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MPP Letter to Editors

Dear Editor

I would like to invite and encourage your readers to contribute to an important aspect of the work of Healing Through Remembering.

HTR is a cross-community organisation exploring various ways of dealing with the past relating to the conflict in and about Northern Ireland, with the aim of achieving a better future for all.

One of the variety of issues we are examining is truth recovery and to that end we have produced a report, *Making Peace with the Past: Options for truth recovery regarding the conflict in and about Northern Ireland*.

We have put forward five possible options to advance debate on truth recovery and should be grateful if your readers would give us their views.

They may suggest adopting parts of the various options or, indeed, they may wish to propose a new option.

The five options proposed are:

1. "DRAWING A LINE UNDER THE PAST"

A "do nothing else" option - the status quo would remain. Existing inquiry processes would continue and no additional formal steps would be taken towards a process of truth recovery.

2. INTERNAL ORGANISATIONAL INVESTIGATION

Organisations that had been involved in violence would take primary

responsibility for helping provide victims with the truth about what happened to their loved ones.

3. COMMUNITY-BASED "BOTTOM-UP" TRUTH RECOVERY

Local people would collect and document information, testimony and stories about events in their areas.

4. TRUTH-RECOVERY COMMISSION

Such a commission would focus on events over a specified period. The body would be set up by both the British and Irish Governments.

5. A COMMISSION OF HISTORICAL CLARIFICATION

An independent body would prepare an authoritative narrative about what occurred during the conflict and why.

Further details on the five options are outlined in *Making Peace with the Past*. Copies of the report can be downloaded from [here](#) or ordered from the HTR office. [A short summary version is also available].

Contributions from your readers will be much appreciated. Correspondence should be sent to Healing Through Remembering/Truth Recovery, Alexander House, 17a Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HD. Emails should be sent to truthrecovery@healingthroughremembering.org.

A series of public meetings is also being organised to help facilitate discussion and debate on the report and options. Further details will be available shortly.

Yours sincerely

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