



Commission for
Victims and Survivors

The Commission for Victims and Survivors
invites you to join us at our Conference on
'Dealing with the Past'

Date: 25 February 2014 **Registration:** 9.00am
Location: Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards
Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT4 3LP

RSVP by return of Conference Booking Form not later than
Friday 14 February 2014 by **email:** commission@cvsni.org
by **fax:** 028 9060 7424 or by **post.**

Personal Invitation - not to be transferred.

In Partnership with:



Queen's University
Belfast



University of
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Aims of today's meeting:

- Provide you with information on the forthcoming conference;
- Provide an opportunity for participation in the conference;
- Facilitate the voices of as many victims and survivors as possible.

Today's seminar:

- 10:30-10:50: **Conference overview**
Overview of the forthcoming
Dealing with the Past conference
- 10:50-11:30 **Workshop content**
Discussion on the content and group
participation in the workshops
- 11:30-11:40 **Comfort break**
- 11:40-12:30 **Group participation**
Agreement of group participation
in the conference
- 12:30 **Close with lunch**

Context

- Commission's 2013/14 Work Programme;
- Role of the Forum – in law the place for Consultation and Discussion;
- Forum Dealing with the Past Working Group – examining the issues;
- First Paper May 2013.

Context

- Forum Second Advice Paper – February 2014;
- Commission to engage with the wider sector;
- Conference presents the opportunity to do this;
- Conference designed to hear as many views and voices as possible;
- Approached by various groups to have a role in the Conference

Conference Partners

- Similar project running in parallel;
- Partners Queen's University, Healing Through Remembering, University of Ulster and the Transitional Justice Institute;





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Conference programme:

09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30	Welcome (Commissioner Kathryn Stone OBE)
09:40	Forum Working Group on Dealing with the Past
10:00	Government Representative
10:20	Reflections on the Haass Paper (Prof Kieran McEvoy, QUB)
10:45	BREAK
11:15	Workshop 1
12:45	LUNCH
14:00	Workshop 2
15:30	BREAK
16:00	Observations on Dealing the Past (Brian Rowan and Susan McKay)
16:30	Closing Remarks

The workshops:

- 2 Workshop sessions, one morning, one after lunch;
- 4 workshops will be held in parallel with approximately 50 participants in each workshop;
- Each delegate can attend 2 workshops during the course of the day;
- Workshop subject areas:

**Acknowledgment
Truth
Justice
Reparations**

The Workshops: Acknowledgement

- **Aim:** Victims and survivors have expressed the need for acknowledgement and an apology – how best can this be addressed?
- Format – HTR Chair of the Workshop;
- Professor Kieran Mc Evoy will set the context/latest developments;
- Member of the Forum DWP Working Group will outline the Forum's latest work;
- Group Participation.

The Workshops: Acknowledgement

Group Participation

- Identify up to 4 groups or individuals who wish to contribute to the discussion on acknowledgement;
- Speak from the floor for between 5 to 10 minutes;
- Make a contribution to the discussion;

The Workshops: your feedback

Group Participation

- More than 1 facilitator in each workshop;
- breakdown into smaller groups for discussions;
- Feedback in the workshops/plenary;
- Agree 3 to 4 main points
- No formal speaking roles for groups – more facilitated conversations

The Workshops: your feedback

Group Participation

- Facilitate other academics to be part;
- Opportunity for questions at the end;
- Set clearer objectives for the outcome of the Conference;
- Ensure that there is a safe environment for participants;

The Workshops: Truth

- **Aim:** Victims and survivors need to know the truth of what happened – how is this best achieved?
- Format – HTR Chair of the Workshop;
- Dr Louise Mallinder will set the context/latest developments;
- Member of the Forum DWP Working Group will outline the Forum's latest work;
- Group Participation.

The Workshops: Truth

Group Participation

- Identify up to 4 groups or individuals who wish to contribute to the discussion on truth;
- Speak from the floor for between 5 to 10 minutes;
- Make a contribution to the discussion;

The Workshops: Justice

- **Aim:** Victims and survivors need justice – how is this best achieved?
- Format – HTR Chair of the Workshop;
- Professor Gordon Anthony will set the context/latest developments;
- Member of the Forum DWP Working Group will outline the Forum's latest work;
- Group Participation.

The Workshops: Justice

Group Participation

- Identify up to 4 groups or individuals who wish to contribute to the discussion on Justice;
- Speak from the floor for between 5 to 10 minutes;
- Make a contribution to the discussion;

The Workshops: Reparations

- **Aim:** Victims and survivors need reparations – how is this best achieved?
- Format – HTR Chair of the Workshop;
- Dr Luke Moffett will set the context/latest developments;
- Member of the Forum DWP Working Group will outline the Forum's latest work;
- Group Participation.

The Workshops: Reparations

Group Participation

- Identify up to 4 groups or individuals who wish to contribute to the discussion on Reparations;
- Speak from the floor for between 5 to 10 minutes;
- Make a contribution to the discussion;

Summary and Conclusions

- Thanks to everyone for your input today
- Looking forward to a successful conference
- Conference is **Tuesday 25th February 2014, Stormont Hotel**

**RVSPs to the Commission by
Friday 14th February.**