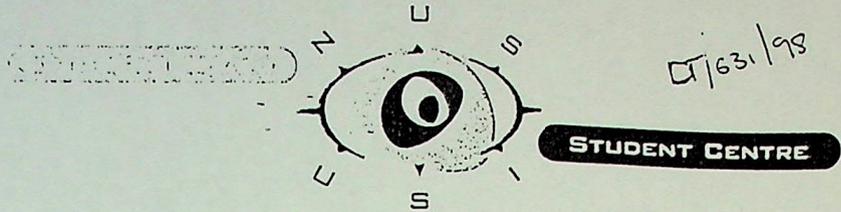


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Rt Hon David Trimble MP
First Minister-Designate
Parliament Buildings
Stormont
Belfast BT4 3ST

Dear Mr Trimble

Invitation

I write on behalf of the National Union of Students-Union of Students in Ireland, inviting you to formally open a Community Relations Training Convention taking place on Friday 20 November at 8.00 p.m. in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast. All of us, within the student movement in Northern Ireland, were shocked by the tragic events this Summer, including the appalling loss of life suffered in Omagh. In response, Student Unions are redoubling their efforts to promote effective community relations strategies on campus and to encourage students to contribute to the evolving political process in Northern Ireland. In conjunction with our sister student organisations in Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland, we have established a Student Council of the Nations to formally facilitate student inputs to devolved decision-making fora. Student representation on the Northern Ireland Civic Forum would greatly assist such a development and we would welcome your views on the potential role of representatives from my organisation on this body.

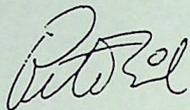
The Community Relations Training Convention will discuss such an opportunity and will deliver a range of prejudice reduction and conflict resolution transformation skills to an audience of approximately 60 student leaders representing colleges throughout Northern Ireland and beyond. The event is funded by the DENI supported European Union PSEP funding programme and we would welcome your participation as our key note speaker on the theme of how students can assist in building peace in Northern Ireland.

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We wish you well in your important role as First Minister Designate and hope that you can facilitate this request within your heavy work schedule. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I enclose a number of background materials for your information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter O'Neill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" being more prominent than the last name "O'Neill".

Peter O'Neill
MANAGER

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