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KELLY ATTENDS POSITIVE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS MEETING

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Speaking after attending a Community Relations Council sponsored victim's conference in Enniskillen this morning SDLP Equality Spokesperson Dolores Kelly MLA stated:

"This morning's conference brought together representatives of political parties and victims groups to discuss a number of common themes and objectives. The conference covered topics such as dealing with the past, truth recovery processes, and justice issues.

There was no meeting of minds about the exact functions and needs of all victims groups but it is clear that it is important that we recognise and concentrate on what unites victims and survivors. This includes not only justice and truth issues, but also practical needs such as funding, access to services, housing and counselling.

To have such a wide range of interest groups in the one room was very encouraging and there is now a basis for some progress to be made. Another meeting is scheduled for the end of November and I believe that it can act as a useful and meaningful forum for discussion, debate and the positive exchange of ideas."

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