

# WINTER SCHOOL

## 23 - 27 January 2017

Course fee: £650

### PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

*Lessons and Challenges from the Northern Ireland Peace Process*



### *About the Course*

The third annual Winter School will explore how some of the main issues that have been identified by the United Nations as being central to the process of peacebuilding and conflict transformation have been addressed in Northern Ireland over the past twenty years. We will outline and analyse a number of key themes that are applicable to societies transitioning from conflict, including:

- The process of reaching a peace agreement and establishing new institutions of governance;
- Creating a broader framework for a peaceful and just society through building a culture of respect for human rights and equality and re-establishing the rule of law through a process of police reform;
- The challenges of addressing the legacy of conflict, including dealing with past violence and supporting the needs of victims and survivors; and
- Exploring the diverse role of civil society organisations in the ongoing process of conflict transformation.

The aim will be to consider some of the successes of the process of transition in Northern Ireland, while also exploring some of the challenges that remain to be addressed.

The school will be taught by a mix of experienced members of staff from the Mitchell Institute and academics from across Queen's University, and will also have a significant input from non-academics and practitioners who have been actively involved with the issues being discussed.

The course will be based in Queen's University but will include a number of field trips to key locations in Belfast over the course of the week. All sessions will be interactive and time will be provided for participants to engage in discussions to explore issues of comparative relevance and pertinent to different contexts.



The Winter School is designed to appeal to Practitioners and people working in areas of Conflict Transformation and Peace Building.

## *Programme Outline*

<b>Monday 23 January</b>	<b>Perspectives on Conflict Transformation</b>
Morning	Peacebuilding and the Northern Ireland peace process Understanding Peace Processes Women, Peace and Security
Afternoon	Guided bus tour of Belfast to see the Murals and Security Architecture within the City
Evening	Welcome Reception in the Institute
<b>Tuesday 24 January</b>	<b>Establishing New Institutions</b>
Morning	Reaching Agreements: Negotiations and the Peace Agreement Devolved Government: The Northern Ireland Assembly
Afternoon	Visit to Northern Ireland Parliament Buildings at Stormont Meeting with representatives of Democratic Unionist Party and Sinn Féin
<b>Wednesday 25 January</b>	<b>Human Rights, Equality and Policing</b>
Morning	Human Rights and Conflict Transformation Equality and Conflict Transformation Overview of Police Reform in Northern Ireland
Afternoon	Visit to Operational Police Station in Belfast PSNI Perspectives on Policing and Police Reform
Evening	Winter School Dinner
<b>Thursday 26 January</b>	<b>The Legacy of the Conflict</b>
Morning	Dealing with the Past: Truth or Amnesty Supporting Victims of the Conflict Dealing with the Legacy of Conflict
Afternoon	The Role of Prisoners in Conflict Transformation Visit to Crumlin Road Gaol
Evening	Prison Memory Archive Documentary Project
<b>Friday 27 January</b>	<b>Civil Society and Conflict Transformation</b>
Morning	The role of Civil Society in Conflict Transformation Building Relations between Communities
Afternoon	Capacity Building, the Arts and Conflict Transformation Building Peace: Future Challenges
Presentation	Presentation of Certificates to all Winter School 2017 Participants

## Winter School Guests and Speakers



**John Brewer** is a Professor of Post Conflict Studies at The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's University Belfast.

**Dr Neil Jarman** is a Research Fellow at The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's University Belfast.



**Mairead Corrigan Maguire** was co-founder of the Peace People and the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1976. She is a committed peace activist and works extensively in the Middle East.

**Bernadette McAliskey** is a political activist who was elected as a Westminster MP aged 21. Her current work focuses on challenging sectarianism and racism and supporting the integration of minority ethnic communities.



**Tommy McKearney** is a former IRA hunger striker who is involved in a wide range of social justice and conflict transformation initiatives.

**Judith Thompson** is the Commissioner at the Commission for Victims and Survivors.



Further announcements of speakers for the Winter School to be confirmed.

## How to Apply

### Potential Participants

A broad range of interested participants can apply for the Short Course such as representatives of Governmental Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs), Charities, Companies, freelance researchers, diplomats, political party members, independent mediators, PhD students, peace workers/activists, as well as those who want to develop their academic knowledge and capacities, intend to join missions in conflict regions or who work and live in countries with ongoing tensions or in a state of transition.

The programme **must** be taken in its entirety and is not available on a 'pick and choose' basis - no reduction in fees for participants arriving late/departing early.

Deadline for submission of applications is Monday 16 January 2017.

### International Applicants

International applicants are encouraged to apply early and allow for adequate time for a visa application. For further information on visa and immigration, please visit the [International Student Support](#) pages or email [iss@qub.ac.uk](mailto:iss@qub.ac.uk).

### Course Fee £650. What is included in the course fee?

- \* Hospitality (Lunch & two coffee-breaks per day, one evening meal on the fourth day)
- \* Course & stationery materials
- \* Field Trips
- \* Certificate of Participation

### Refunds

We regret that fees cannot be refunded except when a course does not run or if your application is rejected because the course is full. The University is unable to refund fees when, for whatever reason, the participant fails to attend.

### Online

You can download the registration form online for our course. After acceptance of your application, you will be contacted to complete the payment online.

Payment by credit or debit card is included as part of the enrolment process. [Please view our webpage for the registration form.](#)

### In Person

You may enrol in person during office hours which are *Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm*. If you enrol in person you may pay in cash or by cheque only.

### Confirmation of Enrolment

You will receive a Confirmation of Enrolment. If you enrol in person, a receipt will be sent out to you via email. If you have enrolled online, a confirmation of enrolment will be sent to your email address. The Confirmation of Enrolment is your only acknowledgement of enrolment. If you have not received your Confirmation of Enrolment within ten days then please let us know. Your place is only secure when you have paid for the course.

### Under-subscribed and cancelled courses

Unfortunately, we are unable to run courses that are under-subscribed so all our courses are offered subject to a certain minimum enrolment (usually 30 participants). In the event that we are forced to cancel a course, we shall let you know as soon as we can and refund your enrolment fee.

### \*Early Bird

An early bird reduction of **5%** is available on the course fees only (£617.50) if you book before **30 October 2016**. We make the decision on whether or not to run a course six weeks before the course start date based on whether we have reached the minimum number of enrolments. So please help us to help you! If we receive your booking at least eight weeks in advance of the course start date you will help us to ensure that courses are not cancelled.

Please note that fees do not include air fares or day-to-day living expenses such as meals.