

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

PRESS RELEASE

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St Valentine's doubles demand for mixed-marriage info

Romance is in air as February 14th approaches and the Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is gearing up for one of its busiest times of the year.

Volunteers at the Belfast-based charity, which provides information and advice to couples contemplating mixed marriage, will deal with twice as many enquiries as usual in the weeks after St Valentine's Day.

NIMMA Chairman Ken Dunn said: "It is a romantic time of year and, as you would expect, many customers for cards and flowers are also in the market for the kind of service we can provide".

NIMMA's website at www.nimma.org.uk has been inundated with more than 200,000 hits since it went live three years ago and many of the 800 or so local couples who married "across the divide" last year made use of the site and the Association's hotline on Belfast 90 235444.

Ken Dunn said: "Unfortunately, even today, couples who put love before traditional allegiances, and that is around one in ten of all marriages, can face problems and difficulties.

" Commonsense and consideration go a long way and our experience of more than 35 years has shown that there is little that cannot be overcome with a helping hand here and there."

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