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Joe is currently working for the Fall's Community Council as Outreach Coordinator. This work involves organising cross-community talks, lectures and tours to further the reconciliation and understanding between communities and new citizens.

He has been active in republican politics for over 40 years. Among his many roles, he served as a councillor, representing the Oldpark Ward on Belfast City Council during the 1990s. Joe is currently a senior political adviser to the current Belfast Mayor, Tina Black

He has also been actively involved in cultural issues, contributing for many years as a community historian and interviewer for Féile radio.

From 2016 he has been the chair of the Belfast National Graves Association. An organisation formed in the 1930s that proudly looks after the graves of the men and women who have died for Irish freedom. The National Graves currently take care of over 300 graves in Belfast. This group represents the families of the republican patriot dead in the greater Belfast area.