

The Clinton International Summer School

Social Innovation, Technology and Peacebuilding

International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE)
Ulster University, Magee campus
Derry~Londonderry, Northern Ireland
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*“Countries around the world involved in conflict look
to Northern Ireland for inspiration”*

President Clinton



WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

June 22, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 Clinton International Summer School! I'm delighted that you have all come together this week at the University of Ulster, and have brought with you a diverse set of perspectives and the common goal of using new technologies to promote prosperity and resilience in your home communities.

We live in the most interconnected and interdependent time in human history. Our ability to reach others, both near and far, brings with it not only great opportunity, but great responsibility. Today, whether we are helping refugees find family members via SMS messaging, or making it possible for small businesses to access financing through mobile banking, it is easier than ever to connect people to services and to make a positive impact, at home and around the world.

As we look ahead to the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement that ended decades of conflict in Northern Ireland, we also celebrate the great progress that has been made since former adversaries put aside their weapons and traded hostility for compromise. By almost every measure, Northern Ireland is better off than it was twenty years ago—and while challenges still remain, all sides have demonstrated that cooperation works better than constant conflict, and that wherever people are working together good things are happening.

I'm pleased that you will have the opportunity to learn from those who have worked hard to achieve peace and create a shared society, and I hope that you will find in their lessons the practical tools to advance your own vision for a better future. I send my best wishes for a stimulating and inspiring week—and for the fulfillment that comes from making a difference in the lives of others.

Bill Clinton

The Clinton International Summer School

The Clinton International Summer School, in partnership with the INCORE Summer School at Ulster University, is an intensive scholarship program for university students from post-conflict and developing regions. The curriculum is designed to promote entrepreneurship, leadership and community engagement, and prepare the students to advance positive change and economic development in their home communities. The program provides the participants with a unique opportunity to experience first-hand Northern Ireland's historical conflict and that region's continuing road to reconciliation, peace and prosperity.

The 2015 module describes and evaluates the impact that new technologies, in areas such as education, medicine, security and communication, have on peace strategies and conflict transformation. The programme is complemented by a 3 study visit to Belfast and various sites in Northern Ireland meeting local groups, peacebuilders and entrepreneurs.

The students are required to identify in advance an entrepreneurial or technology project that would improve the economic and social conditions in their home region. The module is run in partnership with the Nerve Center and under the auspices of the newly launched Innovative Peace Lab. It includes, not only a theoretical background on key issues, but hands on work in the FabLab at the Nerve Center, crafting and building new projects, concepts and ideas using state of the art equipment. A discreet element will then guide learners through the practicalities of commercializing an idea and making it market ready as an entrepreneurial undertaking. The module will appeal to anyone with an interest in peacebuilding and technology, or those from a technology background interested in how technology can contribute to social good. The module does not require specific technology skills. Practical work can be tailored to the level of experience and knowledge.

The course is facilitated by Professor Brandon Hamber, Dr. Stephen Ryan (INCORE) and John Peto (Nerve Center). Students are expected to submit a final report on how they would implement their project, based on what they learned in the Summer School.

Previous participants of the INCORE Summer School included USAID, European Union DG External Relations, UK Department for International Development, World Food Program, UN Department for Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and others. The INCORE Summer School is recognized by the Peace Operations Training Institute, and may form part of The Certificate-of-Training In Peace Support Operations (COTIPSO) Program.



Peace Bridge, Derry-Londonderry

Students from the 2015 Programme



Rachel Campbell (Northern Ireland)

attended INCORE, Ulster University. Her concentration was Shared Education in Early Years as part of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Her proposed project would build on the existing Media Initiative for Children in Northern Ireland and develop an App., an interactive learning tool, to complement children's interest in diversity topics.



Marc Rodriguez Donoso (Spain)

attends the University of Barcelona with a concentration in History. He is interested in using communication technology as a vehicle to strengthen the ties between the Spanish and Catalan society.



Filip Fiolic (Croatia)

attends the University of Zagreb with concentrations in Economics and Business. His project is to develop an interactive web store that combines best IT and business practices into a simple tool for customers.



Micheal Gallagher (Ireland)

attends University College Dublin with a concentration in Social Policy. He would like to develop a youth enterprise program in Donegal which would build cross-border relationships under the theme of entrepreneurial skills building.



Yordanka Sotirova Marcheva (Bulgaria)

attends the University of Warwick with concentrations in Politics and International Studies. She plans a project that would solve the educational inequalities between the Bulgarian and Roma people.



Omar Corona Monroy (U.S.)

attends University of California, Los Angeles with concentrations in Political Science and Environmental Studies. He intends to analyze how technology can make small businesses in his community more productive and competitive. His project is to develop an interactive web store that combines best IT and business practices into a simple tool for customers.



Sandra Pokupec (Croatia)

attends the University of Zagreb with concentrations in Economics and Business. Her goal is to organize the renovation of the 6 castles near Zagreb as hotel tourist attractions.



Veronika Roznovska (Czech Republic)

attends Charles University in Prague majoring in Law/Politics and International Relations. Her goal is to focus on the Doha Development Agenda final agreement, and the impact it will have on developing and post-soviet countries.



Dominic Williams (U.S.)

attends Arkansas State University with concentrations in Biology and Chemistry. He plans to use technology to develop an application that would give physicians the information to understand and relate to the specific needs of their community.

The American Ireland Fund

Message from John Fitzpatrick
President and CEO

The American Ireland Fund is pleased to support the Clinton International Summer School for the fourth year. The program represents the mission of the Ireland Funds “To support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.”

We are proud to be part of this educational program bringing students from worldwide post-conflict and poverty areas to share the story of Northern Ireland’s recovery from violence and Ireland’s path to reconciliation and peaceful prosperity.

We are proud supporters of the Integrated School Movement, educating Catholic and Protestant students jointly. We have also imported two great American projects into Northern Ireland - Sesame Street with its unique message of tolerance and Peace Players, which has involved thousands of young Catholics and Protestants in the neutral sport of basketball.

Thanks to President Clinton and the British and Irish leaders who orchestrated the peace, Northern Ireland is becoming a template for rebuilding societies post conflict.

Since we are the Worldwide Ireland Funds this program is representative of the ideals of our generous global supporters. We are happy to make this gift to showcase our work in Ireland and share our resources with other communities emerging from ethnic conflict and poverty.



About INCORE

INCORE, established in 1993, is a centre of excellence and the premier research institute in conflict transformation on the island of Ireland.

INCORE’s vision is of a world where divided societies are transformed from conflict to sustainable peace.

- INCORE’s research focuses on deepening knowledge about peacemaking and peacebuilding processes.
- INCORE builds the capacity of local and international researchers, policymakers and practitioners to tackle the complex challenge of moving from violence.
- INCORE hosts an MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies, as well as a stream on young children and conflict in partnership with the NGO Early Years.
- The annual INCORE International Summer School, now in its 16th year, provides an advanced learning opportunity on peacebuilding.
- CAIN is based at INCORE, and is the largest online archive of conflict- related material on Northern Ireland in the world.
- INCORE hosts ARK which makes social science research on Northern Ireland available to the public.



“...thrilled by all the work that INCORE has done and I hope you will do more of it. Train a new generation of leaders...”

President Bill Clinton,
*Public Address, Guildhall Square,
Derry~Londonderry, 5 March 2014*

Professor Brandon Hamber's Welcome to 2015 Summer School



Professor Brandon Hamber

It is our privilege and delight to welcome you to our 2015 International Summer School at Ulster University. This is the 15th year of our Summer School pointing to the ongoing global interest in INCORE's work. The course 'Social Innovation, Technology and Peacebuilding' will be given by leading professionals and researchers, the module reflects state-of-the-art learning and practice in managing, resolving and transforming conflict.

This year, INCORE is delighted to be partnering with the Clinton International Summer School. Each summer since 2012 the Clinton International Summer Program has brought together accomplished university students from underserved communities around the world to promote entrepreneurship, business leadership and community engagement. The program helps prepare young leaders to advance positive change and development in their home countries.

We also welcome you to Derry~Londonderry. This city's contested name reflects issues of identity, needs and aspirations that peacebuilding must address. Derry~Londonderry can be explored on foot, is one of Europe's few remaining walled cities, and offers a visual tapestry illustrating key aspects of history and culture in a divided society, as well as transformation. The Peace Bridge, which officially opened four years ago, physically and symbolically links communities in the city and is a testament to how far the peace process has come.

We look forward to meeting with you and hope that you will have an enjoyable and productive week at the 2015 International Summer School.

Clinton Scholars 2015 with Nobel Laureate Professor John Hume



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