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The Story of the Disappeared Exhibition

Bloody Sunday March Committee Events 2014

Where: Eden Place Arts Centre, Pilot's Row

Launch: 7.30 pm, Monday 27th January 2014 (until 5pm, 7th February)

On Monday 27th January 2014 at 7.30pm the Bloody Sunday March Committee will launch "The Story of the Disappeared" Exhibition in Pilots Row, Eden Arts Centre, Rossville Street, Derry.

The theme of this year's March events is '**Justice... it concerns us all.**' Of the many ongoing injustices as a result of the conflict here, that of the seven families who have yet to recover the bodies of their loved ones, *the story of the disappeared*, is one that cries out to be brought to its natural conclusion.

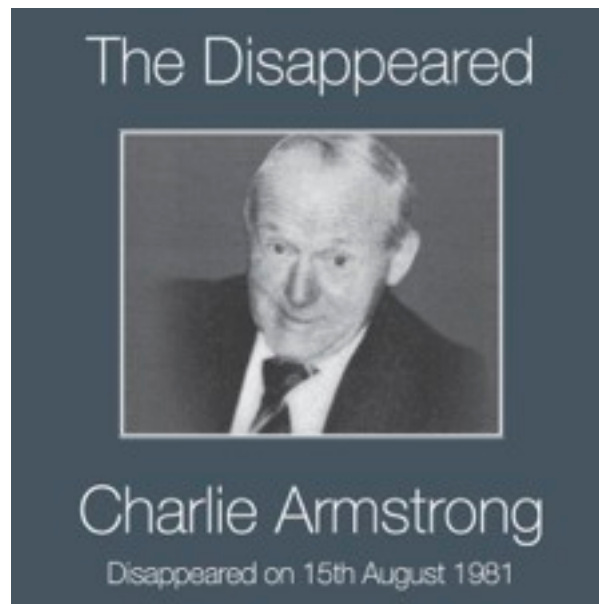
A spokesperson for the Bloody Sunday March Committee said "We are honoured to host this exhibition and to be able to facilitate and support the families in a small way in their quest for justice. Given the theme of this years Bloody Sunday March it is very fitting that this exhibition be displayed during our schedule of events"

The exhibition will focus on the 16 men and one woman who were abducted, murdered and secretly buried by republican organisations between 1972 and 2003. **Family members of some of those who were 'disappeared' will be in attendance at the launch.**

The spokesperson urged the wider public to support the event, "We would like to encourage people to attend the launch to support the families of the disappeared in their quest for justice. The exhibition will run until 7th February and there will be an opportunity for anyone wishing to view the exhibition to do so at their leisure throughout this time."

Speaking recently in relation to the case of the disappeared Sandra Peake of the WAVE Trauma Centre who co-ordinate the exhibition said, *“It is generally agreed that of all the tasks facing Richard Haass, finding a way of dealing with the past is by far the most difficult. But for the seven families who have not had the remains of their loved ones returned there is a process already in place to end their torment. The Independent Commission for the Location of Victims’ Remains (ICLVR) needs new information to guide them to where the remaining bodies are buried. The families cannot rest until that happens.”*

The exhibition forms part of the Bloody Sunday March Committee’s programme of events which will culminate in the annual Bloody Sunday March from Central Drive in Creggan to Free Derry Corner on Sunday 2nd February at 2.30pm.



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