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All the news that will fit on two sides!

GLENCREE OPEN AGAIN!

The Glencree centre in Co Wicklow is open again, having been closed for 6 years! The Glencree Centre for Reconciliation has defined itself as a pluralist organisation, working to include everyone. Its current programme includes a series of talks by leading unionists and a series of workshops for politicians, enabling middle-ranking political figures from the North, South and Britain to encounter each other.

Structural repairs to the Centre were completed in May, followed by VSI workcamps. Currently the Centre can accommodate 30 people comfortably (plus meeting rooms and normal residential facilities). A 99-year lease is being negotiated with the Office of Public Works for about half the buildings complex, with an option on the rest. Susan Fitzgerald in the Dublin office has been joined by Anne Reek part-time. Ian White is now director of Glencree, and Esther from Spain and Sandro from Italy are the nucleus of a volunteer team living at the Centre.

Support is welcome through purchasing 'Peace Bonds' at £10 each; membership is £15 for individuals, £5 concession, and £30 for organisations. Addresses: The Centre, Glencree, Co Wicklow, ph. 01 - 282 9711. Development Office, 37 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, ph 01 - 662 0355 (fax 01 - 661 8456).

CAJ CALLS FOR SWIFT GOVERNMENT ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) has called for swift government action in Northern Ireland following the IRA ceasefire to improve the human rights situation. "While there never was any justification for human rights abuses, obstacles raised by the government against improving the human rights situation no longer exist in a changed climate". But CAJ also warned against human rights protections being used as bargaining chips in political negotiations, reiterating its view that full protection of the human rights of all is an essential foundation for a just society. CAJ, 45/47 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FG, ph 0232 - 232394.

PEACE PEOPLE LAUNCH PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN FOR COMMUNITY DEMOCRACY

The Peace People have launched "The People's Campaign" for grass-roots community democracy. The method is to set up Ward Action Groups, selected at a first (local electoral) ward meeting. This group would then organise a series of public meetings on issues of local concern including jobs, housing, environment, policing etc. A ward election will then be organised and the initial group will then give way to an elected Ward Forum. The first phase of ward meetings will be happening this month, and it is hoped to have the first wave of ward elections in the spring of 1995. Participation in the organising and leafletting work involved is invited. Contact; Patrick Corrigan or Keith Jacques, Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, ph. 663465.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is an effort to help people creatively reduce the amount of conflict in their lives. Volunteer facilitators offer a group of participants several specially structured days of experiential exercises. AVP is liberating; the programme was created in 1975 by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). AVP in Northern Ireland invites people to attend a basic workshop (either 24 - 25 October, or 31 October - 1 November). It is desired that participants continue their training and eventually lead workshops for those who have been involved in criminal activity. For more information contact; Steve Rosenbluth, 135 Ravenhill Road, Belfast BT6 8DR, ph (daytime) 0232 - 459000.

VSI; ACTION FOR CHANGE CALENDAR / REFUGEE RESOURCE PACK / INDIA SLIDE PACK
Voluntary Service International (VSI) are producing a 1995 peace and justice calendar featuring the work of different groups. It will sell at £3 (plus 60p postage). An educational resource pack on refugees has been produced, suitable for use in secondary schools, youth clubs etc; it is on sale at £5 plus postage. Over the past 15 years, VSI have sent over 80 volunteers to India as part of an exchange, and now an India Slide Pack has been produced looking at 9 different aspects of life in India; this is available price £5 (but like the last item is free on loan if you cover postage). VSI, 30 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1. Phone 01 - 855 1011, fax 01 - 855 1012.

PEACE PEOPLE; KILCRANNY / NEWCASTLE GROUP / NONVIOLENCE PROGRAMME
Peace People news includes the setting up of a new group in Newcastle, Co Down. Meanwhile, at the Farm (Kilcranny House, Coleraine), Sean O Baoill has taken over as group worker from Sheila Mitchell. A Radio Ulster documentary on nonviolence in Northern Ireland over the last 25 years, written and presented by Patrick Corrigan, will be broadcast on Sunday 16 October at 2pm and repeated on Thursday 20 October at 9pm. Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, ph 0232 - 663465.

PARALLELS CONFLICT RESOLUTION COURSE
A short training course in conflict resolution skills is being run over two weekends and 4 evenings, facilitated by Dave Duggan and Karen Lysaght. The weekends will be 14 - 16 October and 25 - 27 November (in Kilcranny House, Coleraine) and evenings in IVS office in Belfast, and in Dublin. While the course will start and finish with a focus on the individual it will also look at the Northern Ireland and international contexts. Cost; £30 plus fares. Details; IVS/International Voluntary Service, 122 Great Victoria Street, Belfast 2, ph. 0232 - 238147.

NETWORK MEETING
The next meeting of the Belfast-based (peace and justice) 'Network' is on Thursday 13 October, 10.30 - 12.30 (followed by lunch), at Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast. Further information and bookings; Trevor Williams, Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT, phone 0232 - 325008 / 328606.

BELFAST PAX CHRISTI
The address for correspondence is now; c/o Sr Lelia Newman, 135 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6AE. The (separate) phone number is Belfast 620001 (after 6pm). The Wheatfield Gardens address is no longer used following Sylvia Thompson's departure to Tralee. Ed note (Ed note - my name's not Ed!) - Thanks to Sylvia for all the work she did for INNATE, apart from anything else. Slán abhaile, Sylvia!

FOR; JOHN WOOLMAN POSTER
The Fellowship of Reconciliation has sponsored a full colour poster, 42 x 58 cms, commemorating the life and anti-slavery work of the 18th century Quaker, John Woolman. The poster is dedicated to the memory of Denis Barritt. It is available price £3 (plus 60p postage) from; FOR, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, ph 660194 (Tues/Thurs a.m.)

HOUSMANS PEACE DIARY 1995
Yes, Housmans Peace Diary for 1995 is now available, that indispensable tool for the activist who wants to be well-connected at home and abroad (its World Peace Directory has 2,000 ^{entries}). Available price £5.50, plus 60p post on a single copy, from; Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. INNATE also has copies for sale.

NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL 1995 WALLPLANNER
Meanwhile the British National Peace Council has produced a full-colour A1 size wallplanner including dates, events and information. Single copies are £3, or 10 at £15. Details and orders; NPC, 88 Islington High Street, London N1 8AG (071-354 5200).

BALKAN PEACE TEAM; NEW ADDRESS AND COORDINATOR
Martin Raschke has taken over as coordinator, since August, from Christine Schweitzer. The BPT address is now in Minden; Marienwall 9, D - 32423 Minden, Germany. BPT are urgently looking for people to support the project through sending letters/faxes protesting against human rights abuses, contributing to a 'self insurance fund' guarantee for volunteers not insured, to join as volunteers, or support the work financially. Details from the above or phone +49-571-20776 / fax +49-571-23019.

INNATE BELFAST NETWORKING GROUP
The next meeting (all interested welcome) is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th October in Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast 7.
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