



NONVIOLENT NEWS

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STRESS MANAGEMENT / RELAXATION

Therapists from the Life Foundation School of Therapeutics will be sharing practical, simple and effective Body Heart Mind self help techniques for recharging batteries, boosting self esteem, overcoming fatigue and dealing with physical problems like back pain. Evenings and days will be informative, creative and most of all fun. Paulette Agnew and Andrew Wells will be leading the seminars. Evenings (£7.50) in Enniskillen 25th February, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm - Contact Imelda Byrne 01365 322084; Omagh 26th February, 7.30 pm - Contact Bernice McElDowney 01862 252136; Belfast - Cliftonville D.C., 27th February, 7.30 pm. Full day (£20) in Methodist College, 1st March 10 am - 4 pm. Half Day (£12.50) in Ardoyne C.C., 2nd March, 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm, Contact Patricia Walsh 01232 751051. Dublin; Full day on Sunday 23rd February from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm in Marino Institute of Education; contact Elma Toland at 01 624 4354. Further information from Paulette Agnew at 01902 409164.

BEHOLD THE LAMB

A six day silent Eucharistic Adoration Retreat on Gospel nonviolence, preached by Fr Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock from 16 - 22 March 1997. Retreatants are required to commit themselves to the full six days and to the silence. A booking fee of £20 is payable in advance to Margaret de Brún, 50 Upper Mountpleasant Avenue, Dublin 6. Retreatants are then invited to give as they can afford (accommodation and food provided). Phone Margaret 01 497 8257 or Marie 01 455 8524 for information.

FOR / FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

The address of the FOR is now c/o 60 Ashton Park, Belfast BT10 0JQ, phone 01232 - 615404. Anne Wilson remains secretary. The FOR/Pax Christi 'Christian Nonviolence' study packs are still available at £1 + post.

NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL

Farewell and thanks to Lib Peck for all her commitment and work on Northern Ireland issues in Britain; she has now finished working as coordinator of the British National Peace Council based in London and has gone to work as development officer for Justice. The NPC will be advertising for a new coordinator during March. Northern Ireland issues are worked on through a Northern Ireland Working Group of the NPC drawing on different bodies with an interest in the situation here. National Peace Council, 88 Islington High Street, London N1 8EG. Phone 0171 354 5200; Fax 0171 354 0033. Web; WWW.GN.APCC.ORG/NPC E-mail; NPC@GN.APC.ORG

PEACE PEOPLE

Mairead Maguire's open letter to Northern Ireland's paramilitaries and politicians, written on the 17th anniversary of the death of her sister Anne Maguire, is available as a leaflet from the Peace People. Meanwhile the Peace People are looking for participants in a range of international camps and exchanges taking place this year in Austria, Ireland, England, Israel, Germany and Aland Islands. Age ranges for camps vary from 13 - 14 up to 18 - 25. Further details on request. Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232 - 663465.

NONVIOLENCE PACK

The Nonviolent Action Training project has a draft nonviolence pack available in photocopied form including exercises and handouts on a variety of topics; experiential exercises, definitions, forms of action, violence and nonviolence in Northern Ireland, nonviolence in Irish history, dealing with violent incidents, methods of nonviolent action, controversies, religious beliefs and nonviolence, strategising and some explorations of group dynamics including consensus. Available for cost of photocopying and postage. Details; Rob Fairmichael, Nonviolent Action Training project, 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA. Phone/Fax 01232 - 647106.

GATHERING VISIONS / GATHERING STRENGTH - Britain

A weekend gathering to explore nonviolent action in Britain across movements and across generations will take place at Leeds University from Friday 4th - Sunday 6th April 1997. This event is aiming to attract activists from a wide range of issues and aims to: deepen and enrich the collective understanding of nonviolence in action; start to build a sense of community between different movements for change; explore new directions for nonviolent action. Registration is £2 - £15 depending on income and food will be available; bookings to be made by 20th March to help sorting out accommodation and catering. Accommodation available if required. Phone 0113 - 262 9365 for further information or booking forms; by post to Gathering Visions, Gathering Strength, c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Chapeltown, Leeds LS7 3HB. The organisers draw on a variety of campaigning backgrounds but include members of the NonViolent Action Research Group.

EAST TIMOR SOLIDARITY

A symbolic East Timorese 'consulate' was launched in Dublin in December to celebrate the Nobel Peace Prize presentations in Oslo. Meanwhile the first four East Timorese exiles came to Ireland at the end of September; one had his father and younger brother shot dead by the Indonesian military and his mother tortured. Dublin Corporation has passed a resolution to endeavour to set up a 'bond of friendship' between Dublin and Dili, the East Timorese capital. During the Irish presidency of the EU, which ended in December, a new initiative was announced aimed at providing funds directly to the people of East Timor and bypassing the Indonesian authorities. The East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign (ETISC) is always on the lookout for volunteers with a few hours a week to spare; as well as the office in Dublin there are groups in Galway, Laois, Clare, Kilkenny, Carlow, Waterford, Belfast and Derry. Subscriptions (including *Maubere* newsletter from which the above information is taken) are a minimum of £8 or unwaged £4. ETISC, Room 13, 24 - 26 Dame Street, Dublin 2. Tel/Fax 01 - 671 9207. E-mail: etisc@toppsi.gn.apc.org

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE QUILT

If you want to display Women Together's peace quilts, a testament to a desire for peace, understanding and reconciliation, please give six weeks notice to: Quilt Project Coordinator, Women Together, 62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF. Phone 01232 - 315100; Fax 01232 - 314864. A talk about the quilt project and/or Women Together's work is also possible.

GORLEBEN PEACE TEAM

For the past twenty years there has been a strong local resistance at Gorleben against the construction of a nuclear industry park in the small region of Wendland in northern Germany. Two high-level radioactive waste transports have been forced through to Gorleben against determined opposition; a third is expected in early March. An attempt is being made to establish an international observers team of experienced human rights and peace activists to monitor and document events in Gorleben and report independently; work is planned to begin immediately and run for 5 or 6 weeks. The team will be assisted by a translator and local guide. Volunteers and financial support are needed, as well as work with an international support network. Contact: Hagen Berndt, Kurve Wustrow, Kirchstrasse 14, D-29462 Wustrow. Phone 0 58 43 507 / Fax 0 58 43 1405. E-mail kurve-wustrow@oln.comlink.apc.org Or in Ireland contact: Ulli Laubenthal at Kilcranny House, 21 Cranagh Road, Coleraine BT52 3NN. Phone 01265 - 321816.

WRI / War Resisters International

Financial and other support is invited for the work of the WRI including its support for COs like Osman Murat Ülke who was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment in Turkey and, while he is considered to have already served this sentence, faces other serious charge. Details on this case from WRI (also from INNATE). The WRI Council meeting this year will be in Carmaux, France beginning 22nd June. WRI has now added baseball caps and waist pouches to its merchandising which traditionally, as well as literature, has consisted of broken rifle badges. The caps and pouches are available at UK£7.00, the badges at £1.50 (these items also available through INNATE). War Resisters International, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. Ph +44 171 278 4040.

INNATE Networking etc

Belfast networking meeting; You are invited to a Belfast INNATE networking meeting on **Monday 10th March** at 7.30 pm in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast 7. This will look at possible INNATE programme and work over the next year in the light of the cancellation of the proposed spring seminar (on community responses to conflict in Northern Ireland) due to lack of people to shoulder the organisational work.

McDonalds/McLibel; anyone interested in leafletting McDonalds in Belfast when the London McLibel trial result is announced, please contact Rob at the INNATE address/phone.

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