**Tutor: Michael Doherty**

Michael is a fulltime practicing mediator and facilitator. He was trained as a Mediator at Fordham Law School in New York and at the School of Psychotherapy and Counselling at Regents College, London.

In the early 1990’s Michael initiated the first ever Community Relations Action Learning Programme in Northern Ireland. Since then he has designed Open College Network Programmes on Exploring Diversity - Facilitating Community Relation’s Work; a Train the Trainer programme; Facilitating Difficult Conversations Skills Programme; Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills programmes; Good Relations Facilitation Skills and a Family Mediation Skills course.

Since 1996 Michael has become recognised as one of the lead Mediator/Trainers in the field of conflict Resolution/Transformation and has successfully mediated some of the major parades disputes in Northern Ireland. He is also recognised internationally, as he has been engaged by universities in parts of the world to deliver lectures and workshops on the practical application of mediation as a tool for resolving conflict.

In his work a trainer in the field of community relations work he is a strong advocate for the use of mediation, as an alternative to violence, as a way of resolving disputes and to building a peaceful society that is free of sectarianism and racism and other forms of hate crime.

In 2010 the Minister of Justice for Northern Ireland awarded the Foyle Interface Monitoring Forum, of which Michael co-chairs with the PSNI, a ‘Community Champion’ award for their work in reducing sectarian incidents in Derry/ Londonderry.

In 2012 Michael was invited by the British Commonwealth to facilitate workshops in Sri Lanka on tools for helping communities reconcile.

Michael is a member of a Forum for Cities in Transition group that went to Nigeria in November 2013 and while there he facilitated workshops on how to move armed forces into dialogue to enable them think of non-violence ways to attain their objectives.

In 2013 Michael received the Northern Ireland Community Relations Councils Award for Exceptional Achievements in Community Relations Work.

In 2014 Michael produced a ‘Peace Builders Handbook’ for facilitators working in areas of conflict through the world.

Michael has recently been to Tripoli in 2016 where he helped develop a document for the Fighters for Peace group titled ‘A Roadmap to Reconciliation’.

He has just returned from the University of Lancaster in Cyprus, where he delivered a course on ‘Mediation – a tool for resolving conflict’ for ICLAIM – Interdisciplinary Centre for Law, Alternative and Innovative Methods, as part of their outreach activity programme.

**Registration**

**To Register:** Difficult Conversations Workshop

**Date:** Thursday 21 September 2017

**Time;** 10am to 4.30pm

**Venue:** Clarendon Street Chambers, 67 Clarendon Street, Derry/Londonderry. BY48 7ER

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**Contact Tel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Cost:** £100.00 (*includes NI OCN accreditation fee, lunch and a copy of Michael Doherty’s ‘Peace builders Workbook’)*

**Payment to:** Mediate NI

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