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### FUNDING FOR VICTIMS ORGANISATIONS

Your note of 28 September 1999 asked for some brief notes on funding for victims organisations.  
Please find attached some bull points which can be expanded upon if required.

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## FUNDING FOR VICTIMS ORGANISATIONS

- It has not been possible to get a complete picture of the amount of funding received, or required, by victims organisations. Many groups are protective of their private sources.
- The main funders of victims groups (prior to funding from the VLU) has been the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust, Community Relations Council and the Northern Ireland Partnership Boards. Over the past three years these organisations have allocated around £1.5m as follows:

-	NIVT	£936K
-	IDPBS	£400K
-	CRC	£156K

- All of these organisations have increased their funding of victims groups in the last 18 months.
- The VLU has allocated the following funding:
  - £50K for pilot scheme (WAVE, Shankill Stress, Survivors of Trauma, Disability Action).
  - £200K seed funding administered by Community Relations Council. To be distributed over 1 year.
  - £3m recently announced, to be administered by NIVT over 2 years.
- The recent announcement of £3m included a review of funding for victims groups after 2 years.
- The number of victims groups dealing exclusively or largely with victims of the Troubles is growing (now over 30) - see attached Annex A.

**SUPPORT GROUPS FOR VICTIMS OF THE TROUBLES****\*An Crann/The Tree**

Suite 2, 10 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GD

01232 240209

An Crann/The Tree is a project which is working, over the long term, to gather individual testimonies or "stories about the "Troubles" for the sake of the whole community. Their ultimate aim is to use the witness they are gathering as the basis of a living museum.

**Bloody Sunday Justice Campaign**

1 Westend Park, Derry, BT48 0PJ

01504 268846

Support group for those families bereaved and injured at Bloody Sunday.

**Bloody Sunday Trust**

171 Sunbeam Terrace, Derry, BT48 6UJ

01504 288868

Established in 1996 to "promote human civil rights through an examination of local history".

**CALMS (Community Action for Locally Managed Stress)**

1st Floor, 32 Shipquay Street, Derry, BT48 6BW

01504 268698

Calms is committed to working with communities in areas of high unemployment and political stress. Their aim is to provide education on natural ways of coping with stress, anxiety and distress.

**\*Cúnamh**

171 Sunbeam Terrace, Derry, BT48 6UJ

01504 288868 or

01504 262812

Established in 1995 to provide community-led support for the Bloody Sunday Families and ex-prisoners.

**\*Disabled Police Officers Association**

Seapark, 151 Belfast Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8PL

01232 359000

Ext 21719

Support group for ex Police Officers disabled in service and their families.

**FACT (Families Against Crime by Terrorism)**

8 Dromara Park, Lisburn, Co Antrim, BT28 1PX

01846 697976

Support group for those affected by terrorist violence in the Lisburn area

**FAIR (Families Acting for Innocent Relatives)**

33 Main Street, Markethill, Co Armagh

01861 552619

An organisation which aims to assist the recovery of the section of the community in South Armagh who have been victims of terrorist violence.

**\*FAIT (Families Against Intimidation and Terror)**

14-16 High Street, Belfast, BT1 2BD

01232 237397

FAIT is an anti-sectarian, group whose membership is made up of people who have themselves suffered and concerned citizens.

**Family Trauma Centre**

1 Wellington Park, Belfast, BT9 6DJ

01232 204700

The Centre provides comprehensive counselling and therapeutic services to families experiencing trauma and those affected by the Troubles.

**FEAR (Fear Encouraged Abandoned Roots)**

Derryloman, Brookeborough,  
Co Fermanagh, BT94 4BA

01365 322615

Support group for families who have been displaced from their homes as a result of the Troubles.

**Fermanagh Terrorist Victims**

78 Rossary Church Road, Enniskillen, BT74 7HB

01365 324978

Fax 01365 322290

A support group for victims of terrorism in the Fermanagh area.

**Friends of the Regiment**

Palacefields, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2RD

01928 791845

A small group providing support to those who have served with the British Army in Northern Ireland.

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**Greencastle Women's Group (also includes men)**

c/o Bawnmore Place, Newtownabbey, BT36 8PL

Self-help group for residents of the Bawnmore/Greencastle area

**HOPE**

(Group being set up by Michelle Williamson)

**HURT (Homes United by Ruthless Terror)**

Brownlow House, Windsor Avenue, Lurgan, Co Armagh 01762 344719

Support group for those affected by terrorist violence in the Upper Bann constituency.

**\*KAIROS**

45-47 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT7 1GX 01232 314444

Support and encounter group for those dealing with troubled-related events. It is concerned with healing the community, including ex-prisoners.

**Lifeline**

c/o 113 Strandburn Drive, Sydenham, Belfast, BT4 1NB 01232 658328

Support group and befriending service for those who have been bereaved and injured in the Troubles.

**Loughgall Truth and Justice Campaign**

62 St John's Crescent, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 01 464 2190

Support group for the families of those bereaved as a result of events at Loughgall.

**Maranatha**

102 Irlam Road, Flixton, Manchester, M41 6JT 0161 748 4858

Christian community with an interest in Northern Ireland affairs. Involved in helping those intimidated from Northern Ireland and in bridge building.

**NOVA**

Bocombra Lodge, 2 Old Lurgan Road, Portadown, BT65 5SQ 01762 335173

Two year pilot project, which seeks to provide support to individuals, families and communities affected by the "Troubles" over the past thirty years.

**Omagh Support and Self-Help Group**

23a Circular Road, Omagh, BT79 7HJ 01662 244920

Comprises some of the families bereaved in the Omagh bomb.

**\*Relatives for Justice**

235a Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 01232 220100

Support and lobbying group for those families bereaved or injured as a result of "state violence".

**SHAHW (South Down Action for Healing Wounds)**

13 Sleepy Valley, Rathfriland, Co Down 018206 38823

Support group for those affected by terrorism in the South Down area.

**\*Shankill Stress and Trauma Centre**

5 Ballygomartin Road, Belfast, BT13 2LA 01232 205300

The group deal with those who have suffered physically, mentally or through the violent times during the Troubles. It works primarily in North/West Belfast.

**Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmens' Families Association (SSAFA)**

War Memorial Building, 9-13 Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2DW 01232 327740

Association which provides a range of support services for injured ex-servicemen and women and their families.

**\*Survivors of Trauma**

151 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, BT14 6JR 01232 749944

Self-help group set up to support those bereaved or injured in the Troubles. Works primarily in the greater Ardoyne Area.

**The Cross Group**

c/o 6A Cumberland Park, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2AY 01232 874750

A small group of individuals bereaved by the Troubles who carry out befriending work.

**Tim Parry and Jonathan Ball Trust**

Townhall, East Annex, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 1UH 01925 442068

Trust established following the bomb in Warrington. Involved in reconciliation and bridge building.

**VAST (The Victims and Survivors Trust)**

275-277 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6FD 01232 567332

Support group based in West Belfast for those who have been bereaved or injured as a result of the Troubles. Also involved with others in community-buildings.

**\*Victim Support**

Annsagate House, Ann Street, Belfast 01232 244039

National organisation providing support and advice to all victims and witnesses.

**VOICE (West Tyrone)**

23 Parkmore Close, Magherafelt, BT45 6PL 01648 34684

Support group for those affected by terrorism in the Mid-Ulster area.

**\*WAVE**

Belfast Office: 523 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 3BS 01232 779922

Armagh Office: 9 Dobbin Street, Belfast, BT61 7QQ 01861 511599

Omagh Office: Unit 4, Old Market Building, Market Place  
Omagh, BT78 1BT 01662 252522

Counselling, self-help groups and support for adults and children affected by the troubles.

\* Member of the Touchstone Group