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## F.O.R. HANGS UP BOOTS AFTER HALF CENTURY

The Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) in Northern Ireland decided at its recent AGM to suspend business in the light of the small numbers involved and the energy available. There is, however, a commitment by the individuals involved to continue with their own peacemaking work. Founded in 1949, and most identified over the years with Denis Barritt, the FOR pioneered cross-border conferences in the 'fifties and later summer playschemes for children and also started the first work on focused mediation in Northern Ireland. While this will mean no IFOR (International Fellowship of Reconciliation) section in Ireland, the Peace People and INNATE remain IFOR affiliates. Residual enquiries to: Anne Wilson, 80 Ashton Park, Belfast BT10 0JQ, phone 01232 - 286879.

## MULTI-CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTRE

The Multi-Cultural Resource Centre aims to promote awareness of minority ethnic communities in Northern Ireland and to emphasise the richness of diversity these communities contribute. MCRC provides anti-racist training, a reference library, an interpreting/translating service and a quarterly newsletter. Projects include an Ethnic Minority Health Liaison Project which is working to improve the quality of health care for minority ethnic communities by working in partnership with these communities and health care professionals. The Ethnic Minority Women's Development Project aims to empower minority ethnic women to achieve their full potential through a variety of means, including a drop-in centre each Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30 which is open to everyone. Multi-Cultural Resource Centre is located at 12 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT. Tel 01232 - 244639, Fax 01232 - 329581.

## 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 15 - 21 March 1998. Retreatants are required to commit themselves to the full six days and to the silence. There is no fixed charge. A booking fee of £20 is payable by those who can afford it, to Margaret de Brun, 50 Upper Mountpleasant Avenue, Dublin 6. Retreatants are then invited to give as they can afford anonymously for shared accommodation. A supplement of £120 is charged for single rooms. Phone Margaret at Dublin/01- 497 8257 or Marie at 01 - 455 8524 for further information.

## CROSSING LOCAL-GLOBAL BORDERS

*'Crossing Local - Global Borders; Exploring conflict resolution in both the Developing World and the Northern Ireland contexts'* is the title of a one day conference taking place at Ballybot House, Newry on Saturday 7th March, organised by the Comhlámh Conflict Research Group (CCRG). The focus will be on how useful it is to explore conflict issues in the Developing World and the Northern Ireland context; there will be a panel of speakers and a choice of workshops. CCRG will launch their publication and present the outcomes of their Conflict Research Project over the last year. The conference will run from 11.15 am - 4.30 pm allowing plenty of time to catch a Belfast or Dublin train. All welcome and admission is free. Please contact: Michael Hanly, Conflict Research Project, Belfast, 01232 - 860194 or CCRG, Comhlámh, Dublin, 01 - 478 3490.

## CHURCHES PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Churches' Peace Education programme welcomes a new member of staff, Elaine Hall. Elaine replaces Sarah Bennett as Peace Education Officer (Primary Schools). She is currently working on Key Stage 1 of the Pathways series, a programme which looks at self-esteem, inter-personal skills and responses to conflict. Publications for Key Stage 11 are already complete and available from the Programme. Further information can be obtained by phoning Belfast / 01232 - 662992, or writing to the Programme at 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ. E-mail: [icpep@unite.co.uk](mailto:icpep@unite.co.uk) or visit internet site: [www.unite.co.uk/customers/icpep](http://www.unite.co.uk/customers/icpep) In the Republic you can contact 169 Booterstown Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin, phone Dublin / 01 - 2885021.

## **IRAQ NA PHOBIA CONTINUED**

So far a few concerned individuals have got together in Belfast to campaign against military action in the Gulf. We hope more individuals and organisations will join us to campaign for a peaceful, nonviolent solution in the Gulf conflict. We believe that effort should be put into diplomacy and not into military might. We are hoping to formalise the campaign after the Belfast demonstration on Saturday 14th February. First demonstrations, both at USA Consulate, Queen Street, Belfast; Friday 13th February at 12.30 pm; Saturday 14th February at 2.00 pm. For further information contact Bernhard Ulrich, phone Belfast / 01232 - 747473.

## **KILCRANNY HOUSE FRIENDS**

Kilcranny House in Coleraine has started a 'friends' scheme. Friends will receive information on courses, special and annual reports, and information about special events. The idea is not just to garner support but to enable people to stay in touch - people who have been in contact, visited, or worked there, or who simply want to assist Kilcranny in its work. Kilcranny House was established in 1985 as a residential, educational and resource centre addressing the divisions which exist and providing a safe place to meet; it is situated just outside Coleraine, looking down on the River Bann; there is a farm house with 4 acres of land, an old barn, an accommodation block for 24 people and an organic vegetable garden with a small number of animals. Suggested minimum donation as a 'Friend' is £10 per person, £15 per couple, and £3 per child over 12 years old (make cheques payable to 'Peace People Farms Ltd'). Kilcranny House, 21 Cranagh Road, Coleraine BT51 3NN. Ph/Fax 01265 - 321816. E-mail: info@kilcranny.thegap.com

## **CHURCH AND PEACE English language conference**

Church and Peace's 4th English-speaking conference, on 'Reconciliation - God's gift, our task', takes place at Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire, England, from 19th - 21st June 1998, and is a follow up to the 2nd European Ecumenical Assembly in Graz last year. Speakers include Marie-Noelle von der Recke and Andrew Clark. Inclusive cost is £70. Church and Peace is a European network of Christian communities, churches and organisations who believe that the peace witness is an essential characteristic of the church of Jesus Christ. For further information and a registration form contact: Catharine Perry, 2 Clerkenwell Crescent, Malvern, Worcs WR14 2TX. Phone 01684 - 576370, E-mail: cperry@gn.apc.org

## **GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT, LATIN AMERICA; Belfast One World Centre**

Upcoming events include 9th March, 7.30pm in Downtown Women's Centre, 30 Donegall St, Belfast, a discussion on *Gender and Development In Local and Global Contexts* with Madeleine Leonard, lecturer QUB. 23rd March at 7.30 pm in Queen's University Common Room, *Human Rights and Wrongs in Latin America*, a discussion on human rights concerns in the region and current socio-economic trends with broadcaster and journalist Hugh O'Shaughnessy. One World Centre, 4 Lower Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NR. Phone Belfast / 01232 - 241879.

## **BURMA ACTION IRELAND**

Burma Action Ireland (BAI) was set up in May 1996 to raise awareness on the current situation in Burma and the repressive nature of the ruling regime, the State Peace and Development Council (formerly SLORC). BAI is composed of individuals involved in development, human rights and justice issues; it is non-party political, non-denominational and committed to non-violent means, it does not take policy positions on issues unrelated to Burma. On Friday 27th February at 8.00 pm Harn Yawngwe, director of the Euro-Burma Office for the advancement of democracy in Burma, will speak at a meeting in Buswells Hotel, 25 Molesworth Street, Dublin; the meeting is open to anyone interested and will give a good opportunity to see how people can best help the democracy movement in Burma. Contact; Burma Action Ireland, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2. Phone 4783490. E-mail: ba-i@geocities.com

## **CHOOSING PEACE TOGETHER, WRI Triennial, Croatia, September 1998**

The War Resisters International Triennial takes place at Porec, Croatia this September (the open conference 19 - 24 September, the WRI business meeting 25 - 26 September) with the theme of *Choosing peace together*. Opening speakers include Vesna Terselic, coordinator of Anti-War Campaign Croatia (ARK), Greg Payton of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and Farid Esack, South African Commissioner for Gender Equality. The conference will be a mixture of small and larger sessions with various theme groups, including nonviolence and social empowerment, reconstruction and democratisation, identity and conflict etc. It is hoped to have upwards of 300 participants from around the world. Information directly from WRI, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX, phone +44 (0)171 278 4040, fax 278 0444, E-mail warresisters@gn.apc.org - or from INNATE.

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