NICCY The Impact of the Conflict on NI's Children

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



CHILDREN'S LIVES IN NI



Child Poverty

- □ Correlation between highest rates of child poverty and areas most impacted upon by the conflict
- ☐ Predicted rise in child poverty rates

High Rates of Mental III Health

- □ 20 30% of children will develop mental health problems before 18
- ☐ Levels of suicide and self harm

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Educational Inequalities

- □ 67% 5 GCSE's A-C including English and Maths, 46% FSME
- □ NI Higher rates of young people NEET and Youth

Unemployment

Newcomer Children

- □ lack of cultural awareness
- □ racism

PARAMILITARIES FORCE THOUSANDS FROM THEIR HOMES IN NORTHERN IRELAND



WOULD BRITISH & IRISH COVERNMENTS ALLOW THAT ON THEIR DOORSTEPS?

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PARAMILITARY 006/07 ACTIVITY 2014/15

IN NORTHERN IRELAND
GOVERNMENT IS ONLY SCRATCHING THE SURFACE

UNDER TERRORISM LEGISLATION

22 MURDERS

1.100 SHOOTINGS 787 PUNISHMENT

3,899 REPORTS OF PEOPLE FORCED FROM THEIR HOMES BY PARAMILITARIES

B49 FIREARMS & 495KG OF EXPLOSIVES SEIZED, IMPLYING GROUPS HEAVILY ARMED

PARAMILITARY GROUPS HAVE THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS

PARAMILITARIES LINKED TO 33
ORGANISED CRIME GANGS
EARNING MILLIONS ILLEGALLY

4,241 TRAIN SERVICES HALTED BY BOMB ALERTS

30-40,000 EX-PARAMILITARY PRISONERS, BUT NO RE-INTEGRATION STRATEGY

1,758 ARRESTS UNDER TERROR LAWS, 399 CHARGED 80 CONVICTED ONLY AROUND HALF OF THOSE WERE JAILED

SECURITY SOURCES ARGUE ATTACKS ARE BEING PREVENTED & FURTHER ARRESTS ARE MADE UNDER NON-TERROR LAWS, BUT COMMUNITIES REPORT LAWLESSNESS & POLITICAL FAILURE

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What Young People say



"Segregated education is a massive issue which has to be urgently addressed"

"The conflict is not so much between communities, but within communities"

"Why do only Catholics play Camogie?"

