

# The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

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## “ P R E S S R E L E A S E ”

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### Movement towards a New Ulster is underway: Alderdice

Speaking during his keynote address to the quarterly Alliance Party Council meeting in Bangor this afternoon, Alliance Leader Lord Alderdice has spoken of his optimism over developments over the last two weeks, and spoken out against those who wish to see the current political process collapse.

Addressing the audience of over one hundred key activists, John Alderdice said:

“I know that even today, at other meetings in Bangor, there are those malcontents who live on the margins of the political process and who remain hopeful that the process will collapse. But I have to say that developments over the last two weeks have been very promising.

“There may well be more barriers ahead, but the shape of a settlement is clear. Northern Ireland will remain within the United Kingdom; The Irish Constitution will be reworded; there will be a North-South body, but while it will have Executive functions that are democratically accountable it will not have free-standing Executive powers; and most important Northern Ireland must become a place where no tradition is expunged, but rather all are valued, expressed and enriching.

“Perhaps I could say in deference to the roots of this great Alliance Party, the Movement towards a New Ulster is underway.”

Notes:

The Alliance Party Council meets quarterly, with delegates elected by Party Associations throughout Northern Ireland.

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