

Report on	Decade of Anniversaries - Commemorations 2021/22 updated Action Plan
Date of Meeting	Thurs 15 th April 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek member approval for the Decade of Anniversary Commemorations 2021/22 Action Plan.
2.0	Background
2.1	Following a previous report on Decade of Anniversaries - Commemorations 2021/22 approved by members in October 2020, and the subsequent members' workshop held to discuss the content of proposed activity (December 2020), the attached Action Plan (appendix 1) is submitted for Council approval.
2.2	Following the report approved at Development Committee on 15 th October and the subsequent members' workshop that took place on 14 th December 2020, the Action Plan attached reflects feedback received to date.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Decade of Anniversaries programme will be delivered through Culture & Arts and Community Services (Good Relations) as part of the Culture & Arts programme and TBUC Together Building a United Community, with the support of other Council services, including Parks, Economic Development and Tourism/Events.
3.2	The Decade of Anniversaries Programme will continue to be delivered under the CRC/HLF principles of Remembering and support in line with the CRC/HLF Decade of Anniversaries Toolkit, 'Understanding our Past, and Shaping our Future'.

3.3	<p>The Principles of Remembering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 5) All to be seen in the context of an 'inclusive and accepting society' <p>It should be noted that all actions proposed will be subject to COVID-19 Government restrictions that may apply at the time of planning and delivery.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: The budget approved by Council in October 2020 is £72,000 alongside funding from small arts, community and heritage grants and local festivals grants (pending adherence to social distancing protocol).</p> <p>This is detailed below:</p> <p>Arts and Culture £16,000 Good Relations £30,000 Events £15,000 Parks £5,000 Economic Development £6,000</p> <p>Human: No additional staff support required</p> <p>Risk Management: The impact of COVID -19 may place restrictions on specific activities taking place in the 2021/22 financial year. This will be monitored and if required, alternative arrangements will be put in place to ensure that community engagement can take place via other means and where social distancing requirements will not be impacted.</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: The Decade of Anniversaries and the commemorations in 2021/22 financial year will continue to be delivered under the CRC/HLF principles of Ethical Remembering and support in line with the CRC/HLF Decade of Anniversaries Toolkit, 'Understanding our Past, and Shaping our Future'.</p>

	Rural Needs Implications: Rural Needs have been considered in the development of the programme proposed and with regard to participation and involvement of groups and schools in project delivery.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the Decade of Anniversary Commemoration 2021-2022 Action Plan as attached as Appendix 1.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 – Decade of Anniversary Commemoration 2021-2022 Action Plan

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Decade of Anniversaries – Commemorations 2021-22 Action Plan

	Activity	Target Group	Support	Timeline	Delivery Lead
1	<p>Community Grant Support Funding made available to groups/organisations, accessed through MUDC Community Grant Support programme (2021-22). Projects supported will facilitate groups who wish to deliver cultural expression projects and to commemorate the anniversary period. This grant allows for single identity projects e.g. local history and heritage projects at a local level (e.g. town name and place name origins with the wider community and local historical projects and initiatives exploring life in 1921), community environmental projects engaging the wider community in community activity; such as tree planting, planters, benches etc.</p> <p>Groups will also be supported in applying for funding through the Community Relations Council for commemorations.</p>	Community groups, PTAs, History/Heritage groups	Part of wider Community grants budget	June 21-Mar 22	<p>Culture & Arts Services</p> <p>Community Development</p> <p>Delivered via Small Grants Programme</p>
2	<p>Decade of Anniversary grant support Through the Decade of Anniversaries Fund under Good Relations and supported by the Northern Ireland Executive Office. Funding support is available to groups to deliver decade of anniversaries events/activities related to 2021 that are in keeping with the CRC/HLF Decade of Commemorations guidelines. Funding of up to £2,000 (50% match funding required). Projects to be historical of the year 2021, shared space in delivery for example bringing both communities together for a history talk/lecture, shared exhibition etc.</p>	Community groups, History/Heritage groups	£20,000	June 21 – March 22	<p>Community Development Good Relations - Decade of Anniversaries Fund</p>
3	<p>Exhibitions & Talks Working in conjunction with Colleagues in Fermanagh and Omagh and Derry and Strabane District Councils, MUDC will host a touring exhibition entitled “The Changing of a Nation” – Over 100 years ago events at home and internationally brought about monumental changes to the political and social structures on the island of Ireland. This exhibition will explore the origins, impact and legacy of pivotal moments in our history through objects and documents as part of a month long public exhibition.</p>	General Public	£3,000	To take place between Oct 2021- March 22	<p>Culture & Arts Services Arts Programme</p>

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	<p>Further exhibitions will be delivered by the Culture & Arts Team working in conjunction with PRONI and local history groups and utilising existing archives of images and photographs from the Mid Ulster District which will form an exhibition to take place throughout the commemorative period at key Council facilities, (eg. Ranfurly and Hill of the O'Neill, Burnavon, Bridewell).</p> <p>Talks on the exhibitions and period will also be arranged through Culture & Arts Service team.</p>				
4	<p>Education Programme In conjunction with local schools, Community Relations Council and Nerve Centre, Culture & Arts Services supported by Good relations Funding will deliver an education programme to support the delivery of 1921 schools history projects. This educational programme will be made available to post primary schools online and virtually and will provide participating schools with access to a range of materials produced to enhance the shared learning from that period in our history.</p>	Participating post primary schools within Mid Ulster	£6,000	Sept 21-Mar 22	Culture & Arts Services Arts Programme
5	<p>Good Relations Lecture Series In continuation of the annual lecture series that has been delivered since 2012, to deliver a lecture programme throughout 2021/22 in conjunction with Community Relations Council (CRC) and Local historians focusing on the period of 1921, both online provision and venue based, (COVID restrictions permitting)</p>	General Public	£5,000	Sept 21- November 21	Community Development Good Relations
6	<p>Drama Productions To source touring Drama productions to be staged within MUDC Arts venues and/or support Strategic Arts Partner to deliver and stage productions focusing on the period 1921</p>	General Public	£12,000	Sept 21 – Mar 22	Culture & Arts Service Arts Programme
7	<p>The impact of Women over last 100 years Recognising the key role of Women over last 100 years and acknowledging key landmarks in our history such as the right to vote, two key events will be delivered to recognise the valuable contribution made by women, both currently and historically as leaders, entrepreneurs, activists, visionaries and innovators. Two Key events to take place (in North of District and South of District of Mid Ulster – locations to be finalised – subject to COVID restrictions). This event will coincide with International Women's Day 2022</p>	General Public	£6,000	March 2022	Tourism and Events and Economic Development