

DONEGAL CDB PEACE & RECONCILIATION
PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS:



ONE DONEGAL

CULTURAL DIVERSITY MONTH
NOVEMBER 2011



EMBRACING
AND CELEBRATING
DIVERSITY



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

It is a great pleasure to introduce the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership's One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month programme of events. Now in its second year, the month is an opportunity to highlight the cultural diversity work that is going on throughout the county. The Partnership are delighted with how statutory, community and voluntary groups and individuals with an interest in cultural diversity have engaged with the month and have collaborated to create a programme of events that embraces and celebrates the rich diversity that exists in County Donegal today.

This month of Diversity is one of the key actions in our Donegal PEACE III Action Plan.

The wide range of activities in this year's programme reflects the variety of work supported by the Partnership in an effort to attain their shared vision of "Donegal, a county where racism and sectarianism no longer exists and where all feel equally valued and confident that they belong."

Supported events are free of charge and we would encourage everyone to get involved in the planned activities to help make the One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month a success.



Cllr. Dessie Larkin, Chairperson,
Donegal Peace and Reconciliation Partnership
Cllr. Deasún Ó Lorcáin, Cathaoirleach,
Comhpháirtíocht Síochána agus
Athmhuintearais, Dhún na nGall

FÁILTE & RÉAMHRÁ

Tá lúcháir orainn clár imeachtaí Mhí na hÉagsúlachta Cultúrtha a chur in bhur láthair thar ceann Chomhpháirtíocht Síochána agus Athmhuintearais BFC Dhún na nGall. Is í seo an dara bliain den fhéile, a thugann deis dúinn an obair atá ar siúl ar fud an chontae ar an éagsúlacht chultúrtha a chur chun cinn. Tá gliondar ar an Chomhpháirtíocht faoin dóigh ar thug eagrais reachtúla, coistí pobail agus deonacha agus daoine aonaracha ar spéis leo an éagsúlacht chultúrtha, faoin fhéile míosa le fonn agus faoin dóigh ar chomhoibriú siad uilig le clár imeachtaí a chur le chéile a cheiliúránn an éagsúlacht shaibhir atá ar fáil i gContae Dhún na nGall inniu.

Tá mí seo na hÉagsúlachta ar cheann de na príomhghníomhartha i bPlean Gníomhaíochta SÍOCHÁIN III Dhún na nGall.

Tá réimse leathan gníomhaíochtaí i gclár na bliana seo, agus tá baint aige seo leis an éagsúlacht oibre a bhfuil an Chomhpháirtíocht ag tacú léi, le dul i dtreo Dhún na nGall mar chontae gan aon chiníochas ná seicteachas ann, agus mar áit ina mothaíonn gach duine go bhfuil meas orthu agus go bhfuil fáilte rompu sa phobal.

Tá imeachtaí na féile saor in aisce agus mholfaimis do gach duine bheith páirteach sna himeachtaí atá beartaithe le go mbeidh rath ar Mhí na hÉagsúlachta i nDún na nGall.



Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh, Community, Culture & Planning Directorate, Donegal County Council
Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh, Stiúrthóireacht Pobail, Cultúir agus Pleanála, Dhún na nGall
Comhairle Contae.

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EXHIBITIONS

REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE, LETTERKENNY

Sharing Stories

The exhibition featuring an exciting visual display of extracts from over twenty short films represents the culmination of a major two-year community film programme. The International Fund for Ireland funded cross-border project contains an incredibly rich array of stories about life in Donegal and Derry. Sharing Stories is organised by Donegal County Council Regional Cultural Centre in partnership with the Nerve Centre Derry.

November 11th - December 17th 2011

**Faces**

During the months of August, September and October this year, groups of people from many different cultures and ethnicities across County Donegal learned to look themselves and each other in the face. They attended art workshops where they examined how the 'other' looked, finding differences and commonalities.

They portrayed what they saw through different art forms, and the result can be viewed in this remarkable exhibition. Faces is organised by Donegal County Council Port na Fáilte, Letterkenny

November 11th - November 26th 2011

**Both exhibitions open Tuesday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
and Saturday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

For more information contact:

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny on (074) 9129186 or rcc@donegalcoco.ie

LETTERKENNY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Sharing the Learning Exhibition

A photographic exhibition commissioned by the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership to capture the essence of the projects supported through Phase I of the PEACE III programme in Donegal. The project was completed by Still Design.

A website complements the exhibition comprising additional images from the featured projects with accompanying audio to bring life to the projects supported.

Throughout November

For more information contact:

Sarah Thompson on (074) 9172586 or sthompson@donegalcoco.ie
or see www.donegalcdb.ie/sharing-the-learning/index.html

EXHIBITIONS

CARNDONAGH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
& CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING**Equality Exhibition**

Imagine a world with no poverty. A world where every person felt enabled and empowered to live a good life. It may sound like an impossible dream, but that's what people once thought about votes for women! We owe the equalities we have now to men and women who dreamt impossible dreams. This exhibition relays this message through powerful imagery.

Throughout November

For more information contact:

Ciara Cunnane on (074) 9124950

or eudirect@donegalibrary.ie



CENTRAL LIBRARY, LETTERKENNY

Laureate International Libraries Exhibition

Central Library and the Europe Direct Information Centre will be hosting a book exhibition following on from the visit of the Children's Poet Laureate, Siobhan Parkinson in October. The visit will take place in Central Library, Letterkenny on 25th October at 11am and will involve local school children from various cultural backgrounds. Following on from this there will be a selection of International titles from the Books Beyond Borders project.

The exhibition will run for the whole month of November

Books Beyond Borders aims to explore the topic of books and reading in multi-cultural societies. The discussion will be led by Laureate na nÓg, Siobhán Parkinson, and Austrian writer, Rachell Van Kooig, and will draw on children, their teachers, educators in the wider context and anybody involved in the worlds of children's literature, education, multiculturalism and in integration.

Books Beyond Borders is an initiative of the Laureate na nÓg and is supported by The Arts Council, Poetry Ireland, Children's Books Ireland and The Austrian Embassy.

Throughout November

For more information contact:

Ursula Cutliffe on (074) 9124950 or ucutliffe@donegalcoco.ie



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BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Shared Stories Exhibition

An exhibition of books aimed at children that highlight awareness of the diverse community that exists in Inishowen and Donegal.

Throughout November

For more information contact:

Ursula Cutliffe on (074) 9124950
or ucutliffe@donegalcoco.ie

REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE, LETTERKENNY & VARIOUS LIBRARIES

Roots Of Empathy Exhibition - Whoever You Are

Exhibition of the Children's work will be held in the Regional Culture Centre and also libraries in the locality of the participating schools.

21st November – 30th November

For more information contact:

Seana Hume on (074) 91 04693 or Seana.Hume@hse.ie



LIFFORD COURTHOUSE

“Journey Of Hope” Exhibition

An exhibition of 23 Biblical Paintings with extracts from the New Testament and the Psalms which depict a journey of hope from depression to healing and peace.

The paintings illustrate the journey and God's Word, which can unite us in the midst of all the religious diversity which surrounds us.

Our unity is not in our conformity to man-made rules and regulations but in our Christian Cultural Diversity, which is founded on Jesus Christ, the Corner stone who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Throughout November

For more information contact:

Margaret Giblin by e-mail: giblinmargaret@hotmail.com

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1st NOVEMBER

Letterkenny Public Service Centre: 1 p.m.**One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month Official Launch Incorporating the launch of the Donegal Diversity Plan**

This event will officially launch the second One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month that will run throughout November 2011. This month is supported by the CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership through the PEACE III programme. The Chairperson of the Partnership, Councillor Dessie Larkin, will launch the month's events with an input from Donegal native, now Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Willie Hay, M.L.A.

This launch will also include the launch of the Donegal Diversity Plan. The Donegal Diversity Plan has been developed under the auspices of Donegal County Development Board and has been funded as part of the Donegal Peace Action Plan 2008 – 2010. It set out an integrated response to dealing with the needs and issues identified in relation to diversity in Donegal in order to promote equality, interculturalism, anti-racism/sectarianism and integration. The published version of the Diversity Plan will be available on the day.

For more information contact: Sarah Thompson, Good Relations Officer, Donegal County Council on (074) 9172586 or sthompson@donegalcoco.ie

2nd NOVEMBER

Pettigo Resource Hall: 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.**Cultural Cookery from Around the World with Pettigo and Tullyhommon Women's Group**

This is a two hour workshop for women of all ages who wish to learn about how women cook in other countries. Discussion on food preparation and the roles of women around the world are the planned activities. This project is organised by The Forge Family Resource Centre, Pettigo.

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrcc@eircom.net

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 8 p.m.**Martin Taylor in Concert**

The award winning Scottish guitarist is widely recognised as the world's foremost exponent of solo jazz guitar playing. He is a master concert performer, dazzling audiences with his solo shows, which combine virtuosity, emotion and humour, with a strong stage presence. He has collaborated with the likes of Stephane Grappelli, Jeff Beck, Chet Atkins, Bill Wyman, George Harrison, Dionne Warwick and Jamie Cullum.

Admission: €12 / €10 (concession)

For more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on (074) 91 29186

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4th NOVEMBER

Donegal Volunteer Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny: 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Welcome Morning

Donegal Volunteer Centre are holding a coffee morning to celebrate cultural diversity and demonstrate our welcome, inclusion and integration ethos for volunteers of all nationalities and cultural backgrounds.

We will invite a selection of our registered volunteers from different cultures/nationalities and ask that they 'bring a friend(s)' to introduce them to Donegal Volunteer Centre. Current volunteer opportunities will be on display and staff will be available to give guidance. We are holding this event to show our appreciation to both volunteers and organisation representatives who have demonstrated integration through links with volunteering.

For more information contact:

Gearóid Ó Maonaigh on (074) 9126740 or gearoid@donegalvolunteer.ie

Letterkenny Shopping Centre: 12 noon – 5 p.m.
One Donegal Promotion Event

Come along to the One Donegal information stand at Letterkenny Shopping Centre to find out more about the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership's work. Brochures will be available for the month of events to find out what is on in your area and how you can become involved.

For more information contact:

Sarah Thompson, Good Relations Officer, Donegal County Council on (074) 9172586 or sthompson@donegalcoco.ie

Ballina Resource Centre, Falcarragh: 7 p.m.**Oneness is Abundance – Film Night**

This evening of short films from the Global Oneness Project is an opportunity to come together to learn how the realisation of interconnectedness of people and land is helping communities all over the world in these strained times we live in. Each film will be followed by a facilitated discussion and sharing. There will also be an opportunity to sign up to see more films from the Global Oneness Project throughout Diversity Month.

See www.globalonenessproject.org and www.letslinkdonegal.com

For more information contact: Aoife Valley on 086 3042893 or info@aoifev.com



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Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**Masks and Costumes of the World Workshop**

19th Donegal (Lifford/Clonleigh) Scout Group are hosting a Cultural Diversity workshop based on costumes and masks of the world. Participants will be taught the art of mask and costume making to reflect different cultures from around the world. Open to any adult youth worker and adult volunteers of Scout Groups in the Northern Scout Province.

For more information contact: Joe Boland on 086 3868538 or joe.akela@gmail.com

Church of Ireland Hall, Dunfanaghy: 12 noon – 4 p.m.**Cross Community Family Fun Day – Celebrating Diversity within Our Community**

Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre are hosting a Family Fun Day within our community to promote and celebrate our inter-culturalism. The event will build on our various inter-church projects and bring together families and people of all ages for a fun day of celebration.

Interactive performances will include a magic show, balloon modelling, drumming workshops, face painting, arts & crafts etc. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact:

Jean Mc Laughlin on (074) 9136548 or dunfresource@eircom.net

7th NOVEMBER

Station House Hotel, Letterkenny: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**Information Seminar: Developing an Integration Strategy for your Organisation**

The Integration Centre will host an information seminar to promote the development of Integration Strategies for organisations in Donegal. The Participatory Project Officer (Northeast Region) will present this seminar. The Integration Centre is a non-governmental organisation that is committed to the integration and inclusion of people from immigrant backgrounds in Ireland.

For more information contact:

Tinu Achioya on 087 0996789 or tinu.achioya@integrationcentre.ie

Moville Community College: 2 shows during school day**NCDI Offices, Newtowncunningham: 8 p.m.****The Home Place: Drama Workshop and Facilitated Discussion**

"The Home Place" is a short one-act play; commissioned by Donegal County Council's One Donegal Initiative, that seeks to examine and challenge the perceptions of the Protestant community in Donegal, from both within and without that community. The play looks at how three different characters from that community manifest

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and communicate their own feelings about their culture and identity. The play will be followed by a facilitated discussion that allows the audience to engage with each other and the author about the issues and themes of the play, and, in doing this, challenge attitudes through open and meaningful dialogue.

[For more information contact:](#)

James Kee on 074 9156898 or jameskee@btinternet.com

8th NOVEMBER

Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny: 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Embedding Diversity in Youth Work: Training Workshop

This training course will introduce participants to the use of a newly developed Diversity Toolkit for carrying out a diversity assessment on youth projects. It will demonstrate how to develop an action plan based on identified gaps in service. It will present practical routes to achieve new diversity goals.

The Programme will: Build understanding on the importance of diversity work and how to ensure that diversity is the norm in youth services, provide information on the needs and issues of diverse youth in the community and identify challenges and planning for change within a youth work setting. In planning for change it guides participants through a self-assessment of their organisations, examines practical ways to achieve new diversity goals, gives practical tips for engaging with a wide variety of young people and leads participants through the development of an action plan to bridge the gaps identified in their service.

This course will suit individuals that have a professional role – voluntary or staff - in a youth work setting. It is designed especially for anyone involved in planning, evaluation and programme development. Spaces are limited.

[For more information contact:](#)

Julie McGrory on (074) 91 72922 or Julie.mcgrory@donegalyouthservice.ie

Milford Community Library: 11.30 a.m.

One Small Step Showcase

Sometimes it's the smallest decisions that can change your life forever"

- Keri Russell, Actress

In the library service, staff always strive to bring a new reading experience to our new and existing customers. To celebrate cultural diversity month, Milford Library has brought together some of their most culturally diverse sections to the one area as a permanent fixture. Join us for a cup of tea and a brief introduction to all of what the library has to offer.

[For more information contact:](#)

Karen Sheehy on (074) 9153927 or milford@donegallibrary.ie

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Youth Hall, Tullyhommon, Co. Fermanagh: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Cultural Identity Workshop for the Forge Family Resource Centre
 Cross Border Youth Club**

The Youth Group will explore themes of cultural diversity through music and dance. This will be a celebration of multi-culturalism that will help to promote cultural and ethnic diversity. This project is organised by The Forge Family Resource Centre, Pettigo.

[For more information contact:](#)

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrfc@eircom.net

Raphoe Orange Hall: 8 p.m.

The Home Place: Drama Workshop and Facilitated Discussion

See entry for the Home Place on page 9, 7th November.

[For more information contact:](#)

James Kee on 074 9156898 or jameskee@btinternet.com

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Buncrana Library: 7 p.m.

Buncrana Book Club: Monthly book group discussion

Buncrana book club meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month in Buncrana Community Library at 7pm. Nine women of all ages and cultural backgrounds come together to discuss a chosen title. It's informal, lively and time passes very quickly and in fact it often continues past the allocated time frame. We read from a diverse collection of titles and for Cultural diversity month will read "The swallows of Kabul". New members welcome.

[For more information contact:](#)

Ursula Cutcliffe on (074) 9361941 or ucutcliffe@donegalcoco.ie

Burlington Hotel, Dublin

Chambers Ireland's Excellence in Local Government Awards

The 'How We Remember' - 28 Inf Battalion exhibition curated by the Donegal County Museum, Donegal County Council has been shortlisted in the Sustaining the Arts category of the Chambers Ireland's Excellence in Local Government Awards. The 2011 Excellence in Local Government Awards are run in conjunction with Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. All those shortlisted will be awarded a Citation of Best Practice on the night.

The exhibition and its associated education programme ran in the County Museum, Letterkenny from the 4th March 2011 until the 26th June 2011. Through this exhibition and education programme the role of the 28th Infantry Battalion in peacekeeping both at home and abroad was remembered and celebrated. The Battalion members and their families have played a very significant role in the economic, social and cultural lives of the county in particular in Letterkenny, Lifford and Bundoran/Ballyshannon.

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The 'How We Remember' project built on Donegal County Council offering the 28th Infantry Battalion the honour of Freedom of the County in April 2009 for their unselfish dedication to the security and stability of the County during the Troubles. This project was supported by the PEACE III Programme managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by Donegal County Council.

For more information contact:

Judith Mc Carthy on (074) 9124613 or judith.mcarthy@donegalcoco.ie

10th NOVEMBER

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 8 p.m.**John Cooper Clarke in Concert**

Manchester's legendary sharp-dressed, sharp-delivering punk poet, performs the slang anthems of the zip age. Expect a mix of hilarious anecdotes of life in a Northern town interspersed with machine-gun fast delivery of some of his best poems. 'If you think poetry is dull and boring, or posh and erudite - you haven't seen JCC!'

Admission: €12 / €10 (concession)

For more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on (074) 91 29186

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Scoil Chaitríona, College Street, Ballyshannon: 10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.**Good Relations Workshops of storytelling, creative writing and comic book illustration with the Verbal Arts Centre**

The Verbal Arts Centre's See Me See You programme is specifically designed to bring young people from the two main religions and traditions in Ireland together in a safe and secure environment. The programme enables the participants to have their voice heard and to tell their story. The programme encourages purposeful discussion on sectarianism, discrimination, prejudices and stereotyping. By discussing these issues and raising awareness, the groups become familiar with them. The programme aim is to then dispel any misconceptions and common perceptions. The groups will then undertake a creative workshop in comic book illustration which is a fun, accessible, engaging and innovative way to tell stories.

For more information contact:

Una MacFarland on (048) 71266946 or una.macfarland@verbalartscentre.co.uk



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Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 6 p.m.**Launch of Faces Exhibition**

A specially commissioned performance will mark the launch of the Faces exhibition, which features an extensive number of artworks depicting the facial portraits of participants from different cultures throughout Donegal.

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 7 p.m.**Official Opening of Sharing Stories Exhibition**

Launch of the IFI funded Sharing Stories exhibition featuring extracts from over twenty short community films made in Donegal and Derry over the past two years.

For more information on both of these exhibitions, please see page 4 - exhibitions section.

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Donegal Castle, Donegal Town: 12 noon and 2 p.m. performances each day**Beyond the Pale: Promenade Theatre**

Tyrone-Derry and Donegal Action in association with Blue Eagle productions presents 'Beyond the Pale' - by Jonathan Burgess.

A costumed sketch providing a snapshot of the story of Plantation pertinent to the Donegal Town area. Although historically accurate, the sketch will look at the subject of the Plantation in a light-hearted manner. The sketch is professionally produced and uses the natural space and ambiance of Donegal Castle for the performance, utilising various parts of the castle and creating a promenade performance.

For more information contact: Albert Allen on (074) 9173747 or tdaction@gmail.com

12th NOVEMBER

Peace Garden & Memorial Wall, Fort Dunree, Buncrana: 3 p.m.**Armistice Day Remembrance Event**

Inishowen Friends of Messines are holding a Remembrance Service to be held at the Fort Dunree Memorial Wall and Peace Garden to mark Armistice Day. As part of the PEACE III funded Fort Dunree Remembrance Project a lasting legacy was created with the construction of the Fort Dunree Memorial Wall. Formally opened in June 2011, the wall consists of 226 people from all the parishes in Inishowen who gave their lives during World War I. This will be the first opportunity that Inishowen Friends of Messines will have to conduct a formal Armistice Ceremony in line with all the other ceremonies across the world at this time. There will be an ecumenical service of Remembrance, wreath laying and musical accompaniment.

For more information contact: David Magee on (074) 9361817 or dunree@eircom.net



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Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 8 p.m.
Netnakisum in Concert

Netnakisum from Austria are a quirky and brilliant young female string trio who have been playing together since 2004. They have gathered a reputation for introducing classical music to new audiences around the world with their unusual look and dynamic performances. Their music ranges from Strauss waltz's to traditional harmonic yodelling! They perform really entertaining shows that combine madcap chat and laughter with exceptional musicianship. Presented in association with Music Network.

Admission: €12 / €10 (concession)

For more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on (074) 91 29186



13th NOVEMBER

Newtowncunningham Orange Hall, Newtowncunningham: 8 p.m.
Service of Remembrance

A religious service to remember the dead of the 1st World War and other conflicts, especially those who were members of the Newtowncunningham LOL 1063. A local minister will lead the service. All welcome.

For more information contact:

Stewart Mc Clean on (087) 2973169 or stewartmcclean@yahoo.co.uk

15th NOVEMBER

St Mary's National School, Pettigo: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
African Drumming Workshop

An African Drumming Workshop will take place to celebrate African culture and music. This is an interactive workshop in which pupils will be given the opportunity to play the African Drums.

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrc@eircom.net

An Grianan Hotel, Burt: 12 noon**Launch of the Border Villages Social Integration Project**

The Border Villages Social Integration Project is aimed at beginning the integration process for new residents living in the border settlements of County Donegal. This migration of people particularly from Northern Ireland to the Donegal Border Region happened as a result of both the strength of Sterling and the property boom at that time.

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With funding from PEACE II Donegal County Council initiated a number of Town Plans for the border villages to control the development and allow a balanced growth of these settlements. Despite these interventions a significant population of new residents live in the Border Region of Co. Donegal and have very few ties with their new surroundings or the existing communities.

Census 2011 shows a 9.3% population increase for Donegal while a DED breakdown shows double this along the border region with an average of 18% increase.

The Border Villages Social Integration Project is funded by the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership and is an identified action to help with the social integration of these new residents with the existing communities to create a more cohesive society in the Border Region of Donegal, Derry and Tyrone.

Actions within the project will include activities such as community celebrations, discussion forums, capacity-building courses, support towards community-led projects and support cross-community actions within local residents associations.

The one constant theme throughout this project will be the integration of new residents with the existing communities as well as meeting the objectives of the Donegal PEACE III Action Plan (2011 to 2013).

For more information contact:

Francis Conaghan on (074) 9172568 or fconaghan@donegalcoco.ie

16th NOVEMBER

Carndonagh Community School: 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**Not My Problem: Development Education Play and Workshops**

Inishowen Development Partnership in association with Children in Crossfire/Desert Fish Productions will present 'Not My Problem' to students from Inishowen. The play was informed by the voices of young people from schools in Northern Ireland and Inishowen. It explores important local and global issues—such as the credit crunch, war, climate change, aid, debt and other social justice issues. Audience members are provided with an opportunity to recognise their potential role to address these issues and are encouraged to make informed actions; to 'be the change you wish to see in the world' (Gandhi).

This is part of IDP's work with the local second level schools and Youth Reach aimed at raising awareness of issues associated with development education. www.inishowenschoolsdeved.com.

For more information contact: Denise McCool on (074) 9362218 or denise@inishowen.ie



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Balor Theatre, Ballybofey: 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.**1981**

1981 is a new play from Tony Devlin. The 1981 Hunger Strike, in which ten men gave their lives in the struggle for political status, irreversibly shaped the political developments for decades to come. In this unique piece of theatre, we are given a deep insight into the lives of each of the ten men as to who they really were. Through music, song, visuals and performance, this one person show takes us on an extraordinary journey, of how ten very ordinary men shook the world from their prison cells.

For more information contact:

Gerry Mc Monagle on (074) 9128610 or abhailearis@eircom.net

Port na Fáilte, Port Road, Letterkenny: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**Intercultural Platform**

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to contribute to social change, equality of opportunity for all, anti-racism / sectarianism, interculturalism and have some fun while you go along, meeting new people and learning about other cultures? Then come along to the Intercultural Platform Meeting in Port na Fáilte. We provide a voice for minority groups, we highlight issues, we feed into policy making, we arrange cultural events, all while creating friendships and learning from other cultures. Refreshments are served. Get involved – all welcome, all free.

For more information contact: Karin White on (074) 9126550 or ptyall@donegalcoco.ie

16th & 17th NOVEMBER

Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny and Dunree Fort Military Museum**From a Troubled Past to a Shared Future Conference****(Starts at 12 noon on 16th and continues until 4 p.m. on 17th)**

This cross border, cross community event is hosted by Pearsanra Slándála Iar-Teorann - Former Border Security Personnel (Incorporating JUAH Project - Journey of Understanding Acceptance & Healing). The programme will include a specially organised programme of lectures giving account of the life and times of security service personnel along the Donegal border during the period of the Northern Ireland Troubles. It will feature an appraisal of the shared historical significance of Fort Dunree as observed through the artefacts and documents to be seen in the Military museum there.

For more information contact:

Jim Gallagher on (074) 9127132 or jimgallagher2009@gmail.com

17th NOVEMBER

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 7.30 p.m.**Genio Project (HSE) "Moving On" DVD Launch**

"Moving on" is the launch of a number of very significant short films, cartoons and documentaries that have been devised and produced by young people with physical disabilities from all over Donegal. Through the magic medium of film, these future

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Spielbergs have been able to have their say about everything, from using their strengths, refusal to allow barriers to stand in their way and facing the everyday challenges that face young people.

Expect the unexpected, from a wrestling film, quirky animation about aliens to a very poignant short documentary. The purpose of this film and D.V.D. launch is to highlight the capabilities and strengths of project participants and how we in our communities across the north can become more open and accepting of diversity and change.

Mr. Jim Mc Guinness, Manager of Donegal Senior Football Team, will officially launch the film / D.V.D.

For more information contact: Amanda Doyle on 087 9912679 or Amanda.Doyle@hse.ie

17th & 18th NOVEMBER

17th November: Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**18th November: Inver Community Centre, Donegal Town: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.****Street Handball: Two Day Blitz and Taster Sessions**

The Irish Olympic Handball Association (IOHA) will be running a two-day blitz and taster session in Donegal during the One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month. The IOHA will be bringing a fast paced and all inclusive game called Street Handball to the national school children of Donegal.



The game will be played 4 versus 4 and will be refereed by the children themselves. This will allow everyone to be involved in the action. It can be played anywhere and will be played into an inflatable goal and with a soft ball. All you need to do to play is catch, pass, run.

For more information contact:

Lisa Regan on (01) 6251165 or development@olympichandball.org

19th NOVEMBER

Letterkenny Community Centre: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**Talk on special links between India - Ireland (Past and Present)****Speaker: Dr Prabhu Kulkarni, Director GOPAL (Global Organisation of people of Indian origin)**

This Celebration of Irish / Indian Links-Past and Present project - aims to highlight the special relationship between the two states and to give a platform to Indians living here to celebrate their culture and traditions. Research depicts that despite living here for many decades there is still a lack of knowledge among locals about the Indian culture

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and traditions. The project will illuminate the special ties between the two states, promote cultural awareness and challenge negative attitudes about the role of other cultures within Ireland. It will also flag up the contribution of the Indian community to Ireland. The event is organised by Omagh Ethnic Communities Support Group in collaboration with the Indian Community Centre.

For more information contact:

Mary Lafferty on (048) 82249750 or mlafferty@hotmail.com

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 1p.m.

Sharing Stories Screenings

A selection of short films from Derry and Donegal from the Sharing Stories project will be shown on the big screen in two programmes commencing at 1pm and 3pm.

Admission: Free

For more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on (074) 91 29186

Start Point – Donegal Town: 1.30 p.m. (Sharp!) – 7.30 p.m.

“Diversity Challenge” -a physically challenging afternoon for all concerned.

Diversity Challenge is an afternoon of working in teams. From across the community teams will tackle different physical and logistical challenges. The bus leaves at 1.30pm from Donegal Town. The teams will compete with one another and then celebrate hopefully a victory at a buffet afterwards before returning to Donegal at 7.30pm. Whether you're a workplace group or a community group – if you would like to take part in this exciting and worthwhile challenge.

For more information contact:

John Purdy on (074) 9737052 or john.purdy@irishmethodist.org

The Corner House, Ardara: 9.30 p.m. – 12.30 a.m.

The Melting Pot presents: A Celebration as Gaelige with “BRÉAG”

Live in Concert plus International Harpist Cherith Boyle

A unique celebration of the Irish language through Ireland's leading Gaelic Reggae/Ska music band promoting Irish cultural diversity. Formed initially to raise money for Irish Language schools, Bréag are an original band developing a Celtic fusion never before heard with roots of reggae and ska, being the first generation of urban Gaelic speakers in modern Belfast. A chance for people to come together and interact thus breaking down barriers whilst finding a better understanding and furthering our common ground. An exciting and diverse night's entertainment. Everyone welcome, not to be missed!

For more information contact:

Martin Mc Guinness on (074) 9541374 or ardarameltingpot1@gmail.com

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Omagh South West College: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Talk on special links between India - Ireland (Past and Present)

(See events details on page 17, 19th November event)

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St Mary's National School, Pettigo: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Cultural Diversity Workshop

St. Mary's National School are hosting an interactive cultural diversity workshop. Pupils will be given the opportunity to dress up and taste foods from around the world. This project is organised by The Forge Family Resource Centre, Pettigo.

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrcc@eircom.net

Resource Hall, Pettigo: 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Early Birds Group – Cultural Awareness through Cookery

Cultural Cookery is a two hour cookery demonstration on Asian food. The food is prepared onsite followed by a tasting session. This project is organised by The Forge Family Resource Centre, Pettigo.

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrcc@eircom.net

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Roots of Empathy Celebration Evening “Whoever you are”

Copies of the book “Whoever you are” will be given to all participating Roots of Empathy schools for teachers to use in the classroom. The book teaches children that although children across the world have different skin colours, cultures and languages, all children have the same feelings and experience the same emotions. They will explore what children have in common and celebrate how people are different both as ethnic groups and as individuals. The classes will complete artwork for an exhibition of work on the theme “Whoever You Are”.

This story and the follow-up work will help children respect people of all races, celebrate culture and embrace difference.

For more information contact: Seana Hume on (074) 91 04693 or Seana.Hume@hse.ie

24th November

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Good Relations Taster Session and Discussion Forum

This session will be an opportunity to hear about training and awareness opportunities available in the Derry City Council area with Sue Divin, Community Relations Officer, Derry City Council. This event will promote awareness of the opportunities that exist for groups interested in promoting good relations within their organisations and groups. In this session you will hear about various different training opportunities that can assist with this work and also places to visit with groups that can assist groups in exploring the issues.

For more information contact: Sarah Thompson, Good Relations Officer, Donegal County Council on (074) 9172586 or sthompson@donegalcoco.ie

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Central Library, Letterkenny: 7 p.m.**Monthly Book Club Meeting: Reading Group discussion**

The Central Library Book Group will meet to discuss the book choice for November Mohsin Hamid's 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist'. New members welcome.

For more information contact:

Una Matthewson on (074) 9124950 or umathew@donegalcoco.ie

Port na Fáilte, Port Road, Letterkenny: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.**Open Mic Night is held in Partnership with Port na Fáilte, Letterkenny CDP and the North West Alcohol Forum.**

People from all cultures and backgrounds are invited to join the fun and perform a piece of music, sing a song, read a poem, tell a story, perform a short play, show a dance, paint a picture.....

Alternatively, just come along and spectate and clap. Refreshments will be served including a selection of delicious non-alcoholic cocktails. All free, all welcome!

For more information contact: Karin White on (074) 9126550 or ptsall@donegalcoco.ie

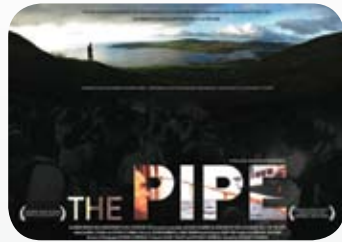
Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 8 p.m.**Film Screening, The Pipe**

The Pipe is the highly regarded award-winning documentary from Irish filmmaker Risteard O Domhnaill about Shell vs. local people in Rosspport, County Mayo, where the oil company decided to run a gas line, and the community decided otherwise. The film begins in 2005, with the arrest of what would become known as the "Rosspport Five", the locals who refused to allow Shell to lay pipeline across their land. O Domhnaill's access to the people of Rosspport seems to have been unlimited, and just as he portrays a people pulled together by common grievance, he also gets inside the internecine verbal warfare that threatens to pull them apart.

Admission: Free

For more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on (074) 91 29186



25th November

Resource Hall, Pettigo: 10 a.m. – 12 noon and 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**Cultural Storytelling Workshop - Little Smarties Play Group and After School Club**

Cultural Diversity Storytelling Workshops for children from 2 years and 9 months to 12 years old. This project is organised by The Forge Family Resource Centre, Pettigo.

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrcc@eircom.net

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Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**Sharing Stories in a New Media Age**

A one-day seminar to accompany the IFI funded Sharing Stories exhibition will look at the importance of telling your story and getting it out there in the digital world. The morning session will feature discussion and case studies around the impact of local and community based filmmaking with Dr. Cathal McLaughlin (University of Ulster) and Richie O'Donnell (Director of The Pipe). In the afternoon the opportunities presented by social media to local and community filmmakers will be put to the test in a unique practical demonstration. Share My Story will present two social media practitioners with a shared challenge. Each will be given a Sharing Stories film and will have four weeks to use free social media to promote, publicise and disseminate it. The results will be presented at the seminar. Sharing Stories in a New Media Age will offer an insight into how new technologies and traditional storytelling can be used to make an impact and allow you to deliver your own story to a wide audience.

Admission: Free

Booking Essential, for more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on Email: rcc@donegalcoco.ie or Tel: (074) 91 29186

26th November

Newtowncunningham Orange Hall: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.**An Afternoon of Orange Culture**

An afternoon of Orange Culture in the Orange Hall, Newtowncunningham which will include talks on the formation of the Orange Order as well as the religious aspects of the order. Musical performances will be given during the afternoon of piping, lambeag drumming, accordion and fifes. Displays will show memorabilia and artefacts from the Orange Order both locally and further afield. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact:

Stewart Mc Clean on (087) 2973169 or stewartmcclean@yahoo.co.uk

or Joe Boreland on (086) 3798732 or Johnboreland@yahoo.co.uk

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 1 p.m.**Sharing Stories Screenings**

A selection of short films from Derry and Donegal from the Sharing Stories project will be shown on the big screen in two programmes commencing at 1pm and 3pm.

Admission: Free

For more information and booking contact:

The Regional Cultural Centre on (074) 91 29186



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Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 7.30 p.m.**Film Screening: When the Drum is Beating**

When the Drum is Beating is a feature documentary that interweaves the extraordinary story of the band Septentrional's six decades of creativity with the history of Haiti and how it went from being the first free black republic with a huge wealth of natural resources to a shattered country that cannot support its citizens. The film moves back and forth in time between the past and present, and gives broad context to the current problems facing the country: from the brutality of French colonialism and the bloody revolution that brought Haitians their freedom to the crushing foreign debt and the 15 year American occupation that helped usher in the brutal dictatorship of François "Papa Doc" Duvalier. We see the hope that was created by the rise of Jean Bertrand Aristide, and the despair that followed the coup that drove him from power. Most importantly, we learn how all these events contributed to creating the conditions that made the horrific death toll of the earthquake inevitable.

Through its sweeping narrative, infectious music, tension-filled encounters and the musicians' passionate dreams, the film goes to the core of what makes Haiti one of the most fascinating countries in the hemisphere. *When the Drum is Beating* allows the viewer to see, feel and hear the passion, commitment and joy of Septentrional's musicians, and through them, the unique Haitian spirit.

For more information contact:

Bo Mulligan on (01) 681 5440 or bo.mulligan@havenpartnership.com

Admission is free; however there will be an opportunity to make a voluntary donation to Haven's work in Haiti on the evening.

29th November

An Griánán Theatre, Letterkenny: 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.**Basam: A Play Reading and Workshop**

Basam is a one man play based on the true story of Basam Aramin, a Palestinian peace activist whose 10 year old daughter, was killed by a border soldier in 2007. It describes his journey from violence to non-violence and explores the broader moral themes of forgiveness and hope during the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and also demonstrates parallels with issues of conflict resolution in Ireland. At the core of the story is the question: 'What motivates people to say no to violence and choose the road to peace?' The play reading will be followed by a workshop facilitated by the author, Idan Meir.

For more information contact:

Patricia Mc Bride on (074) 9123288 or patricia@angrianan.com

Youth Hall, Tullyhommon, Co. Fermanagh: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**The Forge Family Resource Centre Cross Border Youth Club – Cultural Identity Workshop**

For more information see page 11, on 8th November.

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrfc@eircom.net

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Station House Hotel, Letterkenny: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**Dispelling the Myths Conference**

The main aim of the conference 'Dispelling the Myths' would be to challenge the myths and attitudes that surround sex trafficking and prostitution. Participants and service providers will:

- Gain an insight to the complex social and cultural issues surrounding prostitution.
- Promote equality and diversity by challenging the negative attitudes and myths surrounding prostitution and sex trafficking.
- Help improve service provision with increased information sharing and understanding.
- Provide an opportunity to network, promote cultural diversity and build up sustainable relationships and service contacts that will continue long term.
- Promote greater community integration with service users within Donegal and cross border.

For more information contact: Letterkenny Women's Centre on (074) 9124985 or womenscentrelkenny@eircom.net

Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**Anti-bullying – Award Evening**

The eighth annual anti-bullying week will take place between Monday 14th November and Friday 18th November 2011, and this year the theme is 'Stop and think – words can hurt'. Children and young people from schools throughout Donegal will be invited to submit posters, stories, etc. pertaining to the issue of bullying and addressing this. The awards evening will celebrate the work of the children and young people and highlight the importance of schools and communities continuing to promote the message that bullying is wrong and unacceptable.

For more information contact:

Anne Mc Ateer on (074) 9109111 or anne.mcateer@hse.ie

Pettigo Resource Hall: 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.**Cultural Cookery from around the world with Pettigo and Tullyhommon Women's Group**

(See page 7, 2nd November for more details.)

For more information contact:

Martina Doyle on (071) 9861924 or theforgefrfc@eircom.net



COURSES & ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Heads On Hands On - 3 day Cross-Border Awareness Raising Course

27th October: An Grianán Hotel, Burt 10.15 a.m. – 4 p.m.

10th November: Field Trips around Donegal County Council Area

17th November: Field Trips around Derry~Londonderry Area

Donegal County Council and Derry City Council Community Relations are pleased to be working in partnership to host representatives from local community and voluntary groups for a free awareness opportunity. Many groups in both council areas are keen to make cross-border connections – which can also be helpful for PEACE or other funding opportunities.

The 'Heads On – Hands On' 3 day awareness course is designed for groups who wish to make cross-border contacts and build on their awareness of Good Relations. The 'Heads On' day is focused on basic training around introduction to Good Relations and will be facilitated by the Peace and Reconciliation Group (PRG). This is followed by 2 'Hands On' days which are field trip visits in Derry~Londonderry and Donegal to see local groups with relevance to Good Relations.

For more information or to book a place contact:

Sue Divin on (048) 71345160 or sue.divin@derrycity.gov.uk
(Derry City Council)

Sarah Thompson on (074) 9172586 or sthompson@donegalcoco.ie (Donegal County Council)

**Crossword Competition, Buncrana Community Library**

A multicultural crossword competition open to all children exploring the theme of diversity.

For more information contact:

Sinéad McLaughlin on (074) 9361941 or Sinead.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie

i am i: Arts Programme for children and parents

County Libraries: Ballybofey (10.45 a.m.) and Ballyshannon (2 p.m.)

Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th November

Workshops for early years in playful storytelling and story making.

Children aged four and five years old can come along to these libraries, where they will join Kate Brown for a week of story, dress-up and creative imaginings. This is an opportunity for children from minority and majority cultures to play together and explore through story drama the things which make us unique.

The wonderfully magnificent stories created by the children will be transformed into things of visual beauty by the talented children's illustrator and Donegal native - Alfie Gallagher. This work will be exhibited in the participating libraries on 29th November. Encourage your child's creativity while nurturing yours. You know the deal folks - no adult without a child, no child without an adult.

i am i is an artistic collaboration between Drama Practitioner, Kate Brown and Illustrator Alfie Gallagher.

For more information contact: Kate Brown on 086 3590564 or kate@katebrown.ie

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Rhythms of the World – Intercultural Music Workshops for Children

Spraio agus Spórt, Carndonagh: 10 a.m. (0 - 18 mths), 11 a.m. (18 mths – 3 yrs), 12 noon (Special Needs Group), 2 p.m. (3 – 5 yrs), 3 p.m. (6 – 8 yrs), 4 p.m. (9 – 12 yrs)

Saturdays: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November 2011

Rhythms of the World is an intercultural music programme aimed at children aged 0 to 12 years and is inclusive of children with special needs. It involves a refreshingly innovative and energetic approach to music. Music is taught using various methods such as stories, dance, singing, percussion instruments, listening skills, composition, art and drama.

The programme will cover a broad range of intercultural musical genres. Each week different stories, dance, song, colours and dress from around the world will be explored. Spraio agus Spórt are looking for participants from all cultural backgrounds within the community to join in for a month of song and dance every Saturday in November.

For more information contact: Helen Nolan on 086 8420203 or info@spraioagusport.ie

Shared Stories Book Promotion - All Public Libraries throughout November

The Shared Stories Collection of 20 books will be available for loan free of charge in libraries across the County from the beginning of November. A booklet containing details of all the books in the collection will also be available. For opening hours & contact details check the website www.donegalibrary.ie or call into the library and share your stories with us. The collection contains picturebooks for pre-schoolers, storybooks and fairytales from across the globe and books about children from all races around the world, highlighting the difference and of course the commonalities of all children. These books will be very useful for parents interested in promoting cultural diversity in their home.

For more information contact: Donna Quinn on (074) 9175384 or dquinn@donegalcoco.ie

Rhyme Time for Parents & Toddlers

Carndonagh Community Library, every Wednesday in November: 11 a.m.

Parents & Toddlers sing & mime to fun Nursery Rhymes from around the world.

For more information contact:

Belinda Glackin on (074) 9373701 or belinda.glackin@donegalcoco.ie

Rhyme Time for All: Song and stories involving staff and parents.

Central Library, Letterkenny, every Wednesdays in November: 11 a.m.

Song and stories from around the world with Library staff, parents and children. Come along and explore the rich traditions of music and stories from around the world.

Admission: Free and all are welcome.

For more information contact: Ursula Cutcliffe on (074) 9124950 or ucutcliffe@donegalcoco.ie

Rhyme Time for Parents & Toddlers

Buncrana Community Library, every Friday in November: 11 a.m.

Exploring music, dance and nursery rhymes from around the world.

For more information contact:

Sinéad McLaughlin on (074) 9361941 or Sinead.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie

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3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November - An introduction to Donegal History**Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny: 2 p.m.**

An opportunity to hear about and explore the history of Donegal. Admission is free.

Suitable for individuals and groups, booking is required.

For more information contact: Caroline Carr on (074) 9124613 or museum@donegalcoco.ie

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November - Understanding the Orange Order**Ballintra Orange Hall: 8 p.m.**

A four week information programme of approximately two hours per night, for people of all ages and of all abilities who have an interest in finding out more about the Orange Order; its history and cultural traditions in Ireland and throughout the world. This project aims to address the common misconceptions about the Orange Order, and to promote a greater understanding of the cultural diversity that exists in County Donegal. Open to all of the community.

For more information contact: Kellie Beacom on (086) 8188281 or cadolemo@aol.ie

10th, 17th & 24th November - Chess Club**Port na Fáilte, Port Road, Letterkenny: 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.**

Are you looking for a chess partner? Or would you like to learn how to play chess? Do you want to meet people from different cultures? Come along to our Chess Club in Port na Fáilte. Friendly environment, refreshments served (to keep your brain going) and really nice people. All welcome, all free!

For more information contact: Karin White on (074) 9126550 or ptsyall@donegalcoco.ie

Artlink presents: Animate - Illuminate - A Feast of Cultures**Fort Dunree, Bunrana: From 12th November - 30th November**

Artlink presents an innovative cross-community, and cross-cultural, multi-tradition series of workshops with young students from schools in Bunrana and the North West Regional College in Limavady, leading up to a stunning exhibition in the beautiful surroundings of Fort Dunree. The workshops are facilitated by LUXe, Joanna McGlynn and Mathew O'Kane and will use elements of animation, shadow-puppetry and street arts/spectacle to explore stories and mythologies across cultures, encourage dialogue and debate and ultimately tolerance and understanding.

For directions: see www.dunree.pro.ie/findus.html

For more information contact: Declan Sheehan on (074) 9363469 or declan.sheehan@artlink.ie

SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES

Anti Bullying Week and Awards

All primary and post-primary schools will be invited to participate in Anti-bullying Week, November 14th - 18th. Participating schools will receive an information pack including lesson plans, policy review, and ideas for whole school activities. Entries will be invited for a slogan and poster competition. An Awards Evening will celebrate the work of the children and young people in highlighting the importance of schools and a community continuing to promote the message that bullying in any form is wrong.

For more information contact: Anne Mc Ateer on (074) 91 09111 or anne.mcateer@hse.ie

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Anti-Racism Training**Thursday 3rd November****Thursday 10th November****Monday 14th November****TBC****Scared Heart College Omagh****Christain Brothers School, Omagh****Scoil Colmcille Letterkenny****Woodlands P.S Letterkenny**

As part of the Celebration of Irish/Indian Links - Past and Present project, Omagh Ethnic Communities Support Group, will be delivering a series of anti racism workshops across primary and post primary schools in Letterkenny and Omagh. The workshops will examine diversity within the community and the value of interculturalism. The workshops will also encourage participants to develop an awareness of cultural diversity and to examine the dangers of social exclusion.

For more information contact: Mary Lafferty on (048) 82249750 or mlafferty@hotmail.com

SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Plantation of Ulster Introductory Session

(Max. number of Schools: 5)

The Archives Service, Donegal County Council, have prepared an education pack to mark the 400th anniversary of the Plantation of Ulster. This event will come to the fore in the next few years as we progress into a decade of remembrance. This pack, which is aimed at post-primary students, provides an introduction to the period and the major events surrounding the Plantation of Ulster up to the arrival of Oliver Cromwell in Ireland in 1649. It includes a background to the official scheme for plantation, the divisions of land, the newcomers to Ulster and also the subsequent rebellion in Ulster in 1641.

The content of this pack focuses on the history of Ulster, in particular the six counties chosen for the official plantation scheme, Donegal, Derry/Londonderry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Armagh and Cavan. With this pack we aim to look at our shared history in an innovative way, by the use of historical documents which highlight the affect of the mass immigration to Ulster of new settlers.

A limited number of workshops for post-primary schools are being offered to schools throughout Donegal in November 2011 as part of the One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month. These workshops will allow pupils to explore the packs and offer ideas to teachers on how the makes can be utilised. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so book early for your class. Copies of the pack will be left with the schools involved for use after the session.

For more information contact:

Sarah Thompson on (074) 9172586 or sthompson@donegalcoco.ie

NATIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Divided City

This course will begin in November 2011 and run until January 2012, when the schools involved from Donegal and Strabane will showcase their work in the Alley Theatre.

This is a cross-border schools community relations project being supported by Strabane

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District Council and Donegal County Council. The project is being delivered by the Verbal Arts Centre, Derry-Londonderry who devised this programme to engage young people in a programme that deals with issues around sectarianism and racism while also encouraging literacy and skills in digital media. Anyone working with young people is invited to visit any of the sessions to learn more about how these issues can be addressed in a primary classroom.



Strabane
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
an tSrátha Bliain
Strabane District Council

This programme uses Theresa Breslin's novel "Divided City" as a way of exploring sectarianism with upper primary aged pupils. The theme of the book directly addresses how friendships can be formed and sustained despite religious differences. The novel explores traditional tensions between Protestant and Catholic football supporters whilst introducing the plight of asylum seekers. It deals with familiar themes – divided communities, sectarianism and football loyalties. Drama, illustration and sound editing skills will be developed through participation, while addressing literacy development.

If you would like to observe a session, please contact:

Sarah Thompson Good Relations Officer, Donegal County Council on (074) 9172586 or Elaine Semple, Good Relations Officer at Strabane District Council on (048) 71382204.

Finn Harps Inclusion through Sport Programme

Finn Harps Football Club will deliver its Inclusion Through Sport programme to 14 national schools in Donegal throughout the month of November. This will be delivered through the use of qualified coaches and Finn Harps players. The aim of the programme is to bring to the children the importance of social inclusion for all. If you are interested in taking part please see details below.



For more information contact:

John Campbell on (083) 3820755 or finnharpscpo@gmail.com

In Roots of Empathy Schools - Throughout November

Copies of the book "Whoever you are" will be given to all participating Roots of Empathy schools for teachers to use in the classroom. The book teaches children that although children across the world have different skin colours, cultures and languages, all children have the same feelings and experience the same emotions. They will explore what children have in common and celebrate how people are different both as ethnic groups and as individuals. The classes will complete artwork for an exhibition of work on the theme "Whoever You Are". This story and the follow-up work will help children respect people of all races, celebrate culture and embrace difference.

For more information contact: Seana Hume on (074) 91 04693 or Seana.Hume@hse.ie

Cultural Diversity in Schools

All primary schools in Donegal will be issued with a complimentary copy of the resource pack "Together We Play, Learn and Understand." The aim is to build self-confidence in children and to celebrate cultural diversity. The pack also addresses the Rights of the Child. Schools will be encouraged to use the pack during November to raise awareness

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of "One Donegal" and will be invited to submit a short portfolio of their work for Awards recognising the work done.

For more information contact: Anne Mc Ateer on (074) 91 09111 or anne.mcateer@hse.ie

Global Tales – Storytelling and Creative Writing Workshops

An interactive storytelling session for schools where students will learn about cultures from around the globe through stories. Students will listen to stories and create their own stories exploring cultural differences. Renowned storyteller Joe Brennan will facilitate this event.

For further details and to check availability please contact:

Joe Brennan on 086 6002928 or joebrennan@taletradition.com

YOUTH WORK

Youth Speak

8 Youth Projects will be invited to explore some aspect of how cultural diversity is celebrated in their community. They will receive a small grant to facilitate this work. Each group will produce a piece of work for display in their local community raising awareness of how address racism and sectarianism can be addressed and cultural diversity promoted in the area.

For more information contact: Anne Mc Ateer on (074) 91 09111 or anne.mcateer@hse.ie

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For further copies of this programme of events or to find out more about Donegal County Council's work on promoting Cultural Diversity on behalf of the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership go to: www.donegalcdb.ie/peaceiii/

AT A GLANCE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
EXHIBITIONS		
Nov 11th - Dec 17th	Sharing Stories	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
Nov 11th - Nov 26th	Faces	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
Throughout Nov	Sharing the Learning	Letterkenny Public Service Centre
Throughout Nov	Equality Exhibition	Carndonagh: Library & Public Service Building
Throughout Nov	Laureate International Libraries Exhibition	Central Library, Letterkenny
Throughout Nov	Shared Stories Exhibition	Buncrana Community Library
21st Nov - 30th Nov	Roots Of Empathy Exhibition - Whoever You Are	Regional Cultural Centre & Various Libraries
Throughout Nov	"Journey Of Hope" Exhibition	Lifford Courthouse
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1st	One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month Official Launch incorporating the launch of the Donegal Diversity Plan	Letterkenny Public Service Centre
2nd	Cultural Cookery from around the World	Pettigo Resource Hall
2nd	Martin Taylor In Concert	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
4th	Welcome Morning	Donegal Volunteer Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny
4th	One Donegal Promotion Event	Letterkenny Shopping Centre
4th	Oneness is Abundance - Film Night	Ballina Resource Centre, Falcarragh
5th	Masks and Costumes Of The World Workshop	Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre
4th	Cross Community Family Fun Day - Celebrating Diversity	Church Of Ireland Hall, Dunfanaghy
7th	Seminar: Developing an Integration Strategy	Station House Hotel, Letterkenny
7th	The Home Place: Drama Workshop and Facilitated Discussion	Moville Community College & NCDI, N'cunningham
8th	Embedding Diversity In Youth Work: Training Workshop	Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny
8th	One Small Step Showcase	Milford Community Library
8th	Cultural Identity Workshop with Cross Border Youth Club	Youth Hall, Tullyhommon, Co. Fermanagh
8th	The Home Place: Drama Workshop and Facilitated Discussion	Raphoe Orange Hall
9th	Buncrana Book Club: Monthly Book Group Discussion	Buncrana Library
9th	Chambers Ireland's Excellence in Local Government Awards	Burlington Hotel, Dublin
10th	John Cooper Clarke in Concert	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
11th	Good Relations Workshops with the Verbal Arts Centre	Scoil Chaitriona, College Street, Ballyshannon
11th	Launch of Faces Exhibition	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
11th	Official Opening of Sharing Stories Exhibition	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
11th & 12th	Beyond the Pale: Promenade Theatre	Donegal Castle, Donegal Town
12th	Armistice Day Remembrance Event	Peace Garden & Memorial Wall, Fort Dunree
12th	Netnakisum in Concert	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
13th	Service of Remembrance	Newtowncunningham Orange Hall
15th	African Drumming Workshop	St Mary's National School, Pettigo
15th	Launch of the Border Villages Social Integration Project	An Grianan Hotel, Burt
16th	Not My Problem: Development Education Play & Workshops	Carndonagh Community School
16th	1981 Play & Discussion	Balor Theatre, Ballybofey
16th	Intercultural Platform	Port na Fáilte, Port Road, Letterkenny
16th & 17th	From a Troubled Past to a Shared Future Conference	Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny and Dunree Fort Military Museum
17th	Genio Project (HSE) "Moving On" DVD Launch	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
17th & 18th	Street Handball: Two Day Blitz and Taster Sessions	Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny Inver Community Centre, Donegal Town
19th	Talk on Special Links between India - Ireland (Past & Present)	Letterkenny Community Centre
19th	Sharing Stories Screenings	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
19th	"Diversity Challenge"	Start Point - Donegal Town

AT A GLANCE

19th	The Melting Pot presents: A Celebration as Gaelige with "BRÉAG" plus International Harpist Cherith Boyle	The Corner House, Ardara
21st	Talk on Special Links between India - Ireland (Past & Present)	Omagh South West College
23rd	Cultural Diversity Workshop	St Mary's National School, Pettigo
23rd	Early Birds Group - Cultural Awareness through Cookery	Resource Hall, Pettigo
23rd	Roots of Empathy Celebration Evening "Whoever You Are"	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
24th	Good Relations Taster Session and Discussion Forum	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
24th	Monthly Book Club Meeting	Central Library, Letterkenny
24th	Open Mic Night	Port na Fáilte, Port Road, Letterkenny
24th	Film Screening: The Pipe	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
25th	Cultural Storytelling Workshop - Little Smarties Play Group & After School Club	Resource Hall, Pettigo
25th	Sharing Stories in a New Media Age	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
26th	An Afternoon of Orange Culture	Newtowncunningham Orange Hall
26th	Sharing Stories Screenings	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
26th	Film Screening: When the Drum is Beating	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
29th	Basam: A Play Reading and Workshop	An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny
29th	The Forge Family Resource Centre Cross Border Youth Club - Cultural Identity Workshop	Youth Hall, Tullyhommon, Co. Fermanagh
30th	Dispelling the Myths Conference	Station House Hotel, Letterkenny
30th	Anti-bullying - Award Evening	Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny
30th	Cultural Cookery from around the world with Pettigo and Tullyhommon Women's Group	Pettigo Resource Hall
COURSES & ONGOING ACTIVITIES		
27th Oct / 27th Oct / 17th Nov	Heads On Hands On - 3 day Cross-Border Awareness Raising Course	Various Venues
Throughout Nov	Crossword Competition	Buncrana Community Library
1st - 4th Nov	i am i: Arts Programme for children and parents	County Libraries: Ballybofey & Ballyshannon
Saturdays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Nov	Rhythms of the World - Intercultural Music Workshops for Children	Spraoi agus Spórt, Carndonagh
Throughout Nov	Shared Stories Book Promotion	All Public Libraries
Every Wed in Nov	Rhyme Time for Parents & Toddlers	Carndonagh Community Library
Every Wed in Nov	Rhyme Time for All	Central Library, Letterkenny
Every Fri in Nov	Rhyme Time for Parents & Toddlers	Buncrana Community Library
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Nov	An introduction to Donegal History	Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Nov	Understanding the Orange Order	Ballintra Orange Hall
10th, 17th & 24th Nov	Chess Club	Port na Fáilte, Port Road, Letterkenny
12th Nov - 30th Nov	Artlink presents: Animate - Illuminate - A Feast of Cultures	Fort Dunree, Buncrana
14th - 19th Nov	Anti Bullying Week	Various Schools
3rd, 14th, 10th & TBC Nov	Anti-Racism Training	Schools in Letterkenny & Omagh
Throughout Nov	Plantation of Ulster Introductory Session	TBC
Nov 2011 - Jan 2012	Divided City	TBC
Throughout Nov	Finn Harps Inclusion through Sport Programme	TBC
Throughout Nov	Whoever You Are	In Roots of Empathy Schools
Throughout Nov	Cultural Diversity in Schools	TBC
Throughout Nov	Global Tales - Storytelling & Writing Workshops	TBC
Throughout Nov	Youth Speak	TBC

For more information about any of the events listed, please see relevant section in this programme.



CONTACTS:

Updates on events and additional events will be available throughout the month at www.donegalcodb.ie/peaceiii/ and also through our Facebook and twitter sites. We hope you enjoy the programme and remember that the One Donegal Initiative runs throughout the year so keep checking the sites.

You can keep up to date with events throughout the One Donegal Cultural Diversity Month through our Facebook www.facebook.com/donegalcountycouncil and Twitter www.twitter.com/donegalcouncil accounts.

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