

 **Denis Ritchie**
02/09/2003 11:24

To: Vincent Gribbin/OFMDFM/DFP@DFP
Subject: RE: FLAGS AND EMBLEMS PROJECT

Vincent, not sure whether this was copied to you. Does it cover your points?

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Dominic Bryan <d.bryan@qub.ac.uk> on 25/08/2003 13:46:49

To: "Denis.Ritchie" <Denis.Ritchie@ofmdfmni.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: FLAGS AND EMBLEMS PROJECT

Denis,

Here is the project initiation document that Vincent asked for. I spoke to Peter McNaney briefly on Friday and have arranged to talk to him again.

Best

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Flags and Emblems Project

Project Initiation Document

This project will explore the issues over the flying of official and unofficial flags and the display's of symbols. It will look at the legal environment within which action has been taken and explore the policies of local authorities and other key agencies (the PSNI and DOE). It will attempt to review any good practice in dealing with 'symbolic conflicts' in Northern Ireland comparing approaches that utilise legal processes with those that derive from local negotiations and mediation

The following tasks will be carried out:

1. A Literature review of relevant material.
2. A review of the legislative frame work in which issues of flags and emblems fall including looking local authority by-laws.
3. A review of policies of flags and emblems presently put forward by key agencies and local authorities.
4. Three case studies (Ballymena, Antrim, Ballynahinch) using newspaper research and interviews (estimate 3 to 4 interviews per case study).
5. Interviews with relevant individuals (Housing Executive, Link, Groundwork, Counteract, INCORE [Billy Leonard], Mediation Northern Ireland, PSNI, Loyalist Commission plus key Councillors and MLAs).

A draft report covering the following areas will be undertaken by 19th September.

1. Outline of the importance of symbols. An exploration of why symbols are an important part of politics and remain particularly divisive in Northern Ireland.
2. Outline of the legislative frame work in which issues of flags and emblems fall including looking at local authority by-laws.
3. Outline of policies presently put forward by key agencies and local authorities (inc Equality Commission, NI Human Rights Commission, PSNI, DoE, Housing Executive) etc.
4. Two or three case studies that illustrate the issues and the role of mediation and the law.
5. Conclusions looking at some of the main arguments (territory, environmental, identity, rights etc.).
6. Policy suggestions.
7. Appendix with protocols on flags from other places.

Budget

3 months x Full time Researchers salary scale 1B spine point 4 (Salary £4567, Employers Costs (NI & Superan) £956)	£5,523
Administration	£ 200
Travel	£ 200

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