

PEACEBUILDING, THE ARTS AND THE PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Tuesday 12 March 2024, 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Senate Room, Queen's University Belfast

Organised by Dr Edel Lamb and Professor Fiona Magowan,
Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice

This event will bring together practitioners and researchers working with and on children and young people to explore the contribution of children and young people's participation in the creative arts to peacebuilding. It will explore questions such as how the creative arts can facilitate the expression of children's and young people's experiences of conflict and post-conflict societies; does it empower them to participate in processes of social justice, transformation and commemoration; and how can listening to children's creative productions across diverse cultural contexts help us better understand the contribution they have made and can make to peacebuilding, historically, now and in the future.

12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm - 2:15pm: Programmes involving Children and Young People in the Arts and/or Peacebuilding

This session will include brief presentations by Dr Kirsty McCarrison (English Heritage) and Young Producers from the Shout Out Loud Programme; Dr Martin McMullan, Mark Clegg, Shelia Morris, Chloe Moreland and Rachel Hasson (YouthAction NI); Dr Eliz McArdle (UU); and Aideen Howard (The Ark, QUB).

Chair: Dr Edel Lamb

2:15pm - 2:30pm: Coffee

2:30pm - 3:30pm: Roundtable: The Impact of Children's and Young People's Participation in Creative Arts on Peacebuilding

The roundtable participants are Dr Laura Dunne (QUB), Darren Ferguson (Beyond Skin), Prof. Tom Maguire (UU), Juanita Rea (eduSoil, Design for Change, QUB).

Chair: Prof. Fiona Magowan

3:30pm - 4:00pm: Closing Discussion and Planning of Future Activities

Respondent: Dr Liam O'Hare (QUB)

Discussion will be followed by a drinks reception from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

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