

PEACE III SPECIAL EDITION

WILSON URGES PARTICIPATION IN PEACE III FUNDING

Finance Minister Sammy Wilson MP, MLA has highlighted the need for all communities to participate in the European PEACE III Programme. Speaking at a conference in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast to mark the achievements of the PEACE III Programme, Mr Wilson highlighted that more than £135million has been allocated to over 100 projects to date.



Looking forward to the Programme's future the Minister said: "With the Programme halfway through its available budget, there is no better time to look critically at the Programme to see what has been done well and what can be done better. "PEACE III must be a Programme for all communities. We need to ensure it does not fall short on that goal."

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

The North East PEACE III Partnership has launched a new Community Integration Programme in the Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena on Wednesday, 26th May. This new initiative will be delivered across the Ballymena and Larne council areas over the next year. The programme was also launched on Thursday, 27th May in the Town Hall, Portrush which will be delivered across the Coleraine, Ballymoney, Limavady and Moyle council areas.



The Community Integration Programme aims to deliver a bespoke Community and Ethnic Minority Capacity Building and Sharing Programme which will ultimately increase the confidence, capacity, knowledge and skills of local people, from disadvantaged areas, from within marginalised groups and from ethnic minority groups, to engage in reconciliation, anti-sectarian and anti-racism work.

The programme will offer learning and support to 40 groups and at least 120 individuals from these groups, taking them through a journey of exploration, skills building and practical initiatives, coupled with a practical project which they would have to deliver as part of the process. The Workers' Educational Association (WEA) is the lead partner of a consortium appointed by the North East PEACE III Partnership to deliver the programme.



Colin Neilands,
Director of WEA

CELEBRATION EVENT TO MARK PEACE III FUNDING ACROSS NORTH WEST

An event organised to celebrate and showcase over £4 million pounds in funding through the North West PEACE III Partnership has been hailed a success by organisers and attendees. The event took place in the Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane on Wednesday 14th April and was attended by representatives from over 50 projects from the Derry, Strabane and Omagh areas who have received European Union PEACE III funding under six different Strategic Priorities. Speakers at the event included Pat Colgan, Chief Executive of the Special EU Programmes Body as well as representatives from the Partnership, the three Councils and a number of the funded projects. These included the Millennium Forum (InterAct Youth Arts Festival), the North West Peace and Reconciliation Youth Forum, Omagh Forum for Rural Associations, Gateways to Protestant Participation, SEEDS (One World Centre) and STEER Mental Health.

Chairperson of the North West PEACE III Partnership, Eileen McFarlane said, "This event really is a celebration of how the PEACE III funding has been successful and the difference it has made to a host of diverse groups across the North West.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PEACE III PHASE II ACTION PLAN



The SW Cluster PEACE III Partnership comprising of Magherafelt, Cookstown, Dungannon and Fermanagh Councils are in the process of undertaking consultations to prepare for the submission of the new Action Plan for Phase II of the PEACE III Programme which will commence in early 2011 to December 2013.

On behalf of the SW Cluster PEACE III Partnership, Magherafelt District Council would like to invite community groups and stakeholders to attend a public consultation to be held at each Council Office on the following dates.

(Please note: times to be confirmed)

Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council **Tuesday 22nd June**

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Fermanagh District Council **Wednesday 23rd June**

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Magherafelt District Council **Thursday 24th June**

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Cookstown District Council **Wednesday 30th June**

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PEACE III PARTNERSHIP NORTH DOWN, ARDS AND DOWN COUNCILS

In order to develop the Plan the PEACE III Partnership wishes to consult with communities and key stakeholders to identify the needs and issues of the Cluster area, in relation to sectarianism and racism.

The following Public Consultation events will be organised in different venues across the cluster during June 2010.

Peninsula	Tuesday 22 nd June 2010, Evening
North Down	Thursday 24 th June 2010, Evening
Ards	Tuesday 29 th June 2010, Day
Down District	Wednesday 30 th June 2010, Evening

Once finalised, final details of the events, venues and times will be posted on each of the Council's web-sites.

For further information contact the PEACE III Programme Manager on 028 91 27 80 28 or email jan.nixey@northdown.gov.uk



The **Southern PEACE III Partnership** are holding consultation roadshows on Phase 2 of the Peace III programme to find out your views on the key Good Relations issues across the area. The roadshows are arranged from 7pm - 9pm as follows:

Tuesday, 15th June 2010

Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry

Wednesday, 16th June 2010

Seagoe Hotel, Craigavon

Tuesday, 22nd June 2010

Civic Building, Downshire Road, Banbridge

Wednesday, 23rd June 2010

St Patrick's Trian, Armagh



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