

“Vincy” Representation at International Cultural Day

11 March 2017

COLERAINE, Northern Ireland: The festival under the theme: “Unity of Cultures Within Our Communities” was organised by the Causeway Multi Cultural Forum (CMCF), which its Secretary - Vincentian Mr Richard John (Cane End) in partnership with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The packed Town Hall included addresses by Cllr. Stephanie Quigley on behalf of the Mayor and Vincentian Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland with Master of Ceremony – Mr Hector Wishart.



(R-L): Vincentians - Adonis Browne, Richard John and Dr Christopher Stange with Joseph Ricketts – ACONI Manager (2nd from left)

Entertainment performances and interactive workshops included steel pan, choir, drum, dance, bagpipes, storytelling, folklore and songs, with Vincy soca artist – Mr Adonis Browne (Major Dan).

Food and networking ended the day of celebrations from various cultures, including the Caribbean, Poland and India.

Special thanks to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, ASDA, Police Service of Northern Ireland, African Caribbean Support Organisation Northern Ireland, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, McAtamneys Butchers, Karolina Shop, LIDL, Tesco, Consulate of St Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland, Causeway Borough of Sanctuary, Sainsburys, Ballymoney Fuse FM, Millburn Primary School, Harpur’s Hill Primary School, Tom Tom’s Bakery and CRAICNI.

Dr Stange added: “Our newer citizens to the Borough make a critical contribution to the economy, providing essential skills and talents. Northern Ireland will continue to need

significant numbers in the short, medium and long term in order to grow the economy and balance out our ageing population in terms of providing goods and services. Internationally those from different backgrounds bring their own knowledge and talents, increasing the returns that it generates for our economy. Their different cultures, backgrounds and traditions which they bring with them, enriches wider society.”

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Notes for Editor:

Causeway Multi-Cultural Forum is a registered charity (NIC 102479) with its main objectives:

1. Demonstrate the unity of the various cultures within the Borough;
2. Develop an awareness of the various cultures that exist within our communities;
3. Demonstrate that every culture within our communities is welcome and appreciated;
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the level of safety that all can enjoy within our communities;
5. Develop an awareness of our willingness to eliminate racism and racial discrimination within our communities.