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Venue: Committee Room 10, Palace of Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

Date: Wednesday 13th December 2017

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Speaker: Professor Lord Alderdice FRCPsych

Chair: Tom Brake MP

*Liberal Democrat Spokesman for Exiting the European Union and
International Trade and Shadow First Secretary of State*

HOW THE COMMONWEALTH NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE

When Lord Alderdice participated in the panel that wrote "Civil Paths to Peace" (the Commonwealth initiative chaired by Nobel laureate, Amartya Sen) he brought both his experience in the Irish Peace Process and that of working on a number of other violent political conflicts.

He believes that the key advance that emerged from the work in Northern Ireland was the recognition of the centrality of addressing the disturbed historic relationships between communities. He has taken this work further, not only in practical engagement in various conflicts but also in elucidating how complexity science is now demonstrating how and why relationships between large groups are so important.

He will describe how he thinks that the Commonwealth is especially well placed to contribute to advancements in peace building at a time when the world seems to be slipping almost inexorably in the opposite direction.



John Alderdice

A psychiatrist by profession, John Alderdice played a significant role, as Leader of the Alliance Party, in the negotiation of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He was then the first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly and later appointed to the Independent Monitoring Commission, overseeing security normalisation.

A former President of Liberal International (the world-wide network of liberal political parties) and Chairman of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords during the Conservative/Liberal Coalition Government, he consults and lectures around the world on violent political conflict and is currently Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC) at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and Chairman of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) in Belfast.

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