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Ongoing Activities

Since it's formation in 1996 the Trust has been engaged in a range of activities. Foremost amongst these has been to support and assist the relatives and wounded, and the wider Derry community, come to terms with the events of the 30th January 1972 and ensure that the pursuit of Truth and Justice is successful.

Information

The Trust has created this website which incorporates educational material dealing with the recent history of Derry, particularly Bloody Sunday, together with updates on the progress of the Bloody Sunday Inquiry and the work of the Trust itself.

Archival Work

It has also been involved in the construction of a computerised archive that at present consists of

c. 1,200 photographs, over 400 handwritten witness statements and 800 accounts from local individuals of the events of Bloody Sunday, and approximately 8,000 other items, from legal commentaries to Civil Rights documents, consisting of over 40,000 pages of documents. The archive also contains quantities of video and audio footage, as well as slides, electronic recordings, posters and newspapers and this is being continually added to through the acquistion of new material and the release of material by the Saville Inquiry team. The Trust has also established a strong working relationship with Derry City Council Museum Service, who advise the Trust in relation to the long-term storage of the physical material in our possession. It is the intention of the trust that this material will be located in the Bogside History Centre, to be constructed in the heart of Derry's Bogside.

Exhibitions & Publications

The Trust has co-ordinated the European side of the international exhibition and publication "Hidden Truths- Bloody Sunday" which opened in Mexico City in November 1998 and toured the United States in 1999, and collaborated in the publication of "Blood in the Streets" by Guildhall Press. The Trust will also be publishing "The Bloody Sunday Tribunal of Inquiry- A resounding Defeat for Truth, Justice & the Rule of Law" commissioned by the Trust in 1996 which was instrumental in the securing of a new Inquiry.

January 1999- The Trust was centrally involved in the planning and organization of this year's anniversary. The weekend itself proved to be successful in broadening the emphasis of the anniversary to encompass many more victims of state violence than previously. A photographic exhibition and conference in Pilots Row were particularly successful in opening and widening the debate on the treatment of the victims of state violence. It was the intention of the organizers to use the opportunity the weekend presented to reinvigorate and refocus those individuals and organizations that have been active in this area and this goal was achieved.

August 1999- The Battle of the Bogside. In August 1999 the Trust organised a series of events including lectures, discussions, workshop and exhibitions examining the historical significance and contemporary significance of events in Derry in August 1969



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