

PRESS RELEASE

"DAY OF FRIENDSHIP" - LURGAN TOWN CENTRE - 3 p.m. - 17th December

Once again Christmas is getting close and once again, in the first full year, for a quarter of a century, that the guns have been silent, Interaction and Lurgan Interfriendship urge you to join us in the Sixth annual "Day of Friendship" in Lurgan Town Centre at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 17th December.

Whilst the media is constantly informing us that Northern Ireland is now at peace, we, who live here, are fully aware that the absence of the bullet and the bomb does not constitute real peace and that if ever we are to reach that situation there is still a lot of work to be done. We need each other, we must reach out to one another and help each other through these difficult times.

There are many in our society who need our help and support - the 3500+ families who have been bereaved over the 25 years, the families at least 13 of them, who will not be able to move forward until the bodies of their loved ones are returned to them and the numerous people who are still fighting the physical injuries inflicted on them.

On this, the sixth "Day of Friendship", we will hear from representatives of these people how the 'peace process' has affected them and how we can help in their healing process.

This is your opportunity to offer your help, your friendship and your commitment to ensuring that in Northern Ireland we truly find a just and lasting peace.

The ethos of both Interaction and Interfriendship is "to take active steps to promote friendship, co-operation and trust." Active steps require active people. We need you all in Lurgan Town Centre at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 17th December, to, in the words of President Clinton, "show the world that here the will for peace is now stronger than the weapons of war."