



Calling all staff to get involved in Good Relations* Week 14th - 21st September

Week commencing 14th September marks the start of Good Relations week 2020 for Northern Ireland. Belfast Trust is proud to have linked in with NI Community Relations Council for many years to celebrate the week and 2020 is no different!

To celebrate 30 years of connecting communities the NI Community Relations Council programme has embraced digital technology and devised a week of over 150 innovative, immersive, live, interactive and collaborative events – all online. Check out https://www.goodrelationsweek.com/

The virtual programme includes online workshops, Zoom lectures, online panel discussions, podcasts, digital storytelling and virtual exhibitions.

In line with our **Healthy Relations for a Health Future Strategy 2, Belfast Trust** has planned a **programme of celebrations**, around the theme of 'Celebrating our Journey and Embracing our Future' and these will be shared online from $14^{th} - 18^{th}$ September. These include:

- An Engagement event (17th) to talk about a new Regional HSC Good Relations Statement
- Podcast from representatives of our BAME Carers Group about their experiences
- An online Gallery involving artwork from young people who reside in our Children's Homes following an Art Competition where they were asked to draw what good relations means to them
- Videos and testimonials from BAME staff about moving to and working here
- Music from our Belfast Trust staff Orchestra
- Sharing resources that explain what good relations means, how to support service users from multi-faith communities and information about the awardwinning Belfast Trust New Entrant Service

So, get online, get involved and look out for the celebrations this week!

If you have any queries or wish to attend the engagement event on the 17^{th,} please contact <u>Lesley.Jamieson@belfasttrust.hscni.net</u> in the Equality and Planning Team.

*As a public body, BHSCT has a legal duty to promote **good relations** amongst people of different religious beliefs, from different racial group and with different political opinions. Our services and workplaces must be welcoming and our facilities must be shared spaces ie patients, service users, carers, visitors and staff must feel comfortable safe and welcomed at all times.