

## Staff Update – Administrator and Project Coordinator



HTR was pleased to welcome Eimear McVeigh as Administrator and Jayme Reaves as Project Coordinator in September 2012.

### Eimear McVeigh

Eimear McVeigh started at HTR as an intern in August 2011 and had been working as Administrator for HTR in a voluntary capacity from June 2012. She is the niece of Columba McVeigh; one of the so-called Disappeared and for the past year she has also been volunteering with WAVE working on a storytelling project with the families of the Disappeared. She graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics.

### Jayme Reaves



Jayme Reaves has worked for HTR in a variety of capacities since 2006. Experienced in coordination, facilitation, education and research, Jayme has worked with a range of groups on issues such as dealing with the past, truth recovery, victims' issues, peacemaking, reconciliation and diversity in

Croatia, Bosnia, US, and Northern Ireland. Her background is in religious life as a trained minister and she has a doctorate in practical/political theology at Trinity College's Irish School of Ecumenics in Belfast.

Eimear and Jayme look forward to assisting HTR and its work throughout the Voyager project.



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## HTR Reports to Order

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[www.healingthroughremembering.org](http://www.healingthroughremembering.org)



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**Day of Private Reflection:** 2007, 2008 and 2009, 2010 and 2011 evaluations

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## Everyday Objects Transformed by the Conflict Exhibition held



Reverend David Latimer of First Derry Presbyterian Church; Gerry Burns of Heritage Lottery Fund; and Kate Turner, Director of Healing Through Remembering at the launch of the Everyday Objects Transformed by the Conflict exhibition in Derry/Londonderry.

The Everyday Objects Transformed by the Conflict project and exhibition brings together many views and experiences of the recent conflict in and about Northern Ireland. The exhibition reveals both unique and everyday stories through a range of loaned objects and their accompanying labels, all written in the words of those who own them.

The Everyday Objects Transformed by the Conflict Exhibition was held in a number of locations throughout Northern Ireland and the border counties from April to August 2012.



Hugh Forrester from the Police Museum of Northern Ireland with an RUC armoured clipboard and Triona White Hamilton, the exhibition's curator and coordinator.

Starting with the launch exhibition in Derry/Londonderry at the First Derry Presbyterian Church, the exhibition travelled to Ballymoney at Bell's Architects in May; Clones Library in Co. Monaghan in June; Strule Arts Centre in Omagh in July; and a dually hosted exhibition at St Mary's University College (Falls Road) and Spectrum Centre (Shankill Road) in Belfast in August.

Over 3,000 people visited the exhibition. Approximately 200 people participated in workshops related to the exhibition. Furthermore, while the exhibition was being hosted in Belfast, HTR developed and delivered a Connections Trail which connected the two sites with a facilitated walking workshop, taking in a number of other 'everyday objects' found between the two sites. These Connections Trails were led by delivery partners Jayme Reaves, Joe Blake, Laurence McKeown and Roger McCallum and proved very popular.





## New Project – Voyager

Building upon the target-surpassing success of 'Whatever You Say, Say Something' project, HTR's new project called 'Voyager' runs until July 2014 through further Peace III funding and seeks to continue and extend engagement with individuals and groups interested in exploring issues related to dealing with the legacy of the conflict in and about Northern Ireland.

We are well on our way to meeting Voyager's targets for this year and have several exciting interactive opportunities and events planned for the coming year. If you or your group have interest in participating in our work, please contact Jayme at [projectcoord@healingthroughremembering.org](mailto:projectcoord@healingthroughremembering.org).

## Whatever You Say, Say Something Closure & Evaluation

The 'Whatever You Say, Say Something' project ended in December 2011 having exceeded its expectations and proposed targets.



This Peace III funded project began in October 2008 and delivered a variety of workshops, seminars, significant conversations with decision makers and other events over the three years.

A final evaluation of the 'Whatever You Say, Say Something' project was conducted by

independent evaluator Patricia McCorry. Her findings showed that at the end of the project, a quality team of 21 Delivery Partners had been trained in delivering Conversational Workshops. A target of 20 events for the life of the project assisting victims and survivors for 500 participants was exceeded with 40 events and 1,019 attendees over the three year period. Similarly, targets were set for 113 workshops attended by 420 people while, in reality, 147 workshops were delivered with attendance recorded at 1,560 people by the end of the project.

The evaluation also highlighted that the work of the 'Whatever You Say, Say Something' project was 'innovative and inclusive', that it contributed 'to building peace, healing and repairing relationships and enhanced understanding', and it represented value for money 'in that targets have been exceeded within the budget'. HTR is delighted that it was able to deliver such a worthwhile and successful project and is hopeful that similar results will be seen in its new 'Voyager' project.





## HTR holds its second public Day of Reflection event



The 21st June 2012 was the sixth year for the annual Day of Reflection organised by Healing Through Remembering.

It is a day to acknowledge the deep hurt and pain caused by the conflict and to reflect on our own attitudes, on what more we might have done or might still do, and to make a personal commitment that such loss should never be allowed to happen again.

HTR chose to mark the Day itself again this year in the Linen Hall Library in the centre of Belfast in conjunction with a number of other activities by a variety of groups and individuals marking the Day elsewhere across these islands. Different from last year, this year time slots throughout the Day were made available and a number of interested individuals volunteered and took part in marking the Day of their own accord in their own way through a number of readings, film clips, musical interludes and reflective activities.

Participants at the event were also invited to write their own thoughts and reflections and post them onto a special Thought Wall which became the flowers of the HTR gorse bush logo.

HTR director Kate Turner said: "The Day of Reflection has gathered momentum since we launched it in 2007 and it is now an established annual event. This time we have received several messages of support from countries throughout the world. As well as reflecting on the Northern Ireland conflict, people from Zimbabwe, the Balkans and the Middle East who now live here also use the Day to reflect on troubled times in their homelands."

The Day is a society-wide initiative, but some people may want to reflect on their own, while others may decide to do so within a family, a group or an organisation. Groups can be involved by raising awareness among their members, by making a place available where reflection can take place and/or by facilitating reflection."

## Addressing Hate Crime 2012

Following requests from community groups who felt hate crime and dealing with the past were interrelated, HTR began work last year on the issue of hate crime. With support from Belfast City Council's Community Safety Partnership, HTR developed an entry-level training approach to addressing hate crime entitled Talking the Talk.

Talking the Talk has been developed as a support for representatives of communities, organisations and individuals who wish to begin to address intolerant attitudes and behaviour. The training has targeted people with contact and access to a range of community organisations who will engage interested groups to begin to address some of these issues.

As part of Belfast Community Safety Partnership's 2012 Hate Crime week, HTR & Joe Blake Associates were involved in a number of different events. These included hosting a

round table discussion entitled 'Sectarianism: Is it a Hate Crime?' with Bob Hughes from PlayEducation as the guest speaker, and a training of trainers' session on the Talking the Talk approach.

