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## Hanna's House Summer School 2010



### *Programme for Hanna's House Summer School 2010*

#### *A Feminist Peace: How do we get there?*

*Venue: Art College, University of Ulster, Belfast Campus, York Road.*

#### **Friday 27 August 2010:**

*6-8.30pm: Official opening of the Summer School*

#### **6pm: Hanna's House Feminist Peace Building Project**

Margaret Ward, Chair of Hanna's House, welcomes everybody to the Summer School.

**6.10 pm** Opening address by Joanna McMinn, Board director of Hanna's House.

#### **6.40 pm: Poetry recitals**

Ann Zell and Leontia Flynn.

**7.00 pm: Feminist Art Exhibition: The wars on women: peace works**

Launch by Roisin McDonough, CEO of the Arts Council.

Champagne reception and music by Yolande Carter and Jazz singer.

**Saturday 28 August 2010:**

*9.30 Registration for a 10am start.*

10-10.50      ***Keynote: International Security and Women.*** Kate Fearon, Head of the Mitrovica Office for the International Civilian Office in Kosovo, formerly Rule of Law Governance Advisor to the Helmand Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan discussing women, peace and conflict: stories from Afghanistan. (Auditorium)

*10.50-11.10 Coffee Break- poetry recitals*

11.10-12.45      ***Peace building/legal & theoretical*** Niamh Reilly, Global  
**Workshop** Women's Studies NUI Galway, on UNSCR1325 and the  
**A:** Consultative Group to the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the National Action Plan on UNSCR1325 with Catherine O'Rourke, University of Ulster.

11.10-12.45      ***Security/practical & theoretical*** Rob Fairmichael of  
**Workshop** INNATE, Irish Network for Nonviolent Action Training and  
**B:** Education explores How violent men can change their ways – what will enable them to move beyond violence

whether it is interpersonal or military violence? Starting with participants' perceptions of the problem, Rob will try to assist the group to explore 'what needs to change' for those men to move away from their love affair with things violent.

11.10-12.45  
**Workshop  
C:**

***Truth Recovery/creative & theoretical*** Mary Lodato presents Healing through autobiographical writing - imagery- Scriptotherapy. Working with and creating autobiographical imagery that helps one to delve deeper into the psyche.

11.10-12.45  
**Workshop  
D:**

***Truth Recovery/practical*** Joanna McMinn, Director of Hanna's House and Rosie Burrows on 'Feminist Prison Education: where did it take us?'

12.45- 13.45

*Lunch Break, poetry recitals, artists presentations of work*

13.45-15.15  
**Workshop  
A:**

***Peace Building/practical*** Bronagh Hinds of DemocraShe, Margaret Ward of WRDA & Hanna's House, Laura McMahon, Debbie Donnelly, NI Policing Board; Liz Law, Equality Commission NI; and Geraldine McAteer, West Belfast Partnership Board on sharing Lessons Learnt on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 from a cross-learning visit to Liberia.

13.45-15.15

**Workshop**

**B:**

***Testimony/memory/resistance & daily life/creative***

*Roberta Bacic* – sewing stories into arpilleras and quilts. Arpilleras have the power to contribute to memory as they express daily lives of women affected by violence and are a testimony to what these women and communities have endured. They often give an account of resistance actions that no mainstream media would allow. During the workshop we shall have the opportunity to see and experience arpilleras from Chile, Peru and from other countries where they have been created and inspired by the Chilean & Peruvian ones. We shall have the opportunity to watch some short films about arpilleras and we will, "hands on", touch and stitch materials that might bring us close to our own arpillera.  
Part I of a two-part workshop.

13.45-15.15

**Workshop**

**C:**

***Security/practical*** Goretta Horgan, Sharon Meenan, Roisin Barton present their Anti-war action and the Raytheon case.

13.45-15.15

**Workshop**

**D:**

***Peace building/practical*** Noirin Clancy – will be outlining the 'Women into Public Life' cross border initiative between three women's organizations in Derry/Londonderry, Donegal, Scotland.

*15.15-15.45 Coffee Break*

Afternoon session: 15.45-17.00

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**Workshop A:** *Diversity/practical* Cathleen O'Neill, Kilbarrack CDP Dublin, linking with Gillian Gibson, Footprints women's centre and Eleanor Jordan, Windsor women's centre Belfast, to discuss 'Frontline Feminism' and the work of women's centers north and south.

15.45-17.00  
**Workshop B:** *Truth Recovery/creative* Roberta Bacic – sewing stories into arpilleras and quilts. Part II

15.45-17.00  
**Workshop C:** *Diversity/practical* Linda Kelly, Equality Officer, Union of Students Ireland, with Emma Rogan and Adelita Monteiro, Equality Studies Students at University College Dublin, in conversation on what feminism means to young women today.

15.45-17.00  
**Workshop D:** *Peace building/historical* Micheline Sheehy Skeffington talks about the lives of her grandparents Hanna and Frank Sheehy Skeffington, and the social justice issues they championed. (Auditorium)

*17.00-17.15 Coffee Break- Poetry recitals*

17.15 **Keynote:** Professor Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission discusses women and the peace process in the North. (Auditorium)

6pm: Film screening in auditorium 'Pray the devil back to hell'. Liberian women's experience of conflict.

7pm: Launch of Art Exhibition by Bronagh Lawson on 'Female Energy on the Peace Line' (Venue to be confirmed)

**Saturday evening:**

**8pm: A social event for all at the Crescent Arts Centre: performances by individual musicians, comediennes and singers, followed by a disco.**

**Sunday 29 August 2010:**

*10-12.30pm: Coffee on arrival and at 12.30 between workshops and panel discussion.*

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| 10.00-11.00 | <b>'Feminism, Citizenship and Peace in Ireland: Today and Yesterday'</b> . Mary Cullen is a former Senior Lecturer in Modern History at NUI Maynooth. Currently she teaches at the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies at Trinity College Dublin. She has published extensively in Irish women's history.   |
| 11.30-12.30 | <b>Workshop A:</b> <b>Truth Recovery/Legal</b> Claire Hackett of Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium and Board Director of Hanna's House and Laura McMahon, Barrister and Board member of the Women's Resource and Development Agency (WRDA), Belfast, and the N.I. Women's Aid Federation, on international and national perspectives of how truth recovery processes help and hinder women's access to justice and reconciliation. |

11.30 – 12.30 **Workshop B:** *Security/practical* Annie Campbell of Womens Aid Northern Ireland, in conversation with Niamh Wilson, of Domestic Violence Advocacy Service, Sligo, Leitrim and West Cavan, discuss women, violence and security issues, north and south.

11.30-12.30 **Workshop C:** *Security/practical* Sharon Commins of Concern, on working with stateless women/refugees in Sudan.

11.30-12.30 **Workshop D:** *Peace building & diversity/practical & theoretical* Rola Hamed-O'Neill, activist and PhD student, University College Cork (UCC) on the Palestinian-Israeli women's peace movement.

12.30-13.30 **Panel discussion** *Feminism & media/practical* strategies for using the media to further the feminist cause – facilitated by Ailbhe Smyth of Feminist Open Forum, with Finola Meredith, journalist and Susan McKay, Director of the National Women's Council of Ireland. (Auditorium)

1.30pm: Hanna's House closing comments. Mary Dorcey recites poem. Deirdre McAliskey sings 'Bread and Roses'.

2pm: Participants depart.

The fee for the weekend is €10/£10 (waged) €5/£5 (unwaged). To reserve a place at the Hanna's

House Summer School 2010 please email Shirley Graham at [hannashouse@nwci.ie](mailto:hannashouse@nwci.ie) listing the workshops you would like to attend and send a cheque to Hanna's House, c/o National Women's Council Ireland, 9 Marlborough Court, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. For more information refer to our website: [www.hannashouse.net](http://www.hannashouse.net).

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