



Devolution in Northern Ireland: Record and Prospects

4 March 2003, Stormont Hotel, Belfast

Outline Programme (Provisional)

- 9.15 **Welcome**
Sir George Bain (Vice Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast)
and *Ian Diamond* (Chief Executive, ESRC)
- 9.30 **Keynote I**
A senior member of the UK Government (T.B.C)
- 10.00 **Plenary Panel I: Where are We Now?**
Roger MacGinty (University of York/NILT); *David McKittrick* (*Independent*)
- 10.45 **Break**
- 11.15 **Keynote II**
Dr Garret FitzGerald – A View from the Republic of Ireland
- 11.45 **Workshop Panels I-IV** (see overleaf)
- 12.45 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Keynote III**
David Trimble MLA
- 14.30 **Plenary Panel II: Next Steps**
Robin Wilson (Democratic Dialogue); *Geraldine Kennedy* (*Irish Times*)
- 15.15 **Break**
- 15.45 **Keynote IV**
Mark Durkan MLA
- 16.15 **Workshop Panels V-VIII** (see overleaf)
- 17.15 **Rapporteur** *Peter Riddell* (*Times*) and closing comments by *Professor Gerry McKenna* (Vice-Chancellor University of Ulster)
- 17.45 **Reception**, addressed by *Carmel Hanna* MLA and *Charlie Jeffery* (Director, ESRC Devolution Programme)



Workshop Panels I-IV: Evaluating the Agreement

I – Joint Working in Assembly and Executive

Rick Wilford (QUB), Quintin Oliver (Stratagem), Monica McWilliams MLA

II – Community Relations

Gillian Robinson (Ulster/NILT), Dominic Bryan (QUB), Eileen Bell MLA

III – Better Policy for Northern Ireland?

Bob Osborne (Ulster) on education; Margaret Ward (Democratic Dialogue, Women's Coalition) on equality issues; Andy Pollak (Centre for Cross-Border Studies) on cross-border cooperation

IV – Wider Contexts: Strands 2 and 3 and Europe

Tony Kennedy (Cooperation Ireland), Robert Hazell (UCL), Alex Warleigh (QUB)

Workshop Panels V-VIII: Prospects for Devolution

V – Options for Power-Sharing

Adrian Guelke (QUB), Bairbre de Brun MLA, Paul Gillespie (Irish Times)

VI – The State of the Key Parties

Henry Patterson (Ulster) on UUP; Jon Tonge (Salford) on SF; ? on DUP (T.B.C) ; Carmel Hanna MLA on SDLP

VII – Democracy Beyond the Assembly

Chris Gibson (CBI and Civic Forum) on Civic Forum; Paul Carmichael/Colin Knox (UU) on Review of Public Administration; Bronagh Hinds (QUB) on 'new politics'; Councillor Maurice Mills (NILGA) on Local Government

VIII – Prospects for the Northern Ireland Economy

Phil Cooke (Cardiff) on regional development; Esmond Birnie MLA on economic policy; David Heald (Strathclyde) on 'financing the Assembly'

(please note that speakers denoted (TBC) have yet to confirm availability)



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Booking Form

Please register me for the conference

Full Name (with Title):

Job Title:

Institution:

Postal Address:

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Payment

The cost for the conference is £30.00 which includes buffet lunch and refreshments.

(Please delete as appropriate)

I am paying by Cheque (payable to "the University of Birmingham")

Please invoice my institution. The contact name and address for the person to whom you should send an invoice is:

Reception at Stormont Parliament Buildings

Admittance to the reception will be by pre-booked named tickets only. These will be given to delegates at the conference registration desk on 4 March.

I want to attend the reception Yes/No

If Yes, and you want to drive to the Parliament Buildings,
what is your vehicle registration number?

WORKSHOP CHOICES

In order to help us allocate rooms for the most popular workshops please select ONE from panels 1-4 and ONE from panels 5-8 . Please **delete** the workshops you **DO NOT** wish to attend and return the form to us.

Places will be available on a first come – first served basis on the day of the conference. This may mean that you are not able to attend the panel of your choice if it has reached capacity before you get there.

I would like to attend the following workshop panels: (PTO)

11.45 Workshop Panels 1-4: Evaluating the Agreement

- 1. Joint Working in Assembly and Executive**
- 2. Community Relations**
- 3. Better Policy for Northern Ireland?**
- 4. Wider Contexts: Strands 2 and 3 and Europe**

16.15 Workshop Panels 5-8: Prospects for Devolution

- 5. Options for Power-Sharing**
- 6. The State of the Key Parties**
- 7. Democracy Beyond the Assembly**
- 8. Prospects for the Northern Ireland Economy**

Please return your completed form to Peter Sharpe (one per person booking please)

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