

Statement by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

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Teach na Fáilte

- JRCT has worked to end violence in Northern Ireland for more than 40 years. Our Northern Ireland grant committee includes experts from different sections of the community.
- Our demilitarisation funding is for those groups which are committed to tackling the legacy of conflict related violence and are seeking ways to bring about positive change in their communities.
- Our funding portfolio includes work with groups transitioning from violence in loyalist and republican communities.
- JRCT has no relationship with any armed groups or proscribed organisations, including the INLA.

Teach na Fáilte is recognised by HMRC as a charitable body (number XR19159). It provides a range of peace-building community initiatives including support for INLA ex-prisoners and their families.

Teach na Fáilte has been a key player in the INLA ceasefire and decommissioning process. It has been recognised for its positive contribution to peacebuilding and the re-integration of former prisoners in Northern Ireland. INLA declared their armed struggle over in October 2009 and publicly confirmed they had decommissioned their weapons in February 2010.

In November 2014 JRCT awarded a grant of £149,915 specifically for the “Transition Initiative” project.

In March 2017 the Trust awarded a further grant of £125,000 to Teach na Fáilte to continue this work. This grant was for the “Transitional Initiative” project to support peacebuilding, dialogue and conflict transformation strategies in the Bellaghy and Strabane area. We are content with the progress being made by the project which is subject to strict monitoring processes by the Trust.

Teach na Fáilte in Bellaghy and Strabane are undertaking important transitional peacebuilding work and have recently begun a new collaborative project funded under the EU’s Peace IV funding stream.

Notes:

- The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust will not be conducting interviews on this issue and will be making no further comment at this time.
- The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (www.jrct.org.uk) is an entirely separate organisation from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (www.jrf.org.uk) and Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust (www.jrrt.org.uk). To avoid any confusion, any references to this Trust should use our full name.

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