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Rt Hon. David Trimble MP  
First Minister (designate)  
Northern Ireland Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
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cc Seamus Mallon MP  
Deputy First Minister (designate)

*Dear Mr Trimble*

**Re. Civic Forum**

I am writing on behalf of the Institute of Management in Northern Ireland. The Institute has more than 1300 members in the region, representing the private and public sector. The members are involved in business, the health service, industry, civil service and their own businesses.

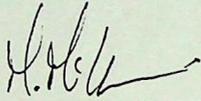
As the Assembly will be forming a 'Civic Forum' as part of the 'Good Friday' Agreement, I would urge you to ensure that the Institute is represented on this Forum. We feel we have important views on training, management standards and skills that will be required in the future. We also bring considerable practical experience and cross community representation.

Unlike the main business organisations in Northern Ireland, the Institute has not been influenced by historical factors and its membership represents a very fair cross section of the community – a fact which we guard jealously. Membership is graded by ability, ranging from Affiliate to Companion, based on ability.

The Institute is a charitable foundation, - its mission to develop management standards and skills. Locally, its members have a lot to give and many are regularly active in the community, running a calendar of events across the province. We have four branches, two in Belfast, one in Craigavon and one in Derry. Our National Councillors are chosen by a democratic election, as would be the person who would represent us on the Forum

I have kept this letter deliberately brief. Should you require more information or a meeting, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. McKimm', written over a horizontal line.

Mike McKimm  
Regional Manager