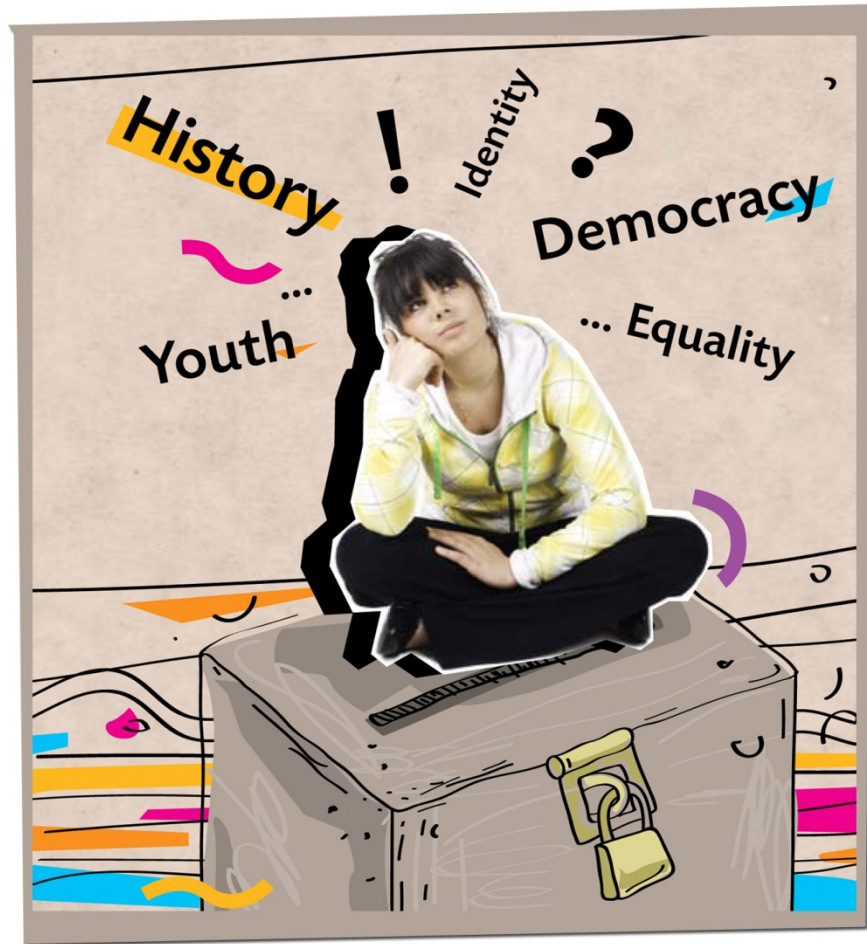




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Community Development /
Good Relations
In Derry~Londonderry



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APSE Presentation

- Presentation today is about the 'Y HIDE?' project.
- Essentially a citizenship/local democracy project to promote Good Relations (CR Team in Community Services Section)
- Recently won the category of 'Best Local Democracy Initiative' by a local council in the UK at the APSE Service Awards 2013.
- Focus today is on explaining the project and showing the resource to see if it may be relevant to other councils.



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The Good Relations Context

- All 26 District Councils have a duty under Section 75:2 (NI Act 1998) to: ‘Have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, **political opinion**, and racial group’
- All 26 District Councils participate in the ‘District Council’s Good Relations Programme’ funded through CRU, OFMDFM. All councils do Internal and External Good Relations Audits and produce an Action Plan/Strategy.



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The Local GR Context

- Derry City Council's Good Relations strategy vision is:
'Making a meaningful difference locally to attitudes and actions, policies and places in a society in transition from conflict to lasting peace.'
- The 'Y HIDE?' project was done in this context and is one of many initiatives Derry City Council has done to promote Good Relations.
- Recognised that 'political opinion' is part of Good Relations – not just religion and race.



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Why did 'Y HIDE?' begin?

- Derry City Council's Good Relations Strategy 2011/12 – 13/14 identified the need for an initiative for Key Stage 4 in secondary schools.
- June 2011 open meeting with local secondary schools to discuss ideas.
- Main proposal agreed was to develop a magazine and digital resource to increase young people's awareness of voting, democracy and political opinion.
- 'Y HIDE?' – The old saying 'Don't talk about religion or politics' is perhaps not so valid in a post-conflict society. 'Why Hide' your opinions?



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YHIDE An inclusive development process.

- No point doing a schools initiative unless it met a specific need.
- Important to have schools from all sectors on board (with open invitation issued) and commitment to involve young people.
- No point doing a political initiative unless political parties agree.
- DCC GR Working Group - 4 political parties.
- No point doing any initiative unless we have the budget!
- To meet expanding expectations we partnered with Good Relations in Limavady Borough Council – also widened the usage of the resource. (+ 1 extra political party)



Derry City Council and Limavady Borough Council



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HOME HISTORY IDENTITY DEMOCRACY EQUALITY WHO'S WHO CONTACT



Anne Brolly
Sinn Féin
Limavady Borough Council



Boyd Douglas
TUV
Limavady Borough Council



Brenda Stevenson
SDLP
Derry City Council



James McCorkell
DUP
Limavady Borough Council



Ora Beattie
SDLP
Limavady Borough Council



Gary Middleton
DUP
Derry City Council



Edwin Stevenson
UUP
Limavady Borough Council



Elisha McCallion
Sinn Féin
Derry City Council



Mary Hamilton
UUP
Derry City Council

With thanks to the teachers and pupils of the following schools who participated in the filming

- Foyle College
- St. Joseph's Boys School
- St. Mary's College
- St. Cecilia's College
- St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's College Claudy
- Oakgrove Integrated College
- St. Peter's High School





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- Y = Youth
- Political Opinion
- Politically Correct?

Why 'Y HIDE?' ?

A magazine/website focused on the topics and locally relevant to young people living in Derry ~Londonderry and Limavady Council Areas. (Schools or youth)

Target Year 10 + / Age 13-18

Exploring the diversity of political opinion and understanding political identity and diversity is a key part of Section 75 law which defines Good Relations work.

Reflects a wide range of opinion and issues – head on.



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What topics does it cover?

- H = History
- I = Identity

When people got the right to vote

Womens' fight for rights

USA Civil Right Movement 1955-68

N.Ireland 'One Man One Vote'

N.Ireland Civil Rights Campaign

World democracy campaigns today

What is identity?

Political / Religious / Other identities

Local Diversity

Unionist/Loyalist/Nationalist/Republican

Left/Right/Centre

Expressing Political Identity



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What topics does it cover?

- D = Democracy

What is democracy?

Voting, elections, tactics...

What do local councils do?

Devolution & Stormont

What does Westminster do?

What does the Oireachtas / Dáil do?

What does the EU do?

Political Parties & Policies

- E = Equality

Equality & GR Laws

Universal Declaration Human Rights

EU Convention & 1998 HR Act



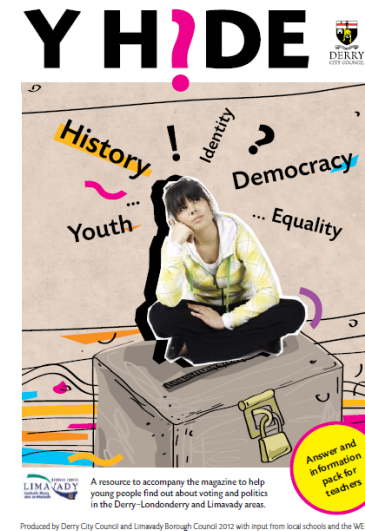
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Phase 1: The Magazine

- Written by the CR Team in Council (No consultants! Use 'in house' expertise!)
- Proofed for age/curricular relevance by teachers and WELB
- Design and print sourced externally (Anna Pawlak)
- Activities: Magazine includes written and discussion based and interactive.
- Answers: Downloadable teachers resource on www.y-hide.net
- Launched in CR Week 2012
- Distributed to all post-primary schools in Derry and Limavady Council areas.



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Phase 2 – the Website.



- Contracted to the Nerve Centre.
- Limavady and Derry City Councils arranged 1 councillor per elected political party.
- All schools invited to bring pupils to a facilitated day for filming 'informed' youth views.
- Edited and developed by Nerve Centre – closely aligned as resource to supplement magazine.
- Live from January 2013.
- Formally launched in CR Week in May 2013.



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Budget

- Total cost in region of £12,000 (75% from CRU, OFMDFM plus 25% match funding from rates)
- Includes costs of all the meetings with teachers (sub-cover if required)
- Design of magazine and website
- Print of 5000 copies of magazine and distribution (200 free to each school + reprint on demand)
- Launch of magazine and website

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The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Campaign

Catholics in Northern Ireland felt they were treated as 2nd class citizens. They argued they were discriminated against in jobs, public housing, voting and election rules.

It's not NICA we set up an organisation to campaign for change. It's ourselves!

One man, one vote
This was because only people who paid rates could vote in Northern Ireland at the time. Also people who owned businesses could get more than one vote.

Anti-sectarianism
This was the 'tagging' of electoral boundaries which was done to manipulate the results of elections. This was strongly felt in Londonderry where religion and population being majority Catholic, election results always returned a Unionist MP.

End housing discrimination
It was felt that council houses were given out unfairly and that Protestants were more likely to get a house than a Catholic. Housing groups were getting a voice.

End job discrimination
Other people could only get a job if they were the 'right' religion. There was no law at the time to stop this.

End the Special Powers Act
This meant people could be arrested and 'interned' or kept in prison without a trial.

All the Civil Rights groups used buses and trailers. When it felt this was being ignored by the Unionist government the tactic changed to marches from truck. Early marches were peaceful and initially supported by some Protestants too. However headlines like the campaign was really a Republican tactic to get a united Ireland rather than just about making change to make Northern Ireland better.

Civil Rights marches began to increasingly be banned, arrested or sent up in custody. The Duke Street Road in the Newbridge of Clery on 26th October 1968 happened when a Civil Rights march was stopped by the RUC (British) and not by soldiers. This is considered by many to be the start date of the 'Troubles'. While it happened locally, the TV camera which filmed it meant that it became world news and pressure was put on the government to intervene.

How do you feel Northern Ireland changed between 1968 and today (if any)?

1. How do you think people here felt about the 'Troubles'?
2. Why do you think people here felt that way?
3. How do you think the 'Troubles' might have changed the way you think about your own area?

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The Times They Are A'Changing

Changes in local government. The Londonderry Corporation was created and a system with the new district councils was set up. Power for health, housing and education were taken off council and given to new state bodies. It felt they would be more 'Councils' were transferred to be in charge of them, they would be more 'Councils'.

As a result of the civil rights campaign the Northern Irish Government (led by Terence O'Neill) brought in some changes in 1969.

As a direct result of the 'Troubles'...

1. The 1974 Local Government Act meant that the 26 local government areas were abolished and replaced by 11 new local government areas. This meant that the 11 new local government areas were created and the 11 new local government areas were created.

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Identity

Learning Point: When you have read these pages you should be able to explain what identity is about.

What is Identity?

Identity is about what makes you who you are. The world and the places we live have people with a wide range of opinions about this, what and where we express our identities. Identity is not just about your abilities and talents. It can also include your culture, language, interests, religion, social interaction, ability or disability, interests, sports hobbies, music, family, the environment, pretty much anything that is important about who you are.

Discuss

1. What are the key things which make up your identity?
2. If you had to pick out the 2 most important things that define you what would they be?

Identity during 'The Troubles'

There was a lot of confusion going on in Northern Ireland 'Down' talk about religion or politics. Some people may think that it was a time when they were trying to get things right.

During the height of 'The Troubles' here in the 1970's and 1980's, being quiet about your opinions or identity (especially religion and political identity) made some people feel safer. Others may have felt it was important to be proud of an identity and to express it very loudly. Some felt discriminated against because of their identity and others may have felt they didn't want to be 'labeled' with particular identities. Some people felt their political, national or religious identity so strongly that they were prepared to risk their lives, or take the lives of others, for it.

There are different views on why the 'Troubles' started - but identity was definitely part of it!

'Two main identities?'

Sometimes people have two 'main' identities or 'two main identities'. They usually mean the Protestant, Unionist, Loyalist community and the Catholic, Nationalist, Republican community. While a lot of people in the North 'Down' would probably say they fit into one or other of these identities, our community today is much more diverse. Today people see identity as more than just your politics and religion. It is also possible for your identity to change. As our society becomes more diverse and peaceful, it can also be easier to talk about our identities and how they impact for different identities. Unfortunately because discrimination and intolerance still exist, it can be difficult.

Discuss

1. What the 'Troubles' teaches about identity?
2. How do you think today?



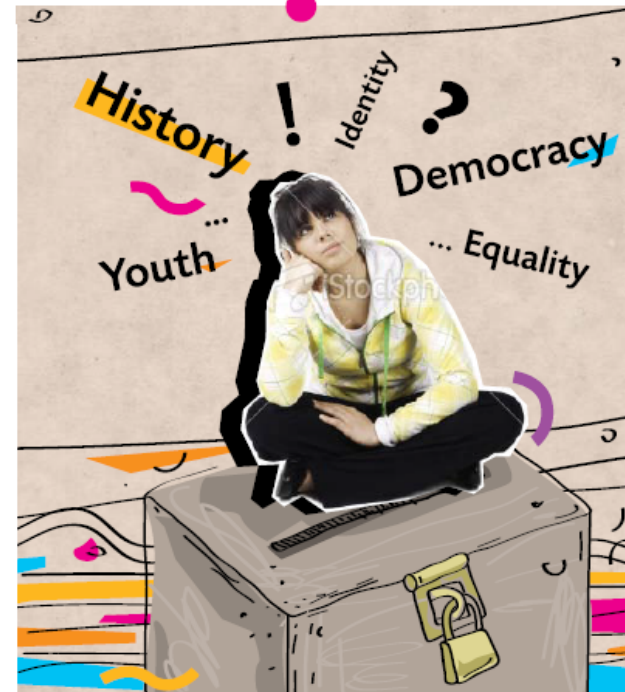
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Where are we at now?

- **Successes:**
 - Quality of the resource
 - Resource in 15 schools / + facilitators
 - Reprint in 2012
 - APSE Award
 - Cross-party political support
 - Cross-sectoral schools involvement
- **Problems:**
 - Time intensive for CRO
- **Plans:**
 - Considered a complete project
 - Exploring potential e-income stream
 - RPA potential project expansion?
 - Franchise / Copyrights...??



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LIMAVADY A magazine to help young people find out about voting and politics in the Derry~Londonderry and Limavady areas.

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Questions / Website Viewing

Any questions?

Actually the main issue and division is economic – the 'Haves' versus the 'Have Nots.'

The Troubles were about Catholics and Protestants fighting over religion.

Feedback?

It's all about politics - whether you are Unionist or Nationalist!

The violence was caused by lack of respect for civil or human rights.

Activity

1. In the speech bubble above write your view about what started the troubles.
2. Discuss your view with the rest of your group or class.



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