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Visit by the President to Warrington

9 October 1993

Draft Programme

Saturday, 9 October

- 08.45 Arrive Dublin Airport
Courtesy Guard
- 08.55 Depart Dublin Airport for Speake Airport by Air Corps plane (Beechcraft)
- 09.50 Arrive Speake Airport
- 09.55 Depart Speake Airport for Warrington Town Hall
- 10.20 Arrive Warrington Town Hall
Greeted by the Mayor of Warrington and the Chief Executive of Warrington Council
- 10.30 Opening of the Warrington Seminar
- The Mayor of Warrington introduces the President to the delegates
 - Opening Address by the President
 - Address by Mr. Colin Parry
- 11.15 Coffee is served
(approx) Conference delegates etc. are introduced to the President
- 11.45 Depart Warrington Town Hall for Speake Airport
- 12.10 Arrive Speake Airport
- 12.15 Depart Speake Airport by Air Corps plane (Beechcraft)
- 13.10 Arrive Dublin Airport
Courtesy Guard

THE WARRINGTON
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The Warrington Project has been established in memory of Jonathan Ball and Tim Parry, the two Warrington boys killed when the IRA bombed the town's shopping centre the day before Mothering Sunday, March 1993. The Project is an initiative fully supported by the families of the two boys, Warrington Borough Council, and the local community. It is designed to promote and develop greater mutual understanding between communities in Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, and Northern Ireland. The unique features of creating the project are as follows:-

- * It is a direct response arising from the members of the Warrington community, and it places emphasis on the improvement of mutual understanding at grass roots level.
- * There are a number of very good organisations devoted to different aspects of improving community relations eg across the sectarian divide in Northern Ireland and cross-border initiatives, and in developing Irish Studies. But the Warrington Project is the first to plan to enhance community relations work in the British mainland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland simultaneously.
- * The Project seeks to go well beyond the development of contacts, dissemination of educational materials and information networks and to develop qualitative enhancement of community relations by promoting the active participation of members of the public in collaborative projects.

We wish to emphasise that our Project is an independent, charitable, non-party, non-sectarian organisation dedicated to a patient, long-term effort to bring some good out of evil. We have been guided by acknowledged experts on Northern Ireland and the Republic and education, and highly respected agencies such as the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.

We believe that, it would be, in current circumstances, totally unrealistic, premature and naive to set out our aim as Peace in Northern Ireland. The conditions for the creation of a genuine and lasting peace sadly simply do not exist. One vital building block in pursuit of these conditions must be an enhancement of mutual understanding at community level between the populations of both North and South in Ireland and the British mainland.

Our Committee and advisers are aware that there have been some excellent projects to promote understanding at political and professional levels, such as the British Irish Association, and cross-border and cross-sectarian projects in Northern Ireland, such as the Corrymeela Project and All Children Together. We believe that the Warrington Project is the first to tackle the improvement of understanding at grass roots community level involving the British mainland. Our Project seeks to fill this major gap by

developing improved understanding at a variety of levels of community relations. We are not simply concerned with the facilitating of increased contact though this is an essential preliminary stage. Our aim is to promote and deepen qualitative enhancement in understanding by developing constructive debate, agreement and active collaboration between sections of the community experiencing common problems. This is the philosophy underpinning our (preliminary seminar on bridge-building, our programme on education, young unemployed, and our programme on the development and training of potential leaders for local government).

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AIMS

The Warrington Project is an initiative of members of the Warrington Community in memory of the local boys, Jonathan Ball and Tim Parry who died as a result of the IRA bombing in March 1993. The project aims to promote mutual understanding between the people of Ireland and England at community level. It does not seek to compete with the elite organisations that already exist in this field such as the British-Irish Association, but rather aims to help influence grass roots opinion by breaking down traditional prejudice, misunderstanding and stereotypes.

METHODS

The Project will seek to establish joint projects with Ireland and Northern Ireland designed to increase mutual understanding. Such projects will include:

- (i) exchange visits by school pupils and by other students;
- (ii) the hosting of joint conferences, seminars and cultural and sporting events;
- (iii) visits by community leaders, church leaders, public officials and business and professional persons with the aim of developing collaboration projects;
- (iv) projects for the benefit of specific groups such as youth, unemployed, disabled persons, the elderly, etc;
- (v) Special education projects for encouraging British studies in Irish schools and Irish Studies in British schools. In Warrington Professor Buckland and his colleagues of the Institute of Irish Studies at Liverpool would provide the leadership and expertise in Irish Studies. In Ireland it is hoped that the project would be based at the Department of Education, Trinity College, Dublin. It is intended that the project will be extended to cover joint projects with Northern Ireland. In the North, collaboration would be developed with appropriate educational institutions such as Queens University, Belfast and the Centre for the Study of conflict, University of Ulster, Jordanstown. Each of these centres has specialist staff and materials for this vital task.

FUNDING

Funding these partnership projects will be sought from the public and private sectors and charitable foundations. Initial investigations have shown that the following are likely to consider funding applications from the Warrington Project sympathetically:

European Cultural Foundation(EC)
The Rockefeller Foundation, International Philanthropy Fund
The Rowntree Trust
The Nuffield Foundation
The Irish Government
The Northern Ireland Office
The US Government

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1993-95

Warrington Project Director's Salary (at £30,000 per year)	£90,000
3 Education Project Organisers (part-time salaries at £10,000 per year)	£90,000
Administrative and Operating Costs (including office accommodation and secretarial staff in Warrington)	£120,000
Operating reserve and investment	£100,000
TOTAL ESTIMATE:	£400,000

ORGANISATION

It is proposed that the overall control and co-ordination of the Warrington Project will be carried out by the Warrington Project Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will appoint a Project Director responsible for the overall management of the Project in all its aspects. This will be a full time post, including overall management and fund-raising for the Project, and will be based in Warrington where the headquarters of the Project is based. Members of the Ball and Parry families will serve on the Steering Committee. The organizers of the special education projects, Professor Buckland and his opposite numbers in Ireland and Northern Ireland, will be members of the Project Steering Committee.

Professor Buckland and Professor Wilkinson together with their counterparts in Ireland and Northern Ireland will be invited to join the Steering Committee.

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18 JUNE 1993

**WARRINGTON PROJECT SEMINAR
OCTOBER 1993
VENUE : WARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

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**WARRINGTON
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1993 - 10am - 10.45am

PROPOSED SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEECH : TO BE ANNOUNCED
RESPONSE : MR. COLIN PARRY
INTRODUCTION : THE MAYOR OF WARRINGTON

COFFEE : 11.15am

**SESSION 1. SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1993 - 11.45am - 1.00pm
COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

2 SPEAKERS - 20 MINUTES PER PERSON

PROPOSED SPEAKERS

DR. J. HAWTHORNE - IRELAND
TO BE DECIDED - ENGLAND

PROPOSED CHAIR

BRIAN SIMPSON M.E.P.

LUNCH AT 1.15pm

**SESSION 2. SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1993 - 2.15pm - 3.45pm
SECONDARY EDUCATION**

PROPOSED SPEAKERS

PETER COLLINS - LAGAN COLLEGE
MR. C. DEVITT - ST. HELENS - MULTI CULTURAL SCHEMES
MR. J. WHYTE PRESIDENT A.S.T.I.
PROFESSOR MOXON BROWN

PROPOSED CHAIR

MIKE HALL M.P. WARRINGTON SOUTH

TEA AT 3.45pm

**SESSION 3. SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1993 - 4.15pm - 5.15pm
RELIGION**

PANEL SYSTEM

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRELAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, ENGLAND

PROPOSED CHAIR

CANON COLLING

BREAK AT 5.15pm

DINNER AT 7.30pm

AFTER DINNER SPEAKERS

DOUG HOYLE M.P. WARRINGTON NORTH

**SESSION 1. SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER 1993 - 10.30am - 12 noon
PROBLEMS OF URBAN DEPRIVATION AND RENEWAL**

PANEL SYSTEM

LEADING FIGURES FROM DUBLIN, BELFAST (SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT) AND LIMERICK
REPRESENTATIVE FROM WARRINGTON
DR. K. JEFFREY - UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

PROPOSED CHAIRMAN

M. I. M. SANDERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LUNCH AT 12 noon - 1pm

**PLENARY SESSION. SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER 1993 - 1pm
CONCLUSIONS**

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