

## A Shared Future

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### Policy Aims

**Q1** Do you agree that the overall aim for policy must be for a more shared and pluralist society?

### For example

*Should we accept existing segregation and division and focus on stabilising and managing conflict?*

*or*

*should we try to promote more rapid progress towards a more integrated and shared society?*

### Supplementary question

What is your vision for NI in twenty five years?

Tell us what you think



A policy must be for a shared  
Community and a pluralist society  
[But when we say shared our  
we not seperating the two  
communities - we should be  
working towards an integrated  
society! People from all  
sections of community - religious  
or race should be working  
to-wards a united community  
and pride in that community



## Specific policy aims

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Q2 What do you think should be the main policy aims and outcomes which should drive the new approach to promoting good relations in society?

### **For example**

*to support the development of integrated/shared communities where people wish to learn, live, work and play together;*

*to encourage communication, tolerance and trust in areas where communities are living apart;*

*to promote respect, encouragement and celebration of different cultures, faiths and traditions;*

*to eliminate sectarianism and racism and to enable individuals to live and work without fear or intimidation;*

*to reduce tension and conflict at interface areas*

*and*

*to shape policies, practices and institutions to enable trust and good relations to grow.*

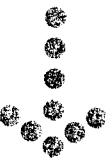
### **Supplementary questions**

What are the main problems / issues which stifle good relations?

What would help build good relations?

Are you aware of any models of good practice in good relations?

Tell us what you think



Segregation of Communities — Separation  
at Govt level i.e. Nationalist - Unionist.

To promote respect, encourage celebration  
of different cultures, faiths & traditions  
but not at the expense of any  
others

To stop paying out funds where segregation  
exists and trouble breaks out — we want  
what the others get! Syndrome -

## Fundamental principles

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Q3 What do you think ought to be the principles upon which a new approach to promoting good relations in NI should be based?

*For example*

*Sharing or separation?*

*Public debate or neutral silence?*

*Promotion of partnership?*

Tell us what you think

Public debate —

Promote United Community — ie

a new flag for N.I that everyone  
can respect and feel pride in.

An awareness of people of how  
good relations can ensure economic  
growth.

Better education of both children  
and adults (— many can not read or  
write)

Good citizenship — not making  
people in working class areas  
that their views don't count  
treat with respect & teach them  
to get respect they need to return it!

## Implications for actions

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**Q4** What action needs to be taken at local government and community level to underpin the development of good relations between and within communities?

### *For example*

- *What advice and guidance might the Equality Commission offer on the statutory duty concerning good relations under Section 75(2)?*
- *How could District Councils play a more central role in developing and coordinating action at local level to promote better relations and manage conflict?*
- *How should funding be targeted?*

Tell us what you think

Stop! Councils - being seen as sectarian!

Ensure Councils are neutral! ie in legislation.

District Councils are at forefront of Community - helping Councils to improve Community relations - improve funding for Councils to promote cross community projects: Not single identity programmes.

## Action at regional level

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Q5 What functions do you think should be carried out at regional level? Should these functions be delivered within Government or by an independent body, such as the CRC or a new statutory authority?

Tell us what you think

Govt - ie Assembly every one should  
have equal vote - stop dividing  
into Nat. Unionist - creates the  
Two Community ideals!

C.R.C. should be given statutory  
Powers to ensure - promotion  
of good Community relations

Funding should be more focused  
to many splinter groups

Not always delivering community  
Projects (cross community).

## Central Government

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Q6 What action do you think Government Departments should take to improve relations?

Tell us what you think

Be seen to be acting in a neutral manner -

ensure they carry out their set functions - to ensure local Govt - also acting without sectarian views and discrimination in council chambers - promote respect within councils for members of different parties!  
May have to introduce legislation to stop sectarianism:

## Monitoring and evaluation

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Q7 How do you think that a new strategy for improving relations ought to be monitored?

### **For Example**

a decrease in sectarian and racist incidents  
a decrease in flags and emblems in public places  
an increase in shared facilities and services  
an increase in mixed marriages  
an increase in integrated education  
an increase in mixed housing  
an increase in cross-community contact and co-operation  
an increase in tolerance and respect for cultural diversity  
awareness raising, better understanding and acceptance of 'others'  
improved and developing relationships  
acceptance and implementation of good relations approaches  
increased recognition, demand and support for good relations initiatives  
positive impact of good relations initiatives

Tell us what you think

No flags allowed in Public places  
(only if persons want to put them up  
at their own homes).

An increase in integrated Education  
(pay if you want to go to single identity  
school).

Must be increase in mixed Housing!  
causing more understanding and acceptance  
of 'others'!