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PEACE BRIGADES TRAINING FOR NORTH

Peace Brigades International's European Training for Nonviolence takes place in Coleraine from 7 - 19 September, 1994. It is open to peace, human rights and social change activists as well as prospective PBI volunteers. The first part of the training (7 - 13 September) is a general nonviolence training while the second part (13 - 19 September) is designed particularly for prospective PBI volunteers in Sri Lanka or North America and those engaged in PBI support work in Europe. Participants may attend the first or both parts; the fee for the first part is £125, the fee for the whole training is £200, both amounts including food, lodging and training. The venue is Kiloranny House, the Peace People Farm just outside Coleraine.

PBI, founded in 1981, is a nonpartisan international organisation committed to practising nonviolence in creative ways; it currently has teams of volunteers in Guatemala, Canada and Sri Lanka. Its work includes accompaniment of threatened individuals and groups, disseminating information, and peace education. Further details about the European training from; Iain Atack, 2 Workman Avenue, Belfast BT13 JPB.

GLOBAL PEACE SERVICE

The 94-page report from the Global Peace Service consultation held in New York last November has been published. This explored the development of nonviolent peace services on a global scale. The report is available from INNATE or for \$3 from the author, Mary Evelyn Jegen SND, 701 E. Columbia Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215-3999, USA.

SOUTH AFRICA - LESSONS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND?

This is the title of a meeting organised by INNATE on Wednesday 22nd June in Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast 7. There will be various short inputs and discussion on the process of negotiations, the National Peace Accord and work of peace committees, the Goldstone Commission on violence and intimidation, and on monitoring/observing work. All interested welcome. Queries to Belfast 647106. It starts at 8 pm.

FOR 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A weekend celebration takes place at Corrymeela, Ballycastle from Friday to Sunday 9th - 11th September, for FOR members and friends in the western European islands - and anyone else who strays this way! There is a separate youth programme which will be looking at different aspects of nonviolence. Fees for the adult event are £40 waged, £20 unwaged, and for the youth event £20 waged and £10 unwaged. Programme details from FOR, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone Belfast 660194 (Tues and Thurs a.m.)

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT (AVP)

Alternatives to Violence Project is a participative, experiential approach to exploring nonviolent ways of dealing with conflict. Recent visitors to AVP in Belfast have included Bill McMechan of AVP Canada and John Shuford of AVP USA; it is hoped each will return with training workshops within the next year. An AVP Basic Workshop is being planned for the near future; enquiries to Brendan McAllister 0232-438614, or Steve Rosenbluth at 0232-459000.

MEDIATION NETWORK

The Mediation Network for Northern Ireland (formerly Conflict Mediation Network) have now taken up residence at 74 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HP, phone Belfast 438614, fax 314430. They will soon be advertising for a Training Officer to assist with plans for a new programme of training to begin in the autumn.

'GUIDE TO PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS IN IRELAND'

Recently published by the Community Relations Council, compiled by Joe Hinds, this 120 page guide is available, price £1 (post free if you can't pick it up) from; CRC, 6 Murray Street, Belfast BT1 6DN, ph. 439953.

BEHOLD THE LAMB - 6 DAY SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT

Some people can keep silent all of the time, all the people can keep silent some of the time, but there's no way to keep all of the people silent all of the time. That's how it should be and that's how it was at Knock, Co Mayo for the 6 day silent retreat on the Nonviolent Lamb of God. On the 13th March nearly 100 people for hundreds of reasons turned up to listen to Fr Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, 'Charlie' (as he prefers to be called) was inspiring and gave seventeen one hour meditations on the Truth of Christian Nonviolence. Mgr Grealy, PP of Knock, has given his permission for this retreat to become annual.

I guess it's fair to say that some will have heard and remembered, some heard and forgot, and some who didn't hear at all. I only hope that what I heard I can practise - Peter McGuinness. - The 16 one-hour meditations from the 'Behold the Lamb' retreat are available on audio tapes in two beautiful presentation cases for £20 + £3.50 p&p, cheques made payable to Trinity Media Trust, 8 Moneynoe Park, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 4ER, tel. 0365- 323489.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE - WCC consultation at Gorrymeela Centre

From 1st to 5th June, 63 people from 41 countries took a first step in helping the World Council of Churches design a programme which seeks to overcome violence in all its forms. The WCC Central Committee in Johannesburg in January spoke of "a need to confront and overcome the 'spirit, logic and practice of war' and to develop new theological approaches, consonant with the teachings of Christ, which start not with war and move to peace, but with the need for justice." One sentiment ran through the week; many programs to overcome violence are already underway and do not need to be reinvented. "The emphasis of a WCC program to confront violence should be to identify, challenge, stimulate, sustain and link local, regional and national church initiatives. Bottom-up approaches empower." Further details; David Stevens, Irish Council of Churches, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ, phone Belfast 663145.

OBSERVING CONFERENCE

The INNATE observing conference on 26th March proposed setting up a 2-year project to develop observing, if possible with a paid coordinator. Contact INNATE for details.

IRELAND SOUTH AFRICA ASSOCIATION

Following the democratic elections in South Africa, the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement is no more. Instead an Ireland South Africa Association (ISAA) is being set up. Contact; ISAA, PO Box 38, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.

BALKAN PEACE TEAM - Volunteers and coordinator needed

The Balkan Peace Team is a joint effort of different peace organisations, among them IFOR, Peace Brigades International, War Resisters International, Bund für Soziale Verteidigung and Mouvement pour une alternative nonviolente. There is one team already working in Croatia and they are hoping to send another team to Kosovo soon. The BPT is looking for volunteers with experience in nonviolent conflict resolution for a term of at least half a year. It also needs a coordinator; requirements include low salary and high expectations, very good English, office skills, fundraising, team work, commitment to nonviolence etc. Place of work; to be negotiated, preferably London/GB or Minden/Ger. Enquiries by end of June, deadline July 15th. Enquiries; BPT, C Schweitzer, Lietzowstr. 22, 50674 Cologne, Germany.

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION GROUP, L'DERRY

Their annual report for 1993-4 is now available from; 18 London Street, L'derry BT48 6RQ.

SECOND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PEACEMAKING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

This will take place in San Sebastian in the heart of the Basque Country, Spain. There will be a pre-conference institute 8th - 9th October with training opportunities and some extended in depth workshops, and then the actual conference from 10th - 12th October. Details on 280PCR; Gernika Gogoratuz, Prins, 34, 1'D, E-20006 San Sebastian.

WRI TRIENNIAL - Viver e Resistir: Undoing the Chain of Violence

The War Resisters International Triennial will take place in São Leopoldo in the south of Brazil from 10 - 17 December. A central theme will be 'the chain of violence' which connects everyday experience with the structures which ultimately lead to war and destruction. WRI expects 250 participants from all over the world. Further details; INNATE, or WRI, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9UX, ph 071 - 278 4040.

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