

ACCOUNTS of the CONFLICT

A digital archive of personal accounts of the
conflict in and about Northern Ireland

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Accounts of the Conflict is a new project being carried out at INCORE to create a digital archive for the long-term preservation of stories related to the conflict in, and about, Northern Ireland. The project is funded from the European Union's PEACE III programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

The personal stories of individuals who have been affected by the Northern Ireland conflict in various ways have been collected by individuals and groups across the region over the past few decades.

Accounts of the Conflict aims to support those who manage story-telling collections, and individual story-tellers, by offering the opportunity to deposit a digital copy of relevant stories with the planned archive.

Accounts of the Conflict will also create a dedicated website to allow users to search for stories and to view them on-line, where appropriate permissions have been obtained. This website will provide:

- Original personal accounts from a wide variety of participants
- Contextual information from the CAIN website
- A searchable database of publicly available information about the stories and the publications where stories are to be found
- A comprehensive resource list with links to existing 'storytelling' websites

The Accounts of the Conflict project offers an objective arena for the presentation of personal narratives of the conflict. Groups or individuals in possession of relevant materials (transcripts, audio or audio visual recordings, etc.) can deposit digital copies of such materials free of charge in a safe, secure archive at the University of Ulster. This will ensure the preservation of this information for future generations through best archival practice.

The archive will be publicly available by autumn 2014. Assistance with deposits will be available until December 2014. From January 2015 a facility for self-archiving will be available via the website.

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