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PREAS-RÁITEAS

‘Seicteachas faoi cheilt’ pléite ag Ceardlann de chuid Shíocháin III Dhún na nGall

D’fhreastal breis agus 90 ionadaí ó réimse leathan eagraíochtaí pobail ar cheardlann lae ar chlár Síocháin III i Leitir Ceanainn ar an 17 Meitheamh.

Ba í Comhpháirtíocht Athmhuintearais agus Síochána BFC Dhún na nGall a d'eagraigh an ócáid, agus tacaíocht acu ón Chlár Síochána III de chuid ERDF an Aontais Eorpaigh, agus bhí sé de chuspóir ag an cheardlann cuidiú le heagraíochtaí a fuair deontais ó Phlean Gníomhaíochta Síochána III Dhún na nGall le deileáil leis na riachtanais a bhaineann le poiblíocht, cumarsáidí agus ag tarraingt anuas a gcuid deontas.

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PRESS RELEASE

‘Silent Sectarianism’ addressed at Donegal Peace III Workshop

Over 90 people representing a wide range of community organisations attended a day-long workshop on the Peace III programme in Letterkenny on Wednesday June 17th.

Organised by the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership and supported by the European Union ERDF Peace III Programme, the event was designed to help organisations in receipt of Grant support from the Donegal Peace III Action Plan to deal with the requirements around publicity, communications, and drawing down their grant money.

The first session of the day was on the theme

tSeicteachais faoi cheilt, agus d'éist an lucht freastail go grinn le toirbhirt spreagúil shuimiúil ó Marie Crawley, a bhfuil taighde leathan déanta aici ar an seicteachas i gceantair thuaithe i dTuaisceart Éireann agus sna contaetha thart ar theorainn na Poblachta.

Tá difear suntasach idir eispéireas an tseicteachais i bpobail tuaithe agus i gceantair uirbeacha, áit a ndéanann 'ballaí síochána' nó colbhaí cosáin dathaithe ceantair éagsúla nó teorainneacha ‘treibhe’ a idirdhealú óna chéile. Tá an pobal tuaithe in Éirinn níos measctha fríd a chéile, agus pléann siad leis an seicteachas tríd ‘an cloigeann a choinneáil síos’ agus gan ‘craiceann tanaí’ na gcaidreamh sibhialta a bhriseadh lena gcomharsana. Rud eile a ndearna a phlé ná an fhíric go gcreideann, nó nach n-aithníonn formhór an phobail Chaitlicigh sa deisceart go bhfuil an seicteachas beo ina gceantair, nó socraíonn siad ar bheagchúram a dhéanamh de - tá barúil ag cuid mhór gur rud é an seicteachas a bhaineann le 'Tuaisceart Éireann' agus ní fheiceann siad go bhfuil aon bhaint aige lena ndearcadh agus lena n-iompar féin.

of Silent Sectarianism and a rapt audience listened to an engaging and thought provoking presentation from Marie Crawley who had carried out extensive research on the issue of sectarianism in rural areas of both Northern Ireland the border counties of the Republic.

The experience of sectarianism in rural communities is quite different from that of urban areas where things like ‘peace walls’ or painted kerbstones mark out different areas or ‘tribal’ boundaries. In rural Ireland people are more mixed through each other and often deal with sectarianism by ‘keeping the head down’ and not breaking the ‘surface veneer’ of civil relationships with neighbours. Also covered was the fact that most people in the majority Catholic community in the south are either unaware that sectarianism exists in their areas, or choose to ignore it – many people see sectarianism as a ‘Northern Ireland thing’ and cannot see that it might have anything to do with their own attitudes or behaviour.

Léirigh taighde fosta go raibh cosúlachtaí idir eispéarais na bProtastúnach a bhfuil cónaí orthu thart fán teorainn agus eispéarais na bpoblachtánach a bhfuil cónaí orthu i ndeisceart na tíre - braitheann an dá dhream seo go bhfuil siad ar an imeall, go bhfuiltear á sheachaint agus go mbíonn orthu a bhféiniúlacht a chur faoi cheilt mar gheall ar an dearcadh a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag daoine eile fá dtaobh dóibh.

I ndiaidh na toirbhirte, bhí díospóireachtaí i ngrúpaí beaga agus seisiún aiseolais, agus mhol na rannpháirtithe ar fad Marie as a toirbhirt agus as an ábhar a chuir sí faoina mbráid ar dhóigh a spreag chun machnaimh iad.

Leanadh de roinnt seisiún ‘níos praiticiúla’ ar chumarsáidí agus ar cheisteanna airgeadais le Michelle Rea, ó Fhoireann Chumarsáide SEUPB i mBéal Feirste, agus le Niall Smyth, Rialtóir Airgeadais an SEUPB ag taisteal go Dún na nGall leis na rialacha agus na rialacháin a bhaineann le maoiniú Síocháin III a chur in iúl do na grúpaí.

Tá 47 n-eagraíocht áitiúil ag toiseacht anois ar a gcuid pleananna a chur i bhfeidhm agus go dtí seo tá leibhéal níos airde rannpháirtíochta i gclár

Research also showed up similar experiences between Protestants living in the border region and republicans living in the south of Ireland – both groups facing isolation, avoidance, and a feeling of having to hide who they were for fear of what other peoples attitudes to them might be.

This presentation was followed by small group discussions and a feedback session and all the participants complemented Marie on her presentation and the thought provoking nature of what she had to say to them.

More ‘hands on’ or ‘practical’ sessions on communications and financial issues followed with Michelle Rea, from the SEUPB Communications Team in Belfast, and Niall Smyth, Financial Controller of the SEUPB travelling to Donegal to inform groups of the rules and regulations surrounding Peace III funding.

47 local organisations are now starting to put their plans into action and so far Donegal has a higher level of participation in the Peace III

Síocháin III i measc grúpaí pobail i nDún na nGall ná aon chontae eile ó thuaidh nó ó dheas.	programme among community groups than any other county North or South.
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