

9 February 2007

To: Principals of All Post Primary Schools

For the attention of teachers of citizenship

“FACING ISSUES”

**A TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL COURSE
THE CANAL COURT HOTEL, NEWRY
14TH AND 15TH MARCH 2007**

Aim: To support the professional and personal development of teachers in facing the challenging issues of Racism and Sectarianism in the classroom.

Objectives:

- To explore feelings and attitudes of the teachers towards racism and sectarianism;
- To equip teachers with the skills and strategies to address these issues in the classroom.

“One of the strengths of the provision of citizenship includes a commitment of citizenship teachers to deal with the range of challenging issues. However there is a need for more detailed consideration of how best to support teachers in this area”.

Report on the Introduction of Local and Global Citizenship at KS3 - James Cuthbert (2005)

Dear Colleague

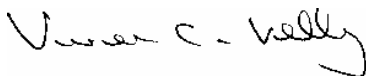
In response to requests from teachers and the need identified in the recent inspection of L&GC by James Cuthbert the SELB Citizenship team are pleased to invite teachers to apply for this two-day residential conference in The Canal Court Hotel, Newry. Day one will focus on personal development providing opportunities for teachers to reflect and explore how the issues of racism and sectarianism have affected them. Day two will, through active workshops, develop strategies and skills to deal with these issues in the classroom. This course is intended for those teachers who are interested in developing their understanding and skills in this potentially challenging area and are willing to play an active part in the workshops.

Our Keynote speaker Dr Duncan Morrow is Chief Executive of the Community Relations Council. Our workshops will be led by Eamon McCallion, Director of Community Relations in Schools and by Sheelagh Dean (Assistant Adviser History) and John Ferguson (Adviser R.E.) who will draw on their training from the Facing History Foundation.

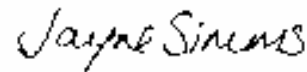
These two days are funded by the Schools' Community Relations Programme and substitute cover and travel will be paid. Schools should enter Code S on the monthly return.

Please complete and return the fax back application form for the attention of Mrs Shirley Stewart at SELB Headquarters by 23rd February 2007. Numbers are necessarily limited by the nature of the course and we can only take a maximum of 25 teachers. Schools will receive confirmation and full programme by email on or before the following Friday, 2nd March 2007.

Yours sincerely



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2-day residential The Canal Court Hotel, Newry 14th and 15th March 2007

I would like to attend the above residential

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

Email Address: _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Signed: _____ (*Principal*)

Date: _____

**Please return to: Mrs Shirley Stewart
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The Mall
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