



Workshop on community tourism, legacy of the conflict and interface communities.

AGENDA

Wed 24th November 2010 from 9.30am to 1.00pm
Group Space, Ulster Hall, Bedford St, Belfast

- 9.30 Registration. Tea and coffee
- 9.45 Introduction from Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium
- 9.50 **Our Journey.** *Fáilte Feirste Thiar, the West Belfast tourism development organisation was established ten years ago when local community activists and organisations recognised that community tourism could play a key part in the overall programme of economic and social regeneration. Harry Connolly of Fáilte Feirste Thiar will talk about the barriers, limitations and successes in developing a local tourism infrastructure.*
- 10.20 **Community tourism and the potential for engagement with Higher Education.** *Professor Peter Finn, St Mary's University College*
- 10.50 **More than just a tour!** *Coiste and EPIC the republican and loyalist ex prisoner support organisations have been delivering political tours in Belfast for a number of years. Local ex prisoners have been trained as tour guides and have delivered thousands of tours between them. Seamus Kelly from Coiste and William 'Plum' Smith from Epic will explore how their tour is more than just a tour!*
- 11.30 **Promoting a community tourism approach.** *Kerrie Sweeney, Belfast City Council's Tourism Culture & Arts manager will discuss the development of tourism in the city and the role of the Council in promoting a community tourism approach.*
- 11.50 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch

(Each presentation to last 15/20 minutes with time for some questions afterwards)

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