



ARK are pleased to announce details of their upcoming

Research Launch

**Wednesday 11 December 2013, at The Factory, 6th Floor, The MAC, 10
Exchange Street West, BELFAST, BT1 2NJ**

The Long View of Community Relations in Northern Ireland: 1989-2012

Duncan Morrow, Gillian Robinson and Lizanne Dowds

For just over twenty years now surveys in Northern Ireland have been monitoring changing attitudes to equality issues and relations between the two main religious communities during periods of conflict, peace-building and devolution (via the Northern Ireland Social Attitudes Survey (NISA) 1989-1996 and the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey (NILT) 1998-2011). While these monitoring statistics have provided much needed indicators on how the Northern Ireland public as a whole has perceived the situation on a year by year basis there has been limited analysis of the depth and richness of this dataset. Protestant and Catholic communities in Northern Ireland are not monolithic groups yet they are inevitably treated as such in the quest for rigorous measures of change. This research digs deeper into survey data from the past in order to pull out the individual 'stories' of sections of our population during those years, and to look to the future by providing evidence based recommendations for current policy.

The research was funded by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

The launch will take the form of a Seminar where the results will be presented by the Research Team and there will be invited responses from

Grainne Kelly, INCORE, University of Ulster

Catherine Morgan, Youth Action

Jennifer Todd, Director, Institute of British Irish Studies, University College Dublin

There will also be an opportunity for some discussion.

(A summary of the findings will be available on the day as an ARK Research Update and the full Research Report will be available online on both the ARK and OFMDFM websites)

Registration/ Tea and Coffee	11:30am- 12:00am
Seminar	12:00am- 1:30pm
Light Lunch	1:30pm-2:00pm

Everyone is welcome. The Seminar is free of charge but registration is essential as places are limited. Please register either by phone 028 71675513 or email info@ark.ac.uk