HUME Inaugural European Conference 2021: 'Leadership for Peaceful Change'

1 - 2 July 2021

Online event

Organised by the European University Institute's Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies and the John & Pat Hume Foundation

Programme

1 July	European dimensions of John Hume, a European Peacemaker
14:00 - 14:15	John Hume Video
14:15 - 14:20	Introductory remarks by Seán Farren Chair of the Hume Foundation
14:20 - 15:05	Opening Address by Mary McAleese Former President of Ireland and a Patron of the John & Pat Hume Foundation
	Followed by a conversation with Claire Hanna MP
15:05 - 15:15	Break – Video tributes to John Hume
15:15 - 16:15	Europe as an inspiration and model for conflict resolution
	Pascal Lamy President emeritus, Jacques Delors Institute
	Brigid Laffan Director of the Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies at the European University Institute
	Moderated by Rory Montgomery Former Irish Permanent Representative to the EU
16:15 - 16:30	Break – Video of John Hume and EU Nobel Peace Prizes, & State of the Union 2020 tribute

16:30 - 17:25 European institutions as a political arena for peaceful change

Opening remarks by Mairead McGuinness | European Commissioner

Followed by a conversation with Hans-Gert Pöttering | Former President of EP, and Richard Corbett | Former leader of UK Labour MEPs within the Socialists & Democrats group at EP

Moderated by **Tony Connelly** | Europe Editor, RTÉ Brussels

17:25 Phil Coulter singing at the Guildhall, Derry: 'The Town I Loved So Well'



2 July EU's role in peace-making and peace-building in Europe and neighbouring regions

- 13:30 13:35 Introduction by **Brigid Laffan** | Director of the Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, and welcome by **Mo Hume** | Hume Foundation Board
- 13:35 14:30 EU's role in support of peace building & reconciliation in Western Balkans

Miroslav Lajčák | EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue & other Western Balkan regional issues

Heather Grabbe | Director of Open Society European Policy Institute

Moderated by **Pat Cox** | Former President of the European Parliament

- 14:30 14:40 Break Video on John Hume and his approach to peace making
- 14:40 15:30 *Belarus what next?*

Franak Viačorka | Senior Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

In conversation with **Conor O'Clery** | Author and former Senior Foreign Correspondent of the Irish Times

- 15.30 15.45 Break Video of John Hume and EU Nobel Peace Prizes, & State of the Union 2020 tribute
- 15:45 16:40 EU support to conflict resolution and peace building in the Middle East & North Africa

Federica Mogherini | Rector of the College of Europe and former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy

Zahra' Langhi | Co-founder and CEO of the Libyan Women's Platform for Peace

Moderated by **Michael Keating** | Executive Director of the European Institute of Peace

- 16:40 16:45 Break
- 16:45 17:00 Closing Address by Simon Coveney T.D. | Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence

Introduced by Seán Farren | Chair of the Hume Foundation

Followed by conference wrap-up remarks on behalf of the Hume Foundation and the European University Institute

Announcements on upcoming Hume Foundation events

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