

# ThinkTank



## The ThinkTank series

Key issues in the community and voluntary sector

Dynamic Thinking for Dynamic Action

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The community and voluntary sector plays a crucial role in Northern Ireland. It faces major challenges in the future – not least that of a new funding climate. Will these be moments of opportunity or crisis?

**The Think Tank Series** provides opportunity for those committed to working in this sector to reflect on some of these vital challenges.

Using the insight of key actors in the sector, each event will be facilitated by Marie Taylor, who is a Senior Associate at The Judge Institute of Management (Cambridge).

## Building Community or Building Peace?

Thursday 15th September 2005

There are some who say that community relations work is losing its edge. Perhaps Community Development has become a much more effective means of bringing people together.

- Rwanda has experienced traumatic conflict. Has community development been relevant in shaping post genocide Rwanda?
- What lessons are there for the community / voluntary sector in Northern Ireland?

**Speakers:** Antoine Rutayisire: Vice Chair of National Commission for Unity and Reconciliation (Rwanda). Antoine Rutayisire is visiting Northern Ireland to fulfil a number of important speaking engagements in the voluntary sector. He has direct personal experience of communal division.

Dr Duncan Morrow: Chief Executive of the Community Relations Council.

**Venue:** Incore Seminar Room (Room M1022), Aberfoyle House, University of Ulster (Magee Campus).

## The Edge or the Precipice?

Tuesday 8th November 2005

A new funding climate means that the community and voluntary sector in Northern Ireland is facing a period of real change. As we face a chill:

- Is the choice between living on the edge to break new ground or the financial precipice?
- Is the future going to be defined by pursuing mission or chasing the money?
- What does the future hold in a new funding climate?

**Speaker:** Colin Stutt:

As an independent economic and public policy consultant Colin Stutt has worked extensively on issues relating to the social economy in Northern Ireland, the European Union and North America. He is also author of a number of major studies on the social economy in Northern Ireland.

**Venue:** The Great Hall, University of Ulster (Magee Campus).

## The Politics of Community Development

Tuesday 28th February 2006

Is there a choice between a coherent strategic development of the community and voluntary sector ... or something much more hit and miss?

- What expectations does government have of the community / voluntary sector?
- Is the community / voluntary sector an excuse for government to reduce its service commitment?
- What role does government see the community / voluntary sector fulfilling in 5 years time?

**Speaker:** John Pearce:

Involved in community-based development work for over 30 years, John Pearce is an active director of the Community Business Scotland Network. He has written a wide range of publications including *Social Enterprise in Anytown*.

**Venue:** The Great Hall, University of Ulster (Magee Campus).

## Loaded Dice

Tuesday 9th May 2006

The past few years has seen the development of many social enterprises. The need for sustainability in a new funding climate is prompting many community and voluntary organisations to explore engaging in 'profitable' activity.

- What is the relationship between the Third Sector and the private sector?
- Should the Third Sector get out of the business world – does it operate at an unfair advantage to the rest of that sector?

**Speaker:** Peter Quinn:

Peter Quinn established Peter Quinn Consultancy Services (PQCS) in 1995. It operates in the public, private, and community and voluntary sectors in all parts of Ireland. Peter is a director of The Quinn Group and is active in the voluntary sector.

**Venue:** Incore Seminar Room (Room M1022), Aberfoyle House, University of Ulster (Magee Campus).

## Format

9.30 -10am:	Registration
10 – 11am:	Part I
11 – 11.30am:	Coffee
11.30 – 12.30pm:	Part II
12.30pm:	Lunch

## INCORE (University of Ulster)

- This event is part of the Local International Learning Project which promotes the exchange of knowledge and experience between international policymakers and practitioners on a range of peace and reconciliation issues.

## The Cresco Trust Ltd:

- The Cresco Trust is a not-for profit organisation.
- Cresco - a Latin word meaning to grow, expand or advance - is committed to providing opportunities for those disadvantaged within their own community.
- Based in the north-west, it has devised and manages The Key Project, funded by the EU EQUAL Fund.

Bookings may be made through The Cresco Trust or INCORE

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There is no charge for this event – but places are limited.

Registration may be for single events or the complete series.