



Tuesday 20th OCTOBER 2009

**SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**A Dialogue: Discovering the Principles of Peace-Making**

**7:00pm - 9:30pm**

**Registration and refreshments  
from 6:30pm -7:00pm**

**Connaught Hall,  
University of London  
36-45 Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9EX**

**Fee: £30 (OPUS Associates £15)**

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**Presenter:** Brendan Duddy

**Discussant:** Gordon Lawrence

Brendan Duddy is the CEO of the Duddy group in Derry City, Northern Ireland where he is a former Member of the Northern Ireland Policing Board. For more than two decades he was the secret link between the British Government and the IRA leadership in what was called the 'backchannel'. The resulting peace owes much to the risks he took.

Gordon Lawrence was joint director with Eric Miller of the Tavistock Institute's group relations programme from 1976-82. He discovered Social Dreaming in 1982 and resigned. Now he writes and publishes regularly.

The format will be a conversation guided by Gordon whereby Brendan will explain his experience of the British Government and the IRA peace negotiation in Northern Ireland. The principle aim of the dialogue is to work in a participative way with the members in an attempt to determine principles of negotiation based on the experiences of Brendan. However, we are also interested in attempting to determine the principles of negotiation with oneself as one tries to think through a conflict situation that one is in.

## **Outline Programme**

5.30 - 6.30 Showing of film 'The Secret Peacemaker' (if a demand).

6.30 - 7.00 Registration tea and coffee.

7.00 - 7.45 Opening and setting the scene.

7.45 - 8.00 Small groups to list the principles established by the members.

8.00 - 8.30 tea and coffee.

8.30 - 9.30 Plenary to elucidate the principles against the thoughts of Brendan.