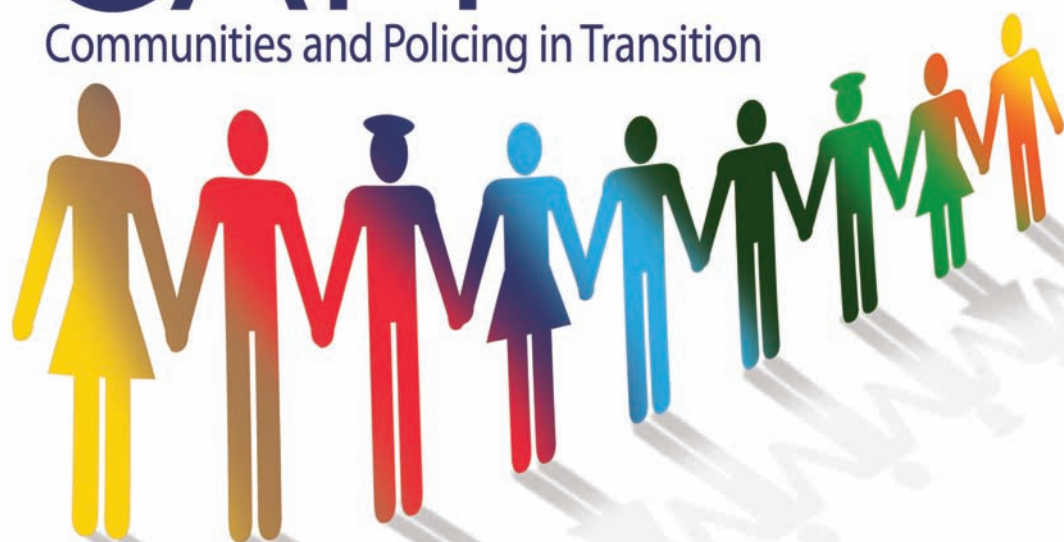




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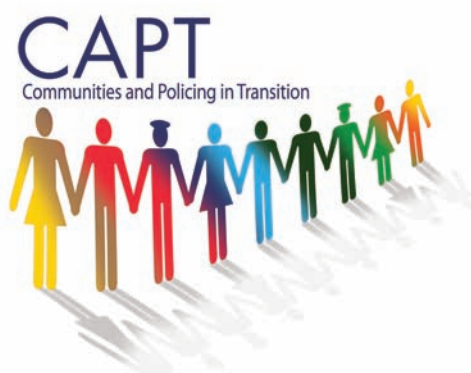
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The Challenges and Opportunities

Introduction

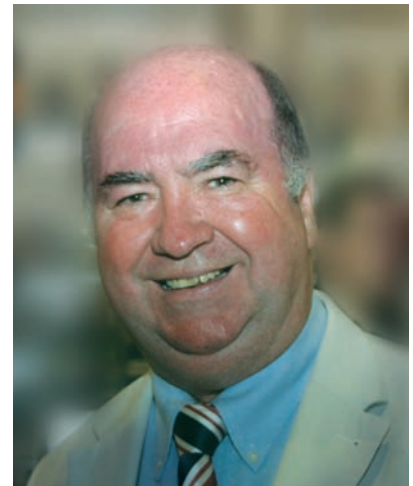
The Communities and Policing in Transition Programme which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and which is being launched in September 2009 is an innovative and groundbreaking project which will roll out across the North and the Border Counties.

It comprises a number of key training opportunities as well as workshops and seminars on best practice with regard to the interface between policing and communities across the island of Ireland. A number of key partners have come together including both police forces, Tyrone Donegal Partnership, INCORE, ICTU and led by Intercomm Ireland.

The objective is to target key areas and also to target key issues including cultural perceptions, conflict resolution, sectarianism and racism. It is hoped that the outcome for participants will be enhanced understanding and the development of key skills in peace building, conflict resolution and best practice.

There are significant challenges as we move forward with the peace process including the impending devolution of criminal justice. It is therefore important that this unique opportunity to have a community driven, bottom up approach to policing and justice in the community is taking place at this time.

While the main infrastructures of policing reforms have been put in place the challenge now is to take the opportunity to see visible signs on the ground on the benefits of working together. It is in the interests of local communities with local police and community organisations to have a shared view of the way forward.



In the context of a strong partnership which has been brought together for this project this is a significant opportunity to deliver real benefits in the interface between local communities and policing across the island of Ireland.

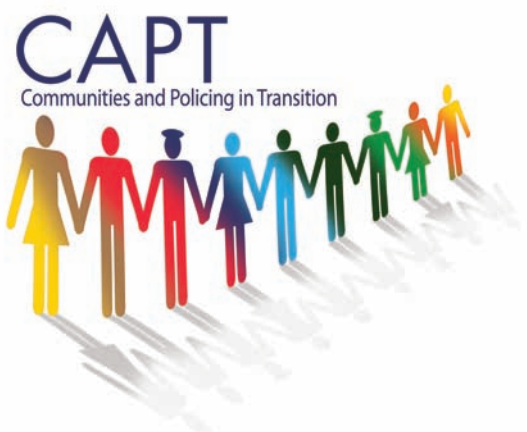
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Project Manager

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Vision

“To build capacity within the community for conflicts to be managed and resolved without violence using universally agreed standards and practices.”



Lead Partner

Intercomm Ireland Ltd was founded in 1995 as a direct response to grassroots community concerns about inter-community conflict and social deprivation. The core aim of Intercomm is to forge fruitful links between Catholic/Nationalist and Protestant/Unionist community groups through long term strategic development work, community inspired peace building initiatives, youth programmes and job creation programmes. Included within the objectives of Intercomm are the following:

- To build trust and promote understanding between communities emerging from conflict and to empower them to manage the challenges of transition.
- To alleviate the problems associated with many years of concentrated sectarian and political conflict through stimulating economic regeneration in the areas most affected by the political conflict.
- To develop interventions that will sustain and grow existing and emerging leaders.
- Intercomm have broadened their range of initiatives and outlook in recent years so as to learn from, and assist in, other conflict transformation processes worldwide, using local knowledge and expertise.

As we prepare for future transfer of powers to the Assembly and to deal with the problems that still exist throughout our communities in rural, city and cross border areas, we at Intercomm are delighted to be the lead partner in establishing this new project and to make our experience in conflict resolution available to the new team. Of course, there will be many new challenges but it is clear by working, talking and listening together the opportunities to go forward and create a new society will also be many. In Intercomm we believe this project to be one of the first very important steps in building our community through justice and policing.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liam", is positioned above the Intercomm logo.



Project Partners

PSNI: The Independent Commission on Policing in Northern Ireland was set up as part of the Agreement reached in Belfast on 10th April 1998. The task of the commission was to provide a "new beginning to policing" in Northern Ireland. In its report published in 1999 (commonly referred to as the Patten Report) the Commission made 175 recommendations about policing in Northern Ireland. As a result of the recommendations, a new name, badge and uniform came into being. In November 2001 the RUC became the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

An Garda Síochána: Ireland's National Police force whose mission incorporates community commitment; personal protection; and state security. In terms of community commitment they operate a number of schemes which include: crime protection, watch schemes, victim support, crime call, school relations and care of the aged in the community.

Tyrone Donegal Partnership: An established cross border development company whose aim is to act as a catalyst for the identification, development and implementation of innovative cross border initiatives in the communities of West Tyrone and Donegal. The organisation has experience in cross community development, facilitating greater understanding of heritage and cultural traditions. They have implemented a number of Building Futures Programmes which have developed and delivered training on conflict, peace and reconciliation and provided a safe opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds and divergent opinions to explore their individual, community and institutional experiences of sectarianism resulting in prejudice and disadvantage.

Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU): Strive to achieve economic development, social cohesion, and justice by upholding the values of solidarity, fairness and equality. The ICTU is an umbrella organisation who represent workers organisation of workers in unions. The ICTU is also a social partners grouping who construct and advocate for a platform of policies capable of delivering a just society. They engage with Government, employers, civil society organisations, voluntary groups and international bodies to promote social inclusion. The ICTU support unions in their efforts to secure a fairer distribution of the wealth their members create.

The International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE): A joint project of the United Nations University and the University of Ulster. INCORE was established in 1993 and combines research, education and comparative analysis to address the causes and consequences of conflict in Northern Ireland and internationally. It also promotes conflict resolution management strategies. INCORE aims to influence policymakers and practitioners involved in peace, conflict and reconciliation issues while enhancing the nature of international conflict research. They work with a wide range of organisations internationally and within Northern Ireland. State bodies, NGO's, think-tanks, community and voluntary groups, academic and research institutes and the media all have worked with INCORE on various projects relating to peace and conflict research.

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Mission

“ To facilitate structured and meaningful engagement between communities and Policing (on a local, cross community and cross border basis) and to assist the development of a safer and more peaceful society. ”

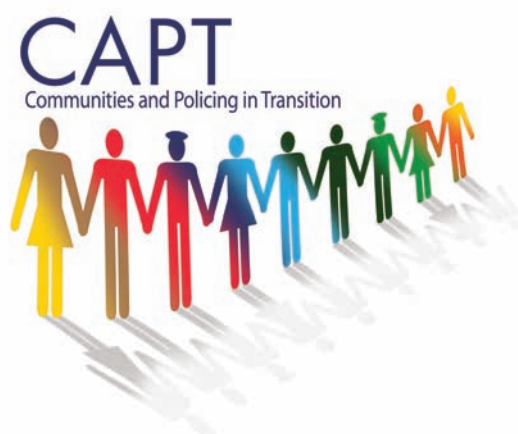
The Programme

The Communities and Policing in Transition programme, which has been funded by the European Regional Development Fund, provides a strategic focus for collaboration between the policing services on the island of Ireland and communities and key social partners as represented through Intercomm, ICTU, and the Tyrone Donegal Partnership. The project activities are designed to address individual and group life long held views and opinions, cultural and institutional values and perceptions. CAPT provides a meaningful vehicle to establish cross border and cross community healthy relationships that will create connections to improve trust and tolerance, and reduce levels of sectarianism and racism.

The project will target rural,city and cross border areas.

The CAPT Programme also seeks to enhance the peace building skills of community workers through informed discussion and debate, assessment of good practice and international conflict resolution. CAPT is an innovative venture combining workshops, seminars, skills training and best practice visits, with a vision to build capacity within the community for conflicts to be managed and resolved without violence with universally agreed standards and practices. The research component of the project is undertaken by INCORE, an international centre of excellence for peace and conflict studies, located at the Magee Campus of the University of Ulster. This will include the conduct of action research identifying and analyzing trends in violence/crime in Northern Ireland and the border region. This research will identify barriers to and opportunities for conflict resolution, transformation, conflict prevention and policing.

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Aims and Objectives

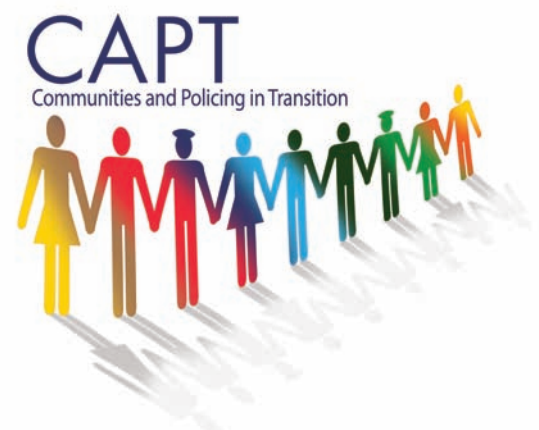
The aims and objectives of the CAPT project are to:

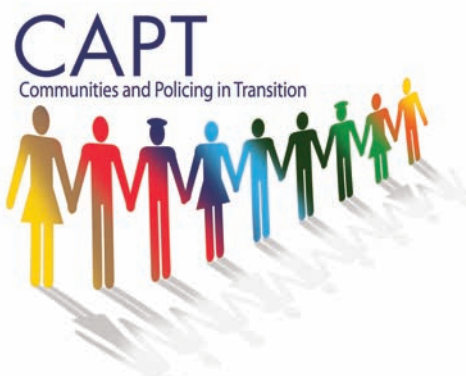
- Formulate a model for reconciliation and transition in relationships between communities and policing.
- Build an integrated and structured approach to reduce sectarianism and racism in organisations and workplaces.
- Provide knowledge and operational requirements for relationship building between policing and communities.
- Improve trust and tolerance between participants culturally and political diverse from themselves.
- Improve Interaction and engagement between PSNI and Garda Síochána in community policing.
- Increase understanding of beliefs, identity and impact upon individuals and organisational culture.
- Create effective and efficient community/policing mechanisms for preventative, support and safety measures in dealing with community policing issues understood.
- Strengthen cross border relationships among and between communities and policing.

The CAPT Programme will deliver:

- A comprehensive training manual.
- 13 training programmes to over 300 participants which will be delivered in Belfast, Derry and the Border Region.
- 9 policing and community workshops with approximately 240 participants delivered in Belfast, Derry and the Border Region and 3 joint action plans agreed and published.
- 3 dissemination seminars delivered in Belfast, Derry and the Border Region.
- 3 international best practice visits.
- 3 research papers will be published and disseminated.
- A marketing strategy.
- A range of promotional activities.
- A CAPT website to be used by local, regional and global beneficiaries.
- A Training the Trainers event with approximately 12 participants from communities and policing.
- An exit plan.
- A feasibility study.

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