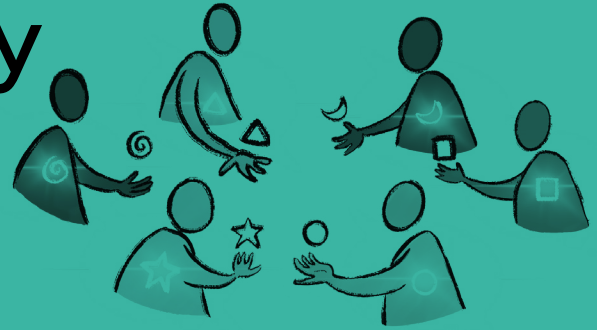


# NURTURING HOPE

## A Learning Journey

15-22 July 2022

The Corrymeela Centre  
Ballycastle, Northern Ireland



**“We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

‘Nurturing Hope’ is an extensive five-book learning resource, written by Derick Wilson, Duncan Morrow, J. Jean Horstman and Dong Jin Kim, being published by the Corrymeela Press. It will be available shortly as an open source resource.

**The ‘Learning Journey’ is for those seeking to create spaces through which people who are divided can “experience the intimacy of our honest differences”.**

The ‘Nurturing Hope’ resource grows out of the experience of people in Northern Ireland, and the wider world, who chose to hope in times of darkness. They chose to find a way forward that included standing together with those who had been scapegoated. It draws on Corrymeela members’ decades of experience and was developed with learning partners in South Korea and the USA.

**You are now invited to join them on this journey.**

**Built around a hands-on, small group learning approach that explores our stories, the ‘Learning Journey’ offers you space to:**

- Understand how to dissolve destructive relationships and structures that feed conflict between us.
- Consider how relationships and structures that promote trust and hope can be nurtured and sustained.
- Acquire a grounding in Rene Girard’s dynamics of desire, violence, and scapegoating as well as reconciliation and restorative practices.
- Explore and experience how to use the Nurturing Hope resources (facilitator’s toolkit and modules on the dynamics of relationships, conflicted societies, and hope)
- Build new relationships with others who share your concerns, values, hopes, and commitment to moving from division to interdependence.
- Form a new intergenerational and intercultural global community of practice committed to building cross-community relationships in conflicted societies.

*History says, Don’t hope...  
But then, once in a lifetime  
The longed-for tidal wave  
Of justice can rise up,  
And hope and history rhyme.*

*So hope for a great sea-change  
On the far side of revenge.  
that a further shore  
Is reachable from here.  
Believe in miracles  
And cures and healing wells.*

**The Cure of Troy, Seamus Heaney**

Participants come from our developing network of educational, civil society, and organisational partners initially in Europe, Ireland, the UK, North America, and Korea.

We will gather together at the Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre in the beauty of the North Antrim Coast overlooking Rathlin Island to reflect, learn, and develop an expanding learning community of practice.

**As well as learning with each other, you will engage with challenging speakers who have, in daily life, sought to make a difference in promoting reconciliation in diverse locations:**

**Ade Solanke**, British Nigerian Playwright and Fulbright Scholar. Ade will offer Drama and Writing workshops around Voice and Identity.

**Baroness May Blood**, long-time Community Activist, a Labour peer until 2018, and a founding member of the Northern Ireland Women’s Coalition. She is now Chair of the Integrated Education Fund.

**Professor Monica McWilliams**, Co-Founder of the NI Women’s Coalition, Signatory to the Good Friday Agreement 1998, and a former Human Rights Commissioner.

**Professor Josefina Echavarría**, Director of the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) and leader of the Barometer Initiative in Colombia, which officially monitors implementation of the Final Peace Agreement between the government and the former FARC-EP.

**JC (James) Clapsaddle**, retired USAF Colonel who was a National Defense Fellow advising the US Senate on nuclear and defence policy. Since retirement, he is devoting his time to non-profits championing social justice and peace.

### Costs:

**Full Week Residential: £400**

—Includes 7 days accommodation, meals, coffee/tea breaks, and tuition.

**Full Week Non-Residential: £245**

**Day Participants: £35 per day**

Limited spaces available from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th. Everyone will take part in practical workshops using the ‘Nurturing Hope’ Materials. This rate includes meals, coffee/tea breaks and tuition.

*On request, The Understanding Conflict Trust (UCT), using its own resources and other philanthropic support, can consider requests for a limited number of partial and full bursaries for week-long participants.*

*All work undertaken by UCT is on a pro-bono basis.*

**To register your place or to find out more, please contact Ruth Logan at [understandingct@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:understandingct@yahoo.co.uk)**

**“Racism thrives where hope dies.  
When darkness reigns, there is very little room for grey. Everything is binary. We lose our humanity because there is no light to show us that we are so much more alike than we are different.”**

**William E Strickland,**  
Founder, Manchester Bidwell Corporation  
and leading USA social entrepreneur

