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## OPEN INFORMATION EVENT

Date:

**Saturday 6th December 2014**

Venue:

**Shalom House  
12 Cliftonville Road, BELFAST  
BT14 6JX**

**10-30am until 1-30pm**

(Tea/coffee on arrival)

**Guest Speakers:**

**Dr Kevin Egan** (All Hallows)

**Noel McCann** (Chairman ACI)

**Theme: "Helping the Church to become self-critical:  
Why the laity are best equipped for this role"**

**Admission free but please register (see below)**

As space is limited PLEASE REGISTER for this event  
by emailing your name(s) and a telephone number to:

**[martinmurray@live.co.uk](mailto:martinmurray@live.co.uk)**

# Helping the Church to become self-critical: Why the laity are best equipped for this role

What might a self-critical church look like?

Why the laity are best equipped for this role?

How might the church become a learning community?

What do you consider to be the most serious problems facing the church at this time?

How would you know if you were being treated as an adult in the church? What are the pitfalls in helping the church to become critically reflective?

Who models a critically reflective stance for you?

## Speakers



### Noel McCann

Noel is involved with members of the Howth Parish Reform and Renewal Group and other parishioners in supporting a range of parish activities and serves as a Minister of the Word. He was a member of the first Howth Parish Pastoral Council for four years. He worked on the Committee established to organise the landmark ACP 'Towards and an Assembly of the Irish Church' event in May 2012.

Noel will speak on, the history, vision, aims and objectives of the Association of Catholics in Ireland (ACI).



### Kevin Egan D.MIn

Kevin is a member of ACI and has lectured at All Hallows College for many years in psychology and pastoral theology. He is the author of *Remaining a Catholic after the Murphy Report* (Dublin: Columba Press 2011). He delivered a lecture at the International Eucharistic Congress entitled *Remaining a Catholic* and has contributed articles to *Doctrine & Life*, *The Furrow* and *The Tablet*. He is also regularly invited to speak on the problems confronting the church in the 21st Century - particularly at gatherings of the baptised lay faithful?

Kevin will speak on, Helping the Church to become self-critical: Why the laity are best equipped for this role.

## Venue

Shalom House is at the bottom end of the Cliftonville Road, very close to the junction with the Antrim Road.