

Youth quiz politicians over peace talks

By Gary Grattan

POLITICIANS were answering to young people from Belfast and Dublin today at a special 'Question Time.'

More than 150 young people from the Shankill and Falls in Belfast and

Wider Horizons programme compared experiences and quizzed leading politicians on the peace process, employment opportunities and education.

SDLP leader John Hume, UDP leader Gary McMichael and UUP Lagan Valley

These young people are determined to pioneer and stimulate change in their communities. They want to be actively involved.

Tallaght in Dublin brought together politicians from both sides of the border at the Stormont Hotel.

The graduates of the Springboard

MP Jeffrey Donaldson were expected to attend.

Springboard graduates completed training programmes



Young friends: Neil Huddleston from the Shankill and Michael French from the Falls meet up at Springboard's "Making a Difference" conference.
Picture: By Brian Thompson

targeted at unemployed 18-25 year-olds.

Programmes provided training and international work

placements in the US, Canada or Europe — focusing on enhancing employability and promoting reconciliation.

Springboard manager, Angila Chada, said it was a unique occasion which had allowed the young people to play an active role.