The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funded CAIN, based within the University of Ulster, to compile an on-line digital Archive of materials related to the subject of victims, survivors and commemoration in Northern Ireland. This funding was in recognition of the importance of this topic to society in the region and also further afield. The Archive was launched in June 2009.

The Archive and accompanying information is contained within a special section on the CAIN Web site (cain.ulster.ac.uk/victims). Previously there had been material related to the topic of victims on CAIN, but the launch of the Archive has greatly expanded the amount of information about victims on the site. We are grateful to all those individuals, groups, organisations, companies and agencies which provided permission for materials to be placed in the Archive.

While the AHRC-funded project has come to an end, work on the CAIN Web site continues and any new material related to victims, survivors and commemoration will be added to the Archive as it becomes available. We would appeal to anyone who has material related to the topic - which is not yet in the Archive - to consider donating a digital copy. Where materials are currently only available in paper form, CAIN can offer assistance in converting this into a suitable digital format.
Currently the Archive is comprised of the following main elements:

- Background information (glossary; chronology; etc.)
- A comprehensive bibliography of materials (1997-2009) including relevant media news items for the period (October 2006 to March 2009)
- Digital versions of published and unpublished materials
- Information and materials related to government policy
- Information and materials about, and by, victims’ groups
- A database of information related to physical memorials
- Information on all those killed in the conflict together with a growing selection of photographs of the dead

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