

A SPECIAL FOCUS OF THIS YEAR'S GRANTS PROGRAMME IS MARKING EVENTS IN 1912 AND THE FOLLOWING DECADE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

Applicants should note a special focus of this year's Culture & Identity grant programme may be the marking of the centenary of historical events in 1912 and the beginning in that year of a decade of political events that have shaped our sense of British and Irish identity in Northern Ireland ever since.

Applicants proposing programmes or events in relation to marking such events should carefully note this Culture & Identity Grant Scheme's stated objectives, particularly the aim to increase knowledge respect and understanding of different traditions through developing relationships of trust and respect for all traditions and values, and through challenging stereotypes of their own and other communities.

Basic principles that may also be useful to consider in this context are as stated by the Community Relations Council in relation to marking these anniversaries. These are:-

1. Start from the historical **facts**;
2. Recognise the implications and **consequences** of what happened;
3. Understand that different **perceptions** and interpretations exist; and
4. Show how events and activities can deepen **understanding** of the period.

All to be seen in the context of an inclusive and accepting society