

The Irish Association

for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations

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Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations was founded in 1938 by people in Belfast and Dublin who felt that the political division of Ireland should not also sever the cultural and other links between North and South.

It was initiated by liberal unionists in the north but they got a ready response in Dublin from people who wanted to keep up contacts in spite of the Border.

The Association endeavours to get people from all differing traditions in Ireland to meet and to provide a platform for discussion so that “Reason and Goodwill will replace Passion and Prejudice.”

The Association itself holds no political views but welcomes people of all political persuasions.

Since 1938 the Northern and Southern Branches have organised regular meetings, seminars and conferences. In the last few years the Central Council of the Association has taken responsibility for managing the affairs of the Association throughout Ireland.

The Association has continued to the present day with members North and South determined to continue the aims of the founders.