

SPF Conciliation Service

The SPF Conciliation Service provides professional conciliation for individuals, groups, and organisations preparing for, or facing, situations of conflict. Using preliminary meetings, facilitated interactions and specially developed resources, our conciliators provide a safe and constructive environment in which to face difficulties and move forward together towards resolution and reconciliation.

SPF Leadership Training

SPF Leadership Training provides seminar and inhouse training for those in leadership positions. In our *Leading through Conflict* seminars, we walk participants through the basics of what conflict is, the factors at play in conflict situations and what can be done to lead effectively within them. In our *Building Healthy Teams* days, we walk teams, groups and boards through the key factors involved in developing healthy and productive teams.



Why Saint Patrick?

Living more than a century before the foundation of Islam, five hundred years before the Great Schism and a millennium before the Reformation, the life of Saint Patrick stands free from many of the labels that divide people on the island of Ireland and around the world. In revisiting the non-contested space of his history, we can find a

much needed non-contested space in ours - space in which our young people, local communities, and leaders can meet, build friendship, and join together in shared action for a better future. In such a context, the legacy of the world's most celebrated and beloved Patron Saint can not only be rediscovered but can be re-engaged to accomplish in our communities what it did in his.



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SAINT PATRICK FOUNDATION

*Tha Saunt Petèrick Steid
Fondúireacht Phádraig*

*Unleashing the Legacy
of Saint Patrick!*

Every Life Matters

"If separation is the seed of conflict, reconciliation begins with the simple act of meeting together."

What we are about

No one looms larger in ancient Irish history, or modern Irish celebration, than the figure of Saint Patrick. The story of this run away slave boy, who would use his freedom to bring faith and hope to the land of his captivity, is both fascinating and inspiring.

Trafficked as a teenager and mistreated as a slave, Patrick's subsequent life-long commitment to reconciliation altered the course of Irish history. His compassion for those who were once his enemies, his quest to free those trapped in poverty and oppression, and his inextinguishable message of hope for all who lived in despair, was powerful in his own time and has left behind a legacy that is powerful in ours.

In the Saint Patrick Foundation our hope is to retell Patrick's inspirational story to new generations; positively develop the way he is celebrated in Ireland and around the world; and harness that celebration to recast Patrick's vision for a world in which every life is valued.



Through our Saint Patrick Breakfasts, Spirit of St Patrick Award Scheme, Leadership Training and Conciliation Service, our goal is to bring people and communities together and to equip and inspire them in the area of reconciliation.

Saint Patrick Breakfasts

Saint Patrick Breakfasts are a fun and inspirational way to begin our March 17th celebrations. Their goal is to create contexts in which people from all backgrounds and traditions can meet together, build new friendships and enjoy the rich diversity of our modern Irish culture.

At our breakfasts, we meet not under the banner of any particular denomination, but simply under the banner of Patrick and the ancient message of love, forgiveness and reconciliation he proclaimed.



Saint Patrick Breakfast



The Spirit of Saint Patrick Award

Although our Breakfasts can take various forms, they usually include the following five elements:

- a hearty breakfast
- live music and dance from our new Irish culture
- an inspirational speaker in the area of poverty, justice or reconciliation
- the presentation of the Spirit of St Patrick Award (see below), and
- Prayers for those in need

The Spirit of St Patrick Award

The Spirit of St Patrick Award is a community award scheme that recognises and honours those who have offered significant service and contribution to the building of healthy, inclusive community in a local area. It is awarded annually on the basis of community nominations.

80 Million People - 200 Countries - One Family - Every Life Matters!

"I was like a stone lying in a deep mire, and in his mercy, he that is mighty raised me up and placed me on top of the wall."
from Saint Patrick's Confession