

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. Opening address by Joanna McMinn, Board director.

6.45pm: Peace Works: feminist art

Roisin McDonagh, CEO of the Arts Council.

7.15pm: Poetry recitals

Ann Zell and Leontia Flynn.

7.30pm: Feminist Art Exhibition

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 Women's Studies NUI Galway, on UNSCR1325 and the Consultative Group to the DFA regarding the National Action Plan with Catherine O'Rourke, University of Ulster.

Workshop A:

11.10-12.45 **Security/practical & theoretical** Rob Fairmichael of INNATE, Irish Network for Nonviolent Action Training and Education discusses 'men, masculinities and overcoming violence' based on the Women Peacemakers Program for men on 'Gender, Masculinity, and Peacemaking'.

Workshop B:

11.10-12.45 **Truth Recovery/creative & theoretical** Mary Lodato presents Healing through autobiographical writing - imagery-Scriptotherapy. Working with and creating autobiographical imagery helps one to delve deeper into the psyche.

Workshop C:

11.10-12.45 **Truth Recovery/practical** Joanna McMinn – Feminist Prison Education: where did it take us?

Workshop D:

12.45-13.45 Lunch break, poetry recitals, artists presentations of work

13.45-15.15 **Peace Building/practical** Bronagh Hinds, Margaret Ward, and Laura McMahan sharing Lessons Learnt on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 from a cross-learning visit to Liberia.

Workshop A:

13.45-15.15 **Truth Recovery/creative** Roberta Bacic – sewing stories into arpilleras and quilts. Part I of a two-part workshop.

Workshop B:

13.45-15.15 **Security/practical** Goretti Horgan, Sharon Meenan, Roisin Barton present their Anti-war action and the Raytheon case.

Workshop C:

13.45-15.15 **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.

Workshop D:

15.15-15.45 Tea & Coffee break

Afternoon session: 15.45-17.00

15.45-17.00 **Diversity/practical** Cathleen O’Neill, Kilbarrack CDP Dublin, linking
Workshop A: 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 **Truth Recovery/creative** Roberta Bacic – sewing stories into
Workshop B: arpilleras and quilts. Part II

15.45-17.00 **Diversity/practical** Linda Kelly, Equality Officer, Union of Students
Workshop C: 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 **Peace building/historical** Micheline Sheehy Skeffington talks
Workshop D: about the lives of her grandparents Hanna and Frank Sheehy Skeffington, and the social justice issues they championed.
(Auditorium)

17.00-17.15 Tea & 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 & tea on arrival and at 12.30 between workshops and panel discussion.

- 10.00-11.00 **Keynote: Baroness Nuala O'Loan** on her role as the police ombudsman in the north (introduced by Margaret Ward).
- 11.30-12.30 **Workshop A: Truth Recovery/Legal** 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, 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. 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 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.