

Welcome to our frequently asked page for Dialogue for Peaceful Change. We hope this is helpful in your decision making to join this programme.

What is DPC?

Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC) is a global training programme developed by practitioners working in national and international conflict settings. DPC offers a practical toolkit and methodology for managing all aspects of conflict.

DPC is a preventative training methodology, which covers four distinct areas of learning:

1. The Nature of Conflict - participants experience a variety of activities, reflections and lectures, which enable them to consider their own understanding of their experience of conflict.
2. The Conceptual Framework and Models - participants learn the key conceptual framework of DPC, which includes models, which locate and explore the drivers of conflict as well as the role of peace building and mediative behaviour.
3. The Tool Kit - participants then learn a variety of tools, which will add to their previous knowledge and skill sets in order to enhance their work in conflict situations within the community, the work place and within their own social networks.
4. The Practice and Application - The participants then have the opportunity to apply these new skills through: Intensive coached role-play on mediation scenarios that are real local conflicts, gathered from all regions in the world.
Identifying and recognising the need to build and strengthen existing or new patterns of intra- and inter-agency cooperation

The Method

DPC is taught through discussion, dialogue, teaching, drawing on previous experiences and reflecting on lessons learnt. A great deal of our work together will be experiential and engaging... and fun.

What others have said:

"I find the DPC toolkit not only very useful in my everyday life but also when I deal with property conflicts. The main secret of DPC is in listening. One should avoid making judgements and putting words in people's mouths."
Zimbabwean facilitator

"On my way home after I followed the DPC Training I came across a conflict between a bus driver and a passenger. It was interesting that all the stages of mediation were practiced in a single meeting by me and the conflicting parties. Now whenever I see a conflict I feel my responsibility to play my role being member and facilitator of DPC." - Pakistani facilitator

"I have always thought that transformation wasn't possible without blood. Now I think it might be possible." - Filipino facilitator

Trainers

Colin Craig and Jaap van der Sar will be the trainers. Both of them are seen as founders of DPC and both of them are internationally experienced DPC-trainers and coaches. Colin is Executive Director of Corrymeela. Colin has vast experience working on local, national and international conflict. For more information on Corrymeela, see www.corrymeela.org

Jaap is senior staff member of Stichting Oikos, Utrecht, the Netherlands. His experiences with DPC comes mostly from the 'dialogue-side' of DPC. At present he is president of Oikosnet Europe, an association of academies and laity centres in Europe with connections in other continents, also regarding DPC. For more information on OIKOS, mainly in Dutch, see <http://www.stichtingoikos.nl/>

When?

The training will happen from the 5th – 10th of November 2017 at the Corrymeela Centre. The training will run from 6.30pm on Sunday the 5th until 2pm on Friday the 10th of November.

The address is: The Corrymeela Community, 5 Drumaroan Road, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim BT54 6QU.

Costs?

The Training Week costs £1,075 for a shared room/£1,225 for single occupancy. This includes full board and accommodation, full time training from experienced facilitators and all training materials. Payments will be done as indicated in the registration form on the website

We do have a subsidy available to participants from the Island of Ireland due to local funding. If you would wish to access this subsidy, please contact Shona Bell on shonabell@corrymeela.org

What is it like at Corrymeela? Please click on our Welcome to Corrymeela Document. It is a wealth of information.

How can I get there?

We are providing one shuttle bus to bring you to Corrymeela and return you to the airport of your choice. However, you can also drive (and offer a lift to others too) - we have plenty of parking. In the week leading up to the training, we will check if folks have spaces in their car to offer lifts from where they are traveling. Public Transport is not consistent or recommended. A taxi from Belfast to Ballycastle is approximately £60.

Any remaining questions?

For further information, please contact

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