

Island Pamphlets

The **Island Pamphlet** series was initiated in 1993 for the purpose of stimulating and informing a community-wide debate on historical, cultural, political and socio-economic matters. Some of the first titles sought to explore aspects of Northern Ireland's shared history and culture. However, very soon the pamphlets began to focus on the deliberations of small, informal gatherings of individuals who came together to explore issues relevant to their everyday lives (convened under the auspices of Farset Community Think Tanks Project). These Think Tank pamphlets sought to provide working-class communities on both sides of the so-called 'sectarian divide' with a vehicle through which they could not only describe their experiences and express their fears and concerns, but also articulate their hopes for the future.

The Think Tanks have embraced (on both a 'single identity' and a cross-community basis) Republicans, Loyalists, community activists, women's groups, victims, cross-border workers, ex-prisoners, young people, those with disabilities, senior citizens and others. To date 125 pamphlet titles have been produced, with 199,800 hard copies widely disseminated across the community network, as well as innumerable pdfs downloaded.

Many of the pamphlets are available for free download from <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/islandpublications/>

In this document the pamphlets are listed by **date** on page 2, and by **theme** on page 6.

Sample Titles *The titles selected below provide good examples of what the series contains:*

- (No. 9) **Ulster's Protestant Working Class** A community exploration. (1994)
An insight into the Protestant working class, as well as an exploration of their hopes and fears.
- (No. 15) **Ourselves Alone?** Belfast's Nationalist working class speak out. (1996)
An insight into the Catholic working class, and an exploration of their hopes and fears.
- (No. 27) **Seeds of Hope** A joint exploration by Republican and Loyalist ex-prisoners. (2000)
An insight into what motivated many young men to join paramilitary organisations.
- (No. 31) **Left in Limbo** The experience of Republican prisoners' children. (2000)
An exploration of the impact the ongoing conflict had on the children of prisoners.
- (No. 39) **The forgotten victims** Victims relate the personal impact of the 'Troubles'. (2001)
The personal stories of some of those who lost loved ones as a direct result of the conflict.
- (No. 81) **Building bridges at the grassroots** The Suffolk-Lenadoon experience. (2007)
An account of how two deeply-polarised communities were able to work together for their mutual benefit.
- (No. 84) **A shared sacrifice for peace** Changing attitudes to Ireland's WWI experience. (2007)
How community-led initiatives helped to change attitudes right across Ireland.
- (No. 90) **Self-help at the grassroots** Important examples of community activism. (2008)
The story of how a number of community groups confronted the impact of the Troubles on their communities.
- (No. 95) **'Time stands still'** The forgotten story of prisoners' families. (2010)
The impact on the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of republican and loyalist prisoners.
- (No.100) **Republicanism in transition (5) An engagement with Loyalists.** (2012)
Republican and Loyalist ex-combatants engage – and don't engage – in debate and dialogue.
- (No.105) **Towards a shared future (5) Ulster's marching bands.** (2014)
20 years after the 1994 paramilitary ceasefires, inter-communal divisions still threaten stability.
- (No.107, 108 and 109) **A process of analysis (1-3)** (2015)
Account of an effort to bring both communities into a productive dialogue.

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- (2) **Sacrifice on the Somme** Ulster's shared sacrifice in the First World War.
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- (14) **Reinforcing Powerlessness** Curtailing the voice of ordinary people.
- (15) **Ourselves Alone?** Belfast's Nationalist working class speak out.
- (16) **Hidden Frontiers** Addressing deep-rooted violent conflict in N. Ireland and Moldova.

1997

- (17) **The Death of the Peace Process?** A survey of community perceptions.

1998

- (18) **At the Crossroads?** Further explorations by the Shankill Think Tank.

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- (19) **Conflict Resolution** The missing element in the Northern Ireland peace process.
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- (47) **Towards a shared community charter** Falls/Ballymacarrett Joint Think Tank.
- (48) **Reuniting the Shankill** Report on the Shankill Convention (May 2002).

2003

- (49) **Shared Memories** Reminiscences by the 50-Plus Springfield Inter-Community Group.
- (50) **Community development: Socialism in practice?** Report of a public debate.
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- (64) **Exploring the marching issue** Views from Nationalist North Belfast.
- (65) **Reflections on the 'peace dividend'** The views of women from Nationalist Belfast.
- (66) **'A tale of two sister cities'** Belfast and Dublin women reflect on a joint programme.
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- (70) **Grassroots leadership (1)** Recollections by **May Blood** and **Joe Camplisson**.
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- (76) **Grassroots leadership (5)** Recollections by **Louis West** and **Anne Gallagher**.
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- (78) **Grassroots leadership (7)** Recollections by **Michael Hall**.
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- (84) **A shared sacrifice for peace** Changing attitudes to Ireland's WWI experience.

2008

- (85) **'A future for Cooperation'** A cross-border conference looking to a post-conflict future.
- (86) **Building cross-border relationships** Community activists reflect on decades of effort.
- (87) **Divided by History?** A cross-border exploration of the misuse of history and culture.
- (88) **A grassroots achievement** How ordinary people sustained the peace process.
- (89) **Young People and the 'peace process'** A cross-border exploration.
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- (91) **Suffolk-Lenadoon Reminiscences** Reflections by senior citizens.

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- (92) **Preventing a return to violence** A discussion by ex-combatants.
- (93) **Lenadoon Community Forum** Community empowerment in action.

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2015

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2016

- (110) **Parades and Protests** Some unheard voices.
- (111) **United for change** Young people's experiences.

2018

- (112) **Celebrating a shared heritage**

2019

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Pamphlet titles by theme

Themes:

- Catholic/Nationalist/Republican Community**
- Protestant/Unionist/Loyalist Community**
- Interface & ‘Community Relations’ Issues**
- Cross-Border Exchanges**
- Victims**
- Young People**
- Good Practice & Joint Endeavour**
- Reminiscences**
- Conference Reports**
- International Exchanges**
- mini-series* **‘Grassroots Leadership’**
- mini-series* **‘Loyalism in Transition’**
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