

## THE ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Dear John,

Following a decision taken at the Central Executive Committee Meeting of the 8th July 1987 I am inviting you to participate in a series of meetings to be held over a two day period - 22nd and 23rd August 1987, wherein a number of important topics will be discussed at length by members of the Central Executive Committee, the Political Strategy Committee and other ex Assemblymen.

I am enclosing a draft Agenda to indicate the range of topics to be discussed and I'm sure you will agree that they will provide a good basis for constructive discussion and decisions. A full report of the weekend and any recommendations decided then will be given at the September Council Meeting so that party activists are fully briefed on all aspects of the Party's attitude to current political ideas and events. There will be papers drafted by specific members for all the items on the Agenda and these, it is hoped, will form the basis for full discussion by all members present.

I'm sure you realise that for real value to be made of this venture it will be necessary to have as full an attendance as possible during the course of the weekend and I have been asked, on behalf of the Chairman, to urge you to make a big effort to attend the full session. Accommodation, at a very keen rate, has been provisionally booked in the Hotel and all other facilities, such as tea/coffee and lunch/dinner will be provided at reasonable prices. The venue is the Royal Hotel, 26 Quay Street, Bangor, (right on the sea front) and I would appreciate it if you could let me know if (a) you will be attending and (b) if you will be having lunch and dinner on the Saturday and lunch on Sunday (£5 to £6 for dinner and £2.50 approx., for lunch) (c) if you will be requiring accommodation on the Saturday night -Bed and Breakfast £13 sharing room and £19 for single room.

An early reply would be appreciated so that arrangements can be completed in good time. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries concerning the weekend. I will be sending out the final Agenda nearer the time.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Bell GENERAL SECRETARY