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Umoja Project: A partnership between ACSONI & Sandy Row Community Forum

ACSONI and Sandy Row Community Forum have collaborated to work on establishing a community radio station for the South Belfast community as a key outcome from the Umoja project.

The Umoja project is intended at its most basic, to create a community radio station that serves the South Belfast community with the aim that members of this community feel connected not just to the station but to each other.



The radio project is geared to take two years to see completion. It will go through a few stages including: technical and training before ultimately providing a broadcasting platform for the people of South Belfast.

The purpose of the project is to build trust and relationships across communities through story telling. This is to be achieved by creating a means of collecting stories from the community and distributing them to a wider audience. Stories will be collected through journalism, music, drama, discussion and debate and distributed via audio/radio, podcasts, video and social media.

Former BBC producer and multi award-winning radio and new media producer Davy Sims, has been retained as the external consultant for the project. He brings over 40 years' experience in producing radio, podcasts and new media to the table. He is working alongside Nattassa Latcham, the Umoja Project Coordinator & Media Coordinator at ACSONI.



(Davy Sims leading "Have You Been Heard?" - An Audience Engagement session at Sandy Row Community Centre)



Umoja Project recently conducted an audience engagement session on Saturday, 27th October 2018 at Sandy Row Community Center dubbed “Have You Been Heard?”

The Session was held to gauge community members’ interest in the radio project as well as to hear from them directly what they would like a community radio station to look like and how they would like to participate in the process.

There was a diverse cross section of participants and the session was very productive. Both participants and project partners were pleased with the process and the outcomes.



(A cross-section of the participants at the “Have You Been Heard?” Audience Engagement session by the Umoja Project)

Currently, the project is in the feasibility stage, which is where consultations with Davy Sims is happening. The feasibility stage should be concluded by November 2018.

We thank everyone from the African & Caribbean community who participated in the Audience Engagement session held at Sandy Row Community Centre.

ACSONI & Sandy Row Community Forum thank Urban Villages for part-funding this radio project.



Nattassa Latcham is the Media & Communications Coordinator at ACSONI.

