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The Community Bridges Programme of the International Fund for Ireland aims to support groups and organisations which promote greater dialogue and understanding and tackle issues of division between people from different cultural and religious traditions within Ireland. The Programme, which is dedicated to supporting specific strategic and innovative community relations and cross border practice on the island of Ireland, is proactive in bringing forward projects which address the needs and gaps in provision not catered for by the statutory bodies.

Under the Programme priority is given to four different areas:-

- Community based initiatives seeking to address issues of conflict and division, particularly in interface areas;
- Intermediary groups and non governmental organisations whose main task is to develop the capacity of communities or organisations to address issues of conflict;
- Networks which may combine to cover particular geographic locations or concentrate on specific social policy themes;
- And finally developing appropriate community relations dimension and policies within institutions or across entire sectors of society.

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