

Dr. Harbison : for information.

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NOTE OF A MEETING AT THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CONFLICT,
UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER, 3 JUNE 1988

Present:-
Dr A C Hepburn
Professor Derek Birrell
Mr Seamus Dunn
Dr Valerie Morgan
Dr Ed Cairns
Dr Tony Gallagher
Dr Alan Smith
Dr Duncan Morrow
Dr J Harbison, PPRU
Mr T McCusker, CCRU

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1. At the beginning Dr Harbison and I outlined the present position in the work of CCRU and the development of an associated research programme. Essentially this included a brief description of the general areas which CCRU might develop in association with relevant departments and a general summary of the themes that had emerged during the various discussions with academics.
2. Dr Hepburn outlined the role of the Centre and the current projects (see attached Annex). The main point to emerge from this outline was that while the Centre was undertaking much useful work in the form of specific projects they did not have the capacity to make a response to any short-term requirements for advice, evaluation or information needs. Through finding some spare capacity within existing budget heads they had been able to find a research worker for one year to provide that kind of service but that would only be effective until November 1988. It was suggested that if core funding was available to provide for one research fellow a number of useful initiatives could take place, for example, the development of a majority/minority review - this would be a longitudinal study to record the changes in material conditions of the two traditions; the provision of Centre briefing documents; the holding of Seminars; and response to short-term contracts.
3. In a general discussion the question of links between the Centre, PRI and NICER were raised and there was some agreement that while there might be differences in the work undertaken and the approaches there was a need for co-ordination, possibly orchestrated by an outside influence. The role of any community relations body was also discussed and it was generally agreed that it could provide a useful link between the community and the academic world.

4. The position on the development of a new research programme was clarified and they were advised that hopefully by mid-July there should be some indication of whether an initial programme for 1988/89 might be possible.

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Centre for the Study of Conflict

Meeting with the Community Relations Unit, 3rd June, 1988

Suggested areas for discussion:

1. training and education
2. dissemination of information
3. evaluation
4. the formulation, impact and evaluation of policy

Current Centre Management Committee

Centre Director:

Professor John Darby - Social Administration

Acting Centre Director:

Dr AC Hepburn - History

Professor Derek Birrell - Social Administration

Mr Seamus Dunn - Education

Dr Valerie Morgan - Education

Dr Ed Cairns - Psychology

Mr Nick Dodge - Sociology and Social Anthropology

Mr Drew Hamilton - Social Administration

Mr Paul Arthur - Political Science

Centre Research Officer:

Dr Tony Gallagher - Psychology

Current projects:

Violence in the community

(Mr Clem McCartney, Ms Ann Finn and Mr Tony Anderson)

Inter-school contacts

(Dr Alan Smith)

The role of the Churches in the conflict

(Dr Duncan Morrow)

The theology of violence

(Mr Derick Wilson)

The Quaker project

(Mr Jerry Tyrrell)

The curriculum of the planned integrated schools

(begins September, 1988)

Parents and the planned integrated schools

(begins December 1988/January 1989)