



TRANSFORM

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Mencap Transform Project

Transform Fermanagh visit two main Churches in Enniskillen

The Mencap Transform project in Fermanagh have visited the two main local Churches in Enniskillen, St Michael's Catholic Church and St Macartin's Cathedral Church of Ireland. Both clergies have built up a unique bond with



each other, over a number of years, so much, that they attend services in each church/cathedral and when the Queen visited Enniskillen in June 2012, she made her first visit to a Catholic Church in Northern Ireland and Ireland. The Churches were both built 400 years ago and the group seen many parts of the buildings which you do not normally see and also to hear about the amazing history of how they were built. Both Fr Raymond and Curate Chris shared stories about how they are trying to hold onto their congregation and always trying to attract more people to attend mass, especially younger people. For many of the group it was their first time inside a Church of Ireland building, it was a great learning experience for them. This has been a real success helping the group realise that both religions are very similar in many ways.

Carrying on with the theme of Good Relations, Mencap Fermanagh cohort have commenced their summer programme. They have met with the Mencap Belfast Transform group who are



predominantly from the PUL community and visited The Eileen Hickey, Irish Republican History Museum and the Ulster Orange Heritage Centre both in Belfast and together went out for lunch. Both trips were a success and a great learning experience for both groups to meet and learn about the history of Ireland and the 2 main communities in Northern Ireland. The Fermanagh group have also planned to meet with Fermanagh Sports and Cultural Awareness Association in Ballinamallard in July which is a project who work with young people from the PUL community and are looking forward to a wider



Transform project group meeting in Derry/Londonderry on the 29th July.

