

SPECIAL HOSTS

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<http://www.unesco.ulster.ac.uk/>.

The Corrymeela Community Centre is a center created to promote reconciliation and peace-building through the healing of social, religious and political divisions in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela works throughout Northern Ireland and beyond, developing and delivering focused community relations work through single-identity, cross-community and cross-border community and residentially based programs. Find out more at: <http://www.corrymeela.org/>.

The undergraduate and graduate certificate program in Community Youth Studies at the University of Ulster, Belfast – a program run by the University of Ulster Community Youth Work team (CYW). UNM students will have the opportunity to meet with and learn from a variety of speakers and resource individuals in Belfast on the theme of youth studies and non-violent alternatives to conflict.

Dr. Michael Morris, UNM Faculty Advisor for the Northern Ireland program & Research Professor in Educational Leadership will lead the journey through Northern Ireland. Dr. Morris has assisted with the creation of several UNM public service projects including the New Mexico Civic Engagement Initiative, a statewide network of projects that encourage youth voice and youth participation in public policy and community problem solving.

Albino Garcia, one of NM's most respected youth violence leaders, will join the group as one of the primary community faculty members from New Mexico.



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The University of New Mexico

Study Program in: Northern Ireland



--10 Years After the 1998 Peace Accord--

Youth Work in Belfast, Derry & throughout Northern Ireland
Peace and Reconciliation as a Part of Redistributive Justice & Building a Shared Future

May 31- June 12, 2009 – Belfast, Ballycastle, Derry & the Corrymeela Centre for Peace & Reconciliation

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Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland



NORTHERN IRELAND

For nearly 400 years, there has been almost constant, ongoing conflict among the Irish Catholics and Protestants of Northern Ireland. Across the globe, nightly news broadcasts displayed images of barricades, blown up buildings, confrontations between citizens and neighbors, and the destruction brought on by prolonged and severe conflict. Negotiations for peace were very much an on and off again process. Then, in 1998, a peace accord was reached that produced a real truce and an opening up to a 'new' Northern Ireland. Last April the actual signing of the Peace Accord, as it is referred to by the Irish people and by observers world wide, occurred.

Nowhere has the struggle been more compelling than amongst those who work with the youngsters – the young Irish Catholics and young Irish Protestants. Generations of young people grew up hating one another and seeking violent retribution for one another's political, social and religious views. Those who are called "youth workers" in Northern Ireland have a special position in both the historical "Troubles" and the process leading to peace and reconciliation. These youth will be our local hosts and teachers as we seek to both understand the process of peace but also compare "youth violence" in Northern Ireland to the youth violence we are familiar with in the United States, New Mexico, and Albuquerque. The assumption is: we have much to learn from each other.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The UNM program in Northern Ireland is open to students from all fields of study. UNM participants will visit with experienced youth workers on all sides of the Northern Ireland conflicts. Community faculty members will explain the history, dynamics, seminal events and unfolding of what was and remains of the Northern Ireland conflicts. We will 1) visit neighborhoods that were once at war with one another, 2) participate in community dialogues, and 3) meet with leaders from multiple sides of the struggles. For almost a week, we will be a resident of one of Northern Ireland's most famous centers – Corrymeela Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in Ballycastle, on the beautiful coast of the Irish Sea. Here we will process lessons from our journey as well as from the peace and reconciliation work administered at the University of Ulster UNESCO Centre for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy - one of 13 UNESCO sanctioned centers across the globe & the only center dedicated to peacemaking processes. The UNM curriculum consists of a course on Peace and Reconciliation for a total of 3 UNM credits. **All participants are required to enroll in the UNM course to attend the program.** Students will be registered through the University of New Mexico.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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| Students arrive/Welcome Dinner | May 31 |
| Orientation in Belfast/Class begins | June 1 |
| Journey to Corrymeela/Ballycastle | June 5-10 |
| Daytrip to Derry (from Ballycastle) | June 9 |
| Return to Belfast | June 11 |
| Last Day of Class/Farewell Dinner | June 12 |
| Program ends (students depart) | June 13-14 |

APPLICATION & DEADLINES

The application deadline is April 1, 2009; students must schedule an interview upon submitting their application. Interviews will be conducted April 1-10, 2009. Deposit goes toward the total cost of the program.

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| Deadline | April 1, 2009 |
| Program Deposit (\$250) | April 15, 2009 |
| Final Program Balance | Varies |



PROGRAM COSTS

The Ireland program is designed to offer students an international service learning experience at an affordable price. Program cost for the UNM Summer Program in Ireland is estimated to be \$1800 (NOTE: all program fees may be modified to accommodate changes in the exchange rate). These figures include*:

- UNM Tuition (3 credit hours);
- Housing in Belfast and Ballycastle for the duration of program;
- Excursions to Belfast, Ballycastle and Derry;
- Welcome and farewell dinners (2);
- 10 program meals;
- Full program orientation and tour;
- Minibus transport for duration of program;
- Program-sponsored museum visits, tours or speakers;
- Some program materials and supplies.

**Students will need additional funds for a valid passport, round-trip airfare, international travel health insurance, daily meals outside of the program and ground transportation to/from the Belfast airport.*

SPECIAL VISITS & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Visit with the Atlantic Philanthropy Foundation - 'Peace Mural Project' to visit mural projects in Belfast and Derry;
- Visit to historical causeway in Corrymeela;
- Optional tour to Republic of Ireland (extra cost).