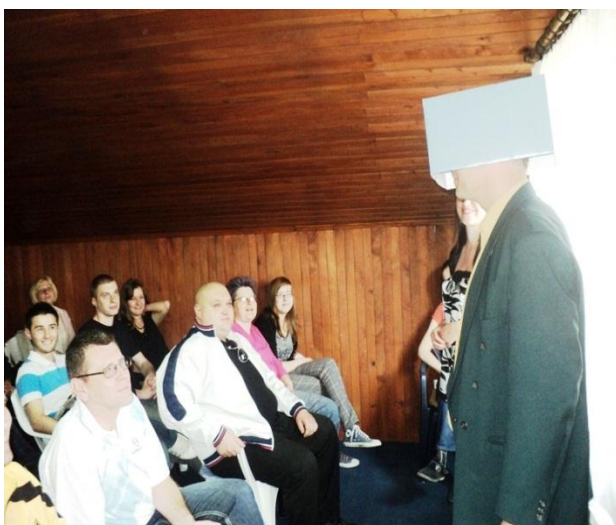


# The Edgehill Theological College Reconciliation and Integration Partnership Project

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The aim of the Project is to **facilitate** and **guide** Christian **Churches** and **Church leaders** in their vocation of **reconciliation and integration** through **education/training, practice** and **research** in order to help **reconcile communities, build positive relationships** at a local level and **contribute to a shared society**.



### **STRAND 1: EXPLORING THEOLOGY**

Since September 2008, over 80 students from various Church backgrounds have been travelling to Dromantine Conference and Retreat Centre in Newry to participate in a unique course, 'Exploring Theology'. As a result of this course, Edgehill was the first College in Ireland to offer a theological course where both the student community and teaching staff come from Protestant and Catholic traditions.

### **STRAND 2: TRAINING PLACEMENTS**

The aim for ministerial students in the Reconciliation Project is not only training to serve the Church, but also building confidence, skills and experience to be leaders in the wider community.

### **STRAND 3: THE YOUNG OFFENDERS' IDENTITY PROJECT**

The Young Offenders' Identity Project provides young offenders in Northern Ireland with the tools to explore and appreciate their own identity and to address issues of difference in regard to sectarianism and racism.

### **STRAND 4: CONNECTIONS WITH LOYALIST/REPUBLICAN COMMUNITIES**

The idea behind this strand is to enable ex-combatants who are community leaders to engage in dialogue (in a structured and creative way) centred around their identity and issues of oppression and injustice and to generate opportunities for sustainable relationships.

### **STRAND 5: CREATIVE EXPLORATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH INTER-CULTURALISM**

The Project seeks to equip indigenous churches/communities and people from minority ethnic communities with the skills to appreciate difference, forge relationships with 'the other' and experience the values of diversity and integration. The Project works closely with EMBRACE ([www.embraceni.org](http://www.embraceni.org)) in delivering this strand.

### **STRAND 6: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Project aims to document the lessons learnt in order to develop practical resources on the methodologies which have been proven to develop the capacities of participants and make positive attitudinal changes across the whole of the Project.

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