

SEFF NEWSLETTER

Supporting Victims and Survivors, Strengthening Communities



The Queen's Award

SEFF February Monthly Member's Meeting

Commences at 7pm.

7pm - 7.30pm - Cheque Presentation by FACT Project - Air Ambulance.

Brief Presentation and speeches

7.30pm - Followed by Talk from Christophe (CARSA Ministries, Rwanda) plus Q & A session

With monthly member meeting discussions to follow.



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Dear Member,

Firstly I wanted to take the opportunity to apologise to those of you who did not receive your SEFF Newsletter last month but rather received notification of a fee to be paid at the Post Office due to underpayment of postage.

This should not have happened and we are taking steps internally to try to prevent this from occurring again.

For anyone who had to pay the £1.50 over payment, please bring in your receipt if you wish and we will reimburse these costs.

On another note we would like to thank all of those who completed a questionnaire and returned it to SEFF, your feedback is essential in helping shape the direction of the organisation over the next four year period. The Strategic Plan process continues and we would hope to have a final report in place by end March 2019

Fundraising

As SEFF develops there are stresses upon funding resources which means that we increasingly are required to raise monies via fundraising initiatives, we are conscious that it is not always possible for families to contribute to all occasions but we do appeal with those who are able to contribute to do so. We currently have a fundraiser operating which is dedicated for the relief of The Befriending Service which has come under particular pressure these past number of months.

We enter a particularly busy period within SEFF as we seek to close off one financial year's activity whilst opening another. Please do make every effort to continue to support the many services and activities provided for members benefit. Counselling, Welfare, Advocacy and Health and Wellbeing services are very much open for new referrals.

Upcoming event in Newry - Support fellow Border people

On Tuesday 26th February 2019 (subject to interest levels) SEFF is running a small bus to an event in Newry being organised by local victims/survivors and other supporters.

The event is being held in The Robert Mitchell/Newry Orange Hall on the day of Robert Mitchell's Anniversary - he was a JP and popular member of the community murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

The evening will see Prof Henry Patterson address the meeting and Rev Alan Irwin (Chair of SEFF's Advocacy Service oversight committee and Rector of Lack, Church of Ireland) will share his testimony concerning how his family were impacted by terrorism. Please call the office to book your space(s) on the bus. Departure from SEFF @ 5pm. SEFF will have an information stand presence at the event on account of our working within the local area through our South Down Gateway support service.

Yours,
Kenny

Parking at SEFF,
Lisnaskea
If attending a day or overnight respite and you are parking within Manderwood Estate (where SEFF is based) then please ensure that you park a minimum of 8 car parking places beyond the SEFF entry tunnel either side.
It is important that the area in front of the SEFF tunnel is kept free and available for those coming to the office throughout the day to have access.

Appeal for Book Shelving

If any of our member's have unwanted book shelves or similar we are looking for some storage for books. We have a substantive number of books left over from the recent appeal, we want to display the books so members can come & take them for a small donation. If you have anything suitable please phone the office 028 677 23884.



Seff Lisnaskea
Seff Victims

The SEFF Office is open Monday -Friday, 9am - 5pm for general office business

If you require support or help with completing DHSS or other Welfare forms Tina/Norman will be available to assist with this service.

As much as is possible, Tina will be in the office on **Tuesdays** from **10am - 5pm.**

However, if you require help outside these times, please contact the office, leave your name and number and someone will contact you to arrange a suitable time.

Remember Norman Kirkpatrick is also now available to assist you with Appeals/Tribunal Representation work.

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Complementary Therapies

We are now taking names for Q1 of the new financial funding year 2019/2020 covering the **April to June 2019 period.**

The treatments on offer are as follows (5 sessions) of:

- **Massage** (Therapist: Sandra Johnston)
- **Aromatherapy** (Therapist: Gordon Hayhurst)
- **Reflexology** (Therapist: Gillian Johnston)
- **Physiotherapy** (Therapist: Nicola McCullagh-Daley)
- **Indian Head Massage** (Therapist: Gordon Hayhurst)
- **Hopi Ear Candle Therapy** (Therapist: Ruth Watson)
- **Health Kinesiology** (Therapist: Marilyn Robinson)

Please contact the office to register your interest on 028 677 23884.

£25 contribution for 5 sessions -

****WHEN TAKING UP ANY OF THESE SESSIONS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE MONITORING FORMS AND PAY THE MONIES BEFORE SESSIONS COMMENCE, OTHERWISE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AVAIL OF THESE TREATMENTS.**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

CLUB 2019:

March

Good news for all you hungry men with big appetites.... SEFF's Men's Breakfasts have recommenced for the winter months.

The cost is £3 per person and the details are as follows....

DATE: Saturday 2nd March 2019 @ 10am

VENUE: Miller's Coffee Shop, Lisnaskea.

Please come along, enjoy some social time and eat your fill!



SEFF 2019 Calendar

SEFF has produced their first ever calendar, with pictures of events and activities from over the years. Also included are dates of planned activities taking place in SEFF throughout 2019.

If you wish to purchase a copy for yourself or family and friends they are on sale within SEFF offices for £5 each.

Enniskillen Poppy Day Bomb Families set the record straight

The act of premeditated murder committed by the Provisional IRA in Enniskillen on 8th November 1987 (known as The Poppy Day Bomb) continues to affect every aspect of our lives some 31 years later. No-one has ever been convicted of the attack and we continue to strive for truth, justice and acknowledgement.

The South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF) have been representing us and working with the authorities over the last number of years, in an effort to move things forward. We have had many meetings with the police and others and are steadily building our strategy.

The frustrating issue for us is that the PSNI and the Legacy Branch appear to be more driven to pursue prosecutions against retired members of the Security Forces whilst those responsible for 90% of deaths during the Troubles are largely ignored. We want to be treated fairly; we demand Equality of focus, Equality of resource and Equality of respect. Whilst the authorities continue to ignore our case and the many others involving innocent victims, they are creating a vacuum that is allowing others with dubious motives to exploit those cases.

We recently became aware that there was an application for a new inquest into The Enniskillen Poppy Day Bombing case. To find out about this development in the local newspaper has only added to our dismay. We along with our advocate, Ken Funston of SEFF were totally unaware of this application.

The failure of this submission was exposed in the Fermanagh publication - The Impartial Reporter as an 'Exclusive', it was indeed an exclusive to the newspaper as we knew nothing about it. We understand there was one member of one bereaved family involved in the application, whilst we were all deliberately kept in the 'dark'.

What has caused us equal concern is that Denzil McDaniel, the ex-editor of the Impartial Reporter wrote in that newspaper on January 10th.

"... we cannot easily rule out the dreadful thought agents of the British State know what was going to happen and let it go ahead. In all honesty, in my opinion that is not only possible but, indeed likely."

Mr McDaniel has a right to comment as he chooses however we do not support his view, and after a recent meeting in SEFF, we wish to put on the record that this statement by Mr McDaniel is unhelpful, and deflects the blame from the perpetrators of the mass murder of innocents by the Provisional IRA. We do not know what he has based his opinion on, but it has quite simply caused us further upset.

We are a group of families who have remain dignified down the years, perhaps to our detriment, we have watched other cases receive prominence, endless resources and focus.

We have largely held our tongues throughout the last three decades, we have heard others try to suggest that our families received high levels of compensation, we did not and many families received nothing.

We had a Memorial Garden promised to us taken away by those who thought they knew better than us, who planted a building on the site of our loved one's slaughter and then named it (The Clinton Centre) after someone deeply objectionable to many of us, we had our loved one's names added to a Cenotaph (designed to remember War Dead) and which by its' nature did not tell the truth of the a nature of our loved ones ' deaths - they were not killed, they were murdered by terrorists.

In more recent times we have not yet had our wishes reflected through the placement of the highly publicised new Memorial at the site of where our loved ones were murdered.

Surely anyone with even an ounce of Christian or human compassion would consider us as key stakeholders in whatever happens on the site of the slaughter of our loved ones, regardless of the legal status.

If the great and the good truly care for us then they would highlight these issues and they would seek reparation on our behalf and more so they would put their shoulder to the wheel in insisting that those responsible for the bomb which committed mass murder would be held accountable for it. Is this their interest or are they merely driven by their own self-promotion?

Yours,

Samuel Gault's family
Wesley and Bertha Armstrong's family
Johnny Megaw's family
Marie Wilson's family
William and Agnes Mullan's family (Joan, Margaret and Ruth)
Kit and Jessie Johnston's family
Alberta Quinton's family



Upcoming Cultural Seminars & Guest Speakers

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February- Member's meeting Wed 27 th Feb 2019 7.00pm	SEFF Offices, Lisnaskea	7pm - Air Ambulance NI - representative Rodney Connor. Presentation of FACT fundraising cheque. CARSA (Christian Action for Reconciliation and Social Assistance) based in Rwanda.
Wed 13 th Mar 2019 7.30pm	SEFF Offices, Lisnaskea	Brian Rea CBE (Ex Chairman of Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross) Brian has a history of involvement with the Northern Ireland Policing Board over some of its' most turbulent years.
March Member's meeting Wed 27 th Mar 2019 7.30pm	Newtownstewart 2000 Centre	SEFF March Monthly Member's Meeting will take place in the Newtownstewart 2000 Centre as part of SEFF's West Tyrone Gateway Service. We intend to hold our Monthly Member's meeting in Newtownstewart on occasion throughout the year in order to involve the West Tyrone members in the wider work of the organisation. We will run a bus from SEFF to this meeting departing from the offices in Lisnaskea at 6pm with pick ups on route, please phone the office on 028677 23884 to register your interest in attending.
Wed 10th Apr 2019 7.30pm	SEFF Offices, Lisnaskea	Phil Cowen from Glasgow Rangers Football Club will be present to talk about the history of the Club and its' role within the community in advancing education and reconciliation

SEFF'S WELFARE & BENEFITS SERVICE UPDATE:

UNIVERSAL CREDIT ROLLOUT DELAYED

FOR EXISTING CLAIMANTS IN NI UNTIL 2020



We are aware that a vast number of SEFF members who are in receipt of DLA (Disability Living Allowance) are still awaiting the transition to PIP (Personal Independence Payment).

Our Welfare and Appeals Officers are available to meet with members and provide guidance around the various steps of the process and to ensure you have the information you need going forward. Please contact us before you start the process as not doing so could mean an adverse effect on your claim.

Universal Credit

Plans to move existing benefits claimants from the old system to universal credit have been postponed in N.I for at least six months.

Stormont officials have confirmed that reforms that were due to begin in July have now been deferred until next year.

If you are advised to change over to Universal Credit please contact SEFF's Welfare service on 028 677 23884 or if you require assistance with any other Welfare related issue then free to speak to Tina Grimsley, Norman Kirkpatrick or Ross Hussey (who is SEFF's Welfare outreach Officer for the Omagh area and works out of Families Moving On offices).



Hi All,

With Spring around the corner we are looking forward to brighter longer days and getting out and about more. We are continuing to organise coffee mornings and help those in need via our Befriending service. Luncheon Clubs are ongoing and we will be contacting those within SEFF membership who are eligible to avail of this.

We had a very successful day when The Action Cancer Big Bus visited SEFF, the bus was fully booked and we had a great array of healthy and some not so healthy snacks in the office for members to partake of. See below for some up and coming Coffee Mornings.

Coffee Morning info:

Thursday 14th March - 10:30am - 12:30pm - St Patrick's Day Celebration (including Traditional Irish Stew lunch)

Thursday 21st March - 10:30am - 12:30pm - British Red Cross - Trips and Falls Talk - The Neighbourhood Coordinator for our local British Red Cross will come along and give a talk about trips and falls and how we can prevent them.

Unfortunately we are having to be extremely careful with our Befriending budget, even more so this year, due to the success of the service we are constantly over budget, we cannot sustain this and are having to make some very difficult decisions when asked for help. To this end we are organising fundraising to help alleviate our overspend and help sustain the service for the years to come. Please give your support generously to our new fundraiser "The Penny Raffle", tickets will be available in the office or we have targeted sellers in various locations in the area. Don't forget to come along to the Fivemiletown British Legion on 11th May 2019 where we will draw the winner at our Ricketty Wheel Event, the top prize is £500.00 along with many more prizes so it will be well worth taking part.

Regards,

The Befriending Team

SEFF take message to Queens University, Belfast

SEFF recently facilitated a seminar at The Students Union, Queens University Belfast. The meeting was organised by The Conservative Association Queens University Branch.

We were greatly encouraged by the strong attendance numbers at the event.

SEFF provided a detailed overview of the group's work, our ethos and our vision for the Future - we left that message with the students that they along with others of their generation have a key stake and role in ensuring that the integrity of the Past is protected and that a commitment is made to genuine reconciliation - something which can only be brought about through the processes of justice and truth (accountability) being fully worked through and delivered.



We were humbled and blessed that two innocent victims felt able to share their testimony; Shane Laverty (whose brother Robert was murdered as an 18 year-old RUC Officer) - this was the first occasion that Shane had spoken publicly on his brother's murder for 47 years.

And Aileen Quinton (whose mother Alberta was one of 11, to later become 12 murdered as a result of the Poppy Day Bomb).

Both acts were carried out with premeditated intent by Provisional IRA terrorists.

A very interactive Q & A session followed with engagement between SEFF representatives and those in attendance.

In a week's time a group of students from Queens University will be visiting SEFF to better understand the area from which we operate and also to experience a Border Trail which respectfully acknowledges the atrocities and events which have taken place across the Fermanagh borderlands.

We look forward to a continued good working relationships in the times ahead with students at the University.

Are you interested in having an Allotment & growing your own produce?

Plot per year is £30 with a reduction should someone wish to take two plots- the cost will then be £25 per plot

- ✓ Three polytunnels
- ✓ Tool shed complete with equipment
- ✓ Garden bench
- ✓ Picnic table
- ✓ Rotavator

Potential opportunities for training programmes and partnership with other garden/allotment sites



Thirty-one plots and a double compost plot

Tangible economic, social and health-based therapeutic benefits

Further information?

Contact the SEFF Office
ASAP on [02867723884](tel:02867723884) or
[02867722242](tel:02867722242) or
info@seff.org.uk

Community Allotments site on the Brookeborough Road, Lisnaskea

Morning SEFF Calling

Hello to all,

Can you believe that we are now halfway through February and after that brief spell of frost and snow, the weather is so mild and typical of mid Spring rather mid February. I was delighted this morning (14th of February) to observe, near the Ardhowen theatre, two cherry blossom trees in full bloom, along with the daffodils and snow drops . It really gladdens the heart to see this coupled with longer evenings.

However, our weather of late is so unpredictable that it would come as no surprise if frost and snow doesn't appear with us again next week. The schools are closed for half term next week and before we know it Easter will be upon us. Indeed as is the norm of late Easter eggs are already on display in the shops.

The pace of life has become so fast and nobody appears to have time to do as they used to, which was to cheildh with our neighbours anymore. People at one time "worked to live" as they say but now it's "live to work". We have become very materialistic, and less altruistic. No one now appears to know their neighbours, and that is very sad, as in a rural community like ours, at one time you could rely on one's neighbour to be there if you needed them to help out if needed, or just to pop in for a wee chat. As a result loneliness and stress related diseases have become the norm for modern society.

Morning SEFF Calling is there for anyone who is feeling lonely, isolated or in need of a friendly call, someone to say "hello are you well, how are you today"? That call won't make everything better but it can make a difference to how you are feeling, and that you are not on your own. We at SEFF care about you, and how you are feeling and give you a chance to articulate those feelings, and to acknowledge that if you are feeling isolated, lonely or down that on a weekly basis there is someone to talk to. If you would like to avail of this service please do not hesitate to call either Joy or

Mandy at SEFF. They will take your details and pass them on to MSC (Morning SEFF Calling) who will then get in touch with you to arrange a day and time that is suitable for us to call you on a weekly basis.

So for now take care and enjoy the good weather for as long as it lasts.

Ann and Rita

MSC - SEFF office on 028 677 23884.



European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism 2019 & visit to Bayardo Tribute to Innocents



The 2019 European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism event will take place in The Senate Chamber in Parliament Buildings, Stormont on **Monday 11th March 2019** (this is the actual date marked across Europe).

As per previous years three speakers will contribute testimony at the event, these speakers will involve innocent victims of both a loyalist and republican terrorism.

Once again SEFF are working in partnership with Jim Allister's office in organising the speakers and arrangements for the day. The event is co-sponsored and supported by other political parties.

Bayardo Somme Association Tribute

The Bayardo Pub located on the Shankill road was bombed by Provisional IRA terrorists in 1975 murdering 5 people. 15 years ago the local and independent Somme group erected a memorial stone to those innocent people.

Since then the group has been building a Living Memorial on the site of the Pub containing photographs, montages and other information including as many innocents of The Troubles as possible, especially but not exclusively child victims.

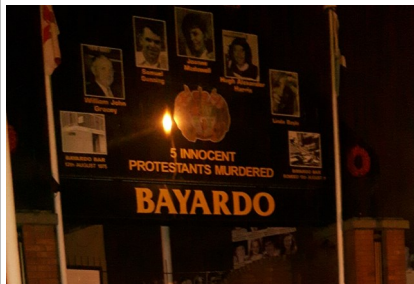
Up to now the group have spent £30,000 without grants or funding from any group or body just "Work, dedication and good friends".

The group's motivation is to practically challenge the rewrite campaign of Republicanism influencing local, national and international opinion.

After the event at Stormont we plan to travel over to the Shankill Road to view the tribute before the return journey back to SEFF.

A bus will leave SEFF offices at 8am on Monday 11th March 2019, you will have an opportunity to purchase Lunch in Stormont, as mentioned we will then travel to the Shankill Road before our return journey. The bus is free and pick-ups and drop-offs can be accommodated as required.

Please contact the SEFF office at your convenience on 028677 23884 to book your place(s) on the bus. We are asking for strong support for this year's event - never more has there been a need for innocent victims and survivors of terrorism to come together in a show of unity.



SEFF Carer's Group



We are currently exploring the idea of setting up a Carer's Group within SEFF. At present we have a number of carer's within our membership who occasionally avail of various support services but we would like to develop a more structured group who can provide support to each other as well as availing of services through the organisation.

With this in mind we are holding an Information Session for Carer's within our membership on Wednesday 10th April 2019 from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Lunch will also be served.

Within this meeting we will explore the merits of developing a Carer's Group and look at potential ways in which SEFF can support carer's and provide much needed respite as well as other assistance.

If you are a carer and you'd be interested in getting involved in this initiative please phone the office on 028 677 23884 to register your interest.



Walkers & Talkers with SEFF's Partner Groups

Wednesday 13th March 2019

The next walk is scheduled to take place on

Wednesday 13th March 2019 in Cookstown at 11am, it will be held in collaboration with our partner groups in the MUVE Project, South & East Tyrone Welfare Support Group and Out of the Shadows.

We will go for a walk in **Drum Manor Forest Park** followed by refreshments in the MUVE Offices, Cookstown. For anyone interested in attending please contact the office on 028 677 23884 to express your interest by Thursday 7th March 2019. We will also arrange transport once we have confirmed numbers and will depart from SEFF Offices at 9.30am.



SEFF's West Tyrone Gateway Service

Respite Day to Dublin—Friday 29th March 2019

We have a resource within this year's budget to run a respite day for members of the South Down Gateway Service to come together with those under the West Tyrone Gateway service (along with some Fermanagh based members) for a day of activities / events. This will take place on Friday 29th March 2019 with a scheduled tour of Farmleigh House (the home to the Guinness family), we are currently exploring other places of interest to visit on the day. A bus will depart from Newtownstewart at 8am, the cost is £15 per person and will include transport, entrance fees and a 2 course meal. To confirm your place please forward payment by 5pm on Friday 15th March 2019.

St. Patrick's Event, Thurs 14th March at 11am, Newtownstewart 2000 Centre

Presentation on the life & times of St. Patrick by Dr Tim Campbell. Irish stew will be served.

Wednesday 27th March 2019 - SEFF March Member's Meeting, Newtownstewart 2000 Centre, 7.30pm

SEFF's March member's meeting will be held in Newtownstewart in order to involve members of the Gateway Service in the wider work of the organisation. We encourage members to please come along.

Complementary Therapies

We are now taking names for Complementary Therapies for 2019-2020, if interested in availing of 5 sessions of treatments - Indian Head Massage, Back Massage or Reflexology please phone the office on 028 677 23884 to register your interest. Cost is £25 for the 5 sessions.

Office Opening Hours & Cover

Monday 9am - 5pm - Martina Virtue (Health & Wellbeing Case Worker)

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Wednesday 9am - 5pm - Ken Funston (Advocacy Support Manager)

Health Awareness Day

Plans are afoot at present to host a Health Awareness Day where we would have the Action Cancer Big Bus on site at the 2000 Centre on **Wednesday 17th April 2019**. We would also invite a number of health related speakers eg. Cancer Research to give brief details on their work and interventions.

Refreshments will be served, more detail to follow on how to book appointments etc in the next Newsletter.



Please note the fundraising concert due to take place in April has been postponed until the Autumn time due to clashing with other events in the local area.

SEFF's South Down Gateway Service

Upcoming Services & Activities

Thursday 7th March 2019 x 6 weeks (7.30-9.30pm) (confirmed date) - Flower Arranging Course (Easter Theme) - the idea is that the class will then culminate in an **Easter Themed Coffee morning** which will take place on **Saturday 13th April 2019 at 10.30am** which will include a display of floral art via the Flower Arranging classes, there will also be Easter Eggs for the children and some brief comments from local clergy.

If interested in attending please contact the office by phoning 028 677 23884.

Wednesday 20th March 2019 - Cultural Event starting at 7.30pm 'The Life & Times of St. Patrick' presentation by Dr Tim Campbell. Irish Stew Supper and Sweet.

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Office opening hours & cover:

The Rathfriland Office is open Monday - Friday as follows:

Monday 9am - 5pm - Pete Murtagh (Advocacy Support Worker)

Tuesday Afternoon 2pm - 5pm - Volunteer cover

Wednesday 9am - 5pm - Pete Murtagh (Advocacy Support Worker)

Thursday 10am-5pm - Tina Grimsley (Welfare Officer - offering Welfare & Benefits Advice)

Friday Morning 9am - 12pm - Volunteer cover



FACT FEBRUARY 2019 UPDATE

The Annual Winter Warmer proved to be a very enjoyable event with 176 members attending regardless of the weather. The day commenced at 11am with stands from different agencies. These included stands from Air Ambulance, PCSP and Crime Prevention. We also had a stand of items that fact members had made over the years at different classes and an exhibition of photographs from when Fact was formed in 2013. With everyone refreshed from morning coffee and tea we sat down to watch the fashion show that was sponsored by Vogue and Edinburgh Woollen Mill. Between staff and fact members they modelled the clothes in a very professional manner as did the MC for the day our very own Albert Brown. A special thanks to these lovely people who did such a good job on the day.

Just before lunch we had a talk by Rodney Connors from Air Ambulance and a quick collection and raffle which raised the princely sum of £1100.00 for this worth cause. This will be presented to Rodney on SEFF Member's night on the 27th February 2018 which you are all invited to. Please contact the office on 028 677 22615 if you would like to attend.

After a lovely lunch we had entertainment from Wee Tom and the Fact Choir conducted by Mona Moore. This was enjoyed by everyone and the choir has secured a date to sing in Fermanagh in March.

We have enjoyed excellent feedback from our members of how much they enjoyed the event and we are very thankful for this.

Fermanagh members are looking forward to the intergenerational gardening project which commences on 12th March.

Armagh members are half-way through the Wheel-Works initiative and feedback is very positive. Members took a trip to The Linen Hall Library for research purposes, which they thoroughly enjoyed. An exhibition of this work will be showcased in Celebration of Arts & Age on 11th April.

Mandy and Gladys are attending Trauma & Addiction accredited sessions in Dungannon for four weeks.

Excitement is building up for the lunches – Granny Annie's on 28th February and Lurgan Golf Club on 27th February.

Jenny & Gladys

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Meeting with Karin Smyth MP (UK Labour Party)



On Monday 18th February 2018 SEFF met with Karin Smyth MP (Labour Party) who is a member of the Party's Northern Ireland team along with Ruaidhri O'Donnell (Head of Policy)

A range of issues were discussed including; the Labour Leadership's position on Northern Ireland and its' connections with The Provisional Republican Movement, support services for GB-based victims/survivors, the case for a Pension for the seriously injured, definition of victim and the proposed Stormont House legacy structures.

SEFF also met recently with Heather Humphreys (Minister for Business and Innovation with in the Government of the Republic of Ireland) Arlene Foster MLA and Rosemary Barton MLA and we will be meeting with the Justice Spokesperson for Fianna Fail in the coming weeks.

Dates of Interest

BROOKEBOROUGH DISTRICT LOL No.3

Speaker - Quincey Dougan

“The Fermanagh U.S.C”

Thursday 28th February 2019 at 8pm.

The Brooke Memorial Orange Hall, Brookeborough

A Warm Welcome awaits all who attend this very interesting evening.

God Save the Queen



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE

Since 1921 the Royal British Legion has been there for the whole armed forces community.

As a member of The National Free Wills Network, the Legion is giving supporters and members the opportunity to have a will written or updated free of charge. An up to date will, written by a solicitor, ensures your wishes are respected. This service allows you to provide for your family and friends and leave a gift to your chosen charities too, without worrying about the cost. There is no obligation to include a gift to The Royal British Legion in your will but we hope you choose to do so. Every gift, no matter the size, will help RBL vital welfare work supporting the whole Armed Forces family, to Live On.

To take up this opportunity, please go to the link below. It will only take five minutes! We will use your information to inform you of solicitors in your area who are ready to help and advise you.

For more information, email freewills@britishlegion.org.uk or call 020 3207 2253.

Coffee Morning & Craft Fair

When: 10am-1pm on Saturday 2nd March 2019

Where: Archdale hall, Lisnaskea

Why: To support the 6 babies born too soon every day in Northern Ireland.



Holiday Club



The Holiday Club will meet again on Monday 25th February 2019 at 2pm in SEFF Offices, Lisnaskea.

New options will be discussed as to potential destinations.

The Holiday club is not a SEFF Holiday club but is run by volunteers for the benefit of SEFF members.