

An aerial photograph of a dense urban area in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The image shows a mix of residential and industrial buildings. In the foreground, there are several large, multi-story buildings with flat roofs and numerous windows. Some of these buildings appear to be in various stages of construction or renovation, with some structural elements visible. In the middle ground, there are more residential buildings, some with gabled roofs and chimneys. The background shows a hilly landscape with more buildings and a large body of water, likely Belfast Lough, under a cloudy sky. The overall tone of the image is somewhat muted and historical.

LIVING THROUGH THE CONFLICT
Belfast oral histories

A Pieces of the Past project

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This book is made up of oral history accounts of living through the conflict in Northern Ireland / the North of Ireland. Between 2012 and 2014 over 100 interviews were gathered through the Pieces of the Past project, a diverse partnership of organisations spanning the east and west of the city and all from working class unionist or nationalist communities. These communities are among those that experienced the impact of the conflict most heavily over the three decades since 1969. The short narratives that sit beside each other in this book are extracts from a longer oral history interview carried out with each contributor. The book gives a taste of the depth and breadth of the rich stories told in these interviews. The full interviews are deposited in the Dúchas oral history archive. Each of the partner organisations in Pieces of the Past has their own collection in the Dúchas archive. The translation of the Irish word Dúchas is 'heritage' or 'the experiences that make us what we are.' This book contains some pieces about who we are.

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