



Challenge of Change

Working Together For An Inclusive Society



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III
SOUTHERN
PARTNERSHIP



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Background

PEACE III Measure 1.1

- ‘Building positive relations at local level’

PEACE III Southern Partnership

- Armagh City & District Council
- Banbridge District Council
- Craigavon Borough Council
- Newry & Mourne District Council
- Cross-border – Louth and Monaghan

Our Aim

“To facilitate greater involvement of people from BME communities in civic, community and political life, and increase community cohesion”

Key Facts

- 1,746 residents from BME communities in 2001
- 1,479 pupils that speak English as an additional language in 2007/08
- 4,071 Health Card Registrations in 2007
- 850 births to mothers born outside UK and Ireland in 2007
- 1,730 Worker Registrations in 2007/08
- 112 racially motivated incidents in 2008/09
- 95 racially motivated offences in 2008/09
- No elected representatives from BME communities

BME Community Issues

Prejudice

Discrimination

Racism

Language

Employment Rights

Access to services

Isolation

Lack of Information

Our Commitments



Capacity Training

Integration Projects

Addressing Racism

Cross-border Network

Signposting Services

Action Plan 1

Training for BME and Indigenous Communities

- Capacity building for BME groups
- Cultural awareness and diversity training for service providers
- Training to communicate more effectively with BME

Action Plan 2

Cross-cluster and cross-border Networking Groups

- BME led networking group in Newry and Mourne
- Armagh Cultural Diversity and Integration Steering Group
- Support to existing networking groups
- Cross-border events

Action Plan 3

Projects which Address Integration

- Community based integration projects
- Community showcases
- Sports based integration projects

Action Plan 4

Addressing Racism

- Challenge of Change champions
- Anti-Racism campaign and programmes
- Support and develop mediation activities
- Anti-Racist Workplace Week 2010
- Hate crime reporting scheme in Newry and Mourne

Action Plan 5

Resources for advice, support and signposting to BME residents

- Promote existing support to BME communities
- Events and out-reach clinics
- Public access points

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