

## CAIN: Media Note, 18 May 2021

### CAIN has added a selection of speeches and statements by John Hume

#### Summary:

- CAIN is an online archive of information and materials related to 'the Troubles' and politics in Northern Ireland which is freely available to a world-wide audience for research and reference purposes.
- A selection of the speeches and statements of John Hume has been added to the CAIN Archive ([https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/john\\_hume/](https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/john_hume/)).
- This project began with a donation of paper materials by Professor Sean Farren.
- This work was supported by a grant from the Reconciliation Fund, of the Department for Foreign Affairs, Dublin.

#### Release:

Staff at the CAIN Archive have produced a catalogue of a selection of the speeches, statements, and articles by John Hume, during his political career (1969-2004). Full-text versions of a range of the items are available to view on the Web site ([https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/john\\_hume/](https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/john_hume/)).

Work on this new collection was carried out during 2020 and was supported by a grant from the Reconciliation Fund, of the Department for Foreign Affairs, Dublin.

The work on this project began with a donation from Professor Sean Farren of source materials that he had collected during the research on his book 'John Hume: In his own words', published in 2017 by Four Courts Press. The project was also aided by access to the John Hume Archive, part of Special Collections, within Ulster University Library.

Freely available on-line since March 1997, the CAIN Archive is an important academic and civic resource containing source materials and information related to the conflict and politics in Northern Ireland.

Announcing the new collection, Dr Martin Melaugh, CAIN Director said:

"John Hume played an important role in Irish politics for over three decades. Given his central involvement in the Irish peace process and the Belfast / Good Friday Agreement, his speeches, statements, and articles will be of use to those who are interested in politics in Northern Ireland during the conflict.

While this initial collection on CAIN does not contain all of John Hume's output, other items will be added as they become available.

CAIN is grateful to Professor Sean Farren and Ulster University Library for assistance in locating relevant materials. The Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), and Pat Hume, gave permission for digital copies of materials to be used in the CAIN Archive."

The Irish Government's Department of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund has supported several projects that have been carried out by CAIN.

Ulster University is also the location for the John Hume and Thomas P. O'Neill Chair in Peace.

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#### Notes to editors:

The CAIN resource can be visited at <https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/>

CAIN is part of ARK (Northern Ireland's social policy hub) <https://www.ark.ac.uk/>

The Irish Government's Reconciliation Fund, which is operated by the Department of Foreign Affairs, awards grants to organisations working to build better relations within and between traditions in Northern Ireland, between North and South, and between Ireland and Britain <https://www.dfa.ie/about-us/funding/reconciliation-fund/>