Broadcaster William Crawley will facilitate three conversations around the theme of Safe and Shared Space within the borough of Mid and East Antrim, as part of Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week. Findings from these conversations will be fed into Mid and East Antrim Borough Council’s Good Relations Audit and Strategy.

The events will be held as follows:

3pm  
Tuesday 19 September  
Larne Town Hall

7pm  
Wednesday 20 September  
The Braid, Ballymena

7pm  
Thursday 21 September  
Carrickfergus Town Hall

A light supper will be served at each event.

Registration essential.  
Email goodrelations@midandeastantrim.gov.uk stating your name, date and venue you wish to attend, plus any special dietary requirements.

For more information contact:  
jane.dunlop@midandeastantrim.gov.uk or call 028 2563 3141.

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Talk & Discussion with Historian Philip Orr  
18 September 2017, 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm  
Carrickfergus Library  
Historian, lecturer and playwright Philip Orr will provide a thought-provoking contribution to how communities look back at World War One events today, alongside an opportunity to examine different attitudes to this historical period.  
Contact: 028 9336 2261 or www.librariesni.org.uk

Launch of ‘For Your Freedom and Ours’ History of the Polish Air Force Exhibition  
18 September, 7.30pm (Registration 7pm)  
Carrickfergus Town Hall  
Launch Event will provide general introduction to the historical links between Northern Irish and Polish Communities. Exhibition focuses on Polish airmen fighting in the Battle of Britain. Limited Spaces. To register email: carrickfergus.museums@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

‘For Your Freedom and Ours’ History of the Polish Air Force Exhibition  
19 – 30 September  
Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre  
FREE Exhibition providing an introduction to the historical links between Northern Irish and Polish Communities. Exhibition focuses on Polish airmen fighting in the Battle of Britain.

Messines/Passchendaele 100th Anniversary Exhibition  
19 – 30 September  
The Braid Town Hall, Museum & Arts Centre  
FREE panel-based exhibition, focusing on the Battles of Messines and Passchendaele. It was during these two Battles that the 16th (Irish) and 36th (Ulster) Divisions fought and died side by side. This story has been much reflected on in recent years; in peace building working and in promoting good relations.  
Contact: jayne.clarke@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Raquel McKee – Rainbow Storytelling and Dramatics  
19 September 2017, 10.30 am – 11.30 pm  
Kells & Connor Library  
(Private Event) / Intercultural storytelling session with local schools, which will include African/Caribbean folk tales to highlight themes of respecting difference and celebrating diversity.

Agencies Supporting Ethnic Communities Mid & East Antrim (ASEC)  
21 September, 10am – 1pm  
The Braid Town Hall, Museum & Arts Centre  
(Invitation only) This quarterly meeting will provide members from statutory, voluntary and community sectors with an opportunity to hear from guest speakers and share information and good practice to support minority ethnic communities in Mid and East Antrim.

Safe Place, Shared Space – Inter Ethnic Forum (MEA)  
21 September, 7pm – 8.30pm  
The Braid Town Hall, Museum & Arts Centre  
Working with artist Cosi Sarkar, and community groups from Ballymena, Carrickfergus and Larne to create this installation piece, join the Inter Ethnic Forum as they unveil a 6-foot Mandala Art Piece encapsulating the vibrancy and colourfull traditions of the many communities within the Mid and East Antrim borough.  
Contact: ivy.goddard@interethnicforum.org.uk

Safe Space, Shared Space – Through an Indo Irish Lens  
22 September 2017, 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm  
The Garden across the Road  
An Indo-Irish event hosted by the Inter Ethnic Forum, bringing together two internationally renowned storytellers Peter Chand and Liz Weir, intertwining two cultures through shared food and stories full of wisdom and humour. Booking essential.  
Contact: ivy.goddard@interethnicforum.org.uk

Soap Box Derby  
23 September, 12pm – 4pm  
Woodside Road, Ballymena  
Promoting Community Relations with local towns and villages, Dunclug Youth Forum presents this great spectator event, which will see soap boxes compete in a timed race over a distance from the Woodside Road to the Bog Road in Ballymena. To register contact Kevin on 07907 533354

Launch of MEA Peace IV Local Action Plan – Save the Date!  
28 September, 12pm – 2.30pm  
Loughshore Hotel, Carrickfergus  
Registration is essential to this Launch event, which will outline the new Peace IV Local Action Plan for Mid and East Antrim. A project supported by the European Union’s PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). To register contact: margaret.graham@midandeastantrim.gov.uk