

Projects/activities

- ◆ Establishment of a centre of safety and caring that will provide activities such as:
 - drawing sessions,
 - creative writing,
 - computer skills,
 - arts & crafts,
 - aromatherapy.
- ◆ Conferences, seminars and discussion groups.
- ◆ An information resource centre including a library and an Internet site.
- ◆ Establishment of cross community liaison groups.
- ◆ An education facility to provide state recognised qualifications.
- ◆ Establishment of a youth and adult training centre geared towards the acquisition of new skills.

Joining

So if you agree with our aims and are interested in joining or helping us please contact us at the address below.

Donations

To carry on with our work we need your help.

Cheques should be made payable to:

The Victims and Survivors Trust.

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The Victims and Survivors Trust

Remembering Victims,
Supporting Survivors.

Charity No XR28306

West Belfast has suffered greatly during the 30-year conflict and a legacy of that conflict is that many within the area continue to suffer.

Troubles related deaths

Of the 3601 people killed in the conflict, the total number of fatalities of residents from within the West Belfast area is 568.

In other words, some 16% of the people killed during the Troubles lived in the West of the city.

The scale of the problem can be gauged from the following list which shows areas where 20 or more of the residents were actually killed in their own area :

Falls	57
Clonard	56
Whiterock	55
Uppr Springfield	46
Andersonstown	28
Glen Rd	25
Shankill	24
Falls Park	20
Beechmount	20
Glencolin	20

Children

Troubles-related Deaths of Children and Young People under the ages of 25 and 18 by Postal Area.

Postal Area	under 25	under 18
BT12	106	37
BT11	66	23
Total	172	60

This means that 30% of those residents of the postal boundaries of BT11 and BT12 who died because of the Troubles were under the age of 25, while a staggering 10.6% were children under the age of 18.

Injury

An estimated 40,000 people have been physically injured in the Troubles. Around 6,400 of these people come from West Belfast.

While statistics are necessary they do not tell the whole story. Behind these statistics lie the human tragedies, the broken families and the heartbroken loved ones.

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It is the group's belief that the most fitting memorial to all of the victims of the conflict on these two islands will be a peaceful outcome brought about through dialogue, understanding and the promotion of the truth.

Aims

- ◆ To learn from exchange of views and to facilitate such exchange.
- ◆ Social isolation will be tackled, along with the related health problems resulting from the terrible trauma suffered by many within the community.
- ◆ Establish meaningful contact programmes between people from Ireland and Britain.
- ◆ To enable specific disadvantaged sections of our society to participate in educational and social spheres.
- ◆ To provide mechanisms to enable victims and survivors to tell their story and to rebuild their self-esteem and sense of identity.