

# International *update*

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## Reflections on the Great War project

September saw the close of the 'Great War – Between the lines' Interreg IVA 2 Seas Programme funded project. Project partners from Flanders, Northern France and Cambridgeshire gathered in the Royal Pavilion to reflect on the collective activities and impact of the three year project to mark the centenary of the First World War.

The glorious surroundings of the Royal Pavilion were an entirely appropriate venue in which to celebrate. The Pavilion had been a key part of the project having spent part of the war providing hospital space for wounded Indian soldiers, the Great Kitchens being used as an operating theatre and the many rooms used as ward. Tents were erected in the grounds to provide catering for the nine different religions and castes. The project enabled the Royal Pavilion and Museums (RPM) to tell not only the building's stories but many others from across Brighton & Hove. The project brought partners' views and stories into Brighton and the partnership as a whole enabled all partners to enjoy an experimental and innovative approach to displaying materials.

The project also opened up new avenues of histories to be displayed. For example displays



in the 'In Flanders Fields' Museum in Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, inspired ideas which fed into the development of a temporary exhibition 'War Stories: Voices from the First World War'. An interview with a curator from the museum and objects loaned from Ypres are included in the exhibition in a story about a Belgian Refugee family in Brighton during the war.

Working together has meant shared knowledge, loans, the exchange of ideas, moral support and a deeper understanding of the history we share. RPM were glad to mark the end of a fruitful partnership in Brighton and intend to maintain and develop the professional networks and relationships fostered in the last years.

## Brighton & Hove wins Europe's top award for sustainable transport

Brighton & Hove has won Europe's top environmental award for policies to promote clean transport. It was named as City of the Year in the CIVITAS Awards 2014.

The prize is awarded to the city which best demonstrates implementation of ambitious sustainable transport policies. These must show active involvement of local people, overcoming challenges and help meet CIVITAS goals on cleaner, better transport in European cities.

Lead councillor for transport Ian Davey said: "These award-winning initiatives are not novel to Brighton & Hove – instead they represent best practice all across Europe. However, the difference we have made is in actually delivering best practice in Brighton & Hove, instead of the city lagging behind Britain and Europe. It's immensely satisfying to have this recognised by a judging panel of renowned transport experts from the UK and abroad – and to have it recognised that we have involved huge numbers of residents in these decisions."



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# Youth in Transition



Through collaboration between Fabrica and Brighton Youth Centre (BYC), a core group of ten young film enthusiasts worked together for a year as part of an EU Youth In Action project. The project 'In Transition' kicked off with a public screening at Fabrica in November 2013 showcasing the films made by the group and launching an open submission project inviting other young film makers from Brighton & Hove and beyond, to submit short minute films on the same theme. This elicited responses on themes as broad as moving from one country to another, growing up and progressing through the grieving process.

The group was made up of Fabrica volunteers and a music and video production collective called WeAreThePeopleToo

from Hove Park School, all of them under the age of 26. With the support of a 'coach' artist, Louise Bristow, they worked to advertise, shortlist and interview artists for the residency programme at BYC. Through an open call, recent film graduate Jamie Romp was selected as filmmaker in residence at Brighton Youth Centre, where, over the year, he shared his knowledge and passion for film-making with the group.

Working together as peers they organised events and workshops for Fabrica staff and volunteers. This included a European Film Club and a discussion event called Film Forum. They took part

in 'Raw Shorts' a professional development workshop run by the British Film Institute, facilitated by film industry professionals and hosted a visit to Fabrica by a Swedish Youth In Action project.

As the finale WeAreThePeopleToo filled the Dukes at Komedia cinema with a screening of the selected open submission films and their own new film 'In Transition'. The work also formed part of Brighton's youth festival B.Fest.

Youth in Action now forms part of the Erasmus+ programme [www.erasmusplus.org.uk](http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk)

## Connecting Mexico and Brighton

Connecting Mexico and Brighton Pupils from the Bilingual Primary School (BPS) have been exercising their skills with children in a school in Centro Educativo Monarca, Mexico. The schools have joined up to work on understanding global issues as well as practicing their language skills through the Connecting Classrooms programme. The partnership evolved through a link the head teacher had with a school in Mexico. Children were delighted when the Mexican head teacher visited their school, funded through the programme, and brought letters written by her pupils.

The Connecting Classrooms programme gives schools an excellent framework to develop their global learning within schools and provides a number of tools to enable secure online communication.

The Reception children completed the project 'A day in the life...' Both schools prepared a presentation about their typical day in school. It was a brilliant way to talk about differences and find out about another culture. The children in Mexico sent a video and an e-book, and BPS sent pictures and a PowerPoint, comparing different toys, playgrounds, routines and uniform, brought their partners to life.

The project is also helping the BPS achieve the International Schools Award, demonstrating the commitment to global relationships illustrated in their school vision. Lessons have been highly engaging and led to much discussion and breaking down of stereotypes. Lauren Griffin, the teacher responsible for



leading the project has also visited her counterparts in Mexico for a period of teaching and learning, bringing back even more discussion and ideas for her pupils to work collaboratively together. This is a link to the video the teachers made in Mexico <http://www.bilingualprimaryschool.org.uk/miss-la/>



## Interreg VA 2 Seas programme launch

The new Interreg VA 2 Seas programme which allows Brighton & Hove to partner with organisations from the north of France through West Flanders and now up to the north of the Netherlands has now begun, working towards the overall EU 2020 strategy of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The programme, which has undergone a variety of changes including new priorities and a revised geography, launched in November and had its first call in February. Representatives from Brighton & Hove City Council attended the launch and met a range of new partners and developed projects for this first round and the next call in October 2015.

The cross border programme has 'harmonised' with the 60+ other Interreg programmes and now has a two stage application process. Key to the new programme is a following of the intervention logic, in which all projects need to adhere to the programme deliverables and ensure their project meets the specific overall programme outputs. The funds available have increased to 60% so organisations need only find 40% of the total project costs. The website has been updated

## Orchards without Borders

Orchards without Borders, an Interreg Channel Micro-project, was set up to exchange practices around sustainable orchard management drawing on the long history of growing apples and other orchard fruit shared by Normandy and Sussex. Each region has found different specialisations over the years and the project is enabling these to be shared, and support each other to develop. The Brighton organisations have benefited from understanding how to manage organic orchards, for example by replicating the practice of grazing sheep amongst an orchard to act as lawnmowers, fertilisers and pest reducers in a local social enterprise orchard.

Whilst CPIE Collines Normandes, from Ornes in Normandy wanted to find out how to develop local community orchards and have really benefited from Brighton Permaculture's knowledge on engaging schools in orchard growing and have helped plant several such orchards. School pupils on both sides have also learnt about the biodiversity

to include a 2014-2020 section where you can search for new project partners or projects to join go to <http://www.interreg4a-2mers.eu/2014-2020>.

The BHCC International team has supported the submission



value of orchards as well as the importance of keeping local apple varieties growing. The project was a feature of the annual Stanmer Apple Day where some fascinating information banners and a range of apple products from both partners' orchards were available to try.

The Brighton Permaculture Trust would love to hear from you if you work, volunteer or study in an area relevant to orchards or sustainable food systems generally and would be interested in participating. The project is now analysing their learning and preparing to develop a new project for the next Channel programme.



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of a range of local bids to the first round. Please get in touch for support and guidance in preparing bids for the October 2015 call. Services include: bid-writing support, partner search, advice on match funding, and application screening.



## Contacts

Brighton & Hove City Council's International team provides support and advice on European and international funding programmes, including email bulletins, bid-writing support sessions, partner searches and application screening service.

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## Key Events & Deadlines 2015

**16 March** URBACT Programme Launch

**11 May 2015** Interreg VA France Channel England Programme 1st Stage application deadline

**April 2015** Interreg VB North West Europe first call released

**Spring 2015** Interreg Europe first call released

**Spring 2015** Coast to Capital European Structural & Investment Funds programme first call expected

**13 July** Interreg VA 2 Seas Programme 2nd Stage application deadline

For a more comprehensive list of international funding deadlines please see [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/international](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/international)

# The hidden abuse by children on parents

Parents and carers are suffering physical and verbal attacks by their children, according to new research published on the 27 January 2015. The research was launched at the pan European Responding to Child to Parent Violence Conference held at the University of Brighton attended by over 200 delegates from across Europe.

Brighton and Hove City Council in partnership with the University of Brighton and European partners were awarded €751,000 (£641,000) in 2013 by the European Union under the Daphne III programme to study this emerging problem which involves both young teenage boys and girls using physical or psychological abuse to gain power, usually over their mothers.

The multi-agency research group included the University of Brighton, Brighton & Hove City Council, the National University of Ireland (Galway), Universitat de Valencia in Spain, the National Association XXI Century Rhodopa Mountain Initiative in Bulgaria and Amal Municipality in Sweden.

The action research assessed the effectiveness of two existing intervention models 'Break4Change' and 'Non Violent Resistance' from a gendered perspective across five European countries – Bulgaria, Ireland, Spain, Sweden and England.

The new research recommendations include calls for:

- EU policy development to include CPV in child protection, domestic violence and child maltreatment prevention policy.



- More data and research to better assess the prevalence of CPV.

Training for practitioners and a network of specialised CPV interventions to enable parents and young people to gain the support they need.

The findings have been welcomed by Councillor Sue Shanks, chair of Brighton & Hove City Council's Children & Young People Committee, who said: "This study has helped ensure effective practice for us in Brighton and Hove through the opportunities to share good practice and evidence based research. As a council, we are committed to further developing Break4Change and have included this within our domestic violence and sexual violence delivery plan. We have also included it as part of our early help approach to prevent problems spiralling."

Dr Wilcox said: "This pan-European approach has contributed greatly to the further development of change models and the better understanding of CPV.

"The good practice identified in this research can be used to safeguard and improve future outcomes for children and their families who are affected by this problem."

Follow this link for an interview with Break4Change practitioner and service user: <https://audioboom.com/boos/1729334-tackling-child-to-parent-violence-in-brighton>

