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WHAT IS GOING ON?

INNATE is organising a day seminar with workshops in Belfast on Saturday 9th March (10 am - 4.30 pm) with the title "What's going on? A menu of strategies and skills for dealing creatively with change". Workshop providers include Nonviolent Communication, AVP/Alternatives to Violence Project, Mediation Network, EMU Promoting School Project, Peace Brigades International and PACE. Others will also be inputting. Leaflets giving details (and booking form) are available on request from INNATE (and enclosed with those receiving Nonviolent News as a mailing). INNATE, 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA.

CITIZENS COALITION OF IRELAND / FINGLAS HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

Following on from last year's conference looking at environmental destruction and the difficulties with change, this year's conference will look at solutions. Organised by the Finglas Human Rights Group and the Colaiste Ecin Environmental Group with the support of FACE, the conference takes place on Saturday 10th February from 10 am to 8 pm at the Mansion House, Dublin. Inputs from people with experience of citizens networks and the environment will be followed by an open forum, and in the afternoon breaking into special interest groups (air, water, landfill, incineration, coastline, animal welfare, planning etc.). It is hoped to finish the day by forming a national committee. In the evening Finglas Human Rights Group are organising a Human Rights Award Night at 8 pm, also in the Mansion House, followed by a social evening. Contact; Citizens Coalition of Ireland / Finglas Human Rights Group, Colaiste Eoin, Cappagh Road, Finglas West, Dublin 11. Phone 01 - 8341426, Fax 8343580.

SUMMERFEST '96

Corrymeela's Summerfest will take place again this summer, from Friday 28th June - Wednesday 3rd July at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, Co Antrim; the theme is "The Things That Make For Peace" and will include explorations of building trust, seeking and extending forgiveness, mutual acceptance, the participation of all, and the sharing and stewardship of resources. There will be parallel programme for children and young people. Corrymeela, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT. Phone 01232 - 325008.

AVP / ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT

AVP is an organisation of volunteers who, through running workshops, enable people to develop effective ways of dealing with conflict creatively and without violence. A basic course was recently completed in Mountjoy Women's Prison, for 10 inmates and 10 outmates, and a second level course in Mountjoy Men's Prison. Forthcoming workshops include: Basic course: Limerick City, 22 - 24 March, places available, cost £15, accommodation can be arranged. Second level/Advanced Course; Dublin (Swanbrook House), 9 - 11 February, small number of places available, cost £20, accommodation can be arranged. Training for facilitators; two courses to be arranged late spring/early summer. Contact: AVP, 80 Woodlawn Park Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24, phone 01 - 451 2583.

HUMAN RIGHTS: THE AGENDA FOR CHANGE

Subtitled "Human Rights, The Northern Ireland Conflict and the Peace Process", this 60-page report is a based on the conference of last March and published by CAJ/Committee on the Administration of Justice in December. As well as keynote addresses it includes a detailed 'Agenda for Change'. Priced at £3.50, the pamphlet is available by post (postage 43p extra UK, £1 extra outside). A short abstract on the topic is also being prepared by CAJ. Meanwhile CAJ has large colour cards on the theme "Women's Rights are Human Rights: North and South of Ireland" with a photo of the Beijing quilt coordinated by CAJ and CRD/Centre for Research and Documentation. These are available at £1 for three. CAJ, 45/47 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FG. Phone 01232 - 232394. Fax 333522.

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CHURCHES' PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Churches' Peace Education Programme has recently brought out two new publications. The primary programme which comes under the collective title of pathways will have three modules.

THE BATZWA FILES (the first module of pathways) examines the way we relate to ourselves, our family and friends. It is about developing human relation skills through worksheets, activities and stories. The children are led through photocopiable worksheets and stories by a small alien called Batzwa who has the opportunity to visit Earth. The material has been written for Upper Primary classes. This is priced at £12.50.

PEOPLE WHO NEED PEOPLE (the third module of pathways) is a book of stories about human differences and similarities. The stories help the children explore the themes of disability, cultural differences, religious differences, prejudice and togetherness in a diverse and varied world. The material can be used with Upper Primary classes and is ideal for school assembly. It is priced at £10 (including teachers notes). Information on other publications is available on request. Churches' Peace Education Programme, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ. Phone 01232 - 662992; Fax 381737.

NEW ADDRESSES: INCORE, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION GROUP, WOMEN TOGETHER

These have had a moving experience recently. New addresses etc are as follows:

 INCORE (Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity) have moved from the University of Ulster campus at Coleraine to Aberfoyle House in Stroke City: INCORE, Aberfoyle House, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JA. Phone 01504 - 375500; Fax 01504 - 375510; EMail INCORE@incore.ac.uk

- The Peace and Reconciliation Group in Derry have moved around the comer; 18/20 Bishop Street, Londonderry BT48 6PW. Phone 01504 - 369206, Fax 01504 - 377009. The Group has also launched a community relations training package with areas covered including single identity, prejudice awareness, anti-sectarian, conflict resolution and facilitating political discussion. Current staff are; Jimmy Duffy, coordinator; Tanya Gallagher, Projects/Training officer; Patricia Hegarty, Development/Outreach officer; Shirley Brace, Resource administrator.

 Women Together have moved down the road in Belfast: 62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF. Phone 01232 -315100, Fax 01232 - 314864. Their offices are on the first and second floors of the building.

PEACE PEOPLE 18 - 30 GROUP

The Peace People 18 - 30 Group is holding a residential at Kilcranny House, Coleraine, from 1st - 3rd March to which new members are very welcome. The 18 - 30 Group is a group of young people actively involved in the peace movement in Northern Ireland who work to bring about nonviolent change locally and globally. There will be a variety of aspects of the weekend including welcoming new members, reviewing achievements and future planning. The cost is £15 including transport, accommodation and food. Contact; Patrick Corrigan, Peace People, Fredheim, 224 Lisbum Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232-863465, Fax 01232-883947.

PAX CHRISTI

The Annual General Meeting of Pax Christi Ireland will be held on Saturday 24th February in Dublin. Membership for 1998 is £10 waged minimum, £5 unwaged minimum. Pax Christi, 52 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Phone 01 - 496593; Fax 01 - 496592.

NORTHERN IRELAND: MANAGING DIFFERENCE

This is the title of a 40-page (A4) report from the Minority Rights Group International, written by John Darby. This examines, among other things, the background, policy and the limits of policy, an audit of minority rights, how change happens, and options for the future. A leaflet is enclosed for those receiving this as a mailing. The pamphlet is available at £5.40 (Britain and Ireland) including postage from: Minority Rights Group, 379 Brixton Road, London SW9 7DE.

IFOR: 'FAITH IN ACTION' SEMINAR

The International Fellowship of Reconcillation, in cooperation with Swedish FOR, is organising a seminar from 10-13 August at Sundsgården, Helsingborg, Sweden on the topic; "Faith in action: Calling on nonviolence in our different traditions", Participation costs are SEK 1900 / US\$250 (limited financial help may be available). The IFOR Council meeting will follow this seminar. Contact: Françoise Pottier, IFOR, Spoorstraat 38, 1815 BK Alkmaar, Netherlands. Phone +31 72 512 3014.

WRI / PEACE NEWS

Congratulations to Tim Wallis on taking up the reins as the new editorial-production worker of Peace News; Tim's name is well known to many through PBI. Thanks and farewell to Ken Simons who did an incredible job getting the paper out for five and a half years. Farewell also to Chris Booth who worked for War Resisters International for seven years. Dominique Saillard has now become full-time for WRI. WRI & PN, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. WRI; Ph 0171 - 278 4040; Fax 0171 - 278 0444. Peace News; Ph 0171 - 278 3344.