



Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

#embRACE Week

16-23
February
2019

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#embRACE Week 2019

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Borough Council, through
its Good Relations Programme,
invite you all to celebrate the
diversity & culture
of the Borough. We have a packed
programme and all events are
aimed at making everyone in
Mid and East Antrim feel
**welcome, safe, respected
& celebrated.**

#embRACE Week at a glance!

See overleaf to find out more information on
the events happening throughout our Borough.

	Time	Event
Saturday 16 February 2019	9.30am	Race to #embRACE
	Session 1: 10.30am Session 2: 12 pm	#embRACE Playful Museums Festival
	11am-1pm	#embRACE Chinese New Year
Monday 18 February 2019	10am-12pm	#embRACE Diversity in Age
	6-7pm	#embRACE Around the World Storytelling session
	7.30-9.30pm	#embRACE our Heritage Northern Star: the life of James Orr
Tuesday 19 February 2019	10.30am-11.30am	#embRACE The World around us
	10.30am-12pm	#embRACE International Café
	3.30-4.15pm	#embRACE Chinese New Year
	4-5pm	#embRACE Multicultural Storytime
	7-9.30pm	#embRACE Small Worlds Café
Wednesday 20 February 2019	10am-12pm	#embRACE Diversity Workshop
	1-3pm	#embRACE Celebrate the German Fasching
Thursday 21 February 2019	7.30-10pm	#embRACE Midtown Sounds Film Night
Friday 22 February 2019	2-3pm	#embRACE Native Americans Event
	7pm-late	#embRACE Midtown Sounds
Saturday 23 February 2019	11am-1pm	#embRACE Celebration
	11am-12pm	#embRACE Chinese New Year Storytelling Event
	11am-4pm	#embRACE Midtown Sounds
	2-4pm	#embRACE Build Medieval Carrickfergus

Saturday 16 February 2019

Parkrun

Race to #embRACE

Free event

Carrickfergus parkrun

9.30am

Amphitheatre Wellness Centre, Prince William Way, Carrickfergus. (For more information about Carrickfergus Parkrun visit our Facebook Page)

Ecos parkrun (Ballymena)

9.30am

Ecos Park, Kernohan's Lane, Broughshane Road, Ballymena. People are welcome to walk or run at ecos parkrun. (For more information on ecos parkrun contact us at www.parkrun.org.uk/ecos)

Larne parkrun

9.30am

Dixon Hall, Drains Bay, Larne. (For more information about Larne Parkrun visit our Facebook Page)



Come and join the **Race to #embRACE** with the Parkruns in Mid and East Antrim. Parkruns are open to people of all ages and abilities and we welcome everyone to take part. We encourage you to participate at your own pace.

Registration is required before first run at www.parkrun.org.uk

Please remember to print your barcode.

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#embRACE Playful Museums Festival

Free event

Session 1-10.30am

Session 2-12pm

The Braid, Ballymena

The Playful Museums festival is suitable for children aged 3-5 years old and will give participants the chance to explore and celebrate different cultural backgrounds through interactive storytelling, drama and craft. The theme of the activities will be Chinese New Year and will offer a fun and active way for families to learn together in the museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult for this activity.

Booking Essential
Tel: 028 256 35029

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#embRACE Chinese New Year

Free event

11am-1pm

Harmony Hub, Ballymena

(Please note should there inclement weather, this event will relocate to the Tower Centre)

This event will celebrate Chinese New Year, the year of the pig and will include a parade led by the Chinese Dragon and Chinese Lion, through the Centre of Ballymena at 11am.

Following the parade, come and enjoy live music and dance from around the world as well as balloon modelling and face painting.



Monday 18 February 2019

Inter Ethnic Forum (MEA)

#embRACE

Diversity in Age

Invitation only

10am-12pm

Harryville Partnership
Offices, Ballymena



The Inter Ethnic Forum for Mid and East Antrim will be delivering a Cultural Diversity workshop held with ladies from Braidwater Seniors Group, Ballymena.

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our Heritage

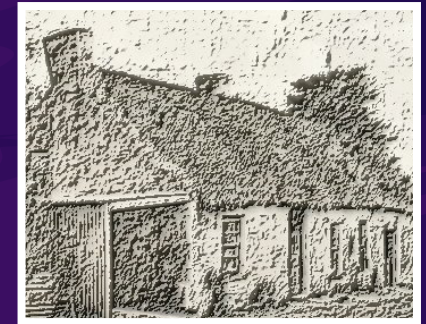
Northern Star:

the life of James Orr

Free event

7.30-9.30pm

Larne Museum & Arts Centre



Documentary performance telling the story of James Orr's life through drama and poetry, while eavesdropping on a conversation between Orr & University student Henry Lynn, in the local public house, March 1815.

Free Event / Booking essential

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Libraries NI

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Around the World

6-7pm

Ballymena Central Library

Come and try traditional craft making and taste foods from across the continents.

Booking Advisable

T: 028 2563 3950

E: ballymena.library@librariesni.org.uk



Tuesday 19 February 2019

Diversity NI

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**the World
around us**

Invitation only

Storytelling session

10.30-11.30am

Carrickfergus Vineyard

The Inter Ethnic Forum for Mid and East Antrim will be delivering a storytelling session facilitated by renowned storyteller Liz Weir with participants from the Diversity NI Group.

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Inter Ethnic Forum (MEA)

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International Café

Invitation only

10.30am-12pm

Harryville Community Centre

The Inter Ethnic Forum for Mid and East Antrim will deliver the 3rd in a series of workshops introducing local youths from the Amplify project to different Cultures through food and discussion with facilitators from different countries.

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Libraries NI

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**Multicultural
Storytime**

Storytelling session

4-5pm

Greenisland Library

Come and enjoy a multicultural storytime event for children aged 4-10 years. We would encourage the children to come dressed in costume, although not essential.

Booking Advisable

T: 028 9086 5419

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Small Worlds Café

7-9.30pm

Londonderry Arms, Carnlough

Join us at this café style event, hosted by Belfast Friendship Club. Meet our international table hosts who will share stories about their life, including how they've come to live locally and some of the challenges they have met along the way. A light supper will be served during this event, and transport can be arranged from Ballymena, Carrickfergus and Larne town centres.

To book your space/transport:

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Libraries NI

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Chinese New Year

Storytelling session

3.30-4.15pm

Carrickfergus Library

Come and enjoy a special storytime and craft session for Chinese New Year for Children aged 4-8.

Booking advisable

T: 028 9336 2261

E: carrickfergus.library@librariesni.org.uk



Wednesday 20 February 2019

Libraries NI, TIDES
& Bryson Intercultural

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Diversity Workshop

10am-12pm

Ballymena Central Library

This DARE to lead change session is inspired by the book Sea Prayers by Khaled Hosseini and considers what "home" might mean in a diverse society. The session will be facilitated by TIDES/Bryson Intercultural.

DARE to Lead Change Project (DARE) is a project supported by the European Union's Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programme Body.

Booking Essential

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Celebrate the German Fasching

Free event

1-3pm

Curran Park, Larne

Germans traditionally celebrate "Fasching Carnival" with colourful costumes, themed parties, formal dances and parades.

Come along to Mid and East Antrim's very own Fasching and join in the fun. Become a prince or princess for the day as you make your own carnival mask, crown and cloak to take home. The best costume will win a prize! Meet Hansel and Gretel, learn some new dance moves, and enjoy traditional fun and games including a scavenger hunt and 'throwing the sweets'. Tasty food and drinks on the day will include pastries and hot chocolate.

Thursday 21 February 2019

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Midtown Sounds

Film Night

7.30-10pm

Price: £4

The Braid, Ballymena

Braid Film Theatre Presents
Bohemian Rhapsody (2018) at the
Braid Arts Centre.

For more information about
Midtown Sounds, contact:

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For the second year running #embRACE Week is delighted to work in partnership with Midtown Sounds, a community focused town-centred event which helps to promote shared space and cultural diversity through music.

Last year almost 2000 people engaged in Midtown Sounds during a 2-day town centre festival, with 6000 people engaging online. Midtown Sounds supports local groups, the local music sector, local retailers, and local town centre development (Ballymena BID).



Friday 22 February 2019

Libraries NI

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Native

Americans Event

2-3pm

Whitehead Library

Come and enjoy a storytime and craft event for children aged 4-10.

Booking Advisable

T: 028 9335 3249

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Midtown Sounds

Music Videos Launch

Free Event

7pm-late

Follow Coffee, Greenvale
Street Ballymena

Live music from some of the best local talent, as well as the premiere screenings of this year's Midtown Sounds Music Videos.

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Celebration

Free Event

11am-1pm

Town Hall, Carrickfergus

Come and enjoy music, song and dance from around the world including our very own Uplift Performing Arts. Take part in the arts workshops on offer such as kite making, face painting and more all free of charge.

For more details contact

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Libraries NI

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Chinese New Year

Storytelling Event

11am-12pm

Ballymena Central Library

Come and enjoy a special Chinese New Year Story and craft session for children aged 4 to 10 years.

Booking advisable

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Midtown

Sounds

Free Event

11am-4pm

Various locations

Local musicians perform live music in various shops, restaurants and coffee shops in Ballymena town centre



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**Build Medieval
Carrickfergus**

Free event

(for ages 1-5)

2-4pm

Carrickfergus Museum

Calling all budding builders! Using the new Medieval Carrickfergus town model as inspiration, little ones will recreate their own versions of the old town. With an artist on hand to help, and loads of arts and crafts materials available. What will you build?

For more information contact:

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