communities Integrating Through Youth	Volunteers will promote good relations experiences and learning in an outreach capacity, targeting 16 youth clubs across North, South, East and West Belfast. Each region will connect in a concluding event showcasing good relations learning gained.	65	£6,400.00	£3,600.00
Dance across cultures	Weekly Cultural dancing workshops accumulating in showcasing cultural festival of dance from around the world that would reflect local cultures living in our community in Inner East	61.25	£4,315.00	£0.00

	Belfast. The showcase will be performed by local young people and would be for an audience of residents and local ethnic families.			
Bomoko-Refugee and Asylum Seeker Women United.	Through a program of capacity building and community relations, activities, project will support a network of around 50 refugee and asylum-seeking women to develop their confidence.	58.75	£7,185.00	£0.00
The Krypton Challenge	This is a personal development project for young people in school considered "at risk" involved in antisocial behaviours and who are struggling in school and causing difficulties with teachers. This project will challenge yet inspire each participant to be the best they can be in school and in life.	57.5	£5,860.00	£0.00
Albion Star Diversity Soccer	This project will promote healthy living and good relations among our young people in the Inner South.	56.25	£4,346.00	£0.00
Marrowbone & Sunningdale Active Men Project	The development of a community relations programme aimed at men in need of social inclusion through physical activity such as walking, social engagement, gardening, developing mens shed skills and mental health training on a community relations programme.	50	£9,950.00	£0.00
Explaining and exploring Orangeism in the 21st Century	This project aims to bring people together in looking at Orangeism within the wider context of Ireland and the Williamite Wars.	50	£4,425.00	£0.00
Team Building Activity	This project would like to take 30 people together from different backgrounds and enjoy a day out in an team building outdoor activity.	0	£630.00	£0.00

TOTALS £201,573.80 £110,069.00

Appendix II – Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration Grants 19/20

Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Awarded:
Asian Men's Over 50's Group	Asian Men's Over 50's understand St. Patrick the Man	The group will learn about St. Patrick through a workshop of storytelling and song. There will be a visit to Slemish Mountain for a walk and history tour.	£620.00
Amigos Together	Amigos Together Festival of Saint Patrick	An Evening of songs, music, dance, storytelling, history talk and Irish and Spanish refreshments for group.	£490.00
An Droichead	Ceiliradh Naomh Pádraig 2020	The project will hold a series of events around St. Patrick's Day to mark the annual celebrations. These events will showcase to the residents and visitors the arts that this heritage has to offer.	£500.00
Ardoyne Afterschools Club	Educating and Celebrating St Patrick	The project will educate young people on the cultural celebration that occurs annually and its significance to Irish culture, to enhance their sense of cultural identity whilst promoting demographic diversity. There will be a range of weeklong activities and a celebration to mark the date.	£400.00
Asian 50+ Group	Asian Seniors Group Celebrate the life of St. Patrick	The Group wish to celebrate St. Patrick with a trip to Armagh Cathedral together with a card making and cross making at the Armagh Cathedral Centre.	£520.00
Avoniel Over 50s	St Patrick 2020	Lecture, Study Visit and celebration night. The group will visit the sites of Tara and Slane. This will be facilitated with a lecture by a local historian who will accompany us on the bus.	£1,000.00
Ballynafeigh Community Development Association	St Patricks day Mini Carnival	BCDA's St Patrick's Day Mini Carnival Project and workshops will be a bright and colourful initiative for	£642.00

		everyone in the neighbourhood to enjoy.	
Belfast City Mission (Island Street)	Celebrating St. Patrick - His Life and Legacy	The project will host a community event where 100+ people will be invited to come and enjoy some traditional food as well as a dance presentation. There will also be a visit to St. Patricks Cathedral (Dublin) to explore the history of this Norman built Cathedral dedicated to St. Patrick.	£800.00
Brookvale Guys and Girls	Brookvale Guys and Gals Celebration of Saint Patrick	The Seniors will involve two groups from Clifton House and Brookvale Fold to join them in a trip, quiz and workshop on the life and times of St. Patrick. The group will then visit Slemish Mountain for a short walk and talk.	£790.00
Chinese Welfare Association	Paddy Power Party 20-20	This project seeks to use this traditional Irish festival to facilitate engagement between the indigenous, Chinese and other BME Communities in Belfast.	£750.00
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Seniors St Patricks Cross Community Ceilidh	Seniors from the Colin & Greater Dunmurry area will come together to celebrate St Patrick's Day with an event held in Dunmurry Church Hall. Through Irish & Scottish Music, Dance and social interaction we will bring together both these communities to build up trust, respect and understanding of each other's culture.	£615.00
Connor Diocese - Children's Council	Patrick's Mysterious Adventure	The event will take place from 17th - 20th March 2020. An interactive, inter-generational exhibition will be set up in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast telling the story of St. Patrick with live actors playing the various characters in Patrick's life. The exhibition will be made up of 7 main zones located around the outer area of the cathedral floor space providing a natural trail. Visitors will journey around, participating in and	£800.00

		exploring different aspects of St. Patrick's life. There will be access to the side chapels in the Cathedral for interactive workshops. The event will be free to schools and the general public.	
Cullingtree Seniors	Cullingtree celebrate the wearing of the green	The group will host a wide range of activities in the centre including St. Patrick's Day crafts, Irish candle making and card making. A workshop followed by a historic hill walk and talk on the life of Saint Patrick followed by lunch and a quiz.	£480.00
Cumann Naomh Eoin GAC	St Patrick's Day Celebration	Family Fun Day in Corrigan Park, Whiterock Road on 17th March 2017 to celebrate the life of St Patrick and his historical position in our culture. There will be activities for the children including sports and games in in Sports Hall and Sports Field. There will be Irish Traditional Music and a history lecture on in our Coffee Lounge.	£675.00
East Belfast Mission	East Belfast St. Patricks Celebration	This project will build on the work of Turas in promoting the Gaelic history of east Belfast and in building cross-community understanding and tolerance. The project will do this in 3 ways - a 6-week introductory course to aspects of Gaelic culture. Secondly, we will hold a St Patricks 'family celebration night' and the project will culminate in the final strand of the project when those from our local community including our class attendees, children, parents and those who attended our celebration night will take part in the St. Patricks Day Parade 2020.	£600.00
Féile An Phobail	St.Patrick's Legacy	10 young people will undertake a research project to gauge the impact that the myth of St. Patrick has on young people in the North of Ireland. The young people will undertake a tour of all the significant sites	£700.00

		associated with St. Patrick in the North of Ireland whilst engaging with locals and experts on the subject. Upon completion, the young people will work towards a presentation during Spring Festival where they will share with peers their findings.	
First Steps Playgroup	St Patricks Cultural Celebration Event	The purpose of the event is to provide a community wide event that celebrates cultural diversity within the community, promoting education and shared understanding among local families of Irish and other cultural heritages, enhancing children and families sense of identity and belonging whilst contributing to a reduction in stereotypes and building of trust within the community.	£370.00
Focus Club	Celebrations of St Patrick and traditions.	Celebration event with a short talk and quiz about Saint Patrick, traditional music and food. Outings to related sites and traditional craft workshops.	£550.00
Friends of Careers 'n' Kids	St Patricks Day Fun Day	To provide a fun filled day to celebrate the feast of St Patrick, providing opportunity to experience Irish culture through dance, music, language, stories, foods and sharing of others experiences.	£790.00
Glenbank Community Association	St Patrick's For All	As a follow on from the group's Flags and Emblems project which will run in January 2020, they will take a group of intergenerational and cross community individuals to Downpatrick to participate in the annual St Patrick's Day festival. This will be done after several workshops around the life and history of St Patrick.	£620.00
Glenbank Community Garden Flower Pot Men	Glenbank Cross Community Garden Saint Patrick	The group will host a range of activities in their walled garden including St. Patrick's Day crafts, shamrock planting followed by a trip, walk and talk on Slemish.	£600.00

Greater Shankill Senior Citizens Forum	"....I count you twice" GSSCF	This is a cross-community project which will build on previous activities to organise a project that will bring together the West Belfast 50+ Forum and the Greater Shankill Forum to both celebrate St. Patrick and to learn from each other's understanding and knowledge to the Patron Saint of Ireland.	£770.00
Greater Village Regeneration Trust	Saint Patrick - Patron Saint of Ireland	Educating young people and seniors on St Patrick and the role he had in the Island's history	£662.00
Hannahstown Cultural And Heritage Society	One Saint for all.	A lecture will take place describing the society that existed around the time of St Patrick. This will be led by a Church of Ireland minister with input from a Catholic priest. A trip to Armagh and surrounding area will follow the footsteps of St Patrick. A cross community celebration evening will celebrate St Patrick in an inclusive manner.	£825.00
Harbor Lights	Harbour Lights light up St Patrick	The project throughout the month of March 2020 will undertake several activities for the Harbor Lights group and the wider community - Irish crafts: card, candle and cross making. Also an event to represent Irish cuisine, Irish dancing and traditional music.	£860.00
Indian Senior Citizen Club	Indian Senior Citizen Club searching for Saint Patrick	Proposal for a trip to Slemish for a tour with a historian who will act as guide and quizmaster for the day. Workshop to include arts and crafts.	£495.00
Ionad Uíbh Eachach	Aistear / Journey 2020	This proposal will build on the success of the 'Aistear / Journey' project of 2019 by continuing this project in 2020. The project will use talks and guided tours, music, storytelling, dance, native crafts workshops and skill-share sessions and an art project in the after-schools club as ways of highlighting these themes - there will be a multi-cultural music and cultural diversity workshops.	£800.00

Lagan Village Youth And Community Group	Lunch and dance with St Patrick	The project will hold a St Patricks day lunch for 40 local people including senior citizens and children in the community centre. The day will start with Irish/Scottish dancing and music that would encourage participation in a range of dances and to learn about St Patrick through storytelling.	£445.00
Ligoniel Improvement Association	Let us Celebrate our Patron Saint.	The project will consist of three facilitated workshops i.e. women, youths, and families culminating in a community celebration that will encourage social cohesion regardless of religious, political, cultural or ethnic background. The sessions will provide information about the Saint and encourage dialogue and discussion to look at why there is division on the matter and how to promote inclusivity.	£435.00
Lower Andersonstown Mothers Support Group	If you are Irish Celebration	A celebration in song, dance, poetry and music. An all-day event with readings, myths and legend stories followed by buffet and music.	£495.00
Lower Oldpark Community Association	Saint Patrick's Day celebration	A bus trip to Dublin's Saint Patrick's Cathedral including a guided tour of the building to examine the information which exists about the life of Saint Patrick.	£958.00
Manor Street Cliftonville Community Group	Celebration of Saint Patrick	Celebration of the culture and life of patron saint of Ireland by having traditional Irish music for children and their families and local residents. Arts and crafts to include card making, crowns, snakes and shamrocks and face painting.	£500.00
Market Development Association	Market St Patrick's Day celebrations 2020	The project includes a St Patrick's Day themed family fun day in St Malachy's Youth Centre, with face painting, arts & crafts, balloon modelling, sports, music, dancing and include a Senior Citizens' lunch and tea dance in the Market Community Centre.	£610.00

Mount Eagles Community Association	Using St Patrick to Connect Communities	This project will engage 20 young people across Mount Eagles and Poleglass, helping them to overcome negative perceptions and behaviours towards one another and celebrate cultural and community connectivity to develop a joint community wide event for all local residents to attend and be a part of. The final event will provide a wide range of activities and will seek to enable the entire community to come together and join in the celebration as one.	£760.00
Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association	St Patrick's Celebration visit to Armagh 2020	A day visit to Armagh, visit to St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral and other place of interest in Armagh.	£585.00
Pretty N Pink Breast Cancer Charity	St Patricks Family Fun Day	Pretty N Pink aim to deliver a family fun day hosted at the Park Centre, Belfast over St. Patrick's Day. This fun day will target both sides of the community.	£460.00
Prison Arts Foundation (PAF)	St. Patrick's Exhibition	The Prison Arts Foundation (PAF) delivers a community-based arts programme offers art courses to ex-prisoners, those on probation and those serving non-custodial sentences in the community. We will encourage participants, working across all the arts, to research and create original pieces of artwork which contribute to a better understanding of St. Patrick. This in turn leads to a better understanding of each other's community - working together in a creative activity serves to knock down the walls of prejudice.	£330.00
Royal York Historical Society	The real St Patrick	A community lecture on the life and times of St Patrick.	£378.00
Seniors On The Shore	Seniors on the Shore finding St Patrick	The seniors from the group have decided to explore the life of Saint Patrick in Downpatrick where they will visit the Church and the Saint's grave followed by lunch in the museum.	£600.00

Shared History Interpretive Project (SHIP)	Link with St Patrick	SHIP are based a short distance from St Patrick's Church in Donegall Street. St Josephs' Church was built in Sailortown some decades later as a "Chapel of Ease" for St Patricks'. SHIP will organise a series of events that will share the history of St Patricks' Church and why it was named after the patron Saint of Ireland.	£600.00
Society Of St Vincent De Paul, (S.V.P)	The name of our project will be:- "St. Patrick, our culture and heritage".	The project will include workshops for children and young people in Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities with a special St. Patrick's theme, Storytelling sessions, Visit to Downpatrick visitors centre and surrounding places linked to the history and culture starting with St Patrick up to this time.	£850.00
St Teresa's Senior Group	Knowing St Patrick with St Teresa's	The group have planned a month long program of activity including a history workshop with local historian exploring the life of St Patrick. The group will visit St Patrick visitor Centre in Downpatrick they will also visit Downpatrick Cathedral and St Patrick's grave followed by lunch and a quiz.	£780.00
Star Neighbourhood Centre	Celebrating St Patrick	Star Neighbourhood Centre will facilitate a two-week program for thirty 5 - 12 year old children. The first week we will look at the cultural symbols and activities associated with other cultures such as Polish and Romanian traditions. This will include looking at traditional music, food dress and dance. The second week will focus on the cultural symbols and activities associated with St Patrick's Day celebrations.	£490.00
The Men's Shared Skills	Men's Shared Skills and Saint Patrick celebrated	The Men's Shared Skills are based at Barrack Street and together with the primary school teachers propose to undertake a series of art workshops with local children. The men will	£660.00

		travel to Downpatrick to visit the Church, the saint's grave and visitor centre.	
The Tuesday Club	St Patrick's celebration	Historical talk on the times around St Patrick and a visit to The Hill of Tara and Slane sites to promote and encourage trust and understanding through dialogue and learning about others	£750.00
West Belfast 50 Plus Forum	"...I count you twice" WB50+F	This is a cross-community project which is being submitted in two parts one from each group participant. This project will bring together the West Belfast 50+ Forum and the Greater Shankill Forum to both celebrate St. Patrick and to learn from each other's understanding and knowledge to the Patron Saint of Ireland.	£770.00
Whitecity Community Development Association	Understanding St Patrick	This programme is about bringing people together from the different age groups and getting them to understand the life of St Patrick and there will be a community lunch in the community centre where the residents can see information around St Patrick.	£425.00
Willowfield Parish Community Association	Celebrating the Life and Faith of St Patrick	There will be a community-wide Family Fun Day and a separate cross-community event for Senior Citizens with Irish stew and a singalong of some Irish tunes.	£550.00
Wise Men of the East Network (Mens Shed)	Wise men and Saint Patrick	The men will participate in an arts and crafts workshop on the theme of Saint Patrick. They will visit Slemish and undertake a tour and talk with a local historian.	£650.00

During discussion, the Senior Good Relations Officer confirmed that outreach to increase participation from East Belfast Groups would continue.

After discussion, the Partnership noted the allocations to Tranche 2 of the Good Relations Small grants programme and Saint Patrick's Day Celebration programmes:

- £110,069 to support 26 organisations to deliver Good Relations projects from October 2019 – March 2020 through Good Relations small grants funding; and
- £30,805 to support 49 organisations to deliver Saint Patrick's Day Celebration events.

Outcomes Monitoring Update 18/19

The Senior Good Relations Officer provided an overview of the good relations outcomes delivered through the 18/19 Good Relations Action Plan and provided an update in relation to progress on the outcomes monitoring framework that had been adopted by the Unit in November, 2018.

The Partnership was reminded that, as part of the review of the Shared City Partnership, Members had requested that a framework was developed to capture the good relations outcomes that were achieved through the work of the Good Relations Unit, including the Belfast City Council District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) and that it would also relate to the good relations outcomes contained in the Belfast Agenda.

The Senior Good Relations Officer highlighted the key actions that had been undertaken over the past 12 months:

- January, 2019 – A monitoring officer had been appointed to the Good Relations Unit to provide a support resource to groups participating in the programme. The officer has developed a range of questionnaires and other resources in conjunction with the Executive Office (TEO) to capture the outcomes that were supported through project delivery;
- All groups in receipt of good relations grant aid and other projects delivered through the Programme had received training and support to carry out ongoing monitoring of the impact of their projects;
- The Good Relations Strategy had been developed in 18/19. This would be supported by an implementation plan which would outline how the range of actions delivered by other departments outside of the DCGRP would capture and report delivery against good relations outcomes;
- A detailed update in relation to each recommendation was available in Appendix I (copy available [here](#)).
- District Councils were identified within the Together; Building a United Community strategy as a key delivery agent. This delivery was through the District Council's Good Relations Programme which was 75% funded by TEO. The Good Relations Unit made quarterly reports to TEO on progress against delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan. Financial payments from TEO were based on successful delivery of the programme as highlighted in the quarterly reports; and
- All reports for 18/19 activity had now been completed and returned to TEO. Financial claims had also been submitted; there was 100% spend by the Council in 18/19.

Some of the key points in relation to outcomes supported through the 18/19 DCGRP included:

- Total number of participants – 35, 301. The overall target for the programme was 14,960. Actual delivery had greatly exceeded this target by 236%. This compares with 24,367 total participants through

the 17/18 programme, indicating that the programme reached approximately 11,000 additional participants in 18/19; and

- Total number of programmes – 13 delivered. There were 12 programmes in 17/18.

In terms of Good Relations Outcomes monitoring, the Senior Good Relations Officer advised that in the Small Grants Programme, 68% of participants showed a positive change in attitude towards socialising in a shared space they would not traditionally have visited, and 40% of participants showed a positive change in attitude towards people from a different religious/ethnic background.

In relation to St Patrick's Day Celebration Grants, 92% of participants who returned surveys, had a positive change in attitude as result of participation and felt that the culture and traditions of different religious or ethnic communities added to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.

The Senior Good Relations Officer advised that, in regards to the Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme, 92% of project promoters reported that participation in this project supported participants' positive expression of cultural identity and heritage.

With regards to the Schools Intervention Programme, she advised that 90% of participants now had a better understanding of the impacts of hate crime and prejudice had on school and within their community, and 67% agreed that if they witnessed someone being bullied because of their background, they now know what to do (e.g. inform appropriate adult and/or police).

She stated that, in relation to the Diversecity Programme, an average of 96% of those who had attended all of the events and completed evaluation forms felt more positively, that the culture and traditions of different communities added to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.

In terms of the Commemoration Programme, 97% of those who had completed evaluations at Voices of 68 and Women in the Civil Rights movement events indicated that, as a result of attending the event, they had a greater appreciation of diversity.

During discussion, the Senior Good Relations Officer highlighted further, the positive feedback from the survey response, and outlined the opportunities and challenges of the Monitoring Framework.

She pointed out that, as the monitoring officer was not in post until January, 2019, the development of forms and training for groups did not take place until after that date and that quantitative data was not available for all projects, especially in relation to community background.

After discussion, the Partnership noted the update and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the information provided in the report and associated appendices (copy available [here](#)).

Request from Oxford University regarding Inclusive Cities

The Good Relations Manager reported that the Council had been invited by the Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity at the University of Oxford to participate in the Inclusive

Cities project, which was a three year initiative supporting UK cities in their approach towards the inclusion of newcomers in the city.

She informed Members that the programme aimed to create a change in local authority practice and throughout the city, through the:

- Development of a City wide action plan, which would deliver a new approach to newcomers and their relationships with other city residents including a range of mainstreamed and project based activities;
- Development of a strong inclusive narrative on migrants in the city, reflecting its unique history and the contributions migrants had and continue to make, which would be voiced by elected representatives and staff across the city administration and their external partners; and
- A shared commitment across the public, private and voluntary sectors, reflected in the taskforce to deliver the new approach.

She highlighted that the project would allow for peer learning and support between the participating cities and support would also be provided from the Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity which was the knowledge exchange section of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society at the University of Oxford.

She stated that the project recognised that each city would have its own local context and narrative and, as such, action plans would reflect this. It was expected that, with the support and input of Global Exchange, each City would drive forward change which worked for them and would have ownership over their project, in order that it matched with their priorities and needs.

She confirmed that the specific requirements to participate were:

- That the city nominated two people who would engage in the project on behalf of the city: a senior official or elected representative that would head up the city's taskforce;
- An operational lead who had the capacity to develop and deliver the action plan and manage the taskforce and was able to drive forward progress, day-to-day;
- That the council convene a taskforce of local stakeholders who could advise and endorse the action plan, and drive forward delivery in their sectors; and
- A formal written commitment to the three year lifespan of the project.

She informed the Partnership that a series of five 2-day meetings would also take place over the course of the project, as well as a European Exchange in 2021. She highlighted that travel and accommodation costs for the two city representatives would be covered by the Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Council participate in the Inclusive Cities Project and that the Shared City Partnership act as the Taskforce, with the Chair of the Partnership nominated as one of the representatives to engage on behalf of the City. The Partnership also noted that, subject to approval of the project, officer representation would be considered by the Corporate Management Team and that the operational lead for the project would be a representative of the Good Relations Unit.

Events Update

The Good Relations Manager advised the Partnership of the following events that the Good Relation Unit were involved with:

- Visit to Belfast Islamic Centre on 10th October, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.;
- Visit to Belfast Jewish Synagogue on 23rd October, 10 a.m. – 12 noon;
and
- Discover Ulster Scots, History and Cultural Experience on 7th November at the Ulster Scots Centre, 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

During discussion of forthcoming events, the Good Relations Manager confirmed that a visit to the Irish Language Centre in the Skainos Building was already included in the programme of events.

The Partnership noted the upcoming events and that they were welcome to attend.

Request for Presentation on Resilience Strategy (Verbal Update)

The Good Relations Manager advised that a request had been received from the Commissioner for Resilience to present the Resilience Strategy to the Shared City Partnership in December.

The Partnership agreed to receive the presentation.

Chairperson