



Demands for truth

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Victims demand truth commission

Victims from across Ireland will demand a truth commission tomorrow into the North's bloody history.

The Stormont meeting brings together more than 1,000 survivors from west and north Belfast, Derry, Fermanagh and Dublin.

An officially-appointed panel is considering ways of addressing a past which left thousands of unsolved murders and many more mutilated over three decades of violence.

A spokesman for the campaigners said: "This matter can no longer be avoided as has been the case to date with both governments and politicians defending positions and taking a piecemeal approach.

"In the absence of constructive independent initiatives we are taking ownership of this issue and providing a realistic and comprehensive way forward that is inclusive and victim-centred."

Relatives for Justice, the Pat Finucane Centre, Justice for the Forgotten, the Ardoyne Commemoration Project, An Fhirinne and Firinne Fermanagh support tomorrow's event.

The government's Consultative Group on the Past has been holding public meetings on the way ahead. It is headed by Lord Eames, former Primate of the Church of Ireland and Denis Bradley who had been vice-chairman of Northern Ireland's Policing Board.

They were brought in by former Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Hain after a series of costly public inquiries into incidents like the 1972 Bloody Sunday shooting dead of 13 civil rights protesters on the streets of Derry by British paratroopers.

That probe has cost over £200m and interviewed hundreds of witnesses but one of the victims' family has questioned whether it will arrive at an agreed truth.

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On 13 Jan at 16:38 - Boroimhe from Dublin said:

There should be something like this, if there is though it should be politically numb and just show the facts!!

On 13 Jan at 22:13 - [Hazlett](#) from West Tyrone Voice said:

This rally is NOT representative of the victims in Northern Ireland, for not one of the pro-British groups was invited to join this demonstration. West Tyrone Voice was not consulted at any time, nor informed of this protest/ demonstration. I am Director of West Tyrone Voice, based in Newtownstewart.

On 14 Jan at 10:29 - concerned from portadown said:

Does anyone know what the truth is in our wee country?

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