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# Annual Report 2019 – 2020





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# Chairman Remarks



The global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is changing the world we live in and how we adjust to that change will have implications for political and economic stability for years to come. What we do know is that in times of great uncertainty and change, democratic processes are often challenged or undermined, and this can be the seedbed for conflict. This makes the work of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) even more relevant and necessary.

The past year has been a time of change within CDPB itself and I take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Lord Alderdice for his leadership of our organisation from

its inception. John has helped shape and build CDPB into an active and successful organisation, drawing upon his own immense experience in the world of politics and the Northern Ireland peace process to bring together a team of experts that have implemented a number of highly successful projects in Northern Ireland and in other parts of the globe. As Chairman Emeritus, John continues to make a valued contribution to the work of CDPB.

We also welcome to the CDPB team our new Senior Advisors Stacey King and Sinead O'Sullivan who have already added significant breadth and depth to our Advisory Board. We look forward to benefitting from their wide experience in research, business and policy development.

The past year has yet again seen CDPB engage in a wide range of projects and initiatives, many of which are highlighted in this annual report. As well as seeking to share our own experiences with others, CDPB recognise that we too can learn from the peace building work that is taken forward in other countries. This year our focus was on Japan and our CEO Eva Grosman took part in a pilot peace education project based in Hiroshima where she witnessed first-hand the inspirational work of the Oleander Initiative and the Peace Culture Village. Building upon this, we have launched our One Thousand Paper Cranes project to celebrate the culture of peace and links between Northern Ireland and Japan.

Our involvement in facilitating TEDx Stormont, TED Circles and other similar events has provided a very powerful platform for many inspirational people to offer hope in a time of uncertainty and to share ideas and concepts

across the globe. This continues to be an important part of what CDPB is about as we facilitate conversations and encourage debate on the issues that impact on all our lives at this time.

Looking ahead, our main focus this year will be on developing our two flagship projects – The Leadership Academy and Unite Against Hate. As we turn to a new generation of leadership, we want to ensure that our emerging leaders have the capacity to deal with the challenges in front of us by learning from the experience of those who have overcome similar trials in the past. This knowledge transfer and empowerment of leaders will help build their resilience and enable them to better understand the communities they represent. The Leadership Academy brings together a wide range of experts from politics, business and academia and our carefully selected participants from the UK and Ireland will benefit from the sharing of their enormous wealth of knowledge and experiences.

Our award winning Unite Against Hate project is also to be relaunched this year. On the geopolitical and local levels, the world is becoming increasingly divided. Religion, race and gender have all become polarising fault lines. In a time of heightened rhetoric and behaviour, suspicion, judgement and hate tend to flourish. If hate is not challenged it will destroy our ability to live together. Unite Against Hate is a platform to challenge, educate and mobilise people to face the truth about hate and to strive to end it.

Finally, a huge thanks to all who have supported and funded our work in the past year. Without this support, CDPB could not function effectively. Yes, our world is changing and we cannot take for granted the democratic values and the relative degree of peace that we enjoy.

Our mission continues to be one of providing innovative programmes and solutions that enable civic leaders to respond effectively to social, political and economic challenges across the globe. In the wake of COVID-19, this work is more important than ever.

**Sir Jeffrey Donaldson**

# About CDPB

CDPB's **purpose** is to uphold and share the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and prosperity.

Our **vision** is to create societies with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community, and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon a respect for dignity and diversity.

Our **mission** is to provide innovative programmes and solutions, based on lessons from the Irish peace process, that enable civic leaders to respond effectively to social, political, and economic challenges across the globe.

## Objectives

### Thought Leadership

Facilitate conversations and research to pioneer new ideas and solutions addressing critical issues that impact the future of democracy and peace-building

### Capacity Building

Build the capacity and competency of civil society to engage with the emotional reactions that give birth to and fuel polarisation and conflict

### Leadership

Support leadership within the wider civic society to build political and civic systems that are robust to a variety of changes

### Community

Empower and enable leaders to develop bespoke solutions that build resilience and understanding in the communities they represent

### Knowledge Exchange

Provide a knowledge exchange platform in democracy and peace building

# Directors and Executive Team

We are delighted that Lord Alderdice, following his retirement from the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building Board of Directors, has accepted the honorary role of Chairman Emeritus and will continue to provide valuable strategic advice and guidance to the Centre. Sir Jeffrey Donaldson took over as a Chairman in October 2019.

We welcome the appointments of Niall Johnston (our former Senior Advisor on Parliaments and International Engagement) to the Board of Directors and two Senior Advisors to the Board – Stacey King and Sinead O’Sullivan.

Heartfelt congratulations to Chris Maccabe CB on his appointment as the Honorary Professor of Practice of Conflict Resolution at the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen’s University Belfast, Lord Alderdice on being awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Üsküdar University in Istanbul and Eva Grosman on completing the PG Diploma in Strategy and Innovation at the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.

We would like to extend our special thanks to our Projects Managers 2019/2020 Kaja Choma and Michael Jardine for their dedication and hard work.

## Chairman Emeritus

The Lord Alderdice

## Chairman

Sir Jeffrey Donaldson

## Directors

Professor Chris Maccabe CB  
Niall Johnston

## CEO and Company Secretary

Eva Grosman

## Senior Advisors

Stacey King  
Sinead O’Sullivan  
Liam Maskey  
Tina McKenzie

## Meet the new Senior Advisors

### Stacey King



Stacey King is an executive with over 20 years of experience in digital strategy, business transformation, development, and policy. She currently runs an Amazon subsidiary that incubates future-focused technologies. Stacey has a keen interest in transformative digital technologies and their impact on larger society – from

economies to labour to laws to individual rights.

In previous lives, she acted as digital and intellectual property counsel in the United Kingdom for a luxury goods company, and as counsel at law firms in the United States. Stacey worked at a not-for-profit organization in the mid-1990s, focused on privacy and free speech policies and the emerging world wide web, and with a firm representing prisoners on human rights issues.

She holds a Masters-level Post-Graduate Diploma in Strategy and Innovation from the University of Oxford, a Juris Doctor degree from the American University, and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Human Rights from Hampshire College. She served as an adjunct Professor of Law at a Washington, D.C. law school, and has served on several international trade associations’ and a non-profit art organization’s Boards of Directors.

### Sinead O’Sullivan



Sinead O’Sullivan is the CEO of Veriphix, a behavioural dynamics platform that detects and measures human emotion at scale. A Fellow at Harvard Law School (Center for Internet and Society) and a Senior Research Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sinead is also part of MIT’s COVID19 task

force that seeks to implement immediate economic and governmental policies in response to the global pandemic.

An Aerospace Engineer from N. Ireland, with a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering from Queen’s University of Belfast, a Masters in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, a Certificate of Space Engineering from the International Space University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Her engineering experience includes human factors research at the European Space Agency, human spaceflight mission design at NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and autonomous robotics creation for the US Navy.

# Engagement with the PUL community

Thanks to the support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Republic of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Office we held series of engagements with the PUL community, including a two-day seminar at Harris Manchester College, University Oxford. It brought together influential members of the PUL community, academics, and practitioners in the fields of conflict resolution and community development. The issues explored included identities and cherished beliefs, aspirations and activities. The perceived threats and undoubted opportunities in the short, medium and long terms were considered in some detail.

One particularly interesting session involved voting patterns in Northern Ireland. It provided both food for thought and reassurance about the 'value' of Unionism that takes it beyond an emotional or historic attachment to a position that is evidence based and pragmatic.

Another important session looked at the celebration of Northern Ireland's Centenary in 2021. There was general agreement that while it might not be universally welcomed, imaginative and sensitive handling could produce something that the whole community should be able to identify with.

Further informal contact was maintained during the rest of the year, and a follow-up event is being arranged for September 2020.



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## Political Innovation Lab

Our work would not be possible without assistance from many public, private and The Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) initiated number of conversations with senior political and civic leaders in Northern Ireland and hosted few sessions to explore new thinking to address some of the institutional and policy challenges facing the next stage of the peace process. Political Innovation Lab projects also seeks to create a platform for dialogue to strengthen and renew relationships and understanding between various stakeholders across the British Isles as the UK leaves the European Union.

In addition to drawing upon the experience of the current generation of political leaders, the Political Innovation Lab uses some lessons from the corporate world (such as design thinking) to seek innovative ideas and solutions to the current challenges and engages with key stakeholders, policy makers and facilitators from leading academic institutions, including University of Oxford, Harvard and Yale.

# Talk like TED

In the run up to TEDxStormont, CDPB launched the Talk like TED programme supported by The Executive Office Urban Villages Initiative and global PR and content agency, Smarts, based in Belfast, who have also offered up a mentorship at the prestigious firm as part of the winning prize.

Following five weeks intensive bootcamp style training programme, eight finalists from Urban Villages areas in Belfast and Derry/Londonderry took to the floor at the Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings to deliver powerful and moving talks about different aspects of their lives, all centred around the TEDxStormont theme of 'Imagine'.

Tegan Nesbitt from Derry has won the final speaker slot. Tegan said:



"I can't believe I've won. It's been such an incredible experience for all of us. We have learnt so much about communication and speech making during the workshops and winning today has topped it all. To win the chance to deliver a talk at Stormont is really special, and to be given such a big platform is fantastic."

"I can't wait to go on to the big day at TEDxStormont and deliver my talk to an even bigger audience with all the other incredible speakers. I'm also thrilled to begin my mentorship with Smarts. A huge opportunity for me to learn more about communications and advance my strengths and abilities in that field, from what I have learnt during the process."

"I am delighted that the Urban Villages Initiative was able to support the 'Talk like TED' programme and TEDxStormont. This has been an excellent opportunity for young participants from Urban Village areas to learn new skills and develop their ability to communicate more effectively.

"The aims of the Urban Villages Initiative include building community capacity and fostering positive community identities. This fantastic programme has allowed these young people to do just that, as they have worked closely with participants from different backgrounds and perspectives to share and develop their ideas.

"I congratulate these young people on their hard work – they have really come into their own. It is great to see that they have the confidence to tell their own personal story and to realise that they are unique and worth listening to. To be able to hear them express themselves on such a big platform as TEDx is really exciting and inspiring. What great ambassadors they are for their communities!"

**Mark Browne, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Executive Office**

"We are thrilled to be backing TEDxStormont and the 'Talk like TED' programme. Communication is such an important part of any organisation, and indeed a vital personal skill to have. This experience has challenged the finalists and tested their skills in speech making and how to communicate their story effectively. It is fantastic to be able to give the participants the opportunity to take to the TEDx stage, which only a select number of people have had.

"We are also excited to be able to give the chosen speaker the chance to join us at Smarts after TEDxStormont. As part of our mentorship programme, we want to be able to nurture this exceptional talent and hope to be able to build on what they have already learned during the sessions and want to further inspire and grow the winner into a fantastic communications professional."

**Pippa Arlow, Global Chief Executive, Smarts**





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# TEDxStormont

TEDxStormont returned to the Parliament Buildings in August 2019, with a stellar line up of speakers from varied backgrounds such as journalism, law, peace-building, academia, music, business and the arts.

The daylong event compered by presenter and broadcaster William Crawley was a fitting tribute to murdered journalist and former TEDxStormont 2017 speaker Lyra McKee, her sister Nichola Corner and friend Stephen Lusty individually took to the red spot.

Since its inception, the TEDxStormont series of talks have been viewed over 5 million times with Lyra McKee's talk on religious and social intolerance viewed almost 150,000 times alone.

The overall theme of TEDxStormont 2019 was "Imagine" – with speakers looking forward and imagining the kind of future we could have together as a society, here in Northern Ireland and beyond.

Eva Grosman, Curator of TEDxStormont said: "It has been less than two years since Lyra give her talk on social and religious intolerance which struck a chord with so many."

"She was one of those speakers who was able to convey her lived experience, the barriers she faced and how she wanted to change things for the better. Her ability to communicate that message effectively helped spread it beyond the immediate audience."

"We were heartbroken when we heard the news of her untimely passing. We felt that the right thing to do was to bring TEDx back to Stormont and roll out an event as a tribute to everything she stood for. Her enthusiasm and curiosity were compelling, and we know that many of the speakers taking to the red dot on Saturday will have watched her talk many times, studied it deeply and been inspired by her as they make their final preparations."

"We are so grateful that her sister Nichola Corner and friend Stephen Lusty will be two of the speakers addressing the audience this weekend."

She added: "This year we have a phenomenal line up of speakers from diverse backgrounds who will no doubt light up the Great Hall at Parliament Buildings. This event sold out months ago and we have had great support from a range of public and private sector organisations who are deeply committed to proving a platform for new ideas and concepts about Northern Ireland."

## TEDxStormont speakers included:

**Nichola Corner** – Spiritualist and Sister of Lyra McKee

**Colin Davidson** – Contemporary Artist

**Jess Dornan Lynas** – Tech-founder

**Orla McKeating** – Local Entrepreneur

**Saul Betmead** – Creative Strategist

**Siobhan O'Neill** – Professor of Mental Health Sciences

**Alice McCullough** – Writer and Performer

**Connor Kerr** – Creative Activist and Campaigner

**Deepa Mann-Kler** – Award-winning Artist

**Duncan Morrow** – Academic and Community Activist

**Fergal McFerran** – LGBT Activist

**Laura Banks** – Lawyer and Social Justice Advocate

**Stephen Lusty** – Entrepreneur and Technologist

**Tim Brundle** – Director of Research and Impact, UU

**Una Jennings** – Chief Superintendent

**Tegan Nesbitt** – Winner of "Talk Like Ted" Initiative



TEDxStormont 2019 has been supported by The Executive Office, Urban Villages, Smarts, Herbert Smith Freehills, Allstate, Ulster University and Belfast Live.



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# Oleander Initiative Japan 2019

CDPB CEO Eva Grosman took part in the pilot peace education project and visited Japan in June 2019. It was a collaboration between Japan's Peace Culture Village, the U.S based Oleander Initiative, and UK social enterprise Hope in the Heart, and supported by the Sasakawa Foundation.

The programme offered a seven-day cultural, professional, and educational immersion for a small group of UK educators and activists in the unique "Culture of Peace" of Hiroshima, Japan. Educators had the opportunity to experience the remarkable peace culture that emerged within the city of Hiroshima after the atomic bombing of the city, as well as peace culture as expressed by citizens living in the Hiroshima countryside.

The Oleander Initiative "gathers educators from communities around the world to work together and transform the lessons of Hiroshima into relevant and impactful peace education activities for their communities".

As a result of the visit CDPB developed two projects in Northern Ireland: One Thousand Paper Cranes initiative and Tsuru – AR project with artist and facilitator Deepa Mann Kler.



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## TEDxStormont Women and TEDxStormont Masterclasses

The TEDWomen 2019 conference took place in December 2019 in Palm Springs, California and we were delighted to join the global TED community and host our local, independently organised TEDxStormontWomen event in Parliament Buildings, Stormont on Thursday, 12 December.

The theme, “Bold + Brilliant,” spoke to the ways in which 2019 is the year to be bold and brilliant – without apology. We did shine a spotlight on dazzling ideas from some of the world’s most extraordinary risk-takers and innovators and celebrating pioneers making power moves, brilliant people who are just getting started, and those who tirelessly show up as allies and advocates.

And we also wanted to be BOLD. In a run up to the TEDxStormontWomen, together with our partners, we have delivered special TEDxStormont masterclasses to 500 girls and women across Northern Ireland. The aim of this cross-community, intergenerational, capacity building programme for girls and women was to help them to become more confident in public speaking, able to connect with their audiences, develop new ideas, and communicate what makes them and their stories unique. The programme was delivered in partnership between the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building and Bespoke Communications, including Sarah Travers, Camilla Long and a team of expert facilitators.

Four of the speakers of TEDxStormont Women were selected through the Masterclass initiative and Open Mic events run throughout October and November. The women from The Executive Office’s Urban Village areas in Belfast and Derry/Londonderry shared exceptional stories about homelessness, mental health and one talk discusses empowering women to overcome emotional insecurities connected to health.

TEDxStormont Women 2019 speakers included:

**Karen Sethuraman** – Pastor

**Jim Gamble** – Child Protection Expert

**Jane Lamour** – Architect

**Arlene Megaw** – Homeless Advocate

**Maire Thompson** – Headteacher

**Kim Mawhinney** – Art Curator

**Richard Moore** – Peace Activist

**Alex Notay** – Strategist

**Kalypto Nicolaidis** – Academic

**Richard O’Leary** – Storyteller

**Stacey King** – Futurist and Inquirer

**Ursula Burns** – Musician

**Annette Burke** – Photographer

**Shauna Quigley** – Therapist

**Catriona Walsh** – Student and ‘Talk like TED’ participant





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# History Talks



The bronze bust of Krystyna Skarbek, created by Ian Wolter, a British artist and sculptor, was on display at the Palace of Westminster.

## Clare Mulley: The Spy Who Loved

As a part of the Polish Heritage Days 2019 celebrations, Lord Alderdice hosted a talk by the award-winning author Clare Mulley on secrets and lives of Krystyna Skarbek – Britain’s first and longest serving female special agent of the WWII in the House of Lords. We have also supported the Polish Bookshelf initiative – the books on Polish history, politics and society were donated to the libraries of both Houses.

In addition, the bronze bust of Krystyna Skarbek created by Ian Wolter, a British artist and sculptor was on display at the Palace of Westminster (on loan from the Ognisko Polskie – Polish Hearth Club in London).

Polish-born Countess Krystyna Skarbek, aka Christine Granville, was Britain’s first and longest serving female special agent of the Second World War. The vital intelligence she smuggled across borders prompted Churchill to remark she was his favourite spy. Despite arrest, Krystyna used her guile to save not only her own life, but also those of many of her male colleagues. For her courage and achievements in three different theatres of the war, she was awarded the OBE, the George Medal, and French Croix de Guerre. The Spy Who Loved has been optioned by Universal Studios and led to Clare being decorated with Poland’s national honour, the Bene Merito.

Clare Mulley is the award-winning author of three books. The Woman Who Saved the Children won the Daily Mail Biographers’ Club Prize, and The Spy Who Loved, now optioned by Universal Studios, led to Clare being decorated with Poland’s national honour, the Bene Merito. Clare’s third book, The Women Who Flew for Hitler, is a dual biography of two extraordinary women at the heart of Nazi Germany, but who ended their lives on opposite sides of history. Clare reviews non-fiction for the Telegraph, Spectator and History Today, and was recently chair of the judges for the Historical Writers Association Non-Fiction Prize. A regular contributor to TV and radio, and popular public speaker, she lectures in London and Paris on wartime female special agents, has given a TEDx talk at Stormont, and recently become an honorary patron of the Wimpole History Festival. [www.claremulley.com](http://www.claremulley.com)

This event was part of the Polish Heritage Days supported by The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the UK.



First to Fight is the first history of the Polish war for almost half a century.

## Roger Moorhouse: First to Fight

In February 2020, CDPB, in partnership with The Polish Cultural Institute in London and the Oxford Polish Association, hosted the First to Fight book talk by Roger Moorhouse at the European Studies Centre, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford. The event was chaired by the renowned historian Professor Norman Davies FBA.

First to Fight is the first history of the Polish war for almost half a century. Drawing on letters, memoirs and diaries by generals and politicians, soldiers and civilians from all sides, Roger Moorhouse's dramatic account of the military events is entwined with a tragic human story of courage and suffering, and a dark tale of diplomatic betrayal.

Roger Moorhouse is a historian and author, specialising in Nazi Germany, Poland and World War Two in Europe. A fluent German speaker, and a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Warsaw, he is the author of a number of books – including "Berlin at War" (2010), "The Devils' Alliance: Hitler's Pact with Stalin 1939-1941" (2014), and the recent "First to Fight: The Polish War 1939", which was published in the UK in September 2019. He has been published in over 20 languages.

A fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he is also a book reviewer for the national and specialist history press. He lives in Hertfordshire, UK.



# One Thousand Paper Cranes

In February 2020, Belfast Lord Mayor Cllr Daniel Baker has launched the 'One Thousand Paper Cranes' project at Ulster University, Belfast.

The project, developed by the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building in partnership with Ulster University and Craic NI, celebrates diversity, the culture of peace, and links between Northern Ireland and Japan.

Thanks to the support from the Community Relations Council, several community arts workshops will be hosted across Northern Ireland to make 1000 origami paper cranes with messages of lasting peace.

Eva Grosman, CEO, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building said:



"There is an old Japanese belief that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes will see their wish come true. Our wish is a hate free Northern Ireland and a hate free world."

"Approximately 10 million cranes from all across the globe are offered each year before the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima."

"This year, as we mark the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima we will also present 1000 origami cranes from Northern Ireland."

Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Daniel Baker said:



"I'm delighted to support Ulster University and the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building in their One Thousand Paper Cranes initiative. A symbol of hope and longevity, the crane is an international symbol of peace and we're all here to symbolise our shared wish for a hate free country and a hate free world."

"As we poignantly mark the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing this year, we also remember the great friendship this land shares with Japan. Belfast is a member of the 'Mayors for Peace' initiative set up in 1982 by the Mayor of Hiroshima and we continue to celebrate our mutual desire for a peaceful society."

Professor Duncan Morrow, Director of Community Engagement at Ulster University added:



"We are thrilled to host the launch of the One Thousand Paper Cranes project on our Belfast campus. Ulster University is recognised as a global leader in peace and reconciliation research and this creative project will bring communities together for a common purpose and facilitate important discussions on diversity, peace and reconciliation."

"As part of the project, our Visiting Professor in Immersive Futures and diversity and inclusion specialist Deepa Mann-Kler will create an artistic intervention using Augmented Reality to explore peace building in digital and physical spaces of Belfast and Hiroshima."



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# TED Circles and COVID-19



In response to the global pandemic, CDPB launched series of TED Circle webinars facilitated by the TEDxStormont team and hosted by Lord Alderdice and special guests.

TED Circles is an open platform for meaningful conversations about ideas. Imagine a book club for TED Talks.

A new TED initiative, at TED Circles you will meet others who are inspired by TED and interested in joining small discussions, facilitated by our volunteer hosts, on a variety of relevant and timely topics.

The sessions included:

**The social distancing problem with special guest Sinead O’Sullivan**

**Emotional first aid with special guests Professor Siobhan O’Neill and Peter McBride**

**The art of stillness with special guest Fr Mark Patrick Hederman OSB and Bridgeen Rea-Kaya**

**Compassion with special guest Pdraig O’Tuama and Sr Judith Leckie**

**Gratefulness with special guest Karen Sethuraman and Rev John Dunlop**

For more information follow us on Twitter @TEDxStormont



# Other Projects

## PROJECTS & HIGHLIGHTS



Üsküdar University - award ceremony for Lord Alderdice Honorary Doctorate



The Stories Gallery first anniversary - promoting Syrian art and artists in London



CRIC Annual Conference



Kerygma Choir performance and the celebration of reconciliation, healing and hope in the State Rooms, Speaker's House hosted by Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP



Marking the 20th anniversary of Equality Commission and Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission with the NI Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly, Chief Constable Simon Byrne and the Prisoner Ombudsman for Northern Ireland Rev Lesley Carroll.



Delivering TED Masterclasses to our corporate partners: Allstate NI and Herbert Smith Freehills



The MAC Belfast. Facilitating visit of the Swiss Ambassador to Northern Ireland.



The Polish British Belvedere Forum Royal Castle, Warsaw

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