



## Civil Rights in the 21st Century

Grosvenor House Belfast  
29 September 2007 | 10:00 a.m.

Whose fight

'A community is democratic only when the humblest and weakest person can enjoy the highest civil, economic, and social rights that the biggest and most powerful possess.'

*-A. Philip Randolph*

is it?

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- 10.00 a.m.**      **Tea/Coffee and Registration**
- 10.15 a.m.**      **Opening Address by Gary McKeown SDLP Youth Chair**
- 10.30 a.m.**      **Welcome Address by South Belfast MP**  
SDLP Deputy Leader Dr Alasdair McDonnell MP MLA
- Session One—Civil Rights of the Past and Present**
- 11.00 a.m.**      **Ivan Cooper, SDLP Founder Member Civil Rights Activist**  
Where have we come from?
- 11.30 a.m.**      **Margaret Ritchie, Minister for Social Development**  
Where are we going?
- 12.00 a.m.**      **Session Two—Civil Rights,**  
How far have we come?  
Tony O'Reilly—Community Activist  
Ruth Noonan—The Rainbow Project  
Eva Grosman— Editor of Glosik
- 1.00 p.m.**      **Lunch**
- 2.00 p.m.**      **Session Three**  
Civil Rights of the Future  
Patrick Corrigan, Amnesty International  
Claire Hanna, SDLP International Secretary
- 3.30 p.m.**      **Keynote Address followed by Q&A**  
SDLP Leader Mark Durkan MP MLA

## **Accommodation and Prices**

### **Hostels**

The Ark, 44 University St, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 1HB  
028 90329626 £10.90 pps (6x, 8x and 12x dorms)

Paddys Palace, 68 Fitzwilliam St, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 6AX  
028 90333367 (dorm of 12x £9.50, 6x £12, 4x £13.50)

Arnies Backpackers, 63 Fitzwilliam St, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9  
6AX  
028 90246810 £11 pps (6x dorms)

### **Hotels**

Dukes Hotel, 65-67 University St, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 1FY  
028 90236666 £30 pps

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# *History of BCM*

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BCM (Belfast Central Mission) was established in 1889 as a Christian response to social problems inherent in inner city Belfast. The issues with which it struggled then included high unemployment, low wages, non-existent welfare benefits, single-parent families, homelessness, loneliness, alcoholism, crime and violence, many of which we often consider to be unique to today's society.

**Located in the very heart of the city, its motivation was then, as now, to meet the needs of the whole person, spiritual, emotional, social and physical, regardless of class, creed or colour.**

In the hundred years since its foundation, BCM's approach has changed - mass-feeding operations and food and clothing handouts no longer feature on a daily scale - but it continues to provide support and practical help for a cross-section of society. Today, BCM meets the needs of the people of Northern Ireland through its widespread and diverse professional social work programme and community projects.

Grosvenor House has been carefully designed as a multi-purpose centre providing a home for the Grosvenor Hall congregation, headquarters for BCM's professional social outreach and facilities 'for the community in the heart of the community', and aims to be a place of warm welcomes, exciting social events and practical support for those in need.

# Location Map

for Grosvenor House Conference & Training



