

A SHARED FUTURE

Policy Aims: Everybody, including and especially, politicians should work TOGETHER to promote a more integrated and shared society where every person feels 'at home', respected and valued, whatever their belief. Parents too, have an important part to play in the attitudes they foster in their children. Unless the whole of society works towards this 'shared future', our dream will never become a reality

So, old hurts, prejudices, hatred, ill-will, all have to be dealt with from grass roots level up, keeping in mind that Government has responsibility for overall strategic plan, implementation and resourcing. Government should provide a joined-up approach with clear monitoring systems.

- ◆ Develop intentional communities in which sharing and integration would be the key aim.
- ◆ Promote respect, encouragement and celebration of different cultures, faiths and traditions.
- ◆ Shape policies, practices and institutions to enable trust and good relations to grow.
- ◆ Address the legacy of the conflict across a range of relationships and levels of good relations.
- ◆ Measure the impact of policy decision making against the impact on developing good relations
- ◆ Develop intentional education campuses/complexes, respecting parental choices, which provide a range of services to ALL.
- ◆ Exploit the opportunities that exist for the participation of churches within a developing set of relationships with central and local government in terms of developing a reconciled society.
- ◆ Exploit opportunities that exist for CORI/ religious orders to provide intra-community support which engage the voices of all people of value particularly the marginalized.
- ◆ Ban flying of flags, and painting of sidewalks. All marches should be banned until we learn to respect each other and accept our different traditions.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- ◆ Sharing, subsidiarity
- ◆ Fairness, social equity
- ◆ Co-operation, partnership, interdependence, mutuality
- ◆ Transformation, reconciliation, 'us' and 'them' becoming 'We'
- ◆ Commitment to adequately resource the implementation of worthwhile/workable strategies
- ◆ Development of right relationships between God, Society and the Environment
- ◆ Sincere attempts at righting the wrongs of the past so that people may begin anew with fresh hope and no fear.

My Vision for N.I. in 25 years

A society where people live together without fear and mistrust

Streets without army tanks and British soldiers

A parliament composed of politicians entirely dedicated to peace and justice for all.

Paramilitary groups a thing of the past.

People of different denominations living, working and studying together as citizens of one country.

Interdenominational services in Churches.

Politicians who speak only words of reconciliation and peace and justice for all, instead of putting petty party politics first and inciting people to hatred and mistrust.

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Recommendation.

Many people in Derry had not even heard of the Consultation Paper. More use should be made of Centres like Women's Aid, Centres of Learning for 3rd Age Citizens & schools in the distribution of such material.