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CORRYMEELA CENTRE REBUILD

In February 1997 the main residential unit at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, will be demolished and a year long rebuilding programme commence. Since purchasing the property in 1965, the 'House' has undergone minor extensions and alterations but is now at a point where it *must* be fully rebuilt. The total cost the rebuilding project is £1.3 million, of which two-thirds has already been secured. We would ask for your help towards this target through holding fund-raising events, donations, ideas or whatever. This is a greatly needed facility which will enable Corrymeela to continue to support and encourage dialogue amongst individuals and groups and assist in the breaking down of the mistrust and hatred which remains in our community. We want it to be a building of hope and vision, a place for our children, families and friends to meet, build relationships and move forward into our future together. For further information please contact Heather McMaster at the Belfast office, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT (01232 - 325008).

'WOMEN AND WORLD PEACE' - WILPF

The Irish section of WILPF, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, are organising a conference on this title at Earlsfort Terrace (UCD), Dublin from Friday 12th - Sunday 14th July. Speakers include Rosemary Cullen Owens, president of Irish WILPF, Anne Taylor, Christine Bell, Margaret MacCurtain and Catherine McGuinness. The focus includes international peace, Northern Ireland, and education for peace. Fees are £5 Friday, £10 Saturday, and £5 Sunday inc. tea/coffee/biscuits (optional dinner on Saturday night at £20). Bookings/info: Dr Vivien Hick, 2 Harlech Downs, Goatstown Road, Dublin 14.

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION / MARSHALL ROSENBERG

Nonviolent Communication (Ireland) is organising the following events. Seminar on '*Compassionate communication*', Sat 29th June, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, facilitated by Dr Marshall Rosenberg; focus on helping people in caring professions rediscover the compassion within themselves, cost £35. '*Deepening workshop*' on Sun 30th June, also facilitated by Marshall Rosenberg, at Marino Institute, Dublin, is offered as an aid to further developing skills of compassionate communication (open to those who've attended an introductory workshop). '*Grounding compassion*' is a week-end workshop from Fri 6th - Sun 8th September, in Sandycove, Dublin, with facilitators Christa Morf, Trish Dickinson and Brenda Blair, fee £75; it will focus on grounding and integrating compassion through Nonviolent Communication. Some concessions are available for the first two events. Nonviolent Communication, 73 Albert Road, Sandycove, Co Dublin. Phone / Fax 01 - 280 15 24.

NORTHERN IRELAND PACK FROM NPC

The National Peace Council (NPC) in Britain have completely revised and updated their information pack on Northern Ireland. It's loose-leaf format in a folder, 46 pages A4, and sells at £6 inc post. It covers the historical background, current politics, costs of conflict, civil rights, women in society, prospects for peace and a short glossary. NPC, 88 Islington High Street, London N1 8EG. Phone 071 - 354 5200; Fax 071 - 354 0033

'CHANCE YOUR ARM', FOR TELLS FORUM

The Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) has asked members of the new negotiating Forum in Northern Ireland to 'chance their arm' in the coming days and months. It has done this not in the sense of asking people to become 'chancers' but in a meaning of the term which dates from 1492. In this year the Earl of Ormond had taken refuge in the Chapter House in St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin; his enemy the Earl of Kildare, who was pursuing Ormond, cut a hole in the door and reached out his hand to grasp that of Ormond, and so reconciliation was effected. The FOR has asked for similar, symbolic, gestures today, 504 years later. FOR, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, Phone 01232 - 660194.

PEACE PEOPLE CHAIR CHANGES

Deirdre Kee has become chairperson of the Peace People following the resignation of Ciaran McKeown, who has left the Peace People Executive for personal reasons. Donal Kelly is the new vice-chairperson. Meanwhile a new introductory leaflet about the Peace People has been produced and is available on request. Summer Flea Markets will be held in Fredheim grounds from Saturday 15th June through to September with crafts and other goods; tables are available for a small rental charge, or donations of saleable goods are welcome. Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232 - 663465; Fax 01232 - 683947.

WOMEN TOGETHER FOUNDER DIES

Ruth Agnew, founder of Women Together in 1970, died aged 84 at the beginning of June. Together with Monica Patterson, Ruth Agnew set up the first group in East Belfast and their first public meeting in September 1970 had 400 women at it; Women Together was soon in the thick of things. Today Women Together is continuing to develop involving women in the work for peace. At the 25th AGM in late April, Nuala Noblett was elected Chair, Margaret Dolan as Vice Chair, Beatrice Boyd as Hon Treasurer plus 16 council members; Hazel Aicken, Kilkeel; Eileen Bell, North Down; Judith Byrne, Ballymena, Sally Cunningham, Lisburn; Nancy Daybelge, Seaford; Ethna Dodds, Dunmurry; Valerie Forsyth, Kilkeel; Margaret Geelan, Omagh; Anne Lambert, Ballymoney; Audrey Livingston, South Belfast, Elaine McCombe, Newcastle; Lynn McClurg, Greenisland; Vi McDowell, East Belfast, Maeve Mulholland, Lisburn; Anne Reid, South Belfast; Joyce Taylor, Lisburn. Women Together, 62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF. Phone 01232 - 315100; Fax 01232 - 314864.

COMMUNITY WORK TRAINING MANUAL FROM FCWE

The Forum for Community Work Education are launching a Community Work Training Manual, the first which can be used by Chinese, Irish speaking, and Blind / Braille reading communities; this celebrates the European Year of Lifelong Learning and in keeping with the Forum's policy on inclusion. The manual includes working with groups and aspects of community relations. For further information contact: Anne Pendleton or Julie Cullen, FCWE, 123/137 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AB. Phone 01232 - 232587; Fax 01232 - 312216.

INCORE CONFERENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

INCORE (Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity) is organising the first 'INSECT' (I - Ed.) - INCORE School for Ethnic Conflict Training - on Ethnic Conflict in the Contemporary World - A Research Training Course - aimed at academics, and taking place from 9 - 20 September in Aberfoyle House in Derry. The first publications from INCORE are now available (prices given include postage); Occasional Paper 1, *Peacekeeping, Peacemaking and Human Rights*, by Cedric Thornberry, ISBN 1 85923 032 6, Price £2.00; Occasional Paper 2, *The UN in the Congo*, by Keith Kyle, ISBN 1 85923 033 4, Price £2.00; Occasional Paper 3, *Peacemakers? Peacekeepers - Women in Northern Ireland 1969 - 1995* by Valerie Morgan will be available soon. *Coming Out of Violence: Peace Dividends*, the proceedings of a one-day seminar held in Belfast in February 1995, is available at £3.50. INCORE, Aberfoyle House, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JA. Phone 01504 - 375500; Fax 01504 - 375510; E Mail INCORE@incore.ulst.ac.uk

CLIMATE PETITION

Those wanting to support a reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases, and prepared to commit themselves to be part of the solution personally, can promote a petition now circulating. It seeks to act in solidarity with low-lying countries like Bangladesh and Pacific islands which are seriously threatened by the possibility of rising seas. It is addressed to the governments of industrialised countries. Board of Overseas Affairs, Irish Council of Churches, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ. Phone 01232 - 663145.

REAL WORLD COALITION, BRITAIN

The Real World Coalition is an exciting new initiative launched in early April in London; it is a coalition of some 32 non-governmental organisations, including church groups, development organisations, environmental organisations, justice and poverty groups and those championing democratic renewal. It aims to bring a moral and ethical agenda to the heart of politics now in what is already a pre-election period for the UK. It will compare party manifestos to the sustainability agenda, brief journalists, undertake public opinion surveys, encourage local Real World Coalitions, and continue to monitor progress after the election. Reading: *The Politics of the Real World* by the Real World Coalition (Earthscan, £8.99, + postage 67 pence from Quaker Bookshop, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ or your favourite bookshop).

INNATE NETWORKING

The next Belfast networking meeting of INNATE takes place on Thursday 13th June at 7.30 pm in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast. This is currently planning an autumn seminar, anyone interested welcome. Details/Queries: phone Rob at 01232 - 647108.

Those receiving this newsheet as a mailing outside Ireland will also receive a 2-page summary/analysis of the Northern Ireland election of 30th May; this is available to anyone else on request (INNATE, 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA, Phone 01232 - 647106).