

Conference

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Location: MAC (Theatre Upstairs) Belfast, 10 Exchange Street

Date: Wednesday 26th April 2023

09.15: Tea and Coffee

Panels:

1.) 09.45 – 11.10: 'Will I Be Heard?' Trauma, Healing, Stories' - Alan McBride (WAVE Trauma Centre), Damian Gorman (playwright), Prof. Marianne Elliott (Emeritus Professor, University of Liverpool)

Chair: Prof. Tony Gallagher (Queen's University Belfast)

2.) 11.20 – 13.00: 'Social Movements and Pressure for Change' - Avila Kilmurray (Social Change Initiative), Bronagh Hinds (Senior Associate DemocraShe), Jackie Redpath (Greater Shankill Partnership), Tom Gillen (former Deputy Assistant General Irish Congress of Trade Unions)

Chair: Alyson Kilpatrick (Chief Commissioner Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission)

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

3.) 14.00 – 15.30: 'Working In Communities' - Eileen Weir (Shankill Women's Centre), Father Martin Magill (St. John's Parish), Jim McCusker (former NIPSA General Secretary)

Chair: Diane Greer (community facilitator)

4.) 15.40 – 17.15 - 'Reconciliation: Navigating the Path to Peace' - Pat Hynes (Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation), Dr Emily Stanton (Corrymeela Community and independent researcher), Rev. Lesley Carroll (Prisoner Ombudsman for Northern Ireland), Mary Montague (Mediators Beyond Borders)

Chair: William Crawley (BBC)

End

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