

GLOBAL PEACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BELFAST
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Dear Partners in Peacebuilding,

On behalf of the Global Peace Foundation, I join with our colleagues at Co-operation Ireland, and all those who have contributed to this program, in welcoming you to this important convening to address *Ethical Leadership Amid Global Crisis* and call for a renewed commitment to peace building efforts anchored in universal principles and shared values.

We are all aware of the serious obstacles to peace today: identity-based conflict, radicalization and violent extremism, and growing tensions and mistrust faced by marginalized communities. This Global Peace Leadership Conference (GPLC) 2016 provides a unique opportunity for diverse stakeholders to discuss those challenges, to consider perspectives that uplift our shared human heritage, and to examine practical peace building applications that show promise in addressing root issues.

Having endured the decades-long conflict known as the Troubles, Belfast is an excellent place to share models for building cross-community engagement and social cohesion. As the people of Northern Ireland know well, the Good Friday peace agreement of 1998 that ended the overt conflict also signaled the beginning of the peace building process, which continues until today. That history and experience provides a valuable context for examining lessons learned and strategies for ongoing peace processes in many nations. The work of building peace requires the committed and consistent efforts of us all. To quote US President John F. Kennedy, "Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures."

I firmly believe that the most serious challenge facing us today is an ethical one. Can we find the moral will, the enduring determination, to address proliferating conflict and entrenched corruption affecting every nation? We recognize that political, diplomatic or economic solutions are not sufficient to resolve these enduring human problems; ultimately these issues relate to fundamental questions of meaning and motivation. Hence our peace-building efforts should be rooted in common aspirations, universal principles and shared values, affirming that all people are created equal, are endowed with essential human rights, and are deserving of dignity, opportunity and just governance.

We look forward to your valued participation and contributions to these vital discussions. It is our hope that this conference can serve as a catalyst for new insights and applications as we work to bridge divides and bind communities, toward a strong commitment to our shared future as one human family.

James P. Flynn
International President, Global Peace Foundation

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-OPERATION IRELAND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

As Chief Executive of Co-operation Ireland and together with our conference partner the Global Peace Foundation, it gives me great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you not just to the city of Belfast but also to Northern Ireland. As an all-island peace building charity we at Co-operation Ireland have for over 35 years worked to promote interaction, dialogue, and practical collaboration within Northern Ireland and between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The Irish peace process whilst still not yet complete is enormously important in the message that it sends to other conflicts around the world – that seemingly intractable problems can be resolved.

While Co-operation Ireland's role has evolved in line with the changing priorities for peace on this island, at the core of our philosophy remains the belief that getting people to work together for mutual benefit, across religious, cultural, and political divisions, will promote greater understanding, respect and recognition of mutual interdependence. I am very excited to welcome you to this Global Peace Leadership Conference being hosted in Belfast for the first time.

This conference will not just share the experiences of peace and reconciliation practitioners but will engage many of you who work conscientiously for change. This unique conference I believe will provide an exciting mix of exchange through lectures by global figures, academic presentations, and practitioner engagements, site visits and case studies.

The main theme of ethical leadership in dealing with global crises will be directly addressed in a number of interesting ways including plenary sessions, panel discussions and thematic sessions linked to underpinning topical streams. It will be our intention to engage leaders from government, academia, research, business, the non-profit sector and foundations in a unique, interactive and collaborative exchange.

A key part of what Co-operation Ireland and I do is to share our learning and experience of peace building and practical co-operation internationally and this fantastic conference offers just that. I am also very pleased that my colleagues Barry Fennell and Alan Largey, who have been involved in the planning of this conference and project development work with the Global Peace Foundation, will be both presenting to you during your few days here.

This conference will offer the opportunity for them to share their 'managed contact' approach to building a shared, confident and peaceful society. They will disseminate information, share lessons learned and methodologies employed from their cross community engagement work, which addresses exclusion, identity, marginalisation and isolation.

I sincerely hope that you can all engage on a number of different levels and environments, which I would encourage you to experience. I very much hope that your time and experiences in Belfast will be fruitful and worthwhile.

Best wishes,
Peter Sheridan



Chief Executive Officer, Co-operation Ireland

ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AMID GLOBAL CRISIS

TWO PROCESSES ARE WORKING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS TO DEFINE THE ETHICAL PARADOX OF late modernity: the growth of cosmopolitan humanitarianism encourages an emotional empathy with the marginalised and distant 'other', whether this is the beggar or homeless person in the back alley, the refugee child washed lifeless ashore, or the earthquake victim frightened and destitute. Yet cultural xenophobia exists alongside this ethical cosmopolitanism, reflected in the growth of anti-immigration political groups, the persistence of narrow and exclusive ethnic nationalisms and hatreds, Islamaphobia, many local wars and conflict, and weak and fragile peace processes.

How can we understand this paradox? These processes reflect deeply divergent attitudes that in the end must be addressed in an ethical context. How might global leaders respond? What leadership can they offer to help resolve this paradox as it works out in the lives of ordinary men, women and young people? What contribution can faith leaders in particular make to shape the ethical response to conflict and social suffering in the 21st century? What role can inter-faith collaboration play in addressing some of the issues that threaten the very future of humankind? What ethical framework is necessary today to undergird and bolster social justice, fairness and peace?

These questions generate a series of topics and themes that form the basis of this conference. Belfast is an ideal location to address these ethical concerns as it emerges falteringly from a sustained period of conflict and as people slowly begin to learn to live together. It offers conference delegates a lived experience in which the themes that dominate discussion are brought to life in the personal stories of the people of Belfast. Queen's University is a particularly suitable setting for the conference as its academic culture represented a zone of civility through the violence, allowing it now to be one of the leading world centres for studying conflict transformation and social justice through the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

1. Foster a greater awareness of the importance of shared values and commitment to a shared future as vital for peacebuilding and social cohesion.
2. Promote relevant "solutions-based" peacebuilding models by highlighting best practices, sharing insights and feedback, and developing on-going collaborations to ensure further development of these models.
3. Bring focus to values-based approaches to addressing identity-based conflicts that can reconcile the tension between promoting a shared identity and embracing diversity.
4. Increase understanding of the moral dimension of peacebuilding, focusing on the insights and practices necessary to transition from negative to positive peace.
5. Advance efforts toward a global ethical framework that embraces human spirituality and has practical application in resolving conflict and building sustainable peace.



THEMATIC STREAMS

The theme of ethical leadership in dealing with global crises will be directly addressed in plenary sessions but further pursued through three sub-themes that will form streams to link the many sessions, as follows:

- From identity-based conflicts to a shared future
- Refugees, migration and humanitarian responses
- Linking the global and the local: the role of civil society

A. From identity-based conflicts to a shared future

This stream will address the roots of identity-based conflicts and the processes through which it is possible to build cohesion and respect in diverse, pluralistic societies as the basis for learning to live together after conflict and for building a shared future. It will address topics like:

- Understanding identity-based conflicts, and examining the tension between promoting a shared identity and embracing differences (unity in diversity);
- The role of inter-faith collaboration and faith leadership in conflict resolution and peace-building, and in uplifting our shared human identity and the common ground of shared values;
- How to live with the past and build a shared society after conflict.

Examples of best practice will be addressed through innovative examples drawn from case studies of conflict transformation from around the globe.



B. Refugees, migration and building social cohesion

Migration and the larger issues reflected in the current debates over immigration, national and cultural identity further underscore the importance of social cohesion in diverse societies. Because religious institutions so often become the locus of values and social cohesion, faith leaders can potentially play an outside role in creating space for cross-community dialogue and cooperation. This session will address issues like:

- The longer term impact of the refugee crisis, and its challenges to global citizenship;
- The role of faith leaders in managing tensions between the strategies of assimilation/integration and multiculturalism;
- How interfaith solidarity can help mitigate risk factors for youth radicalization;
- Building common points of agreement, trust and cooperation between culturally disparate groups through strategies like inter-faith collaboration, civil society humanitarian support agencies and cross-community engagement.

Case studies will be used to explore specific examples.

C. Linking the global and the local: the role of shared values in building a robust civil society

This stream will focus on the critically important role of civil society in mediating between global crises and local responses and its general contribution to global ethical leadership through its practices for thinking globally but acting locally. It will assess the important role of faith leaders in creating common agreements based upon shared values in order to most effectively engage civil society in processes like:

- Peace building, political empowerment for leadership;
- Democratisation and the development of civic culture;
- Social capital and the dissemination of civic virtues;
- Moral and innovative leadership for learning to live together;
- Youth leadership and global civic awareness.

Case studies of civic organisations will be highlighted, dealing with youth, gender, religion and faith-based NGOs, community development and the voluntary sector, victim groups, ex-combatant groups and the like.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2016

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

- 09:30 Introduction to Northern Ireland, its conflict and peace process presented at Riddel Hall
Facilitators: Rev. Dr. Bill Shaw OBE, Director, 174 Trust; Barry Fennell and Dr. Alan Largey of Co-operation Ireland's project staff
- 10:30 Guided bus tour of Belfast and Peace Walls
Facilitator: Co-operation Ireland's project staff Barry Fennell and Dr. Alan Largey
- 13:00 Lunch at Riddel Hall
- 14:00 - 17:00 **Site visits:** Coordinated by Co-operation Ireland's project staff Barry Fennell and Dr. Alan Largey
Skainos: Tour of Skainos and presentation on Turas, an Irish language project which promotes reconciliation
Facilitator: Linda Ervine, Irish Language Development Officer, East Belfast Mission
Houben Centre: Tour of Houben Centre for Peace and Reconciliation and presentation of projects
Facilitator: Mr. Brian McKee, Director, Seedlings
174 Trust: Tour of centre and programme overview
Facilitator: Mr. David Holloway, Director, Community Dialogue

Tour and Site Visits will depart from and return to Riddel Hall

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

- 08:00 - 11:00 Breakfast and Networking for conference delegates at Jurys Inn
- 13:00 Registration at Riddel Hall
- 14:00 **Greetings and Welcoming Remarks:**
Mr. Barry Fennell, Project Manager for Youth and Community Engagement, Co-operation Ireland
Mr. James Flynn, International President, Global Peace Foundation
Mr. Arnold Kashembe, Country Director, Global Peace Foundation Ireland
- 14:30 **PLENARY 1:** Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Research Chair for Historical Trauma and Transformation at Stellenbosch University, South Africa
What Does it Mean to be Human After Historical Trauma?
Re-Visioning The Sunflower and Why Hannah Arendt Was Wrong

*In this presentation, Professor Gobodo-Madikizela explores the conditions that make empathic connection in face-to-face encounters between victims of gross human rights violations and perpetrators of these acts possible. Using Simon Wiesenthal's *The Sunflower* as backdrop, she argues that the search for the face-to-face encounter is a tacit recognition that mourning and "working through" painful pasts must involve the "other." She considers Hannah Arendt's notion that some acts are "unpunishable" and "unforgiveable," concluding with a discussion of why Arendt was wrong.*

Moderator: Dr. Eva Latham, President, Human Rights Teaching International

15:15 Q&A Session

15:30 Coffee

16:00 STREAMS SESSION 1 – Examining Critical Issues

STREAM A - FROM IDENTITY-BASED CONFLICTS TO A SHARED FUTURE

Current global events highlight the effects of identity-based conflict and call for reflection on the prospects for achieving "unity in diversity" through a foundation of shared values. This session will focus on values-based approaches to addressing identity-based conflicts, and examining the tension between promoting a shared identity and embracing difference.

Stream A Speakers:

- Dr. Kathleen Kuehnast, Senior Gender Advisor, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Dr. Duncan Morrow, Director of Community Engagement at the University of Ulster
- Most Reverend Murphy Pakiam, Archbishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Imam Talib M. Shareef, President and Imam of the historic Nation's Mosque, Masjid Muhammad

Moderator: Dr. Nilufar Choudry, Senior Development Specialist, Global Peace Foundation

STREAM B - REFUGEES, MIGRATION AND BUILDING SOCIAL COHESION

Global migration and large-scale refugee crises result in increasingly diverse, often marginalized communities in urban settings. The longer-term impacts of this trend will be explored in discussions on assimilation, youth radicalization, increasing tensions amongst ethnically and religiously diverse groups, and the challenge of building trust and social-cohesion. Speakers will explore the role of leaders with moral authority in building common agreements based on shared values, and the meaning and application of global ethical leadership.

Stream B Speakers:

- Ms. Brigid Golden, DICE Project Officer, Mary Immaculate College
- H.E. President Dr. Amani Abeid Karume, Former President of Zanzibar
- Dr. Yehezkel Landau, Co-Founder, Former Co-Director of Open House Peace Center in Ramle, Israel
- Mr. Eskinder Negash, Senior Vice President for Global Engagement, USCR

Moderator: Dr. John Lannon, Lecturer, University of Limerick

17:30 Conclusion of sessions for the day

18:00 **09/11 COMMEMORATION BANQUET**

REMEMBRANCE AND RESOLVE: HOPE MAINTAINED

"Even if the hopes you started out with are dashed, hope has to be maintained."

-Seamus Heaney

In marking fifteen years since 9-11 in the USA, this special program remembers and honours the victims and families from 9-11 as well as Paris, Brussels, and many more. In remembering, we also focus on our shared resolve to transcend terror and tragedy, to bridge cross community divides, and to build peace. Through such efforts, the power of the human spirit is manifest, and hope is indeed maintained.

Highlights:

Welcome Remarks given by Lord Rana MBE, Baron of Malone

Musical Performance by Beyond Skin

Together: Building a United Community (TBUC): Arlene Foster MLA, First Minister and Martin McGuinness MLA, deputy First Minister (invited)

The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry: a reading by Andrew Eaton, Elaine Gaston, Shriram Sivaramakrishnan, and Sinead Morrissey, with an introduction by Professor Fran Brearton

Amazing the Space: Presented by Sophie Doherty and Ruth Montgomery, Youth Officer Co-operation Ireland

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

09:30 **Special Remarks:** Mr. Peter Sheridan, CEO, Co-operation Ireland

PLENARY 2: Lord Robin Eames OM, Former Anglican Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland

Given the challenges of globalization, what are the values based approaches to addressing identity-based conflicts that can reconcile the tension between promoting a shared identity and embracing diversity? How can faith communities in Ireland and around the world promote a shared vision of a peaceful future and a healthy society?

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Bill Shaw, OBE

10:15 Q&A Session

10:30 Coffee

11:00 STREAMS SESSION 2 – From Ideas into Action; Practitioner Models

STREAM A - FROM IDENTITY-BASED CONFLICTS TO A SHARED FUTURE

The role of faith leadership in conflict resolution and peacebuilding is demonstrated by

practitioners who will share sustainable models of interfaith collaboration. These unique models present opportunities to highlight shared human values and exemplify “unity in diversity.”

Stream A Speakers:

- Rev. Dr. Gary Mason, Director of Rethinking Conflict
- Rev. Joseph John Hayab, Public Relations Officer, Christian Association of Nigeria
- Mr. John Oko, Country Director, Global Peace Foundation Nigeria

Moderator: Dr. Yehezkel Landau, Co-Founder, Former Co-Director of Open House Peace Center

STREAM B - REFUGEES, MIGRATION AND BUILDING SOCIAL COHESION

Faith and community leaders can play an integral role in mitigating ethnic and religious tensions through strategies to build trust and cooperation. Practitioners will share successful methods for building social cohesion with a focus on shared values through inter-faith collaboration, civil society humanitarian support agencies, and cross-community engagement.

Stream B Speakers:

- Mr. Barry Fennell, Project Manager for Youth and Community Engagement, Co-operation Ireland
- Dr. Alan Largey, Project Manager, LEGaSi Project, Co-operation Ireland
- Mr. Justin Kouame, Chairman, Northern Ireland Community of Refugees & Asylum Seekers
- Dr. Patricia Kieran, Lecturer in Religious Education, Mary Immaculate College

Moderator: Mr. Arnold Kashembe, Country Director, Global Peace Foundation Ireland

STREAM C - LINKING THE GLOBAL AND THE LOCAL: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Sub-theme: Women as Leaders in Post-Conflict Reconciliation

Reconciliation in post-conflict environments can be achieved through strategies that seek to acknowledge and heal past trauma of individuals and communities while strengthening the identity of and empowering marginalized groups. Women play an important role in leading peacebuilding approaches that translate a vision for a better future into innovative action. Through recognition, open dialog, creative investment and advances in education, societies can move toward positive peace with a foundation built on our common humanity.

Stream C Speakers:

- Ms. Eva Grosman, Chief Executive, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building
- Dr. Eva Latham, President, Human Rights Teaching International
- Councillor Geraldine McAteer, CEO of West Belfast Partnership Board
- Dr. Paula Rayman, Director of the Middle East Center and Peace and Conflict Studies, UMass Lowell

Moderator: Ms. Cat Lockman, Director of Organizational Development, Global Peace Foundation

11:00 - 12:15 Youth Peace Ambassadors Track:

A Shared Future: Real Lessons in Building Peace and Social Cohesion

This session explores youth engagement, the power of social media, and prospects for building the common ground of global identity and social consciousness, and for advancing effective models of youth leadership and advocacy.

Speakers:

- Ms. Lisa Dietrich, Director, Community Relations in Schools
- Ms. Michaela Rafferty, Volunteer Coordinator and Trainer, Voluntary Service Overseas
- Mr. Maurice Walsh, Youth Work Manager, Limerick Youth Service

Moderator: Mr. Ahmed Hassan Mohamed, Director, Global Peace Youth - Ireland

Amazing the Space: Presented by Ms. Ruth Montgomery, Youth Officer, Co-operation Ireland

13:00 Lunch

14:00 - 16:00 **Youth Peace Ambassadors Track:**

Youth4Peace Interactive Session facilitated by Beyond Skin

Young people are not just the future, they are the present. Today almost half of the world's population is under the age of twenty-four. By offering young people a possibility to take part in shaping their own futures, young people can be at the front line of peacebuilding.

14:30 **Open Space Session:** Facilitated by Co-operation Ireland

Co-operation Ireland's project staff Barry Fennell and Dr Alan Largey invite you to take part in an interactive, fluid and moving conversation. Open Space will offer, provide and establish a place of inquiry, reflection and learning, for all delegates bringing out the best in both individuals and the whole conference. This unique and facilitated meeting will connect those interested through issues, ideas and exchange.

16:00 Special Panel Discussion- DIALOGUE AND TRUST: REAL LESSONS IN COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Acts of terror driven by extremism populate news headlines worldwide. These attacks have far-reaching consequences for individual families, communities, and entire nations. While extremism is recognized as a global crisis, efforts to identify the roots of radicalism and counter violent extremism can successfully be addressed at a local level by moral leaders; they are best positioned to identify those at risk and provide a path to peace and non-violence. Our panelists will explore the root causes of violent extremism, discuss current recruitment and radicalization methods, draw attention to resources and counter-narratives to confront violent extremist messaging, and highlight the importance of building trust within communities.

Speakers:

- Father Gary Donegan CP, Rector of the Passionist Community in Holy Cross, Ardoyne
- Mr. Kawa Hassan, Director of Middle East and North Africa Studies, EastWest Institute
- Dr. Jonathan Keir, Professor of Global Humanities, Global Ethic Institute
- Sheik Halliru Abdullahi Maraya, Islamic Cleric, Kaduna State of Northern Nigeria

Moderator: Mr. James Flynn, International President, Global Peace Foundation

17:30 Q&A Session

18:00 Conclusion of sessions for the day

18:30 - 20:30 **Youth Peace Ambassadors Track:**

Barriers and Opportunities – Local and Global

“R Communities Integrating Through Youth”

Participants will break down barriers and explore concepts of identity and diversity as they engage in dialogue, share perspectives and learn the skills needed to grow as moral and innovative leaders in their communities. Refreshments will be served.

Facilitators: Mr. Thomas Turley and Mr. Alan Waite, Directors of R City

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

09:30 Panel discussion: ETHICAL LEADERS IN ACTION

This session features a dynamic discussion of lessons learned through peace making and peace building efforts in critical areas, including the Middle East, East Africa, and Northern Ireland. Insights for leadership will be highlighted based on practical examples and experience.

Panelists:

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Facilitator: Ms. Yvette Shapiro, Journalist

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Best Practices; Models of Effective Local Action for Global Peacebuilding

This session highlights important programs and initiatives that exemplify the maxim to “think globally and act locally.” Discussion will focus on ways to work collaboratively in taking action for the greater good.

Projects:

Amazing the Space

Presented by: Co-operation Ireland’s project staff Barry Fennell and Dr. Alan Largey

The Tipperary Experience

Presented by: Mr. Martin Quinn

Youth Engagement: Field Report from Kenya

Presented by: Mr. Daniel Juma Omondi, Executive Director, Global Peace Foundation Kenya

Moderator: Mr. David Caprara, Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Global Peace Foundation

13:00 Final networking lunch

YOUTH PEACE AMBASSADORS

THE NEXT GENERATION OF MORAL AND INNOVATIVE LEADERS



Globalization and the advent of social media have opened the world up to young people in ways that were once impossible to imagine. With the infinite streams of information and opportunity now available, young people are also more vulnerable to radicalization and other threats that encourage hate crimes and sectarianism.

The same aspects of globalization and social media that pose risks to youth are also opportunities for positive development. Young people have an important role to play in shaping the future, with great potential to become moral and innovative leaders who exemplify the power of unity in diversity, inter-relating as one human family.

The Youth Peace Ambassadors Track at the Global Peace Leadership Conference in Belfast will gather young leaders, youth activists, students and young professionals from the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, UK, Europe and other parts of the world to share perspectives on identity and diversity, to address concerns about radicalization, consider effective models of cross-community engagement and building social cohesion, and to propose practical applications within their own life contexts.

Local practitioners from Co-operation Ireland, Beyond Skin, CRIS, 174 Trust, R-City, Limerick Youth Service, and Global Peace Foundation Ireland will partner to share their expertise, with a focus on the following outcomes:

- Engage youth leaders and activists in creative interactions that build awareness of the importance of ethical standards in leadership, coupled with leadership skills that foster innovation and genuine collaboration in problem solving.
- Encourage participants to cultivate a sense of shared responsibility as global citizens, with high respect for the essential human rights of all people, rooted in our common humanity.
- Sensitize youth leaders to risk factors that make some vulnerable to manipulation and possible radicalization via social media, and steps that can be taken to help those confronted with such challenges.
- Provide a forum for safe and constructive dialogue that can be a catalyst for new perspectives.

YOUTH PEACE AMBASSADORS

PROGRAM SCHEDULE: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Riddel Hall, Queen's University, Belfast

11:00 – 12:15

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Moderator: Mr. Ahmed Hassan Mohamed, Director, Global Peace Youth - Ireland

12:15 – 13:00

Amazing the Space:

On 21 September Amazing the Space will bring together 3,500 young people from schools across Northern Ireland at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Maze / Long Kesh to celebrate their role in peacebuilding. The event will include performances from local talent, as well as international contributions from across the globe, through a range of international partners including Generation Global, the Global Peace Foundation and the United Nations. Participants will learn about this ground-breaking event and contribute their voice to the movement. #amazingthespace

Presented by: Ms. Ruth Montgomery, Youth Officer, Co-operation Ireland

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ABOUT CO-OPERATION IRELAND

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OUR VISION

A peaceful and stable island where people of all backgrounds live and work together for a better future.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to sustain peace by helping to build a shared and cohesive society. We do this by working collaboratively and in close partnership with others, on these islands, including governments, community organisations, academia, schools, local authorities and youth clubs to:

- Develop initiatives which address emerging challenges to peace
- Facilitate understanding, positive relationships and co-operation across these islands, building a sense of interdependence
- Create a supportive environment by building capacity, influencing policy, and developing collaboration at a strategic level
- Share our learning and experience of peace building and practical co-operation internationally

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Facilitate strategic leadership for the building of good relations and co-operation across these islands.
- Develop strategies and programmes which enable marginalised communities to take the lead in their own development and participate fully in a shared society
- Promote dialogue, understanding and the growth of trust across these islands, with a particular emphasis on young and emerging leaders
- Ensure the organisation is run effectively and efficiently, with the capacity to delivery on our strategic priorities.

ABOUT GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION



WHO WE ARE

Global Peace Foundation promotes a values-based approach to build sustainable peace and advance models of development on community, national, and regional levels. Engaging a global network of public and private sector partners in more than 24 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, GPF implements programs and activities that transform education, build youth leadership, strengthen community-based development efforts, and foster a culture of service and volunteerism.

WHAT WE DO

GPF convenes and implements grassroots development projects and conferences on service, environment, education, entrepreneurship, and youth leadership. Our work alongside many partners delivers substantive outcomes by transforming education, alleviating poverty, establishing self-reliant communities, and building inclusive societies in several global regions.





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