

# **NORTH-SOUTH WEB LINKS**

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## **British-Irish Council**

Membership of the Council comprises representatives of the Irish and British governments and of the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, together with representatives of the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey.

The council is unique in that it is the only international forum in which these 8 members participate. All members act in accordance with their own democratic procedures and remain accountable to their respective elected institutions.

The council's objectives are wide-ranging. It was established to:

- further promote positive, practical relationships among the people of the islands
- to provide a forum for consultation and co-operation

[www.britishirishcouncil.org](http://www.britishirishcouncil.org)

## **British Irish Parliamentary Assembly**

This site provides information about the Assembly and its work in promoting understanding and co-operation between political representatives in Britain and Ireland for the benefit of the people they represent.

Membership includes representatives from the UK Parliament, the Houses of the Oireachtas, the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Welsh Assembly, the High Court of Tynwald (Isle of Man) and the States of Guernsey and Jersey.

[www.britishirish.org](http://www.britishirish.org)

## **North South Ministerial Council (NSMC)**

The North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) was established under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement (1998), to develop consultation, co-operation and action within the island of Ireland - including through implementation on an all-island and cross-border basis - on matters of mutual interest and within the competence of the

Administrations, North and South. The NSMC, therefore, comprises Ministers of the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government, working together to take forward co-operation between both parts of the island to mutual benefit

The work of the North South Ministerial Council is supported by a standing Joint Secretariat, staffed by members of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and the Irish Civil Service. The Secretariat is based in Armagh.

The Secretariat is headed by two Joint Secretaries who were appointed by the Administrations, North and South. Ms Mary Bunting is the Northern Ireland Joint Secretary and Ms Anne Barrington is the Southern Joint Secretary. The Joint Secretaries are assisted by two Deputy Joint Secretaries.

<http://www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org>

### **Border People (NSMC)**

The Border People website is the central access point for cross-border mobility information on the island of Ireland

<http://www.borderpeople.info/>

## ***NORTH SOUTH IMPLEMENTATION BODIES***

### ***Safefood – Food Safety Promotion Board (FSPB)***

Responsible for the promotion of food safety on the island of Ireland including

- Promotion of food safety
- Research into food safety
- Communication of food alerts
- Surveillance of foodborne disease
- Promotion of scientific co-operation and laboratory linkages
- Development of cost-effective facilities for specialised laboratory testing

In addition to these specific functions, **safefood** has a general remit to act as an independent source of scientific advice.

<http://www.safefood.eu>

### ***Loughs Agency – Foyle, Carlingford & Irish Lights (FCILC)***

Remit for conservation, protection and development across the Foyle and Carlingford catchments. Our objectives for these river systems and sea areas include development of fisheries and aquaculture, conservation and protection of inland fisheries and sustainable development of marine tourism.

<http://www.loughs-agency.org>

### **LANGUAGE BODIES**

#### ***Foras na Gaeilge***

The body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland. This entails facilitating and encouraging the speaking and writing of Irish in the public and private arena in the Republic of Ireland, and in Northern Ireland where there is appropriate demand, in the context of part three of the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages.

<http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie>

#### ***Ulster Scots Agency/Tha Boord o Ulster Scotch***

The aim of the Ulster-Scots Agency is to promote the study, conservation, development and use of Ulster-Scots as a living language, to encourage and develop the full range of its attendant culture; and to promote an understanding of the history of the Ulster-Scots.

<http://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/>

#### ***Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)***

Main role is to manage cross-border European Union Structural Funds programmes in Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and parts of Western Scotland.

Our two current programmes (2007-2013) are the European Union's Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (otherwise known as the [PEACE III Programme](#)) and the European Union's Cross-border Programme for Territorial Co-operation, Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland (otherwise known as the [INTERREG IVA Programme](#)). <http://www.seupb.eu>

### ***InterTradeIreland - Trade and Business Development Body***

The only organisation which supports SMEs across the island to develop North/South trade and business development opportunities for the mutual benefit of both economies.

The Body encourages better use of collective resources to accelerate trade and business growth across the island and create an environment where it is easier to do business. This is achieved through co-operative business, policy and research [programmes](#), partnerships and networks.

<http://www.intertradeireland.com>

### ***Waterways Ireland***

Waterways Ireland is the guardian of Ireland's inland navigations. Its mission is to provide a high quality recreational environment, on the waterways in our care, for the benefit of all.

<http://www.waterwaysireland.org/>

### ***Tourism Ireland***

Tourism Ireland is responsible for marketing the island of Ireland overseas as a holiday destination. This corporate site provides information on Tourism Ireland - the organisation, activities and on the business of overseas tourism to the island of Ireland.

<http://www.tourismireland.com/>

### ***International Fund for Ireland***

The International Fund for Ireland is an independent international organisation which was established by the British and Irish Governments in 1986. Financed by contributions from the United States of America, the European Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand; the Fund promotes economic and social advance, and encourages contact, dialogue and reconciliation between nationalists and unionists throughout Ireland.

At its core, the Fund's mission is to tackle the underlying causes of sectarianism and

violence and to build reconciliation between people and within and between communities throughout the island of Ireland.

<http://www.internationalfundforireland.com/>

## **Ireland Funds**

The Worldwide Ireland Funds are a philanthropic network that supports worthy causes in Ireland and around the world. Our mission is to be the largest network of friends of Ireland dedicated to supporting programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.

Founded in 1976, The Worldwide Ireland Funds currently operate in 12 countries and have raised over \$430 million for more than 1,200 outstanding organizations.

<http://www.theirelandfunds.org>

## **Atlantic Philanthropies**

For 30 years, Atlantic has made grants to advance opportunity and lasting change for those who are unfairly disadvantaged or vulnerable to life's circumstances.

As a limited life foundation, we make grants through our [Ageing](#), [Children & Youth](#), [Population Health](#), [Reconciliation & Human Rights](#), and [Founding Chairman](#) Programmes.

At the heart of our work is the belief that all people have the right to opportunity, equity and dignity.

We are committed to achieving these outcomes by supporting exceptional leaders and organisations to make lasting improvements in the lives of people who have been denied these opportunities and rights.

<http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org>

## **British-Irish Association**

For forty years, the British-Irish Association has made a valuable contribution to the development of relationships between Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. This work remains unfinished.

Despite significant progress, Northern Ireland still has a deeply fractured society. Division comes at a huge cost, both human and financial, to Northern Ireland and to its neighbours.

The Association provides a forum where people from all parts of Ireland and Britain meet to examine the legacy of conflict, to identify emerging issues in both a local and an international context, to look to the future, and to support positive change in relations between the governments and people of these islands.

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### **Institute for British-Irish Studies (IBIS), University College, Dublin**

The Institute for British-Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary resource, established in 1999 and based in the [School of Politics and International Relations](#) at University College Dublin.

The Institute provides a platform for academics, politicians, public servants and others to share perspectives on a range of aspects of the evolving British-Irish relationship. It operates an active research and outreach programme, to stimulate debate and advance understanding of this relationship (including North-south and East-west dimensions). We work closely with the [Geary Institute](#) and the [John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies](#) at UCD, and enjoy links with a range of national, European and international research centres, governmental, non-governmental and other bodies.

[www.ucd.ie/ibis](http://www.ucd.ie/ibis)

## **Centre for International Borders Research (CIBR), Queens University, Belfast**

CIBR promotes research activity on international borders, organises [conference and seminar events](#), and hosts a refereed, electronic [working paper](#) series. CIBR has links with the [Centre for Spatial Territorial Analysis and Research](#) (C-STAR), also in Queen's University Belfast, and co-operates with the [Centre for Cross Border Studies](#) which promotes policy-related research on cross border co-operation from its base in Armagh.

[www.qub.ac.uk/cibr](http://www.qub.ac.uk/cibr)

## **Centre for Cross Border Studies:**

The Centre for Cross Border Studies, based in Armagh and Dublin, researches and develops cooperation across the Irish border in a wide range of practical areas, notably education, health, the economy, ICT and citizens' information, and works with similar cross-border regional research bodies in other parts of Europe.

[www.crossborder.ie](http://www.crossborder.ie)

[Border Ireland](#) / [www.borderireland.info](http://www.borderireland.info)

## **Co-operation Ireland**

Co-operation Ireland's mission is

'to underpin political agreement on the island of Ireland by building positive relationships at community level, both within Northern Ireland and between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, through the promotion of mutual understanding and co-operation'.

We do this by working with groups from all religious and cultural communities to build vibrant societies based on the principles of respect for diversity and peace and reconciliation.

<http://www.cooperationireland.org/>

## **Department of Foreign Affairs (Dublin)**

<http://www.dfa.ie>

## **The Corrymeela Community**

Founded in 1965, Corrymeela's objective has always been and continues to be promoting reconciliation and peace-building through the healing of social, religious and political divisions in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela's history is built upon committed work with individuals and communities which have suffered through the violence and polarisation of the Northern Irish conflict. Our vision of Christian community and reconciliation has been expressed through a commitment of promoting interaction between and building positive relationships among all kinds and conditions of people.

The Corrymeela Community currently has 150 members and over 5,000 friends and supporters throughout the world. Many Corrymeela members are active in a wide variety of peace and reconciliation activity and some have created their own training agencies involved in conflict transformation work. Around 900 people come to the Knocklayd Centre. These people are primarily from Northern Ireland but also come from the Republic of Ireland, Great Britain, America and different European countries. Groups come from schools, local communities, churches, youth clubs; people come as members of families, carers, victims, prisoners' families, politicians, ex-paramilitaries and citizens involved in work for reconciliation.

<http://www.corrymeela.org>

## **Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation**

Brings people and organisations from across the island together to promote collective action for sustained improvements in health. [Tackling inequalities](#) in health across the island of Ireland is a focus for all our work. IPH has produced over 60 [publications](#), held over 40 [conferences and workshops](#) and responded to relevant [policy consultations](#). Glencree is dedicated to providing leadership and support in practical peacebuilding, and works to transform violent conflict within and between divided communities in Ireland, North and South, Britain, and elsewhere in the world.

<http://www.glencree.ie/>

## **Campaign for a United Ireland**

The campaign aims to connect with a broad audience of individuals who share the belief that Ireland should be reunified through democratic and peaceful means.

<http://aunitedireland.org/>



## **Uniting Ireland**

### **Aims**

- Work to end partition and to achieve Irish unity by wholly peaceful and democratic means, through dialogue, debate and political action.
- Actively seek the support of people in the unionist community for such a transformation, fully respecting the rights and welcoming the constructive contribution of unionists both within the current political arrangements and in the context of a future United Ireland.
- Promote the benefits of Irish Unity among people in Ireland, among the Irish diaspora and among friends of Ireland internationally.
- Press the Irish Government to formulate and implement strategies, including a Green Paper, to promote and achieve the democratic objectives of national reconciliation and Irish Unity.
- Press the British Government to facilitate this process.
- Set in train the process of initiating referenda as provided for in the Good Friday Agreement.

<http://unitingireland.ie/>

## **East Border Region**

East Border Region Ltd is a Local Authority led organisation which comprises ten Local Authorities namely; Newry and Mourne, Down and Banbridge District Councils, Armagh City and District Council, Craigavon, Ards and North Down Borough Councils in Northern Ireland and Louth, Monaghan and Meath County Councils in the Republic Of Ireland.

“To work with stakeholders throughout the East Border Region to ensure balanced and sustainable development on a cross border basis”

[www.eastborderregion.com/](http://www.eastborderregion.com/)

## **Irish Central Border Area Network**

In 1995 ICBAN was established as a network of councillors from the central Ireland/Northern Ireland border area with one common aim: to respond to the unique economic and social needs of the Central Border Region.

[www.icban.com/](http://www.icban.com/)

## **North-West Cross-Border Group**

The North West Region Cross Border Group comprises the five Councils of Derry, Donegal, Limavady, Magherafelt and Strabane and has a total of twenty-two elected members representing its member Councils – six from Donegal and four each from Derry, Limavady, Magherafelt and Strabane.

The aim of the Group is: - “To strengthen and develop the local economy so that general living conditions of the area (North West Region) improve”.

<http://www.nwrcbg.org/>

## **NORIBIC - [the Northern Ireland Business and Innovation Centre](http://www.noribic.com)**

Established in 1986 as a not-for-profit EU BIC. We are the only dedicated business innovation support agency in Northern Ireland. We provide assistance to prospective entrepreneurs, micro-businesses and SMEs with the potential for growth, export and wealth creation in the knowledge-based sector. NORIBIC offers cross-border services in conjunction with its sister-organisation in the North West of the Island, WESTBIC.

[www.noribic.com](http://www.noribic.com)

## **ICLRD**

The **International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD)** is a North-South-US partnership programme created to explore and expand the contribution that planning and the development of physical, social and economic infrastructures can make to improving the lives of people in both Irish jurisdictions – particularly those in divided and disadvantaged areas – and thus to peace-building and reconciliation on the island.

The ICLRd provides independent research, planning analysis and a range of international experience to assist policy makers, practitioners, local officials and community groups in promoting good local and regional planning as part of the process of conflict resolution and in achieving greater social and economic cohesion.

<http://iclrd.org/>

## **Tellus Border**

A regional mapping project that will collect scientific data on soils, water and rocks across the six border counties - Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth - and continue the analysis and application of existing data in the border

counties of Northern Ireland. The Tellus Border project is a joint initiative between the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI), the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland (GSNI), Dundalk Institute of Technology and Queen's University, Belfast.

<http://www.tellusborder.eu/>

### **All-Island Research Observatory**

The All Island Research Observatory is a research unit and interactive spatial data portal based in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. Under the guidance of the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) and the National Centre for Geo-computation (NCG), AIRO has been funded by the Higher Education Authority under Cycle Four of the Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions (PRTL4). AIRO also acts as an integral resource for the Irish Social Science Platform (ISSP).

<http://www.airo.ie/>

### **IBEC-CBI**

The mission of the IBEC-CBI Joint Business Council is to be the voice of business on the island of Ireland working in collaboration with its members and strategic partners to sustain and develop economic co-operation and advance international competitiveness.

[www.jointbusinesscouncil.com](http://www.jointbusinesscouncil.com)

### **Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

Congress is the largest civil society organisation on the island of Ireland, representing and campaigning on behalf of some 832,000 working people. There are currently 55 unions affiliated to Congress, north and south of the border.

Congress seeks to achieve a just society - one which recognises the rights of all workers and citizens to enjoy the prosperity and fulfilment which leads to a good quality of life. Quality of life embraces not just material well-being, but freedom of choice to engage in the arts, culture and all aspects of civic life. This vision applies in the context of Ireland, Europe and the wider world and challenges the existing economic order.

<http://www.ictu.ie/>

## **Rural Community Network**

Rural Community Network is a regional voluntary organisation established by community groups from rural areas in 1991 to articulate the voice of rural communities on issues relating to poverty, disadvantage and equality.

It is a membership organisation and is managed by a voluntary Board of Directors, elected every two years. Two community representatives from each of the six counties make up the main component of the Network's Board with statutory, voluntary, farming, environmental, cross border and other sectoral groups making up the rest.

Rural Community Network adopts a community development approach to its work and employs a team of staff with a broad spectrum of skills.

<http://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/>

## **Engineers Ireland**

provides standards for the engineering profession and a community for engineers.

Activities:

- Promote knowledge of engineering
- Establish and maintain [standards of professional engineering](#) and engineering education
- Provide opportunities for [Continuing Professional Development \(CPD\)](#) for engineers
- Maintain standards of [professional ethics and conduct](#)
- Ensure that [professional titles](#) are granted to qualified candidates
- Act as the authoritative voice of the engineering profession in Ireland

[www.engineersireland.ie](http://www.engineersireland.ie)

## **The Irish Academy of Engineering**

The Irish Academy of Engineering is an all-Ireland body, concerned with long-term issues where the engineering profession can make a unique contribution to economic, social and technological development. Its members are Irish engineers of distinction, drawn from a wide range of disciplines and membership currently stands at approximately 120.

Drawing on the experiences and knowledge of its distinguished members, The Academy works to facilitate communication and dialogue on engineering-related matters. It publishes reports and analyses, some jointly with other learned and professional bodies. [www.iae.ie](http://www.iae.ie)

## **Institute of Public Health in Ireland**

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH) promotes cooperation for public health between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland by:

- strengthening public health intelligence;
- building public health capacity;
- policy and programme development and evaluation.

<http://www.publichealth.ie/>

## **The Institute of Physics (IOP)**

The Institute of Physics in Ireland is a scientific membership society devoted to promoting physics and bringing physicists together for the benefit of all.

It has over 2000 members and operates in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. It is part of the [Institute of Physics](#).

The Institute of Physics in Ireland aims to advance physics research, application and education. Its membership is wide-ranging and multidisciplinary, including the educational, industrial, medical, and general public sectors. The Institute seeks common purpose with other learned societies to promote science and science-based learning and to influence science policy in the two jurisdictions on the island. Special emphasis is placed on supporting physics teachers by promoting in our schools the value, joy and benefits of a knowledge of physics and its applications.

<http://www.iopireland.org/>

## **The Institute of Chemistry**

The professional body representing chemists in Ireland, its members are chemists who satisfy the requirements of the Institute with regard to qualifications and experience. The Institute promotes the study of chemistry, sets professional standards and organises lectures, meetings and social events for its members. It offers advice and comment to Government in areas relevant to the profession. Irish Chemical News, the official journal of the Institute is published twice yearly.

<http://www.chemistryireland.org>

## **The Institute of Biology of Ireland**

- The professional body for biologists in Ireland

- Endorses professional competence & maintains a register of professional biologists, including lecturers, biology teachers and researchers
- Awards full members the title of M.I.Biol.I. - a nationally recognised standard.
- Advises the government through representation on statutory bodies
- Communicates and interacts with the public on biological topics
- Supports and sponsors national meetings of biological interest
- A gateway to contacts in Ireland, Europe and internationally

<http://www.ibioli.net/>

### **The Royal Irish Academy (RIA)**

The Royal Irish Academy/Acadamh Ríoga na hEireann is an all-Ireland, independent, academic body that promotes study and excellence in the sciences, humanities and social sciences. It is the principal learned society in Ireland and has over 420 members who are elected in recognition of their academic achievements. It was founded in 1785, with the Earl of Charlemont as first president. Its royal charter, granted the following year, declared its aims to be the promotion and investigation of the sciences, polite literature, and antiquities, as well as the encouragement of discussion and debate between scholars of diverse backgrounds and interests. The academy organises conferences, arranges discourses and public lectures, and conducts research, with the assistance of a staffing complement of c. 80.

<http://www.ria.ie/>

### ***History Ireland – Hedge Schools***

[www.historyireland.com/hedge-schools/](http://www.historyireland.com/hedge-schools/)

### **The Royal Irish Academy of Music**

The Royal Irish Academy of Music is a home of musical excellence and dynamism, a place of teaching and learning which consistently achieves its objective of transmitting and maintaining the highest standards of performance and appreciation in all musical disciplines. Founded in 1848 the Academy is Ireland's oldest musical institution.

As a national thirty-two county institution, the Academy embodies and reflects the traditions and heritage of Irish musicianship.

<http://www.riam.ie/>

## **Irish Academy of Management**

The Irish Academy of Management is the leading professional association for management studies research and education on the island of Ireland. The Academy was formed in 1997 when a group of academic staff and postgraduate students met at Dublin City University. During that meeting, the constitution was adopted. A copy of the constitution may be downloaded here:

The purpose of the Irish Academy of Management is to promote the advancement of research, knowledge, and education in the field of organisation and management studies.

To further its purpose, the Academy pursues the following objectives:

- To build wider appreciation and acceptance of the science and practice of management ;
- To provide opportunities for researchers to collaborate within and across the sub-area specialities of management;
- To encourage presentation and publication of scholarly research

<http://iamireland.ie/>

## **LinkedIn Groups**

The Border Counties Forum Group Members [group-digests@linkedin.com](mailto:group-digests@linkedin.com)

North West Science and Technology Partnership Group Members [group-digests@linkedin.com](mailto:group-digests@linkedin.com)

Politics and Public Affairs in Ireland and the UK [group-digests@linkedin.com](mailto:group-digests@linkedin.com)