



Institute for International Conflict Resolution & Reconstruction

Symposium: Alternatives to Political Violence

In co-operation with
Irish Institute, Boston College
The United States Department of State, &
School of Education Studies, DCU.

22 January 2013; Venue: "Gallery Room" The Helix, DCU.

This symposium will examine ways in which societies can address the growth of violent extremism through conflict resolution. Participants will explore the role of non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, community leaders, and government agencies in encouraging people to express political, social, and cultural identity through constructive and non-violent channels based on dignity and respect.

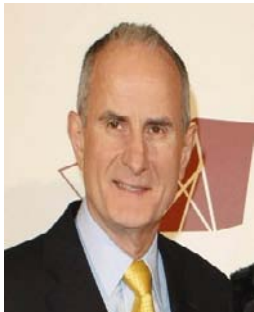
The event will end with a light lunch.

RSVP:

By reply email irishinstitute@bc.edu by 15 January 2013



Professor Donna Hicks is an Associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. In addition to teaching conflict resolution at Harvard, Clark and Columbia Universities, Dr. Hicks has spent nearly two decades in the field of international conflict resolution facilitating dialogue between communities in conflict in the Middle East, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Cuba, and Northern Ireland. She was a consultant to the BBC where she co-facilitated a television series, *Facing the Truth*, with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, which aired in the United Kingdom and on BBC World in 2006.



Senator Martin McAleese holds an honours B.Sc. degree in Physics from Queen's University, Belfast and also B.A., M.A. and B. Dent. Sc. degrees from Trinity College, Dublin. He has numerous honorary doctorates, including an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy from DCU. He worked for many years in a large dental practice having previously worked as a financial controller and company secretary with a number of firms. In support of the work of his wife, Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, Dr. McAleese has sought to develop greater trust and reconciliation among communities in Northern Ireland, particularly involving the working class loyalist community in his native Belfast.



Dr William Mitchell is Project co-ordinator for Action for Community Transformation. Originating within Northern Ireland Alternatives, a community based restorative justice agency, ACT is a conflict transformation initiative designed to support the transformation of former combatants within the UVF/RHC paramilitary groups. He is also a lecturer for the YMCA George Williams College, a London-based centre for Informal and Community Education. William has sought to share his experiences in collaboration with others and has worked in the USA, Italy, Israel and Turkey.

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Provisional Schedule

Time	Gallery Room, The Helix Theatre, DCU
08.30 - 09.00	Registration (Coffee/Tea)
09.00 – 09.20	Welcome
09.20 – 10.20	Dignity in Conflict Resolution by Dr. Donna Hicks
10.20 – 11.20	Building Positive Relationships in Northern Ireland Senator Martin McAleese
11.20 – 11.40	Coffee Break
11.40 – 12.40	Restorative Alternatives in Education and Community Dr. William Mitchell
12.40 – 13.00	Plenary Session with Speakers
13.00	Lunch