

TRAUMA RECOVERY NEWS

Welcome again to Trauma Recovery Network's newsletter with a special greeting to all our new members who have come on board since our last communication in February.

In this issue we have an update from our Member's Meeting on 12th May attended by representatives of 16 groups working with victims/survivors of NI political conflict. At what developed as a lively and intense discussion on the future direction of the independent forum members made clear their commitment to and enthusiasm for the network. A framework for a further work programme was a main output of the session where collaborative partnerships around strategising, visioning, trauma healing, standards and good governance and collective independent action were all well endorsed. TRN Board and staff very much appreciate

the input of all who attended and are working to produce a concrete strategy and action plan for the next three years.

Our Information Database continues to grow and we would again encourage any organisation who have not yet signed up to be included to please return the forms as soon as possible and before the July holiday period.

Hopefully you will find the contents of this edition informative and you I would welcome any comments, suggestions or ideas for further editions at any time.

Paula Beattie
Regional Manager

TRN DATABASE AND REFERENCE SERVICE

TRN are compiling a Central Information Database and Reference Service detailing all services available to victims/survivors across NI and beyond. Information will be available on service provision from community, voluntary, and statutory sectors as well as from independent sources. We have now almost completed this work and the database will be accessed through our website once complete.

To move this process to completion we are now asking all organisations who haven't yet contacted our office to do so asap if you wish your service details to be included. In your organisation is interested in becoming involved or would like more information please contact our Development Officer Colleen Symington by email colleen@traumanetwork.org

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Whatever you say...

A conference on Dealing with the Past

Tuesday 24 June 9:30 – 4:00

The Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street, Belfast

Keynote Address: Graeme Simpson

Graeme Simpson is the Director of Thematic Programs at the International Centre for Transitional Justice, New York, where he oversees work in Prosecutions, Reparations, Truth-Seeking, Security System Reform, Memorials, Gender, and a newly-established programme on Peace & Justice. Graeme has worked extensively on issues related to transitional justice, including work with the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and on the transformation of criminal justice institutions in South Africa.

Panel Discussion chaired by William Crawley

Launch of Conversation Guide on Dealing with the Past

As a result of an outreach programme, Healing Through Remembering has developed a guide to support conversations on dealing with the past and remembering. It is aimed at enabling greater participation in this important civic society discussion.

For further information and booking contact:

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For registration form see next page



...say something

Training at Corrymeela!

Dialogue for Peaceful Change Training of Facilitators

D.P.C. is a global network and is a methodology that creates a setting and provides a pathway for overcoming division.

D.P.C. is not the goal but the instrument in a process which seeks to build the creative and practical skills of peaceful change.

It's about facilitating the road to solutions found and agreed by the people caught in negative conflict patterns.

D.P.C. seeks to support a greater understanding of the nature of conflict as both a constructive and a destructive force. The training of facilitators works on building up and enhancing the "toolkits" for dealing with conflict that everyone carries with them. Mistakes, if acknowledged, are our greatest learning opportunities. It is in this space, during the training, that we can each grow and develop our deeper understanding of the underpinning conceptual framework and build our fluency with the practical methodology of D.P.C. building from an "interesting" theory to a core skill within our professional and social lives, with more practice and more practice.

The international participants at the training so enrich the dynamic and help us to learn the cultural sensitivities involved in this work with each other globally.

As D.P.C. moves forward in many different locations across the world that are engaging with us in building up both host and hub centres we will continue to evolve and develop our understanding of working constructively with disagreement, disputes, division and difference together.

DPC Training for Facilitators will be held at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle and will take place from the 31st August-5th September. Please contact Becca Moody at the Centre for further info. on 028 207 62626. Applications can be got from the Corrymeela Website. www.corrymeela.org under the "Open Events section

The D.P.C. Website is www.dialogueforpeacefulchange.net

Northern Regional College of Further and Higher Education

INTRODUCTION TO GESTALT THERAPY

A one-year part-time counselling course

Tutor: Joelle Gartner (gestalt psychotherapist, group process facilitator, trainer)

Total 93 hours over 3 terms

Can be used as Training Unit for BACP accreditation

Takes place every Monday from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at NRC, Newtownabbey (start time can be shifted to 6:30 if students agree)

First class:

Monday 15th September 2008

at 7:00 pm, Room D8

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Contact the trainer to indicate interest and obtain full course details: Email j_gartner@yahoo.com / Tel 078 0316 9174

Enrol at: Northern Regional College, Newtownabbey Campus, 400 Shore Road, Newtownabbey BT37 9RS

Tel: (028) 9085 5000 www.nrc.ac.uk

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP OF TRN

Please find below our current membership list including some new members. We are delighted to have new projects on board and look forward to working alongside them in the future.

- Droichead an Dóchais, Ashton Community Trust
 - Contact Youth Counselling
 - Derry Well Woman
- Gestalt Practitioners Network
- Institute for Counselling & Personal Development
 - Lifespring Health & Healing
 - Lenadoon Counselling Project
 - New Life Counselling Service
 - Victims & Survivors Trust
 - Tar Anall
- The Corrymeela Community
 - Kabosh Theatre Company
 - Tar Isteach
- Corpus Christi Services
 - EPIC Drop-in Centre
 - Philip Cahill - Counsellor
 - John Foster - Psychotherapist
- Anne Mac Sherry - Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist
 - Peter MacCafferty - Cunamh ICT
- Julie-Anne Mullan, Consultant Therapist & Personal Development Trainer
 - Fr Aidan Troy
- The Peace Centre, Dungannon
 - The Wider Circle
- The Centre for Peace Building, An Teach Ban
 - Community Dialogue

Some of the benefits of becoming a member of TRN include direct involvement in the only independent Forum to energise, connect and influence the Trauma Recovery Sector. Shared information, support and partnership working at a regional level to influence policy and funding responsive to and supportive of the sector.

Direct access to Regional Database of service provision to victims/survivors of NI Political Conflict
Quarterly newsletter

Involvement in needs analysis of organisations working in the Trauma Recovery Sector

Promotion of services and dialogue on TRN website and voting rights at AGM.

If you or your organisation would like to become a member of TRN please contact our Development Officer, Colleen Symington, on 90875012/6 or via email info@traumanetwork.org. Or alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.traumanetwork.org.

TRN ON THE WEB

Find out more about TRN and our work programmes, how to become a member, updates, reports and key papers relating to our seminars and much more by checking out our website.

We have further exciting plans for our site to develop tools that we believe will create synergy and connect all working in the field of trauma recovery. These include the development of online discussion forums and a central information and database reference service all of which will be available to our member groups who have recently given welcome feedback on what they need from TRN.

Log on to www.traumanetwork.org!!



TRN MEMBERS INFORM.....

On 12 May TRN held our first planning meeting with member organisations and individuals since membership formally opened in October 08. Attended by representatives of 16 member groups this was a key meeting where members had the opportunity to input directly to the future development of this independent forum to support the work of organisations working with victims and survivors of our political conflict.

At what is a crucial stage in TRN's development in relation to sustainability and strategic planning groups were asked to consider and discuss how best a forum like this could support their work through methods underpinned by practical partnership working.

The following questions were used as a framework for the session:

If TRN was doing the best job possible for your group or community of interest, what would this look like?

How do you wish to influence TRN's development?

Have you one 'big idea', a focussed campaign or action strategy that your group needs support with or that the broader network could help you drive?

In addition to our newsletter, information services, comprehensive database and key issue seminar series...how could TRN maximise influence on the Assembly's policy agenda?

In what turned out to be an extremely positive and energetic engagement those present made a major contribution to the discussion on the future role for TRN as a forum supporting and developing meaningful collaboration and acting as a conduit between the sector and key policy makers. It is clear that our members see TRN as the growing hub of the trauma recovery sector with a collective independent political voice working against fragmentation and dissipation. As one contributor put it:

'TRN can take the lead in strategising, visioning and joining head and heart in the trauma recovery sector while the rest of us are engaged in day to day work'

TRN Board and staff welcome very much the input from our member groups who are ready to embrace ownership of the forum and have given valuable input, time and commitment.

We will keep all informed of our development plan and forthcoming work programme in due course.

Troubles Archive / Arts Council of Northern Ireland

About the Archive

The Northern Ireland Troubles Archive will be a web-based resource about the ways in which the Arts reflected the Troubles in Northern Ireland. The Arts Council recognises the contribution that the Arts make to the development of a more tolerant and inclusive society, and has undertaken to create a resource that gathers information about relevant art forms, practitioners and their work in one online archive. The goal is to create an inclusive resource that reflects the relevant work of all parts of the arts community in Northern Ireland during the years of the conflict. In this way, we can acknowledge the unique political context within which the arts have struggled and flourished in the recent history of the Troubles in Northern Ireland; a journey from the Civil Rights marches of the late 1960s to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998.

Art Forms

The Troubles Archive will cover a broad range of Arts activity across a variety of art forms including visual art, literature, drama, film, radio and television, music and architecture. The Archive will also contain recorded interviews with artists, writers and other practitioners, speaking about their lives and work in the context of the Northern Irish Troubles and will seek to serve a wide community of researchers, students, academics, visitors to Northern Ireland and survivors of the conflict.

Essays

The Arts Council has undertaken the commissioning of a series of essays as a way of introducing the various art forms which are included in the Archive. These will be published individually throughout 2008 in advance of the Archive's launch in 2009. For

more information on the Essay Commissioning Process please visit <http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/artforms/TroublesArchive/Essays.htm>

Contact Us

Contact us for further information about the Troubles Archive project or with information on arts practitioners and/or existing archives and collections:

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ATLE DYREGROV WORKSHOP
29TH - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2008 - BELFAST

THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES TO THE TREATMENT OF COMPLEX GRIEF

This 2 day workshop will look at

- NEW RESEARCH ON GRIEF - WHEN IS THERAPY NECESSARY?
 - COMPLICATED GRIEF - VARIOUS FORMS
- PROLONGED GRIEF DISORDER - A PROPOSED NEW CATEGORY
 - GRIEF COMPLICATED BY PTSD
 - POSTPONED GRIEF - REALITY OR MYTH
 - TREATMENT OF COMPLICATED GRIEF
 - INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HELP
 - SELF HELP STRATEGIES

ONLY
£120.00

In the previous 2 workshops with Atle, places were limited to 180.

They both filled up well in advance and a waiting list had to be implemented.

**For this workshop only 120 places are available.
BOOK EARLY!!**

To apply contact **Brian Cairns** at the Family Trauma Centre 028 9020 4700
or email brian.cairns@belfasttrust.hscni.net

*“Excellent, very interesting. Engaging - well laced with humour and gracious self-deprecation.”
Comment from delegate at the 2004 workshop with Atle*

So what is PEACE III all about?



Back left to right: First Minister Peter Robinson MLA, Pat Colgan Chief Executive of the Special EU Programmes Body, Taoiseach Brian Cowen Front: European Commissioner for Regional Policy Danuta Hübner.

The PEACE III Programme, Northern Ireland the Border Region of Ireland 2007-2013, has been designed to build on the success of its predecessors PEACE I and PEACE II. The overall aim of the programme is to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation. It has two priorities; reconciling communities and contributing to a shared society.

On 14 April 2008, the PEACE III Programme was formally launched at the Stormont Hotel Belfast, by European Commissioner for Regional Policy Danuta Hübner, then Tánaiste and Irish Minister for Finance Brian Cowen and then Northern Ireland Minister for Finance and Personnel Peter Robinson MLA.

Speaking at the launch, Commissioner Hübner said: "I have always been impressed by the resilience and determination of the people of Northern Ireland in making a break with the past and in moving forward to an era of stability and renewed prosperity.

"Our objective in the new investment programmes for the period 2007-2013 is to help remove the obstacles facing Northern Ireland in taking part in a range of European programmes and initiatives to create growth and jobs.

"Northern Ireland is now ready to change status from a region receiving EU aid to that of a player in the development of the EU policy agenda".

The European Union is funding the PEACE III Programme (2007 - 2013) through its

European Territorial Co-operation objective. The programme, along with the INTERREG IVA Cross-border Programme for Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland, was formally approved in November 2007. Since then there have been four calls for applications which cover all the themes of the PEACE III Programme.

The PEACE III Programme has 7333 million available for the 2007-2013 programme period. To ensure maximum impact, the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) which manages the programme expects to make larger grants to a smaller number of applicants. There will be fewer applicants meeting the eligibility requirements for direct funding than those funded under previous PEACE Programmes. Previously, local groups applied directly to intermediary funding bodies for PEACE money. The SEUPB will now take on an enhanced role in the application and assessment process.

"Within the PEACE III Programme," explained Brenda Hegarty, Programme Manager in the SEUPB's new Joint Technical Secretariat, "there remains a strong emphasis on the "bottom up" approach. One of the main routes for locally based groups to engage in this process, and potentially to attract funding, is through contact with their local authorities which will act as Lead Partners. In this new strategic approach, the SEUPB have invited local authorities to develop Action Plans in the eligible region on a partnership basis for local programmes that contribute to the stated outputs and results in this Priority axis, with a strong focus on addressing sectarianism and racism. Local Councils will work in partnership with local people to develop Peace and Reconciliation Action Plans."

"The means of implementation may be changing," said Brenda, "but the PEACE III Programme represents a tremendous opportunity to build on the progress of previous programmes in bringing about real and significant change at a local community level."

For PEACE III there is only one consortium acting as an Intermediate Funding Body which is made up of Border Action and the Community Relations Council (CRC). This consortium will implement one theme under the Reconciling Communities priority; Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past.

Acknowledging and dealing with the past in Ireland will require courage, sensitivity and determination. Violence has left a terrible legacy, both in the lives of people and families and in the memories of communities and traditions. In seeking to reach the goals of peace and reconciliation, opportunities to address aspects of the legacy will play a central role. Through

PEACE III, the European Union has provided a further and final opportunity to tackle these issues. It is important to undertake this priority with an aim of ensuring that the outcome in 2015 is a society at peace, where issues can be faced and addressed and where services are provided for those most closely affected. For this theme, the Consortium will act in the capacity of a funding body as well as a developmental agency.

In seeking to maximise the benefits of this priority, this theme has been further divided into three strands:

- **Addressing the Past in Public Memory**, worth between €5m-€10m. The process for tendering will be available shortly. Actions that explore the legacy and memory of the conflict through truth recovery, documentation, story telling and the recording of complex history and experience. Projects that contribute to the collection, development and exchanges of messages concerning different experiences of conflict and post conflict.
- **Support for Participation**, worth between €20m-€25m. First calls for this are planned for June 2008. To provide advice, counselling and support services for victims, their relatives and those who care for them. To build the capacity of individuals to deal with the transition to peace and reconciliation and ensure victims and survivors are able to deal with the past.
- **Securing the Future**, worth between €15m-€20m. This opened for first call on Monday 14 April 2008 and closed on Friday 13 June 2008. Innovative actions that will help prevent an outbreak of violence into the future, by taking action to repair relationships and by engaging the wider community in peace-building and reconciliation work. Supporting schemes for future generations which seek to address and prevent the outbreak of violence along the lines of inherited and emerging divisions in society.

For further information on the PEACE III Programme, contact the Special EU Programmes Body on: info@seupb.eu or call +44 (0)28 90 266 660

For information on the Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past theme of PEACE III, contact Border Action/CRC on: Border Action,

Colette.Nulty@borderaction.ie or +353 (0)47 71340

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Belfast-Hosted International Conference a Success

As the dust has settled on a busy week in Belfast, it is clear that the city has played host to a number of very special gatherings. As the US:NI Investment Conference considered future economic opportunities for Northern Ireland, a unique summit marking the anniversary of devolution brought together organisations and individuals with one common goal; peacebuilding.

Peacebuilders from across the world came to Belfast to share their perspectives, practice and experience of the challenges of peacebuilding at the Springboard-managed "Global Peacebuilders Conference," over the 6th and 7th of May. Clearly some of the international delegates brought more than just luggage and passports with them, as Belfast was treated

some of the best weather it has seen for some time. Fortunately, this uncharacteristically good weather would not be squandered as many delegates were taken on an enlightening and thought provoking tour of the city's Falls and Shankill roads and heard presentations by groups from two sites of peacebuilding on the 6th.

The turnout at the summit at the Europa Hotel Belfast on the 7th was unprecedented, with delegates making the journey from across Belfast and the island as a whole, the UK, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and Pacific, and North America to attend and establish new partnerships for their peacebuilding work. As local MLAs were taking time to sell Northern Ireland as a real opportunity for business investment, peacebuilding delegates took part in a full day's programme at the Europa

Hotel Belfast. This included keynote speeches, a Question Time-style panel, workshops and a high energy closing celebration led by The Motion Project - a multi-cultural music collective based in Northern Ireland.

First impressions of feedback on the summit have been very positive and hugely constructive for the future, and there are already a large number of excellent opportunities to develop and build on the comments given by delegates for any future peacebuilder gatherings.

To view the full programme of activities that took place between 6-7 May 2008 as part of the conference, as well as read about the various speakers, workshop facilitators and other contributors that took part, visit www.globalpeacebuilders.org/english/conference.html

Childhood Bereavement in the 21st Century: Spectrums of Support for Bereaved Children and Those Who Care For Them

Cruse Bereavement Care in Northern Ireland is hosting a one day conference - Spectrums of Support for Bereaved Children and Those Who Care for Them – on Thursday 18 September 2008 in the Armagh City Hotel.

Please contact Edna Colhoun to register your interest or find out more.
Please email your name and contact details to ecolhoun@ncb.org.uk



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