

# Secretary of State to appoint advisory committee for the establishment of the Castlereagh Foundation

Press release

The UK Government has today announced the intention to appoint an Advisory Committee for the establishment of the Castlereagh Foundation.



The New Decade, New Approach agreement included a commitment to provide funding to establish the Castlereagh Foundation to support academic research through universities and other partners to explore identity and the shifting patterns of social identity in Northern Ireland.

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP, confirmed the panel will support the UK Government aims to identify appropriate delivery partners to establish the Castlereagh Foundation and take the work forward at the earliest opportunity.

Brandon Lewis, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said:

“This is an important milestone that marks a key commitment under the terms of the New Decade New Approach agreement.

“In this Centenary year, we have an important opportunity to reflect on Northern Ireland’s history and explore the diverse perspectives and identities that make Northern Ireland a fantastic place to live, work and do business. The appointment of this advisory committee and the establishment of the Castlereagh Foundation will be a significant step in progressing such vital work.”

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