



Walking in Each Other's Shoes 2019

Dear Parent,

Forge IPS and Rosetta PS are running a project for P7 pupils through the course of the spring months entitled 'Walking in Each Other's Shoes.'

We piloted this project last year with a group of P7 pupils from Forge IPS, Rosetta PS and Botanic PS received very positive feedback from pupils and parents. We have been able to secure funding through the Peace IV Shared Education Programme to run the project again.

The aim of the project is to promote an ethos of openness and understanding by engaging with people in our local community to explore their outlook and hear their stories and will culminate in the production of a short documentary film to be viewed by all pupils in a 'showcase' event at a local cinema in April. The full film was around 30 mins long, a short clip, which will give you a flavour of it can be viewed [here](#).

During the course of the making of the film pupils will work in a small group to research and plan an interview. The pupils will then film their interview on location with one of the eight people listed below:

1. Michael Livingstone, Tour Guide and local historian, Belfast City Hall
2. Pol Deeds, Director of An Droichead Irish Language Cultural Centre
3. Brenda Johnston, Coordinator, South Belfast Foodbank
4. Noel Ligget, District Grand Master, Ballynafeigh District Loyal Orange Lodge
5. Sister Marie Doyle, Nun and Social Worker attached to St Malachy's Parish Church
6. Ryan Doherty – HomePlus, UNiverstiy Street, Belfast
7. Rev. Steve Stockman, Minister of Fitzroy Presbyterian Church
8. William Olphert, Director of the Chinese Welfare Association NI
9. Paula Tabakin – Fairholme Activity Co-Ordinator, Fairholme Accessible Living
10. Darren Spence – Ballynafeigh CDC Co-ordinator

We have chosen people and places that are based within our area and community but who may not ordinarily be encountered by us unless we were part of that specific group. We have previously met and visited all of the people and places and all of the facilitators have shown an openness and generosity in meeting us and being open to our questions and queries.

Both schools feel there is real value in encouraging young people to learn how to engage with a diverse range of people in order to develop a broader view of the world around them and become well informed, critical thinkers. This project presents a real opportunity to do that.

In an ideal world all of the pupils would visit all of the places and people on the list but it just isn't possible for us to do that with the numbers of pupils we want to involve. Therefore, your child will be part of a group of around 8 pupils who will visit one person/place. Each group will be a mixed group from the two schools.



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Following the visits, all of the filmed interviews will then be edited into one documentary film which we hope, when viewed, will give all of the pupils an insight into the other places they didn't visit. We think that having been involved in the interview process with one group, will mean that the film as a whole will be much more meaningful to them than would be the case if they were simply watching a documentary 'cold'.

The Timetable for the project is as follows:

Thursday 24th January Initial Preparation Workshops at Forge IPS

Wednesday 30th January Interviews 1, 2, 3

Wednesday 6th February Interviews 4, 5, 6, 7

Wednesday 13th February Interviews 8, 9, 10,

Friday 12th April Showcase Event - QFT or Strand Arts Centre (TBC)

There will also be up to two further school based dates to be confirmed in February/March. These may involve travel between the two schools on foot.

Transport to and from the venues will be either be on foot or by bus. Walking is part of the theme of the event and children will participate in a local 'diversity' trail following their interview which will take in some local points of significance/ historical interest. Groups of pupils will be accompanied by school staff throughout who have also been involved in training in the lead up to the event.

We are asking for consent for your child's participation in this event. If you are happy for your child to take part, travelling to the venues by bus and/or on foot, under teacher supervision, please either complete the online consent form below by clicking on the online consent link or click on the Word Version link for a Word document version which should be returned to school by email or in hard copy by 18th January 2019.

[Online Consent Form](#)

[Microsoft Word Version Consent Form](#)

Alternatively, paper copies of the form can be collected from the school office.

If you have any queries regarding the event, please contact me at school.

Yours Sincerely,

Neville Watson

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Principals