

INNATE



Irish network for nonviolent action training and education

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Annual report for 2025

For all of humanity's technological achievements there are many areas where progress has been slow to non-existent; these include learning to share the earth's resources fairly, learning to deal with the real threats of global heating and war, and learning to deal with conflict in general. It is not that the knowledge in how to do these things does not exist, to a considerable extent it does, but the 'knowledge of that knowledge' is missing along with the energy and political will needed – apart from the selfish and vested interests which are happy with the Titanic-iceberg-bound status quo.

This is where INNATE comes in or tries to come in through networking, information and training. Yes, INNATE is a small entity trying to relate to a wider constituency and what we can do is limited. But we are about creating awareness of nonviolent approaches which can have very real effects at all levels of life.

In relation to information produced, the usual 10 full issues of *Nonviolent News* were produced in 2025 along with 2 news supplements the months there was no full issue. And as usual there were web, email and (shorter) paper editions of this publication. We were pleased that in addition to the regular columns from Larry Speight and Billy King, Kate Laverty joined us as a columnist this year and we have other contributors – articles always welcome for consideration.

INNATE has two websites, the main website at www.innatenonviolence.org and the Flickr photo site at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/innateireland>. There is much more material on the 'main' website than just *Nonviolent News*, e.g. 120+ downloadable posters for home printing. The photo site has the best part of 3,000 photos, a total which should be well surpassed in 2026, and these are included in 57 different albums, some subject oriented and others focused on a particular organisation; going to the appropriate album is the easiest way to find photos you might be looking for or want to see. Contributions of photos are welcome.

In 2025 we embarked on a training series on different aspects of conflict for the Migrant Centre NI Peacebuilders' Project. This will continue in 2026 and includes understanding conflict and helping prevent it through good communication and decision making, as well as conciliation, negotiation and mediation. We are happy to explore training options with anyone and there is a 'DIY' workshops section on the main website for people to do their own exploration and training. INNATE can provide training or training support on a wide variety of areas including different aspects of conflict, nonviolence, campaigning, decision making, and monitoring (work in 2026 may include the last of these – we initiated monitoring of contentious situations in the North at the end of the 1980s).

There are many other aspects of work and interaction which are not covered here. While public events were lacking in 2025, the first part of 2026 will remedy that including a webinar on violence and nonviolence at the start of the Troubles in the North 'with people who were there'.

INNATE moved physical address this year without any disruption but most information flows, in and out, are electronic. INNATE exists on a financial shoestring, is entirely voluntary, and depends on subscriptions and donations to continue. A financial statement is available on request. There is the opportunity for anyone anywhere to be involved with work supporting INNATE, and most meetings are held remotely on Zoom; if you might be interested in looking at involvement, we would be delighted to talk.

Coordinator, INNATE, February 2026