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From 1990-1997 she was Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council (www.community-relations.org.uk) which was set up in 1990 to fund and work with government, statutory bodies, trade unions, churches, community groups, security groups, women's group, prisoners, businesses and politicians interested in developing programs and training to address issues of community relations and coexistence in Northern Ireland.

Mari has also worked on programs on conflict resolution, human rights, and diversity/coexistence work in the Basque Country, the Caucasus, Sri Lanka, the Middle East, Indonesia, Russia, Crimea, Cameroon, Philippines, Peru and Columbia, and is utilized as an international expert by many international organizations on issues of conflict. Her writings include four books: *Beyond Violence — Conflict Resolution Processes in Northern Ireland* (2002) which won an American library notable publications award, *NGOs at the Table* (2003) which she edited with Cheyanne Church, *Community Conflict Skills: A handbook for coexistence group work* (1990), and her latest, a 3-volume series edited with Chris Stout (2006), *The Psychology of Resolving Global Conflicts: From War to Peace*, (Praeger Press, 2006).