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Project Case Study: DARE TO LEAD CHANGE CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY OF THE PROJECT

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Building Positive Relations:
Regional Level Projects

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As the DARE (Dialogues About Race Ethnicity) to Lead Change Project enters its fourth year of operation, project partners Bryson Care and TIDES have delivered an impressive online international symposium to celebrate the journey of the project.

DARE to Build the Best Culture - Prosperity, Compassion and Peace was delivered over two days on the 24th—25th March and attracted over 200 viewers. The event featured highly respected international and local contributors who shared their knowledge and examined the potential we have to combine the best of our traditions alongside a future-orientated vision that will help keep our culture alive and celebrated by all.

Delegates heard from a wide range of international speakers including Australian Dr Eugen Koh, who spent time in a series of dialogues regarding culture with a range of community and civic leaders in Northern Ireland and laid out some challenges and actions for us to consider as we move forward. Another contributor was Norwegian Dr Melinda Meyers, who discussed her experience of ethnic integration in Europe and issues to be considered as we become a more ethnically diverse society. There were also presentations from Dr Mary Montague from Belfast and Judge Lucas from America, who discussed the value of adopting restorative community practice within the justice system to help repair connections with those with an offending history or risk of offending.

“This symposium is a reflection of the hard work over the last three years of the DARE project. With our partner TIDES Training and Consultancy, we have worked with participants from different cultural, community and religious backgrounds across Northern Ireland and the border regions. Our aim was to build sustainable relationships between all people from diverse back grounds and culture, from those who were born locally to those newly arrived from across the world hoping to make it their home. We are delighted to welcome local, national and international contributors to the events who will help us build the best culture in a prosperous, compassionate and peaceful society.”

Director of Bryson Intercultural.