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## INTERNATIONAL PAX CHRISTI ROUTE FOR IRELAND

Once again, for the third time in fact, the International Pax Christi Route takes place in Ireland; the title is *Integrating the past...re-imagining the future*, and it takes place from 1st - 9th August 1998. The Route gathers 120 young people exploring a theme and furthering cross-cultural exchange; following an opening weekend, the group is divided into 10 sub-routes who examine a more local reflection of the main theme, and at the end share something of what they have learnt. The opening weekend is in Dublin, the closing weekend in Co Laois. Themes for the sub-routes are; **Co Wexford** - a 1998 view of the United Irishmen rebellion of 1798; **Co Wicklow** - an exploration of Celtic spirituality, ecology and 'sustainable development'; **Antrim** - a future of conflict or peace and stability; **North Co Mayo** - Communities at risk; **Co Kerry** - Traditional values in a new economic climate; **Dublin** - Irish Identity - views from the 'fringe'; **Co Wicklow** - Saint Kevin to Saint Brigid; **Donegal to Fermanagh** - Reconciliation, a journey from within; **Belfast** - Through the eye of the camera: political and inter-religious tensions in Northern Ireland; **Co Armagh** - Understanding the roots of prejudice. The fee for accommodation, food and travel during the Route is IRE120 for those under thirty years old, and IRE150 for those over thirty. For further information on the Route contact; International Route, c/o Richard Sheehy, House 27, Trinity College, Dublin 2. Ph 01 - 6081280, fax 6772894. For information on Pax Christi Ireland contact; 52 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Ph 01 - 4965293, fax 4965492. Pax Christi International's address is; 21 Rue du Vieux Marché aux Grains, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium, ph +32 2 502 55 50.

## GLENCREE

At the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation, an additional 30 bed Wicklow Wing is now available to groups wishing to work on issues related to peace and reconciliation; the wing was opened by Mo Mowlam and Liz O'Donnell in early February. Alfie Kane has recently replaced Una O'Higgins O'Malley as President of Glencree, Naoise Kelly has been appointed as Centre Manager, Geraldine McAleese is the new catering co-ordinator and Paddy Crean has become a voluntary assistant to the director.

The report on last year's 'From Marginalisation to Extremism' summer school is now available and the 1998 summer school, which will focus on 1798, will take place from 28th - 30th August. 'Imprisoned Within Structures', the report of an enquiry into the role of the main Christian churches in building peace will be launched by President Mary McAleese on 8th April. Membership of the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation is £20 with a concession rate of £10, fees should be sent to the Development Office. [The Centre](#); Glencree, Co Wicklow, ph 01 - 282 9711, fax 2766085, e-mail [info@glencree.cfr.ie](mailto:info@glencree.cfr.ie) website [www.glencree.cfr.ie](http://www.glencree.cfr.ie) [The Development Office](#); Exchequer Chambers, 19/23 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2. Ph 01 - 662 0355 / 679 7148, fax 679 8004.

## ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT - AVP

AVP is an organisation of volunteers who, through running workshops, enable people to develop effective ways of dealing with conflict creatively and without violence. Community based workshops coming up include; Dublin, 2nd level workshop, 8th - 10th May; Limerick, Basic (first level) workshop, after Easter, date to be confirmed; Training for Facilitators (third level) workshop, 26th - 28th June. Note; each level has to be completed before the next one is undertaken and there is a fee of £20 for workshops. So far as workshops in prisons are concerned, the programme is ongoing in Mountjoy, Limerick has recently started, and Wheatfield will begin on 24th April. AVP Ireland has been trying to get a youth programme started with the same process but adapted for 11+ year olds. Meanwhile AVP Ireland has had a 'first' AGM which partly looked at national and regional AVP structures. Frank Reynolds was elected chair and Eileen Divers secretary. The general AVP address is Swanbrook House, Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 4, E-mail [saforn@tinnet.ie](mailto:saforn@tinnet.ie) Queries about workshops should go to 80 Woodlawn Park Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24, ph 01 - 451 2583.

## EARTHWATCH

Earthwatch (Friends of the Earth Ireland) has moved its head office to Dublin; the new address is 20 Grove Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6, ph 01 - 497 3773 (Sadhbh O'Neill). The *Earthwatch* magazine office will, however, stay in Bantry at Wolfe Tone Square, Bantry, Co Cork, ph 027 - 51968 (Lothar Lüken). Members get the magazine free in the post and subscriptions are £15 adult and £7.50 unwaged/student if you would like to join Earthwatch's fight for the environment.



## **DOWN IN THE [TOXIC] DUMPS IN WEST BELFAST**

*A huge toxic waste dump situated beside family housing, poisons leaking into water, lorries loaded with deadly waste trundling through streets, an accident waiting to happen?* Unfortunately this nightmare could become all too true for the people of west Belfast/East Lisburn if plans to build a toxic waste landfill site go ahead. The site, the first of its kind in Northern Ireland, would receive ash and waste left from proposed incinerator plants - which Belfast Friends of the Earth (FOE) are also fighting. Yes, our old friends NIGEN (Northern Ireland Generators) are at it again. Belfast FOE have started a huge campaign on the issue and are demanding that this application go to a public enquiry. They really need help on this issue; phone them for copies of standard objection letters, briefing packs etc. Contact; Andy, Cathy or Declan at Belfast FOE, 40 Wellington Park, Belfast BT9 6DN. Ph 01232 - 864131, fax 660727, E-mail [andrew@foe.co.uk](mailto:andrew@foe.co.uk)

## **CRD GOES TO GREAT RESOURCE CENTRE IN SKY**

CRD, the Centre for Research and Documentation in West Belfast (formerly based on the Glen Road), has closed after ten years work, and its resource materials have been passed on to other bodies. A closing letter from CRD states some of the developments which CRD helped to achieve [e.g. marginalisation in West Belfast less an issue, a contribution to human rights infrastructure in the North, global North/South linking and Ireland's place between these] and the continuing need for work in other areas where CRD was involved [e.g. critique of US and European involvement in international politics and economics]. Two key CRD workers over the years, Caitriona Ruane and Robbie McVeigh, continue their involvement in the area, respectively with the West Belfast Festival and the West Belfast Economic Forum.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS vs MINORITY RIGHTS**

This is the title of a seminar organised by International Voluntary Service NI (IVS), Harmony Community Trust and Service Civil International (SCI) taking place at Glebe House, Kilclief, Strangford from 22nd - 26th March. It plans to bring together people from North, South and worldwide, mainly with a workshop style format but also with speakers. Cost £50 organisation, £30 individual, £15 individual unwaged/low waged. Details: IVS, 122 Gt Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7BG. Phone 01232 - 238147, fax 244356, E-mail [georget@ivsni.onet.co.uk](mailto:georget@ivsni.onet.co.uk)

## **PEACE PEOPLE**

The Peace People recently appointed their first full-time fund-raiser and information officer, Robert Wilson, who comes to the organisation with over twenty years fund-raising experience throughout Ireland. There is presently a drive to attract new members, including a direct mail campaign. Anyone wanting to know more about the work of the Peace People, or who would like to join (membership £10 a year) is asked to contact Robert Wilson at 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 8GE, ph 01232 - 863465, E-mail [peacepeople@gn.apc.org](mailto:peacepeople@gn.apc.org)

## **DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE**

This is the title of the new edition of a Directory of Peace, Reconciliation and Community Relations Projects in Northern Ireland produced by the Community Relations Council, last produced 1994. It's 160 pages listing 133 projects and invaluable to find out more on those you know and love or those you know nothing about. If you get de Borda with some or your EMU has flown the nest, you can Cooley in Harmony with Holywell or head for a new Horizon. You'd have the Nerve. Yours for £5 from Community Relations Council Information Centre, 21 College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DE; ph 01232 - 311881; fax 244364. E-mail [mark@nicrc.thegap.com](mailto:mark@nicrc.thegap.com)

## **OSNABRÜCK PEACE CONGRESS / HAGUE APPEAL FOR PEACE**

29th - 31st May 1998 sees the Peace Congress in Osnabrück, Germany (mentioned in NN 49) and in May 1999 there is a Citizens Peace Conference in the Hague, Netherlands, returning to the topic of a century previously, the grand vision of general and complete disarmament. Seán English of the Centre for Peace Research and Social Alternatives is trying to network with other Irish groups and individuals participating in these events. Contact; Seán English, Station House, Naas, Co Kildare; ph 045 - 879553.

## **ONE WORLD CENTRE EVENTS; Cuba, Algeria**

*Cuba and the US blockade* with Luis Marron, 3-5 pm 28th March at One World Centre. *Algeria - the forgotten war* with Lara Marlowe, 7.30 pm 27th April in Queen's Common Room, 1 College Gardens, Belfast. Details: One World Centre for Northern Ireland, 4 Lower Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NR. Ph 01232 - 241879.

**INNATE NETWORKING;** Can you really wait until **Wednesday 1st April** for the next opportunity to attend an INNATE Belfast networking meeting to brainstorm plans for the rest of the year? It's all (all ? - Ed) happening at Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast 7 at 7.30 pm on 1st April. Anyone interested is welcome, queries to Rob at 01232 - 647106.

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