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ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT / AVP

AVP is an experiential programmes working in both prisons and the community, using workshops which focus on affirmation, communication, co-operation and creative conflict resolution. Participants progress through basic, second level, and training for facilitators workshops. AVP Ireland has two Basic workshops happening shortly; Dublin (Swanbrook) 11 - 13 October, and Cork 18 - 20 October. The cost is £18 (bursaries possible for low income/unwaged) and no cost B & B can be arranged. There'll be a second level course early in 1997. Contact; AVP, 80 Woodlawn Park Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24. Ph. 01 - 451 2583.

KILCRANNY HOUSE PROGRAMME

Kilcranny House in Coleraine has a programme available listing events through to next May. These include: assertiveness (weekend), skills for community relations (Tues eve), rights of individuals and communities, exploring nonviolence (7th March at 8pm to 9th March at 2 pm; tutor, Ulrike Laubenthal), and conflict resolution (17 - 18 May; tutor, Mary O'Rawe), community workers retreat (27 - 28 May). Details from; Kilcranny House, 21 Cranagh Road, Coleraine BT52 3NN, Phone 01265 - 321818.

PEACE PEOPLE PEACE TALKS

The Peace People are running a series of public meetings which will follow a 'Question Time' format and allow people the chance to debate issues with the local elected politicians; each meeting is on a Monday evening at 7.30 pm will be followed by a further meeting at the same time and place the next Monday to look at outcomes and what happens next. The meetings in North Antrim and South Down have already taken place. Other dates include; Belfast South, Wellington Park Hotel, 14th October; West Tyrone; Omagh Town Hall, 28th October. Fermanagh; Railway Hotel, Enniskillen, 11th November. East Londonderry; Coleraine Town Hall, 25th November. North Down; Hamilton House, Bangor, 9th December. Foyle, Guildhall, 13th January. Upper Bann; Portadown Town Hall, 27th January. Details from; Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Ph. 01232 - 683465.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

The NI Region of Amnesty International (AI) is co-organising a public meeting on "China: Human Rights Abuses Under the Spotlight" on 14th October at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall, Belfast Institute, Brunswick Street Site; the meeting will be addressed by Tiananmen Square veteran Liu Weiping and Fiona Ward, head of campaigns for AI - UK.

On 15th October AI - NI will be having the combined launch of a major new campaign on Human Rights in Turkey and a new Local Group in Newry; this will be at 8.00 pm in the Masters House, Abbey Yard, Newry. All welcome at both events. Details from; John Price, AI - NI Regional Rep, 1 Ardfem, Saul Road, Downpatrick, BT30 6TN. Ph. 01396 - 613548.

AI - Irish section has been having a major campaign on China and it is featured in the autumn issue of their (excellent) magazine "Amnesty International" which is now quarterly (A3, 16 pages, 50p). A-I Irish Section membership is £21 individual, £28 household, £7 unwaged individual, £10 unwaged couple. AI - Irish Section, 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2. Ph 01 - 677 6361; Fax 01 - 677 6392; E-mail; info@amnesty.iol.ie

SONAIRTE - National Ecology Centre

Sonairte have launched a new "Ecology for Life" Transition year programme for secondary school students; it's an environmental workshop to provide a stimulating an interactive introduction to ecology. Information on this and on their other programmes for through to next summer are also available; these include one day workshops on the eco-audit of your home, alternative sewage systems, natural garden design, small scale hydro power, different sessions on aspects of vegetarianism, setting up your own organic market garden, green building design, interior design using natural materials, fertility and composting in the organic garden, small scale renewable energy supplies etc. Sonairte, The Ninch, Laytown, Co Meath. Ph. 041 - 27572 / 27854; Fax 041 - 28130.

FAIR TRADE Church Pack / List of outlets

A pack on fair trade for churches is now available (it is primarily addressed to the Republic although almost all of the material is useable anywhere; a UK edition is being prepared). It is intended for educational purposes, liturgies and biblical reflection; it includes facts, stories, prayers, bible study, a sermon outline (1) etc. It is about 32 sides, A4, in a card folder, and available for £2, post free from: Midlands Development Education Project, 79 Main Street, Portlaoise. Ph 0502 - 61185. Also available from the same source for a stamped addressed envelope, or directly from the Irish Fair Trade Network, Little Orchard House, Newpark, Kilkenny, is an A4 size leaflet listing fair trade outlets in 23 counties, North and South.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Women Together, EMU Promoting School Project

When do you issue your annual report? Recently available ones include;

Women Together, Annual Report for 1995/6; Women Together, 62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF. Ph 01232 - 315100; Fax 01232 - 314864.

EMU Promoting School Project; First annual report, 1995-6, including articles on peer mediation in schools. 44 pages, A4. Available for £3.50 inc postage from; EMU Promoting School Project, Magee College, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JL. Ph 01504 - 375225; Fax 01504 - 275410.

DUBLIN GOES GREEN

Dublin City Council has passed a motion, moved by Green Party councillor Claire Wheeler, that among other things the Council draws up a code of practice on chemical fertilisers, pesticides and fungicides by the Parks Department, launches a public awareness campaign on the hazards of chemical weed control and the need to introduce ecologically-friendly landscaping, and timetables a complete phasing out of Paraquat use. [Source: Green Newsletter No.72, a financial crisis is threatening the continued production of this publication - if anyone can help, financially or otherwise, get in touch with Sheila Hussey of Dublin South Greens, at 14 Cedarmount Road, Mount Merrion, Co Dublin. Ph 01 - 288 2957.]

AN CAORTHANN / THE ROWAN TREE and the end of *Common Ground*

This 'possibly quarterly' green publication on "Green and alternative news and ideas" is available price £1, or a 4-issue subscription for £5. Issue No. 4 covers green spirituality among many other things (48 pages, A4). Subscriptions to; Laurence Cox, 48 Bachelors Walk Apartments, Dublin 1, cheques made payable to An Caorthann.

Meanwhile - and unrelated - we're sad to see the passing of *Common Ground*, formerly *North West Newsletter*, after almost two decades of continuous publication on practical and theoretical ecological and organic alternatives etc. Quite an achievement. This leaves the Pat Finucane Centre in Derry with the only publication entitled *Common Ground*!

INCORE / ETHNIC STUDIES NETWORK

INCORE is organising a workshop on *The Future of Internet Services on Conflict and Ethnicity*, in Derry, from 7 - 9 November 1996. The third international conference of the Ethnic Studies network (ESN) will also take place in Londonderry, 26 - 29 June 1997 on the theme *The resolution of ethnic conflict*. Details; Lyn Moffett, Aberfoyle House, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JA. Ph 01504 - 375507/375500.

NONVIOLENCE: LEAFLETS AND RESOURCES

INNATE is preparing a set of four introductory leaflets on different aspects of nonviolence including one on resources (human, printed, etc) which are available. This final leaflet will list groups, organisations and individuals who feel they can share something of their skills or resources (including training, observing, speaking, mediation, facilitation in this area etc). If you're living in Ireland and haven't received a letter giving details [included with this issue of *Nonviolent News* for most people receiving it as a mailing], please contact INNATE.

INNATE NEWS AND RESOURCES

INNATE NETWORKING MEETING: The next Belfast networking meeting for INNATE is on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30 pm in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast 7. Anyone interested welcome. Details from INNATE at Belfast 647106.

INNATE RESOURCES; There isn't space in *Nonviolent News* to include everything. Information available on request includes Jotters for Peace, Institute for Feminism and Religion, books on truth/reconciliation commissions (Bill Rolston, published by *Irish Reporter*, and Daan Bronkhorst, published by Amnesty International Dutch Section). A variety of other resources on nonviolence available.

INNATE SEMINAR; Have you booked for the INNATE seminar in Belfast on 19th October? It includes workshops on Children resolving conflict (with Jerry Tyrrell); Campaigning nonviolence - Northern Ireland (with Rob Fairmichael); Nonviolent communication (with Brenda Blair). The fee is £5 (£3 unwaged); booking forms and further information sent on request.

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