



Irish Institute

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The Irish Institute is a division of the Center for Irish Programs at Boston College. The mission of the Institute is to promote the peace and normalization process on the island of Ireland and to contribute to social, political, and economic stability through cross-border and cross-community cooperation. Professional development programming by the Institute introduces Irish and Northern Irish participants to successful models of best practices in the U.S., as well as offering an opportunity for cultural exchange that promotes mutual understanding among the U.S., Ireland, and Northern Ireland. Since its founding in 1997, more than 700 decision-makers from all sectors, including government, business, education, environment, policing, media, and nonprofits, have participated in over 100 Irish Institute programs. Programs balance classroom seminars led by Boston College faculty with site visits to innovative and effective industry leaders in Massachusetts and across the United States. The Irish Institute is regarded as an honest broker by all parties on the island of Ireland, and its reputation for delivering quality programming in an inclusive environment attracts leaders from all communities and from across the political spectrum.

The Irish Institute's 2008-2009 programming will address, among other issues, nonprofit management and development, executive leadership, transnational policing, inclusive politics, philanthropic leadership and vision, administration of third level educational institutions, the role of sport and sporting

organizations in society, effective crisis & emergency management, and strategies for sustaining regional economic development. The Institute receives annual funding from Boston College, the U.S. Congress through the U.S. Department of State, the Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs, as well as through external business partnerships.

Irish Institute Programs:

- Feature seminars with experts and university faculty, as well as site visits with industry leaders
- Demonstrate a commitment to relationship-building across organizations, sectors, communities and borders
- Focus on creating and maintaining personal and professional links between Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United States
- Can be customized to the specifications of individual organizations and institutions

2008-2009 Programming Initiatives:

- Crisis & Emergency Management
- Sport and the Community
- Transnational Policing
- Inclusive Politics
- Trends in Higher Education Administration
- Vision in Philanthropy
- Sustaining Economic Momentum
- Executive Leadership
- Social Enterprise Management