

PRESS RELEASE



Enquiries about this release should be made to
Paul McLaughlin at the Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association
on 07706285042.

12th November 2008.

1/08

Private development sell-off is good news for “mixed” couples

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association has welcomed news of a boost for social housing in South Belfast.

Negotiations are ongoing for Clanmil Housing Association to buy 61 apartments, on the site of the old Curzon cinema on the Ormeau Road, from a private developer and release them to reduce the waiting list for social housing in the area.

NIMMA spokeswoman Anne Odling-Smee said; “This development and others that have been mooted across similar areas of the city can mean only good news for cross-community couples seeking housing.

“In the past, social housing provision has tended to see areas where one or other community has been dominant, often to the exclusion of the other, but the Housing Executive’s Shared Neighbourhood Scheme and the potential for the release of private developments such as this augur well for the future”

NIMMA was set up in 1974 to provide information for and act as a mutual support group for those couples interested, involved or hoping to be involved in a mixed marriage.

As well as providing information and support for couples, NIMMA also lobbies for integrated education, shared social housing and religious tolerance.

ends