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WANTED: Ideas on a Museum to the Conflict in and about Northern Ireland 30/08/2006

Healing Through Remembering (HTR) has issued an Open Call for Ideas on what form a Living Memorial Museum to the conflict in and about Northern Ireland should take - and as part of the project there will be a 7 special public workshops across Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Great Britain.

The concept of a Living Memorial Museum (LMM) is one recommendation being examined by HTR, and an important part of the ongoing discussions is what form such a museum could take.

Internationally acclaimed, local singer Brian Kennedy formally launched the Open Call at HTR Offices on Wednesday 30th August. Speaking at the launch Brian said "Few people in Northern Ireland have not been affected in some way by the conflict. Hurt and heartbreak were felt by many families over many years.

"I strongly support the work of Healing Through Remembering in trying to ensure that something positive emerges from the past. A Living Memorial Museum would not only help us remember those affected by the conflict, but would reinforce the message that it must never happen again."

The LMM sub group are looking for a range of imaginative ideas and want to hear from adults and children alike.

There are plenty of options to think about. Should a museum be in a new building or an existing one? Should it be in one building or should it tour a

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number of places and sites? Maybe it shouldn't be a building at all - maybe a virtual space on the internet.

Submissions to the Open Call for Ideas can be written, be a photograph, a drawing, a sketch or a painting. Photographs of models are also welcome, but at this stage not models themselves because of a limit on display space. Multi-media submissions such as DVDs or CD-Roms are also welcome.

The public workshops will include information about HTR and its work, and artists will be there to help people create their vision of the museum - this can include various art forms, visual and written.

Workshop dates and venues as follows:

18 July The Clinton Centre Enniskillen 2-5pm

28 July The Border Arts Centre Dundalk 11am-2pm

8 August Imperial War Museum London 2-5pm

12 August St. Patricks Trian Armagh 11am-2pm

24 August Irish Film Institute Dublin 2-5pm

7 September Waterfront Hall Belfast 2-5pm

16 September The Junction L/Derry 11am-2pm

As spaces at the workshops are limited early booking is advised. Places can be reserved by emailing callforideas@healingthroughremembering.org or calling +44 (0)28 9023 8844.

Full information on the Open Call for Ideas may be obtained from the project organiser, Emma McClintock, at Healing Through Remembering, Alexander House, 17A Ormeau Avenue, Belfast, BT2 8HD. T: 028 9023 8844.

HTR has been supported in the project by The Border Arts Centre, the Imperial War Museum London, the University of Ulster and Interface, the university's Centre for Research in Art, Technologies and Design.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 30 September 2006.

For the full press release from the official launch please click here.

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