

Appendix C

Biography Notes of Guest Speakers First Hearings on the Protection of War-Affected Children: Securing Children's Rights in the Context of Armed Conflict Wivenhoe House Hotel, University of Essex, Colchester, UK 03-06 April 2000

Peggy Barry (USA) has been living in Sarajevo since January 1998, when her husband was asked to be Chief of Mission of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through thirty-five years of life in the US Foreign Service, she was a teacher of and an advocate for children in many locations and situations, including street children in Jakarta and orphans in East Timor. During her years in the US, she taught at a school for emotionally disturbed teenagers in Washington, DC. In Sarajevo, she has been involved with two major projects: finding markets in the US for the products made by Bosnian refugee women; and, at the request of the wife of the Croatian member of the Presidency, to chair a committee to work for the prevention of domestic violence toward children.

Colin Brown (Northern Ireland) grew up in a working class Protestant in Belfast. He still lives in this community which is one of the Protestant communities that has been worst affected by the conflict. He has experience of the impact of the Troubles on his own and other children and young people's lives.

Peter Bryson (Northern Ireland) is a Programme Co-ordinator with Save the Children Fund in Northern Ireland. He is currently involved in developing young person focussed work with communities across Northern Ireland that have seen the worst effects of inter-community violence. His work involves promoting the participation of young people in society, the rights of children in the context of conflict, enabling cross-cultural learning and understanding and facilitating young people to explore their own identity.

Professor Ivor Crewe (England) was appointed Vice-Chancellor at the University of Essex in December 1995. He was appointed to the Department of Government of the University in 1971, and served as Director of the ESRC Data Archive from 1974 to 1982, head of the Department of Government from 1984 to 1988 and Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1992 to 1995. Mr. Crewe has written on British politics, especially, parties and public opinion, for many years. He directed the British Election Study from 1973 to 1981 and edited the British Journal of Political Science from 1977 to 1982 from 1984 to 1992. His books include *Decade of Realignment, Electoral Change in Western Democracies, British Parliamentary Constituencies* and *The British Electorate 1963-1987*. With Anthony King he has recently completed *SDP: the Birth, Life and Death of the Social Democratic Party*, which was published in December of 1995. He is a frequent commentator on elections and party politics and is currently doing research on the impact of party leaders in the way people vote.

James Dunbar (Northern Ireland) is a project worker with young men, mostly 18-25 years old. He works with young men in deprived areas in the Craigavon area that also suffer sectarian tension and conflict. He also volunteers in a local drop-in centre working with young men and women aged 13-21 years

Samuel Gbaydee Doe (Ghana) is the Executive Director of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding. He holds a Masters of Arts degree in Conflict Transformation from the Conflict Transformation Program of Eastern Mennonite University. Mr. Gbaydee Doe is presently an instructor of the Caux Scholars Program (CSP) of Moral Re-Armament in Caux, Switzerland. The CSP offers month-long training in Conflict Transformation and Applied International Studies to college students internationally selected. He has also taught a course, Ethnic Identity and