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CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT ON ROAD AGAIN

The Chernobyl Children's Project are sending their ninth aid convoy to Chernobyl-contaminated regions; it will depart from Ireland on 17th April and arrive in Belarus for the eleventh anniversary (26th April) of the world's worst nuclear disaster. The 40-vehicle convoy includes 30 ambulances that will be donated to hospitals in the Chernobyl region and will deliver medical and humanitarian aid direct to hospitals and orphanages in Belarus and western Russia. To date the Chernobyl Children's Project has delivered over £8.5 million of medical and humanitarian aid to Chernobyl-affected regions, and has provided recuperative holidays in Ireland for over 2,500 Chernobyl children.

Following the "Operation Hope IX" aid convoy, the Project will be providing recuperative summer holidays for 1,500 children from Belarus and western Russia this summer through 70 project outreach groups throughout Ireland, 15 outreach groups in Britain, and the outreach group in Boston, USA; this is done through the Project's host families who open their homes and their hearts to the children in order to offer them the chance to build up their health and strength in a clean environment.

For more information contact: The Chernobyl Children's Project, 8 Sidneyville, Bellevue Park, Cork. Ph 021 - 506411. Fax: 021 - 551544. Website address: <http://www.aardvark.ie/ccp/> E-mail: adiroche@indigo.ie

NOT SITTING ON DE BORDA

The recently launched de Borda Institute to promote inclusive decision making and voting [Ed - Let's get this joke out of the way at the start, it's 'de Borda' and not 'de Border!'] is named after the 18th century sailor-turned-philosopher Jean Charles de Borda who invented the Borda count; this was adopted by the French Academie des Sciences in 1784 but thrown out by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1800. A hundred years later the same system was re-invented by an Oxford don who wrote about Wonderland instead (Lewis Carroll/Rev Dodgson). A more recent development of the system has come in Northern Ireland since 1977 with further refinements to this non-majoritarian and inclusive decision-making system. Patrons of the de Borda Institute include: Profs Angela Mickley, Elizabeth Meehan, Michael Dummett, and Paul Arthur; Dr John Robb; Trevor Sargent TD; John Baker; Irena Bazileva; Dr Jude Stephens; Tom Kitt TD. Books available include "The Politics of Consensus" by Peter Emerson who is director of the Institute. Contact: The de Borda Institute, Rhubarb Cottage, 36 Ballysillan Road, Belfast BT14 7QQ. Ph 01232 - 711795; Fax 01232 - 776457; E-mail copycats@enterprise.net

INCORE / Ethnic Studies Network

Mari Fitzduff is the new director of INCORE from the start of April; John Darby, INCORE's founding director, has stood down to pursue his research interests though he will continue to be part of the Comparative Peace Processes project. Meanwhile Cedric Thornberry is about to be installed as the first holder of the Tip O'Neill Chair in Peace Studies, and Prof Greg Tillet will be coming to INCORE to continue work on peacekeeping. Recent events include a conference on War, Women and Violence in March organised by Valerie Morgan. Upcoming events include the third International conference of the Ethnic Studies Network on The Resolution of Ethnic Conflict in Derry in June, and a further conference on the Future of Internet Services on Conflict and Ethnicity, also in Derry, at the start of July. Lyn Moffett edits the *Ethnic Studies Network Bulletin* which includes information on INCORE events as well as other information from around the world. INCORE and Ethnic Studies Network, Aberfoyle House, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JA. Ph 01504 - 375507; Fax 01504 - 375510; E-mail Lyn@incore.ulst.ac.uk

IVS / VSI / SCI

The 1997 international workcamps booklet (over 500 camps in 42 countries) is now available on opportunities throughout Europe, east and west, and North America. Price UK£2.50 from IVS in the North or IR£3 from VSI in the Republic. IVS needs over-21 adult volunteers to help running its cross-community teenage workcamp programme locally, and teenagers (16-18) for the scheme. Short-term exchange and long/medium term volunteer opportunities are also available. Contact: IVS/International Voluntary Service, 122 Great Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7BG. Ph 01232 - 238147. Fax: 244356. In Republic: VSI / Voluntary Service International, 30 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1. Phone 01 - 855 1011. Fax 855 1012.

CIVIL LIBERTIES:

CAJ - Committee on the Administration of Justice

The CAJ is an independent organisation which monitors civil liberties, provides information to the public, and campaigns for change in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland. Issues covered include racism, policing, disability, equal opportunities, juvenile justice, prisons and international law. Membership is drawn from all across the community. CAJ's expertise and opinions are regularly sought by public bodies, community groups, politicians, the media, other civil liberties groups and victims of human rights abuses.

The CAJ also maintains a resource library and newspaper clipping service, organises meetings, conferences and seminars, publishes pamphlets and briefing papers, campaigns and lobbies locally and internationally, and provides comment on proposed legislation.

Currently CAJ needs help from people with librarian skills keen on helping coordinate CAJ's observing operation or on becoming a CAJ observer interested in doing a 'leaflet drop' in their own area. **Subscription rates** are as follows, including 11 copies of *Just News* bulletin; Waged £15, Unwaged £4, International £25; Organisational £10 - £25 depending; *Just News* subscriptions only are £10. The extensive CAJ publications list is available on request. The address, phone, new fax number and new Website are as follows; CAJ, 45/47 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FG. Ph 01232 - 232394. Fax 01232 - 246706. Website; http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Comm_Admin_Justice

ICCL - Irish Council for Civil Liberties

The ICCL was established in 1976 as an independent voluntary organisation with the aim to assist in the promotion and protection of human rights and civil liberties in Ireland. The organisation works on a broad range of issues including criminal justice, emergency laws, women's rights, equal status and minority rights, freedom of information and the implementation of International human rights standards in the Republic and (in conjunction with CAJ in Northern Ireland) on issues to do with human rights and the peace process throughout Ireland.

The ICCL has been centrally involved in campaigns on various issues over the last number of years including, most recently, the Right to Remarry Campaign (Divorce Referendum, 1995) and the Right to Bail Campaign (Ball Referendum, 1996). ICCL has produced publications and briefing papers on a wide range of human rights issues and it also produces a regular newsletter. The ICCL co-chairpersons are Michael Farrell and Aileen Donnelly. **Subscription rates** are £15 individual, £22 for couples, £5 for unwaged. Contact; John McDermott, Executive Secretary, ICCL, 14 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2. Ph/Fax 01 - 677 9813.

SKILLS GUIDE

A Skills Guide for Community Relations Work in Northern Ireland, produced by the Community Relations Council, lists almost seventy individuals or groups offering training, evaluation, facilitation and consultancy. While geared mainly to community relations, one of the areas included is group/intergroup conflict. The *Skills Guide* includes articles on choosing and using a consultant and self evaluation. Available for £2 from; Community Relations Council, 6 Murray Street, Belfast BT1 6DN. Ph 01232 - 439953, Fax 235208. Also available on World Wide Web at <http://www.gpl.net/customers/nicrc/>

KADE - Kerry Action for Development Education

Wednesday 16th April from 10 am - 3 pm sees a *Vival Latin America* day taking place at Slamsa Tire, Tralee with a variety of events including a talk, music, puppet show, videos, food etc (admission free). Meanwhile the *Lifesize Links* exhibition continues until April 19th in the County Library, Tralee; featuring lifesize figures plus drawings, photos and letters etc of the link between 5th class, Listellick National School, Tralee and the Rewachand Bhojwani Academy in Maharashtra, India. Contact; KADE, c/o The Education Centre, Collis-Sandes House, Oakpark, Tralee, Co Kerry. Ph 086 - 28155.

CAMBODIA - Coalition for Peace and Reconciliation (CPR)

"After a great darkness, we see the dawning of peace in Cambodia. Listen carefully. Peace is growing in Cambodia, slowly, step by step" says Venerable Maha Ghosananda. Dhammayietra VI, a peace walk and pilgrimage, started on 20th March and finishes at the ancient Angkorian ruins of Banteay Chhmar on Khmer New Year (April 12-13). Over 700 people attended CPR organised trainings in active nonviolence and/or Buddhist peacemaking skills and conflict resolution in the last year. Financial and other support welcome. CPR, PO Box 144, Phnom Penh, Cambodia; E-mail: cpr@pactok.peg.apc.org Donations and publications address; CPR, PO Box 80, Bungthong Lang Post Office, Bangkok 10242, Thailand. [INNATE has info on CPR].

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The Belfast Networking Group is currently starting work on the production of resources (among them the long awaited leaflet set on nonviolence). Anyone interested in this, or other aspects of networking, welcome at the next meeting: Monday 14th April at 7.30 pm in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast. Queries to Rob at Belfast 647106.

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