

NORTHERN IRELAND WOMEN'S COALITION

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR VIEWS -

The Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, along with all other political parties, were invited to participate in the re-called Forum for Peace and Reconciliation organised by the Irish Government. At the initial meeting of the Forum, the Coalition expressed its concern that the political participation did not reflect the full range of political opinion across both Northern Ireland and the South of Ireland.

While still holding reservations about the contribution that the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation at this point in time, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition believes that we should never miss an opportunity to highlight the fact that there are a range of political traditions and perspectives across the island of Ireland. For this reason the Coalition is committed to using its position on the Forum to reflect this diversity of views.

Given the absence of any Unionist and/or Loyalist perspective at the Forum it would help us if you could respond to the following questions.

Please complete and return this form to the Coalition offices by FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2003.

OPINION SURVEY

1. In your opinion what are the main outstanding issues with regard to the implementation of the Belfast Agreement ?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) \_\_\_\_\_

2. What could the Political Parties in the Republic of Ireland do to effectively ensure the implementation of the Belfast Agreement ?

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3. What could the Irish Government do to ensure the effective implementation of the Belfast Agreement ?

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4. We list a range of issues below, please indicate which issues you feel are important in ensuring that the Unionist/Loyalist identity is recognised within the island of Ireland –

|  | YES   | NO    |
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| * Addressing Church Influence in Education                     | _____ | _____ |
| * Reflection of Unionist Experience in History                 | _____ | _____ |
| * Effective Safeguards for Individual Human Rights             | _____ | _____ |
| * Structured Political Representation for Different Traditions | _____ | _____ |
| * Extension of UK Laws re Women's Rights                       | _____ | _____ |
| * Possible Irish Membership of the Commonwealth                | _____ | _____ |
| * Other – (Please Note) –                                      | _____ | _____ |

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5. What Matters do you feel that the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation could usefully address over the next 6 Months?

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6. What actions do you feel that Political Parties and Non-Governmental Groups within the Republic of Ireland could take to promote peace and reconciliation both within communities within Northern Ireland and between Northern Ireland and the South ?

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Thank you very much for your help. This Opinion Survey will be treated in confidence, but if you wish to be informed about the overall results of the Survey please complete the Name and Address of your organisation below –

Name of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would You be interested in making a Presentation of Views to the Forum?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_