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Project Case Study: Conflict Transformation and Peace-building Project

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Building Positive Relations:
Regional Level Projects

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€536,715

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Executive Office Northern
Ireland and the Department
of Rural and Community
Development, Ireland

LEAD PARTNER:

Bloody Sunday Trust

PROJECT PARTNER:

The Pat Finucane Centre

Start Date: 01/09/2017

End Date: 31/03/2022



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The Bloody Sunday Trust along with project partner, The Pat Finucane Centre, has developed the Conflict Transformation and Peace-building Project.

The project will aim to provide support, resources and opportunities to those who feel that the 'Derry Experience' could be used as a tool in making progress within their own set of circumstances.

The project will incorporate a number of integrated peace-building, education and social justice projects (where some contentious issues have been resolved which remain particularly divisive in other parts of the north) as a catalyst for conflict transformation primarily within Northern Ireland, but also within Ireland, Britain and internationally.

"To date, the project has engaged with 376 participants, spending two days in the city in modules exploring justice/ legacy, parading, heritage, education and dialogue. Participants explore the outcomes, lessons and learnings from Derry's role in conflict transformation."

Meave McLaughlin, Bloody Sunday Trust Project Manager



Parading workshop: Group from Crumlin/Ardoyne/Twaddell with Bogside Residents Group.



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The Conflict Transformation and Peace-building Project will strive to create an environment where positive relations are promoted respectfully, cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together free from prejudice, hate and intolerance. The Bloody Sunday Trust will aim to achieve this through the delivery of a programme built about four core modules: Parading; Legacy and Justice; Heritage and Education; Dialogue.

“The respectful, open and honest dialogue the project facilitates generates understanding and empathy, which undermines often inaccurate stereotypes. I consider this crucial for the process of reconciliation and maintenance of continued Peace”

Project Participant (Former British Soldier)

“My daily life and that of my family members has improved 100% because of local resolution...talking and dialogue is the only way forward. How much hurt imposed on people on both CNR and PUL community over the years and could have been reduced if talking happened earlier.”

Project Participant (Cara Residents Group)



Workshop with women from groups in east and west Belfast with a group of relatives of Bloody Sunday victims.

Key outputs:

- The project is to deliver 15 workshops per year, each with 10 participants, drawn from a range of different communities across Northern Ireland. Participants will be come from areas which have suffered from conflict, unresolved legacy issues, community tension and social deprivation. Over the four-year period this equates to 60 planned visits with 600 attendees. At least 40% of delivery measured across the entire project is to be representatives and groupings from the PUL community.