

# Dialogues About Race and Ethnicity (DARE)



## STRATEGIC DIALOGUES

**We aim to build, improve and sustain positive relationships through training and dialogue with local people and their neighbours from different cultures and countries.**

The DARE to Lead Change Project (DARE) is led by Bryson Intercultural, in partnership with TIDES Training and Consultancy (TIDES), funded by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). The project is available in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties.

### Strategic Dialogues

This element will be used to influence policy and practice and reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society. We are offering you a range of ways to get involved in strategic dialogues about race and ethnicity. You could get involved by joining our Intercommunity Interest Forum (IIF), availing of our free training, or attend one of our café style events. Whatever way you decide to get involved we want to hear and listen to your voice.

### Our aim is to:

- Encourage dialogue and create opportunities for authentic conversations about race and ethnicity;
- To share knowledge and experience of breaking down barriers and changing the narrative around race and ethnicity;
- Organise events to allow conversations to take place; (e.g. conferences, café events, forum meetings, training events and face to face conversations);
- Create the opportunity to shape future policies around race and ethnicity.

## Ways for you to get involved:

1. Join our **Intercommunity Interest Forum (IIF)**. This forum will build meaningful relationships that support effective civic stewardship and ensure people have a sustained voice that will work through the lens of each other's culture. We want your views and ideas to help shape the topics and content of our events and provide direction of how to shape future policies in this area of work.

We plan to have approximately 50 member organisations from across Northern Ireland and the Border Counties involved in the Forum. It will reflect intercultural, interdenominational, community and statutory membership who are interested in issues related to our local communities in Northern Ireland the Border Counties and people living here from different countries and cultures. We plan to meet as a Forum three to four times a year.

2. Take part and support our **strategic dialogue events**, which will include large community dialogues, smaller café culture events around thematic issues, and policy influencer events with decision makers. **Sign up** to our mailing list via our website or the contact details below so we can keep you updated about our events.

These events will provide opportunities to share best practice/resources, raise awareness of issues, problem solve, explore collaborative opportunities and influence policy.

3. You, your organisation or community group could take part in the **free training** on offer through our project, DARE to Lead Change.

To find out more go to:

[www.brysonintercultural.org/dare](http://www.brysonintercultural.org/dare)



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