

Journeys Out: From Conflict to Participation

Summary

Journeys Out is funded through Measure 2.4 of the Peace II Programme administered on behalf of the Special EU Programmes Body by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland to:

- Engage a new generation of community leaders in the debate about dealing with the past on an inter-community basis;
- Document and share these community leaders' journeys from conflict to participation;
- Build their capacity to mentor and train their peers in relation to local and international approaches to dealing with the past; and
- Develop a 'Journeys Out' training module with input from these community leaders to be piloted at INCORE's 2008 Summer School.

Partners

The project is being delivered by INCORE, University of Ulster/United Nations University (lead partner), Intercomm based in North Belfast and the Peace and Reconciliation Group (PRG) based in Derry/Londonderry.

Participants

The project's participants will include a total of 16-20 community leaders drawn from the following areas in North Belfast: Whitewell/White City/Rathcoole, Limestone/Newington/Lower Shankill, Ardoyne/Glenbryn, Tigers Bay/New Lodge and Duncairn interface; and from Currynieran/Tullyally, Fountain/Bishop Street, Clooney Estate/Lincoln Courts/Gobnascale/Irish Street in Derry/Londonderry.



Activities

The main activities of the project are as follows:

- Development of a protected, web-based archive of community leaders' journeys from conflict to participation and an associated research report (June 2007 to January 2008);
- Completion of audits of what has happened in terms of dealing with the past in each of the local areas targeted by the project and workshops with local communities around these audits (June to September 2007);
- Intensive training of community leaders in peer mentoring, peer education, and facilitation skills (October 2007);
- An intensive international residential at the International Leadership Institute in Jordan to share and discuss different local, national and international approaches to dealing with the past (January 2008);
- Workshops to explore the applicability of different approaches to dealing with the past in the local areas targeted by the project (February to April 2008);
- A seminar with policymakers to share learning from the project (May 2008);
- Designing a Journeys Out Training Module and the piloting of this module at INCORE's International Summer School (June 2008).

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Further information is also available at the following web page:

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