



European Sites of Conscience Meeting 2022

“Conflict and Legacy: The Role of Sites of Conscience
in Fostering Reconciliation”

MUSEUM OF FREE DERRY, Derry, Northern Ireland
June 13-17, 2022

AGENDA

Monday, June 13

- Participants Arrival throughout the day
City Hotel
Queens Quay, Derry
- 6.00 “Arts Everywhere” Exhibition
Museum of Free Derry
55 Glenfada Park, Derry
- 8:00 Welcome Dinner
City Hotel
Queens Quay, Derry

Tuesday, June 14

- 8.00 - 9.00 Breakfast
City Hotel
Queens Quay, Derry
- 9:30-10:00 Welcome and Framing the Day
Museum of Free Derry
55 Glenfada Park, Derry

Tony Doherty, Chair, Bloody Sunday Trust and [Museum of Free Derry](#), Northern Ireland

Silvia Fernández, Global Networks Programs Director, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

10:00-12:00 Visit to Museum of Free Derry

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Playhouse

5-7 Artillery Street, Derry

2:00-3:30 **SESSION I: The Role of European Sites of Conscience in Addressing Legacies of the Past and Fostering Social Reconciliation ([Hybrid: enter via Zoom here](#))**

Playhouse

5-7 Artillery Street, Derry

Through the presentation of four European Sites of Conscience case studies this panel will explore the role of Sites of Conscience in promoting a better understanding of the legacies of violence, oppression and sectarianism within the region and abroad. It will showcase initiatives that support community-led truth seeking and accountability processes; foster more inclusive historical narratives; and use dialogue to heal divisions and promote understanding, self-reflection and reconciliation.

- [Gernika Gogoratuz](#), Spain (15')
- [National Museums Liverpool](#), England (15')
- [Memorial International Society](#), Ukraine (15')
- [Youth Initiative for Human Rights](#), Croatia (15')

Moderator: Silvia Fernández, ICSC (15' for intro and closing)

3:30-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00-6:00 **SESSION II: WORKING GROUPS: Sharing of Challenges and Experiences**

This facilitated group discussion will build on Session I and will aim to reflect on the complex forms the legacies of violence, oppression and sectarianism take as they persist in our communities, and share challenges and experiences in healing the trauma of the past and fostering reconciliation at community-level.

Facilitator: Hannah Crowdy, [Ulster Museum, National Museums Northern Ireland](#), Northern Ireland (15' for intro and closing)

- Breakout groups (60')
- Plenary (45')

6:00-6:15 **Sharing key reflections of the day**

Facilitator: Adrian Kerr, [the Museum of Free Derry](#), Northern Ireland

6:45 Group Dinner
Browns in Town
21 Strand Road, Derry

Wednesday, June 15

8:00- 9:00 Breakfast
City Hotel

9:30-10:00 Welcome and Framing the day
Playhouse
5-7 Artillery Street, Derry

Maeve Mc Laughlin, Bloody Sunday Trust, Northern Ireland
Justine Di Mayo, Global Networks Program Manager Europe and MENA, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

10:00-11:00 SESSION III: Roundtable Discussion: The Northern Ireland Sites of Conscience Experience ([Hybrid: enter via Zoom here](#))

This session will explore the experience of Northern Ireland Sites of Conscience in promoting a greater understanding of the conflict and the issues arising from it, and in creating greater acknowledgment and acceptance of the differing perceptions of the conflict.

Moderator: Elena Monicelli, [Monte Sole Peace School](#), Italy

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-1:00 SESSION IV: WORKSHOP: Dialogue Facilitation and Reconciliation (Derry Model)

The 'Derry Model' recognizes that Derry has addressed many of the difficult issues which remain unresolved elsewhere in the North and aims to share, reflect upon and debate the learning from the 'Derry Model' of dialogue and reconciliation. Building on the experience of the City and its community leaders, the project offers a combination of discussions, workshops and learning experiences targeted at groups across the North and beyond to support the creation of a permanent initiative dedicated to "promoting a better understanding of our past, creating a rights-respecting and inclusive society in Derry, throughout Ireland and internationally."

Facilitator: Maeve Mc Laughlin, Bloody Sunday Trust, Northern Ireland

1:15-2:45 Lunch
Playhouse

3:00-5:00 Walking Tour of Derry and visit to the [Siege Museum](#)

- 5:00-7:00 Free Time/Dinner on your own
- 7:00-9:30 Museum of Free Derry International Conference
Guildhall
Guildhall Square, Derry

To mark the anniversary of the Report of the Second Bloody Sunday Inquiry and the British government's apology, the Bloody Sunday Trust and the Museum of Free Derry have organized an international conference in the city's Guildhall, the seat of the Inquiry and the site where the Bloody Sunday families were given the outcome and apology on 15 June 2010. Mustafa Barghouti of the Palestinian National Initiative will be the keynote speaker. The International Conference will include a Mayoral Reception with members of the Bloody Sunday Trust and Bloody Sunday families.

Thursday, June 16

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
City Hotel
- 9:30-10:00 Welcome and Framing the day
Playhouse
5-7 Artillery Street, Derry
- Justine Di Mayo, ICSC
- Christelle Dethy, Le Bois Du Cazier, Belgium
- 10:00-1:00 SESSION V: The European Sites of Conscience Network
(Hybrid: [enter via Zoom here](#))
- This session will build on the discussions of the two previous days and on the objective 2.1 of the Europe 2022-2025 Strategic Plan: *Develop European Sites of Conscience initiatives that counter revisionism and disinformation, racism and xenophobia, and promote diversity, accountability, and responsible and active citizenship* and explore the relationship between memory, heritage and the migration phenomenon in order to develop an interdisciplinary regional project on this topic.
- Facilitators: Justine Di Mayo, ICSC
- 1:00-2:30 Lunch
Playhouse
- 3:00-6:00 SESSION VI: The European Sites of Conscience Network (cont.)
(Hybrid: [enter via Zoom here](#))

This session will review the priorities of the Europe 2022-2025 Strategic Plan and will discuss the actions to strengthen the Europe Network. Based on the presentation of the

mapping of European members' work and expertise, participants will begin to design the Sites of Conscience Training Program and develop a strategy to forge new partnerships and collaborations with like-minded organizations and institutions in the region.

Facilitators: Justine Di Mayo, ICSC

6:00-6:30 **Closing of the meeting**
Bloody Sunday Trust board member, Northern Ireland

7:30 **Closing Group Dinner**
Ulster University
Magee Campus, Northland Road, Derry

Friday, June 17

7:00-8:00 **Breakfast, City Hotel**

Departures

Optional Visit to Ulster Museum, National Museums, Northern Ireland
Botanic Gardens
Belfast

** Additional events for anyone who wishes to stay on an extra day (own expense).

12:00-4:00 **School Art Project**
Playhouse

Bloody Sunday 50 Creative Local History Schools project
To mark the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, the Bloody Sunday Trust have spent the past year working with local secondary schools to engage with local history through a creative lens. The young people chose local history themes that interested them - ranging from Bloody Sunday to Civil Rights, LGBTQ+ rights and the Factory Girls, and they worked with a local artist to create collages reflecting on their chosen theme. This exhibition is the result of their work, which will culminate in an inter-schools competition. Members of the public are invited to view this exhibition from Monday 13th - Thursday 16th June in the Playhouse, Derry.

7:00-11:00 **The Undertones**
Millennium Forum, Derry

Rescheduled from January, The Undertones played a benefit gig as part of the Bloody Sunday 50 commemoration.