

David Bolton has worked in the public sector health and social services in Northern Ireland in various practitioner roles as a social work and in middle management and senior management roles. He has been involved for over 30 years in addressing the social and mental health impacts of the conflict related violence. He managed the community services response to the Omagh bombing of 1998. This included establishing the Omagh Community Trauma and Recovery Team which, with the support of Professor David Clark and his colleagues, developed trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy services for people suffering trauma-related psychological and mental health disorders. In 2002 he became the founding director of the Northern Ireland Centre for Trauma and Transformation which was established as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) to build upon the ground breaking work achieved by the Omagh team. This Centre further developed trauma-focused therapy services and researched their effectiveness through a randomised controlled trial (RCT). The Centre also developed a range of competence based training programmes. In partnership with Professor Brendan Bunting and his team at the Ulster University, the Centre undertook an extensive research programme investigating the mental health impact of the Troubles producing a number of key reports and papers which forms the most extensive body of literature on the subject. The Centre also delivered a humanitarian programme providing support to communities in developing and other countries which have been affected by conflict. The NICTT closed in 2011. David was a Director of the Northern Ireland Memorial Fund, which was set up to deliver funding and support programme to people affected by the violence linked to the conflict. He is the author of a book published by Manchester University Press (June 2017), *Conflict, Peace and Mental Health*.