

NONVIOLENT DAILY NEWS

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OBSERVING; FROM STREETS TO CONFERENCE HALL

"Observing; a new response to community tensions" is a conference organised by INNATE taking place in Belfast on Saturday 26th March from 10 am - 4 pm. It is an attempt to make a much wider circle of people aware of the possibilities of observing in the Northern Ireland context (and of the INNATE mediator-observer model). Input will include accounts of observing and monitoring work organised by INNATE, by Peace Brigades International (PBI) and by EMPBA, the Ecumenical Monitoring Programme on South Africa. Participants will have an opportunity to get to grips with the subject in different ways, including through role-play. The day will cost £4 (£2 unwaged) including lunch. Booking forms and further information will be available from early February. Contact; INNATE. Information will go automatically to those who receive this as a mailing.

SUMMERFEST '94

Yes, Corrymeela's Summerfest is back, from Friday July 1 - Wednesday July 6, taking place at Ballycastle. Keynote speakers include Gerald Hughes SJ, Elizabeth Templeton, Enda McDonagh, and Tom Sine. As usual there will be dozens of workshops and a complete programme for young people and children. Details will be available around the middle of February. Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast 7, phone 0232 - 325008.

NETWORK / PEACE, JUSTICE COALITION

The first coalition meeting of peace, justice and cross-community groups took place on 4th December. Groups decided to call themselves 'Network'; the idea is to provide each with information and support. They also decided that the Network meetings were a place where they could agree to disagree as well as learn at first hand about each other's work. The next meeting will be in March (date to be decided); the morning session will deal with youth work and justice work, so groups working in these areas will be asked to talk. The afternoon session will be dedicated to networking. The organising committee for the March meeting is; George Thompson, IVS; Trevor Williams, Corrymeela; Tim O'Donnell, PACE; Ann McCann, Peace People.

DENIS BARRITT EVENING

There'll be an evening celebrating the peacemaking work of Denis Barritt on Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm in Friends Meeting House, Marlborough Park North, Belfast. Details from FOR/Fellowship of Reconciliation, phone Belfast/0232 - 660194.

PEOPLES PEACE TALKS

The People's Peace Talks is a series of public meetings organised by the Peace People. It kicks off on Monday 26th January at 7pm in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast with a discussion on the theme "Changing identities; what now for the people of NI?". The next meeting will be on 21st February at the University of Ulster, Coleraine on the theme "20 years of emergency legislation - perspectives on justice in NI". There'll be plenty of opportunity for interaction between platform and floor. For further details contact Patrick Corrigan at Belfast 663465.

AMNESTY NORTHERN IRELAND LAWYERS GROUP

A branch has been set up with the second meeting on Wednesday 23rd February in Law Society House, Victoria Street, Belfast from 5.30 - 6.30 pm. Contact; Mary O'Rawe at Belfast 241523 (work).

BEHOLD THE LAMB - retreat on Christian nonviolence

A six-day silent Eucharistic retreat on Christian nonviolence will take place at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock, 13 - 19 March 1994, preached by Rev Fr Emmanuel Charles McCarthy. A £20 booking fee is payable to M. de Brún, 50 Upper Mountpleasant Avenue, Dublin 6; thereafter retreatants are invited to give as they can afford. Retreatants must commit themselves to the full six days and to the silence.

WAR RESISTERS INTERNATIONAL / PEACE NEWS

Since early January, the address of both War Resisters International (INNATE is an associate of the WRI) and 'Peace News' is 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. The phone number for WRI is 071 - 278 4040 and fax 071 - 278 0444. For 'Peace News' the phone is 071 - 278 3344 and fax (also) 071 - 278 0444. This marks a return to this 'historic' (well, Fifties) peace movement address, with Housmans bookshop downstairs, and the PBI/Peace Brigades International international office also there.

DE EXPEDITIE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER TRAINING

The International Training for Non-violence at De Expeditie in Amersfoort, Netherlands takes place this year from 30 July - 13 August; facilitation is by Magda van der Ende and Abel Hertzberger. For several years now people have gone from Ireland. The programme includes conflict resolution on a personal level, and linking social and personal change etc. Costs from f400 (UK£140) - f650 (UK£230). Further details from INNATE or; De Expeditie, Schimmelpenninckade 30, 3813 AE Amersfoort, Netherlands.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE INTERNATIONAL

Voluntary Service International (VSI) moved in the autumn to; 30 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1, phone 01 - 855 1011, fax 01 - 855 1012. Their annual report for 1992-3 is available from the same address.

CENTRES FOR THE STUDY OF CONFLICT, COLERAINE

A new "Register of Research on Northern Ireland", compiled by Giarán Ó Míoláin, has been published; a 230-page paperback, it includes information on more than 600 research projects on all aspects of NI society. It is available price £5 plus £1 postage, cheques payable to University of Ulster; Centre for the Study of Conflict, University of Ulster, Coleraine BT52 1SA, phone 0265 - 44141 ext 4168 or 4666. Also upcoming in association with the Centre for the Study of Conflict is a United Nations University/University of Ulster conference on 'Religion and Conflict'; this international conference will take place in Armagh, 20-21 May 1994, details from the same address.

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN TRAINING FOR NONVIOLENCE

PBI's European Training for Nonviolence will take place at Wustrow, Germany from 30 March to 11 April 1994. Topics include nonviolence, conflict resolution and consensus, and PBI's work; it is open to activists in general as well as prospective PBI volunteers. Details from INNATE or from PBI, 2 Workman Avenue, Belfast BT13 3FB, ph 0232-312658.

UNDERSTANDING CONFLICT and finding ways out of it

This project, associated with Derick Wilson, Duncan Morrow, and the late Frank Wright, has published its third year report. Available from the project at; Centre for the Study of Conflict, University of Ulster, Coleraine BT52 1SA, ph 0265-44141 ext 4550.

BALKAN PEACE TEAM

This aims to provide nonviolent intervention in the conflicts of former Yugoslavia, sending teams of international volunteers. INNATE has information on request. Their 'assembly' takes place in Paris on 2nd February. Contact; Christine Schweitzer, Lützowstr. 22, D - 50674 Cologne, ph/fax +49 - 221 - 2401819.

WORKING WITH CONFLICT

An intensive, international, 11-week course based at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, England. Intended for people working for development, human rights and peace in situations of instability and conflict. Courses starting 25 April 1994, 9 January 1995, 2 October 1995. Details from; Responding to Conflict, Woodbrooke, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ. Ph/fax 021 - 415 4119.

MANIFESTO AGAINST CONSCRIPTION AND THE MILITARY SYSTEM

This is being worked on by an international group, hoping to publish a list of well known signatories on International Conscientious Objectors' Day, 15th May. Details from INNATE or Gandhi-Information-Zentrum, Lübecker Str. 44, Postfach 210 109, D-1000 Berlin 21.

ANTIMILITARIST DELEGATION TO TURKISH-KURDISTAN

Focussing to a considerable extent on nonviolent solutions, as well as fact finding, this will take place mid-April to end of April. Organised by WRI working group. Details from INNATE or Rudi Friedrich, Brüder-Grimm-Str. 63, D-63069 Offenbach, Germany.

INNATE BELFAST NETWORKING

Next meeting will take place in 78 Glen Road, Belfast at 8pm on Thursday 27th January. Details, lifts required etc. contact Rob at Belfast 647106.

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