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CORRYMEELA WIN NIWANO PEACE PRIZE

The 14th Niwano Peace Prize is being awarded to the Corrymeela Community; this Japanese-based annual prize goes to honour individuals and organisations that have contributed significantly to interreligious co-operation thereby furthering world peace. Past recipients include Helder Camara, Philip Potter, the World Muslim Congress, Hildegard Goss-Mayr, Dr A T Ariyaratne, Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam, and Dr R Aram. In monetary terms the prize is worth £100,000 which Corrymeela will use for long-term support of group programmes as needed at the Ballycastle centre; the actual presentation ceremony will be in Tokyo in early May.

Corrymeela is a dispersed Christian community with 180 members; it was founded in 1965, several years before the recent 'Troubles'. In addition to members there are over 3,000 'Friends' as well as 3,000 supporters of the British-based Corrymeela Link organisation. The Corrymeela Centre's main building in Ballycastle is currently undergoing a £1.3 million rebuild; actual building after demolition is about to begin for completion in March 1998. The Centre is used by 200 groups a year from all sides of the religious and political divides.

Corrymeela organises a wide variety of programme in addition to other groups using the Centre. Upcoming events include; Eastermeet young adults conference 28-31 March (18-25 year olds; separate programme for 15-17 year olds); Caring for the Carers (for family carers), 18-20 April; Eating Elephants - taking steps to change the world (for 18-30 year olds), 4-6 April; and 16th annual Ministry conference, on 'Through Disillusionment', with John Paul Lederach, 22-23 April (co-sponsored with Irish School of Ecumenics).

'Friends' of Corrymeela receive a regular newsletter and information on events; the minimum subscription to become a Friend is £15, to be sent to; The Corrymeela Community, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT. General enquiries can be sent to the same address; publications list also available. The email address is; belfast@corrymeela.org.uk and the Web site is; <http://www.corrymeela.org.uk> In Britain you can contact; Corrymeela Link, PO Box 118, Reading, Berkshire RG1 1SL, phone 01734 - 589800.

BUILDING FOR PEACE / RIGHT TO HOPE

A seminar takes place in Derry on 14th March on establishing an international support network for peace education to be attended by forty delegates including thirty from abroad. It is organised by the Right to Hope Trust (South Africa) in partnership with Derry City Council, the Holywell Trust and INCORE. The seminar will look at the need, feasibility and logistics of setting up an international support network for peace education particularly involving cultural and multi-media resources and programmes; there will be a specific focus on - the response from other peace agencies and networks to prevent duplication and forge links; the structure of the network; what it will do and what it will achieve; who does what; funding. The proposal has been developed through conferences and meetings held in the Middle East and South Africa. Details of the conference and proposals available from; Holywell Trust, 10 - 12 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6PW; Phone 01504 - 261941; Fax 263700. The report on the seminar will be produced in due course by INCORE and available from them at; Aberfoyle House, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JA. Phone 01504- 375500; Fax 375510; email - INCORE@incore.ac.uk

AFRI / ACTION FROM IRELAND

AFRI, the justice, peace and human rights organisation has a new address; Grand Canal House, Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. The phone numbers are now 01 - 496 8595 and 496 8810; Fax 01 - 496 8592. Upcoming events include their Justice Liturgy which will take place on Good Friday, 28th March, at 12 noon, and the Mayo Famine Walk on 24th May; details as available from above.

☐ BELFAST FOE SAY 'NO TO NIGEN'

Belfast Friends of the Earth launched their 'NO TO NIGEN' campaign on St Valentines Day on the streets of Belfast led by a Grim Reaper and protesters in chemical suits. NIGEN (Northern Ireland Generators) have applied for permission to build a municipal waste incinerator in Belfast Docks on the site of the old Belfast West Power Station. NIGEN claim this conversion of waste into energy via incineration is environmentally friendly waste management; Belfast FOE see it as both environmentally irresponsible and hazardous to health. FOE are opposing the application by NIGEN at the public enquiry (8th April); FOE are holding a public meeting on the issue on Monday 24th March at 7.30 pm in Central Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast city centre; all welcome. Contact: Belfast FOE, 40 Wellington Park, Belfast BT9 6DN. Tel/Fax 01232 - 202240.

☐ Meanwhile in Dublin the Government (and Minister of State for Energy, Emmet Stagg) is backing a £113 million incinerator as a 'waste-to-energy facility' at Goddamendy, near Blanchardstown, to process half of Dublin city's waste; the plan has been opposed by both the Green Party and Greenpeace, among others.

☐ EARTHWATCH

Membership of Earthwatch (Friends of the Earth Ireland) is £15 individual, £20 household, £5 under 12, £7.50 unwaged/student/OAP to Earthwatch, Harbour View, Bantry, Co Cork. Ph 027 50988; Fax 027 - 50545. There are local groups in Carlow, Clonmel, Dublin, Drogheda, Dundalk, Galway, Kilkenny, Mullingar, Waterford and UCC. The current issue of quarterly *Earthwatch* magazine features, among others things, articles on the action by Louth residents against BNFL, sustainable development, Europe and the new protectionism, global warming, landscape etc. There are a variety of other publications and merchandise available.

☐ NORTHERN IRELAND ENVIRONMENT LINK

NI Environment Link (NIEL) produces a useful calendar of environmental events every two months; this is available free of charge (it is also on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nitran.org.uk/niel/calendar.main.htm>). They have information available on the Sustainable Northern Ireland Programme which is promoting the implementation of Local Agenda 21 in Northern Ireland. NIEL will be launching a Directory of Resources on Environmental Education in Northern Ireland on 15th March; this will be available free but a contribution of £1 to post and packaging would be appreciated. Northern Ireland Environment link, 47a Botanic Avenue, Belfast BT7 1JL. Ph 01232 - 314944; Fax 01232 - 311558.

RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

This 11-week programme provides conflict handling skills to support people working for peace, human rights and development around the world (tutors include Simon Fisher and Sue and Steve Williams, formerly of Quaker House, Belfast). The next course will be held in South Africa, September-December 1997; there will be a Birmingham (England) based course from April-July 1998. Course participants have included people working in a variety of fields including community development, public health, education, environment, post-war rehabilitation, reconciliation, mediation and conflict resolution etc. Further details from: Responding to Conflict, 1046 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6LJ, England. Ph +44 (0)121 415 5641; Fax 415 4119.

WAR RESISTERS INTERNATIONAL (WRI) POST

With the retirement of the inimitable Howard Clark (Ed note: that's 'inimitable' not 'inimical' since he's really very imical) in September, the WRI is looking for new full-time programme and finance worker. The WRI is an international network of pacifist organisations based in London. In addition to a commitment to nonviolence the candidate needs peace movement experience and an interest in anti-militarism, plus experience of fund-raising/finance preferable. Essential skills: fluency in English, working knowledge of another language, word-processing. Desirable: DTP, database maintenance. The applicant needs to be legally entitled to live in Britain; starting salary £15,434. Deadline for applications 23rd April 1997; starting date preferably 1st September. Application form from: WRI, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. Fax: +44 171 278 0444; email warresisters@gn.apc.org

AMNESTY URGE STOPPING UK ARMOURED VEHICLES FOR INDONESIA

Amnesty International UK is calling on the UK government to stop the export of over 350 armoured vehicles to Indonesia; Amnesty has evidence such vehicles have been used to commit serious human rights violations against people - and it is likely these vehicles will be used similarly. Contact: AI - NI Region, John Price, PO Box 6, Downpatrick, Co Down BT30 6UF; Ph/Fax 01396 - 613548 (home); 01396 - 618056 / 618047 (day).

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-Belfast networking meeting; Monday 10th March 7.30 pm in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast.
-Nonviolence - the IFOR connection, with David Grant (Coordinator, Nonviolence Training and Education Project of IFOR) and Noah Salameh Al-Khmoor (Palestinian Centre for the Study of Nonviolence and IFOR Steering Committee member); Wednesday 12th March at 7.30 pm. in Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast 9. All interested welcome at either meeting; queries to Rob Fairmichael at INNATE, Belfast 647106.