

The Challenge of Reconciliation

International Workshop
on experiences made in the Peace-process in Northern Ireland
22-24 September 2006 in Belfast

Program

Friday 22

- 18.00 Opening and welcome by *Bishop Leo Schwarz*,
President of the Conference of European Justice and
Peace Commissions
- 18.30 Introduction to the Workshop
Jörg Lüer, Secretary General of the Conference of
European Justice and Peace Commissions
- 18.45 **Session 1:** What the conflict in Northern Ireland is
about?
Lecture by: *Dr. Brian Lennon SJ*
- 19.30 Discussion
- 20.30 Dinner

Saturday 23

- 08.00 Holy Eucharist
- 08.30 Breakfast
- 09.00 Plenary meeting
- 09.15 Visiting the quarters of Belfast
Division into working groups (15 persons)
- 11.15 Departure to the meetings with actors in the peace-
process (see enclosed program)
- Session 2:** "Listening to the Stories of Violence"
Meeting with victims of different communities (work
groups)

Lunch with the partners we meet.

Session 3: “The daily burden of overcoming violence and building peace”

Meeting with community leaders of different denominations (work groups)

16.30 **Session 4:** Reflection on the experiences in work groups
Preparation of the Presentation in the Plenary

19.00 Dinner at the Hotel

20.00 **Session 5:** “Church and Conflict – How to become a part of the solution. Lessons learned from Northern Ireland”

Key note: *Archbishop Sean Brady* (30 min)

Panel: *Reverend Donald Wats*, Presbyterian Church

Bishop Alan Harper, Church of Ireland

Reverend Harold Good, Former President of the Methodist Church

21.00 Plenary Discussion

22.00 End

Sunday 24

08.30 Breakfast

09.00 **Session 6:** “What could Europe learn from the conflict in Northern Ireland?”

Presentation of the experiences made by the Work groups. Discussion.

11.00 Departure for the Ecumenical prayer

11.20 Ecumenical Prayer with the Methodist Community in
Forthspring /West Belfast – official closing of the Workshop

13.00 Lunch

Place of venue:

Best Western Wellington Park Hotel – Belfast