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| |  | | --- | | The local host organising group for our 2023 winter meeting, Orla Adams, Kathy Goumas, Briege Quinn, Ed Sipler and Glenn Hinds, are delighted to announce registration is now open.  The theme of the Belfast meeting is ‘**Advancing Practice in MI’**and we are seeking presenters to get in touch to help us create an exciting and stimulating programme. Please contact [*kathygoumas@hotmail.com*](mailto:kathygoumas@hotmail.com) and let us know what you plan to present and how we can help facilitate your session. It’s always worth remembering that our meetings are professionally informal and stimulating arenas for discussion and debate so if you have an idea that you wish to experiment with you have the perfect group in which to do just that!  We are also brainstorming with some local people of interest to explore ideas for a guest speaker, including Trauma Informed Practices and the Relationship with MI, and Peacebuilding/Communities In Transition and MI. More to follow.  The meeting is in less than 8 weeks’ time so we hope the following information will help you finalise your travel and accommodation since our save the date communication went out on the 13th of June!  Once again, we have successfully collaborated with Queens University Belfast and our host, Professor Anne Campbell, is delighted to accommodate our meeting on the university campus in the heart of Belfast.  We have also decided to offer a half day open access workshop on advancing practice in MI on Friday morning which we hope will be of interest to local practitioners of MI and to MI enthusiast members of our chapter (see separate flyer for more information).  **Social Evening**  We are awaiting confirmation of a restaurant booking close to the university for our Friday evening gathering - details to follow.  **COST**  The organising committee are keen to recognise the commitment necessary in attending this event and have frozen the cost at £25 MINT Members and £35 MI Enthusiast Members  There are many places to see and things to do in Belfast and across Northern Ireland while you are here, including –  Titanic Belfast - Located at the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard where the RMS Titanic was built. This award-winning museum offers a compelling history of Belfast's maritime culture.  **Cultural Attractions:**  Ulster Museum - A museum offering a diverse range of art, history, and natural sciences exhibits.  Crumlin Road Gaol - A historic prison where you can learn about Belfast’s darker past.  **Historical Attractions:**  Belfast Castle - Situated on the slopes of Cavehill Country Park, this 19th-century castle offers stunning views of the city.  City Hall - An iconic structure in the heart of the city centre with an exhibition that tells the story of Belfast.  St. Anne’s Cathedral (Belfast Cathedral) - An example of Romanesque-style architecture, open for both sightseeing and worship.  **Outdoor & Leisure:**  Botanic Gardens - A public park featuring the Palm House and Tropical Ravine, ideal for a relaxing stroll.  Cave Hill Country Park - Offers panoramic views of Belfast and is an excellent spot for hiking and photography.  Lagan Towpath - A scenic route along the River Lagan, ideal for cycling and walking.  **Local Experiences:**  St George's Market - Open on weekends, this is one of Belfast's oldest attractions and is a must-visit for foodies.  Black Taxi Tour - A unique way to explore the city's history, including murals and peace walls.  Cathedral Quarter - The hub of Belfast's burgeoning arts scene, full of bars, restaurants, and cobbled streets.  **Pubs and Eateries:**  The Crown Liquor Saloon - A stunning example of a Victorian gin palace, and a great place for a pint and some traditional pub fare.  Mourne Seafood Bar - For those interested in local seafood.  Ox - A Michelin-star restaurant for a more upscale dining experience. | |

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