

Background To Stepping Out

1995 - 2001 Drs Joseph Liechty and Cecelia Clegg, Irish School of Ecumenics (ISE), carried out some research in order to better understand sectarianism and ways of moving beyond it. The results of this research and their insights are published in a book, *Moving Beyond Sectarianism*, (Dublin: Columba Press), Autumn 2001.

2000 - 2001 Yvonne Naylor, ISE worked in partnership with a steering group, piloting schools and youth centres throughout Northern Ireland to produce a resource pack for 14 - 18 year olds, *Moving Beyond Sectarianism* (Belfast: ISE), August 2001. This resource, available on the ISE website www.tcd.ie/ise/projects/seed.php#mbspacks seeks to make available practical, experiential and multi-media resources, appropriate to both school and youth settings, which will facilitate the exploration of some key issues and themes from the research project, *Moving Beyond Sectarianism*. Craig Sands produced a pack for adults, suitable for sixth form students and older youth, and this pack is also available from the same location on the ISE website. Print copies are still available from ISE Belfast, price £10.00.

2001 - 2003 Yvonne Naylor, ISE worked in partnership with a steering group, piloting schools and youth centres from the South-Eastern Education and Library Board (SEELB) to produce a resource pack for 9-14 year olds, *Who We Are - Dealing with Difference* (Belfast: ISE), June 2003. This pack is now also available from the ISE website www.tcd.ie/ise/projects/seed.php#whoweare A few print copies are still available from ISE Belfast, price £18.00.

2004 - 2007 Yvonne Naylor, SEED project ISE, funded by DENI and ISE Trust worked in partnership with a steering group, piloting schools, after school clubs and play schemes throughout N. Ireland and produced this on-line resource pack for 5-9 year olds, *Stepping Out* to:

- Complete the process of exploring some of the key issues and themes from *Moving Beyond Sectarianism* with a younger age group.
- Extend the learning about sectarianism to other distorted expressions of identity and belonging - racism, etc.