

Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation
Summer School 2010

Glencree
Co. Wicklow

27-29 August 2010

*Leadership for a new generation
Power, politics and participation*

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In an Ireland which is broadly referred to as "Post Conflict" and which has seen rapid economic and cultural change what is the role of young people?

The Glencree summer school provides the opportunity for an interactive and intergenerational dialogue about the transition from a mono cultural society to an inclusive, multicultural one, from a society plagued by violent conflict to an environment that settles its historic disputes through non violent means, from a society which has enjoyed rapid economic growth to a one which is now experiencing economic crisis and has difficulty guaranteeing financial security for younger generations.

The summer school is aimed at those in the 20-35 year old age group who are political activists in that they are members of political parties or affiliated to political groups or perhaps just feel strongly about specific political issues. Participants from all ages and Ireland North and South are welcome.

Friday 27 August

12.00pm **Registration and Lunch**
Reception area, Bridge Building

1.45pm **Welcome:**
David Bloomfield, Chief Executive, Glencree
Conference Room 1

2.00pm **Session 1: Opening session**
Conference Room 1
Chair: David Bloomfield

- Dawn Purvis MLA, former leader Progressive Unionist Party
- Laurence McKeown, former IRA prisoner and hunger striker

3.00pm *Coffee*

3.30pm **Session 2: What kind of leadership do we need?**
Conference Room 1
Chair: Ian White

- Jonathon Bell MLA, DUP
- Thomas Byrne, TD, Fianna Fáil
- Niall Kelly, County Councillor, SDLP Youth
- Sean Ruth, Author Leadership and Liberation

6.00pm *Dinner in the Armoury Café*

7.30pm **Session 3: What is the role of young people in creating change?**
Conference Room 1
Chair: David Bloomfield

- Donnchadh O'Laoghaire, Ógra Shinn Féin
- Brian Hayes TD, Fine Gael
- John McAllister MLA, Ulster Unionist Party
- Robert Mulhall, Lucca Leadership
- Robert Scott, Ulster Political Research Group

9.30pm *Social time in the Canada Room*

Saturday 28 August

8.00AM *Breakfast in the Armoury Café*

9.00 – 10:45 **Session 4: Minority Issues in Irish Politics**
Conference Room 1
Chair: Eamon Rafter

- Hallala Ahmadi, Kurdish Community in Ireland
- Patrick Nevin, Travellers for Travellers
- Yaser Alashqar, Palestinian living in Ireland
- Salome Mbugua, Akidwa

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11.15am **Session 4: Open Space Technology**
Canada Room
Facilitated by Chris Chapman, Change Exploratory

Open Space is a method that allows the participants to set their own agenda. Parallel sessions will take place, facilitated by the participants themselves. The Glencree Programme Team will lead the session. The overarching question for this session is:

What is the role of young people in moving beyond a legacy of violence?

1.00pm *Lunch in the Armoury Café*

2.00pm *Open Space continues*

6.00pm *Dinner in the Armoury Cafe*

7.30pm *Entertainment – Stephen Hall, followed by social networking In the Canada Room*

Sunday 29 August

8.00am *Breakfast*

9.00 – 10:45 **Session 5: International Dimensions
Conference Room 1**

Chair: Wilhelm Verwoerd

- H.E. Jeremiah Ndou, Ambassador to South Africa
- Michael Semple, Author 'Reconciliation in Afghanistan'
- Freda Hughes, Chair, Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign
- Ruth Zach, Deputy Head of Mission, Israeli Embassy

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15am **Closing Circle in the Canada Room**

Facilitated by Ian White

1.00pm *Lunch in the Armoury Café*

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