

An invitation to participate in a residential dialogue on:

GALVANISING THE PEACE

The Belfast Agreement has yet to be fully implemented and its promise fulfilled. Progress from violent sectarian and political conflict towards normalisation has been made but neither the relative absence of violence nor the shift towards normalising is sufficient. Social and political stagnancy are rife, mirrored in indices of deprivation, in disempowerment and alienation. As NI becomes more diverse, intolerance grows; Department of Justice figures (2015) show increasing sectarian, racist, homophobic and gendered crimes since 2009. These realities are underpinned by a key deficit; our society lacks the understanding and skill needed to manage its diverse relationships and conflicts.

- What do you think the obstacles to achieving a unified, peaceful and prosperous future are?
- What can we do to make progress?

For your information; reconciliation practitioners recently produced a discussion paper called *Galvanising the Peace* after extensive civic society consultations in 2015-2016. It seeks to highlight the critical issues and needs and to identify a way ahead. You can download the paper at www.communitydialogue.org under Publications & Reports.

The residential will take place at:

Corrymeela Residential Centre, Ballycastle

Tuesday 8th 9.30am to Wednesday 9th November 12pm

All are welcome but places are limited so please book early

Let us know if you are coming by replying to admin@communitydialogue.org or call 028 90 351 450.