

John & Pat Hume Foundation for Peaceful Change and Reconciliation Trustees Report 2022

1. **Charitable Purposes**

The John & Pat Hume Foundation for Peaceful Change and Reconciliation charitable purposes are:

- The John and Pat Hume Foundation for Peaceful Change and Reconciliation exists to advance non-violent peaceful change-making for present and future generations in divided societies nationally and conflict zones internationally, encompassing social and economic justice, democratic progress, and the building of inclusive and resilient communities as fundamental cornerstones of sustained peace;
- To promote reconciliation and nurture bonds of collaboration, embedding principles of justice, inclusion, mutual understanding and trust between individuals and groups in conflict nationally and internationally.

2. **Our Mission**

3. To promote and advance John and Pat Hume's legacy of a peaceful and non-violent philosophy of change founded on their principles that:

- **Peaceful change is a collaborative process that is fully inclusive.**
- **Peaceful change is built on a respect for difference.**
- **Peaceful change takes a long-term view and supports evolving perspectives.**

4. Objectives and activities

The Trustees have regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's Public benefit requirements. The statutory guidance states the objects and principal activities of the charity show that the public benefit *'will flow from the purposes are increased learning, awareness and experience to enhance peaceful and non-violent changemaking for the benefit of individuals, groups and communities impacted by conflict and violence in divided communities in Northern Ireland, Ireland and conflict zones internationally.'*

5. Strategic Priorities 2021 to 2025

In 2021, the Hume Foundation developed a 5-year strategic plan with the following priorities:

- **Strategic Priority #1:** Promote John & Pat Hume's vision of Reconciliation
- **Strategic Priority #2:** Challenge exclusion, injustice and the denial of rights
- **Strategic Priority #3:** Promote democratic progress based on dialogue and respect.

6. Activities

Building Common Ground/ A Shared Homeplace

1. **Building Common Ground** address by **Mike Nesbitt MLA** and discussion with **Brid Rodgers** and **Etain Tannam** in Trinity College on 10 March 2022.
2. Keynote address by **DFAT by Minister Simon Coveney TD** and panel discussion Friday 25 March 2022, interrupted by a bomb scare and reconvened with Minister Coveney and **Claire Sugden MLA**. on 19 October 2022.
3. **Building Common Ground** address by **Taoiseach Michael Martin TD** on Friday 1 April 2022 in Derry Playhouse

4. **'A Shared Homeplace – Respecting Diversity'** 18 June 2022 in Dublin Mansion House with Dublin Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland, Brian Dougherty, North-West Cultural Partnership, Allen McAdam, a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Dr Sean Farren.
5. **"How Now "Work the Common Ground?" 18 June 2022 Dublin Mansion House** with Lord Reg Empey, former Minister for the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and Mark Durkan, former Deputy First Minister, in NI Executive.

Youth, Peace and Security Leadership Seminar Series

6. In 2022, two seminars took place for the Youth, Peace and Security Series with inspirational local and global peacemakers.

The series is in partnership with the John and Pat Hume Foundation, Ulster University (INCORE & TJI), John Hume and Thomas P. O'Neill Chair in Peace, International Fund for Ireland (IFI) and Interpeace.

- **Visions for Peace – Perspectives on Local and Global Youth Practice, 29 March 2022**

Andy Hamilton is currently a Research Associate at Ulster University

Eliška Jelínková is a Co-Director at the United Network of Young Peacebuilders and a co-chair of the Global Coalition on YPS

Ali Altiok is a doctoral student in Peace Studies and Political Science at the University of Notre Dame

- **Youth Perspectives on Climate, Peace and Security – 25 October 2022**

Anupah Makoond is a data and programme analyst at the UN Peacebuilding Fund. She is the author of *'Beneath the Wakashio Oil Spill: Exploring the linkages between youth marginalization, environmental disaster, and resilience for peace in a small island state'*.

Nisreen Elsaim is the Chair of the UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

Rosalind Skillen is a climate activist currently studying her Master's in Environmental policy at University College Dublin.

Danica Damplo, Youth, Peace and Security Program Manager at Interpeace will chair the discussion.

Promoting Ethical Political Discourse

7. The Hume Foundation has been working in partnership with Glencree Peace & Reconciliation Centre on promoting ethical political discourse.
8. An online event was held in January 2022 on **Strengthening Democracy and Reconciliation through Ethical and Respectful Political Discourse** with Dubravka Šuica, European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, Timothy J. Shaffer, Associate Professor, Kansas State University and Director, National Institute for Civil Discourse and Su Moore, Chief Executive Jo Cox Foundation
9. Joint letter to Irish Times in strengthening democracy after murder of week of Sir David Amess MP
10. Session with former political representatives to be held in Newry on 26 January 2023.
11. Jointly designing an all-island rights and truth pledge on civic political discourse.

Joint Event on Royal Irish Academy and Hume Foundation

12. The RIA and Hume Foundation hosted joint seminar in first week of October 10, 2022, in Derry on ***'The future development of higher education in the Greater North-West of the Island of Ireland'***

This follows discussions with Royal Irish Academy on the Higher Education Futures Taskforce. The seminar also looked at the economic consequences of an underdeveloped North-West.

Second John Hume 'European Spirit of Peace' Lecture

13. Professor Brigid Laffan delivered the second John Hume *'European Spirit of Peace'* Lecture around Europe Day in July 2022 moderated by IIEA Director General David O'Sullivan.

Future Politics: Delivering Effective Government

14. In partnership with Stratagem we hosted inaugural conference *Future Politics: Delivering Effective Government* on Friday 16 September in Riddel Hall, QUB.

The objective of the conference was to facilitate conversations on how politicians, policy makers and those working within the political system can be best supported on key institutional and structural challenges that have made our system of government sometimes difficult to navigate

2nd Annual Seamus Mallon Lecture

15. Sir Hugh Orde delivered the 2nd Annual Seamus Mallon Lecture in November 2022

Peace Summit 2023

16. The Hume Foundation has developed a partnership with Community Dialogue, Holywell Trust, Ulster University, IEF and Youth Action NI

It will take a stock check on the unfinished business of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland over the past 25 years, hold a mirror up to those with responsibility for its delivery and produce recommendations for a way forward for the next 25 years.

There will be intensive engagements with young people, peacemakers, local community organisations and a citizen's jury.

The findings will be consulted at the Peace Summit Conference on 3 March 2023.

Tributes to John Hume

17. Conflict Textiles Ulster Exhibition

The launch of the John and Pat Hume Commemorative Textiles was held in UU Magee on 28 January 2023

18. **The Bust of John Hume – Liz O’Kane**

The bust of John Hume designed by Liz O’Kane was unveiled in Irish Embassy in London, Washington DC and EU Parliament in Strasbourg during 2022.

19. **50th Anniversary of First Meeting with John Hume and Sen. Edward Kennedy**

The Sen Edward Institute in Boston hosted an event in honour of John Hume and Sen Edward Kenedy on Thursday 23 June 2022 with addresses by Hon Joe Kennedy III, Ambassador Dan Mulhall, Ambassador Nancy Soderberg and Sean Farren

20. **Portrait of John Hume – Colin Davidson**

The portrait of John Hume by artist Colin Davidson was unveiled in Portcullis House, Westminster in November 2022.

21. **John Hume Peace Prizes**

A special collection of the world-renowned peace accolades awarded to the late John Hume, were displayed in Derry’s Guildhall from 10 December 2022. The collection includes the **1998 Nobel Peace Prize**, jointly awarded to John Hume and Sir David Trimble for their role in the N. Ireland peace process, the **Martin Luther King Jnr Non-Violent Prize** bestowed in 1999, and the **Mahatma Gandhi Peace Prize**, awarded in 2001.

22. **Beyond Belief - The Derry Playhouse**

The Hume Foundation worked with Derry Playhouse on the play about John Hume ‘Beyond Belief’ which will be premiered on 10 April 2023 in the Guildhall.

7. Public Benefits of John and Pat Hume Foundation

The Trustees have regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's Public benefit requirements. The statutory guidance state the objects and principal activities of the charity are *'to advance non-violent peaceful change-making for present and future generations in divided societies nationally and conflict zones internationally,'*

'The direct public benefit which flow from the purposes are increased learning, awareness and experience to enhance peaceful and non-violent changemaking for the benefit of individuals, groups and communities impacted by conflict and violence in divided communities in Northern Ireland, Ireland and conflict zones internationally.'

8. Achievements

9. The Hume Foundation organised over 2 events to promote non-violent and peaceful change making and reconciliation.
10. Over 5,000 people tuned into our virtual events or reviewed them later on the Hume Foundation YouTube Channel.
11. There have been numerous news articles and opinion pieces on the work of the Hume Foundation including Irish News, Belfast Telegraph, Irish Times and local and international newspapers.
12. There have been numerous TV and radio interviews on the work of the Hume Foundation.
13. The Hume Foundation pro-actively uses social media via twitter and Facebook, with over 4800 followers on Hume Foundation Twitter account.
14. The in person and online events and lectures have increased learning, awareness and experience to enhance peaceful and non-violent changemaking for the benefit of individuals, groups and communities impacted by conflict and violence in divided communities in Northern Ireland, Ireland and conflict zones internationally
15. The John and Pat Hume Foundation believes our initiatives have helped to promote peaceful change, continues the journey of reconciliation and mutual understanding and will assist in the building of peaceful societies and improve relationships between divided communities.

16. The provision of talks, seminars, conferences, and initiatives promoting peaceful changemaking, human rights, social and economic justice will provide networking and educational opportunities to individuals and groups in areas of conflict.

17. Through the Youth, Peace and Security and partnership with YouthAction NI we have engaged with young people to encourage, support and promote the emergence of new peaceful changemakers in divided communities and societies in conflict.

Dawn Purvis

Chair

John & Pat Hume Foundation

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