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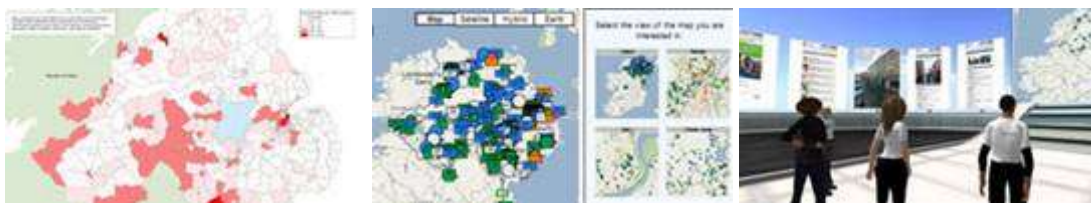
Welcome to Issue 14 of the ARK newsletter, our first in 2012. Several events have already taken place this year, and these are outlined below. One of these was the launch of the 'Visualising the conflict' resource within CAIN, which provides new ways of exploring an extensive archive of material of memorials and deaths.

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Visualising the conflict

In 2009, Conflict Archive on the Internet (CAIN) launched the '[Remembering: Victims, Survivors and Commemoration in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland](#)' section. Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), this provides an extensive on-line digital archive of source materials, images and searchable databases.

In January 2012, CAIN launched an extension to this project called '[Visualising the conflict](#)', which was also funded by the AHRC. This project combines two earlier databases about memorials and deaths with geographical and internet technologies such as interactive Google Maps, Google Streetview, and Second Life. This gives the user an enhanced insight into the spatial dimensions of the conflict and commemoration in Northern Ireland.



The main sections include: a series of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) maps of deaths related to the conflict and physical memorials in public spaces; interactive Google Maps displaying information on physical memorials and deaths as a result of the conflict; a virtual educational space, developed in Second Life and backed-up in OpenSim, which allows users to interact with information and 3D models of physical memorials; short videos of a selection of physical memorials; and a set of Project Guides and other outputs.

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ORB

Would you like to search for social policy research on a particular topic or by an individual author? Do you carry out social policy research on Northern Ireland? If so, then the [Online Research Bank \(ORB\)](#) is the resource for you!

ORB is a collection of searchable databases containing bibliographies and summaries of research focused on the lives of adults and children in Northern Ireland. There are two databases: the [ORB Social Policy Database](#) which focuses on social

policy documents based on research carried out in Northern Ireland since 1990, and the [ORB Children's Research Database](#) which concentrates on research carried out with children and young people in Northern Ireland since 2000.

We welcome all suggestions for entries for the databases, so if there are any research reports that you think should be included, please contact [Paula Devine](#).

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ARK events

ARK and [Man Matters](#) are jointly hosting the seminar '**Facing the challenge: The impact of the recession and unemployment on men's health in Ireland**', which will be presented by Owen Metcalfe (Institute of Public Health in Ireland).

The seminar will take place on Tuesday 14 February 2012, at NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, from 12:00-13:00, followed by lunch. The seminar is free, but places must be booked via email info@ark.ac.uk or telephone 028 71675513.

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On Tuesday 13 March, Gráinne Kelly (International Conflict Research Institute, University of Ulster) will present a seminar on '**Progressing reconciliation, Setting future priorities for Northern Ireland**'. This seminar will also be held in NICVA, from 12:00-13:00, and places must be booked using the details above.

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Data, Policy and Practice: the potential of secondary data analysis

ARK hosted a half-day workshop on 11 January 2012 to highlight the Economic and Social Research Council's [Secondary Data Analysis Initiative](#). More than 40 researchers from a range of organisations attended. Information on the event, as well as the Powerpoint slides used by the presenters can be found on the [ARK website](#) or the [ESDS website](#).

For information on all past and forthcoming ARK events, view the [Events](#) section on the ARK website.

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About ARK

ARK is a joint initiative between Queen's University and the University of Ulster, and began in 2000. Our mission is to make social science knowledge on Northern Ireland easily accessible to the widest possible audience. Most of our dissemination is via our website at www.ark.ac.uk, which is divided into four main areas:

- [Surveys](#)
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