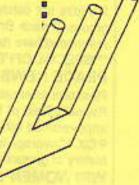


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#### CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT

This summer there will be 500 children coming to Ireland hosted by the Chemobyl Children's Project; medics in Belarus reckon a period in a 'clean air' environment can increase the life of an affected child by two years. As well as bringing practical help to the children so terribly affected by the Chemobyl disaster, by both bringing children to Ireland and sending help to Belarus (in April a convoy of 12 ambulances and two trucks of medical equipment and medicines was sent), the project continues to draw attention to both the ongoing human and ecological disaster (over 1.3 million people are registered with Chemobyl-linked health problems) and ongoing risks at the Chemobyl plant. Contact; Chemobyl Children's Project, 8 Sidneyville, Bellevue Park, St Luke's, Cork. Phone/Fax 021 - 506411.

#### BE FRIENDS TO FOE - Belfast Friends of the Earth

On Weds 28th June the Belfast Group of Friends of the Earth will be announcing the results of a recent survey which will reveal the environmental issue of most concern to the people of Belfast. This meeting will coincide with the relaunch of the Belfast group which hopes to use the results as the basis of the group's campaigning work over the next year. If you're interested, come to the public meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28th June at the Crescent Arts Centre, University Road, Belfast, or contact Deborah Morrison 01232 - 311555 or John Woods 01232 - 422014.

### IRISH CND OPPOSE INCREASING MILITARY INTEGRATION

The Irish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has strongly opposed increasing involvement of the Republic in the WEU (Western European Union) and the presence of Tanalste Dick Spring at the WEU meeting in Portugal in May. A statement from CND vice-chair Sean Dunne pointed to the launch of the two multi-national forces, the European Maritime Force and the "ominously named Rapid Operational Euroforce" - "These military forces are being heralded as promoting security in 'the Mediterranean area', which is just code for combatting the perceived threats from islamic Fundamentalism". CND opposes the Irish government being observers at the WEU and deplores the further erosion of Irish neutrality. Irish CND, 8 Sidneyville, Bellevue Park, St Lukes, Cork. Phone/Fax 021 - 508411.

#### PRISONERS RELEASE CONFERENCE

NIACRO is organising a conference on "The early release of politically motivated prisoners in Northern Ireland; Learning from international experience at Queen's University, Belfast on 21 and 22 June (see last issue of NN for mention of publication on this theme from NIACRO). The fee is £50 (limited number of assisted places): NIACRO (Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders), 169 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 1SQ. Phone 01232 - 320157, Fax 01232 - 234084.

#### YOUTH ACTION: CONFLICT & MEDIATION COURSE

Youth Action Northern Ireland is origanising a conflict resolution and mediation skills course over 9 days (some residential) from September to December, taking place in Dungannon, Derry and Derrygonnelly (doggone D's - D'Editor). Tutors include Michael Doherty, Willie O'Donnell and Ann O'Keily. The fee to cover all costs is £200. Further details from; Youth Action, 10 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6PW. Phone 01504 - 262028.

#### RESOURCES FOR RECONCILIATION

This is the title of a four day course at Drumalis Retreat Centre in Larne with William O'Connell Hewitt SJ from 21 - 25 July, it is described as a weekend workshop followed by two days of reflection and is about discovering the sources of conflict in ourselves and exploring practical reconciliation. Cost; voluntary donation according to ability to pay. Details; Retreat secretary, Drumalis Retreat Centre, Glenarm Road, Lame, Co Antrim, BT40 1DT. Phone 01574 - 272196/276455, Fax 01574 - 277999.

## ARE YOU WORLDLY WISE???

There are a number of international peace/nonviolence movement publications which are worth reading. This short feature tries to mention only publications associated with WRI, IFOR, Pax Christi and Church and Peace. If you're not catching one or two of these then you're missing what's happening internationally...... Other groups (Peace Brigades International, Balkan Peace Teams etc) also produce newsletters which are not mentioned here (the editor is happy to include information on these or others in another issue).

\*\*\*SPECIAL OFFER: INNATE will send you a copy or photocopy of any of the publications below FREE.

PEACE NEWS This British-based monthly went global some few years ago in linking up with WRI/War Resisters International. As the only monthly and selling at £7.50 minimum in UK/ £10 minimum in the Republic/Rest of Europe for 12 pages of A3 size every month it has to be the kindest to the pocket of the impoverished activist! Pay in UK£, Eurocheque or credit card. Peace News, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9 DX. Coverage in current Issue includes ex-Yugoslavia, nuclear transport, women and violence, and a short history of grassroots initiative in unarmed peacekeeping.

WRI WOMEN Entitled 'WRI Women' (aditorial work by IFOR women in fact!) this quarterly is the newsletter of the Women's Working Group of WRI. Current issue includes news from the WRI Triennial, women's rights centre in Croatia and Tibetan nuns in prison. It's UK£5 for 4 issues of about 20 pages A5 (add £2 if paying other than UK£). WRI, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.

RI - Reconciliation International is the magazine of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation coming out every secondmenth covering a range of issues - disarmament, conscientious objection, human rights, peacemaking, inter-religious dialogue, economic justice, training etc, plus IFOR news. 20 pages A4. A year's subscription is UK£15 or 45 Dutch guilders (Dfl); various ways to pay including UK£ cheque or Eurocheque in Dfl. IFOR, Spoorstraat 38, 1815 BK Alkmaar, The Netherlands. IFOR has also started produing an 'Occasional Papers Series'/Patterns in Reconciliation', pamphlet style, which are available for UK£8 or Dfl 25; a sub to both RI and Occasional papers is available for UK£22 or Dfl65.

PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL produces a Newsletter every two months (36 pages A5) covering issues of concern as well as PC news; current issue includes PC's 50th anniversary, news from around the world, demilitarisation etc. To minimise banking costs Irish subscriptions should go through Pax Christi Ireland, 52 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6; a year's subscription is IR£15.

CHURCH AND PEACE is the quarterly English language version of the magazine of Church and Peace, 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 (the magazine also appears in French and German). It's 20 pages A5 and the current issue includes Balkans coverage, violence against women, news from the network etc. Subscription of UK£6.50 (payable to 'Church and Peace') can be sent to Gerald Drewett, 20 The Drive, Hertford SG14 3DF, England.

## PEACE TRAIN SEMINAR; WORKING TOGETHER

This takes place on Saturday 10 June in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast from 10 am to 3.45 pm. Details from Peace Train Organisation, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232 - 660194/ fax 660079.

### AFRI - Action from Ireland

Afri , which works on justice, peace and human rights, is now based at Second Floor, 16 Harcourt Road, Dublin 2. Phone 01 - 478 5100 / 478 5141, Fax 01 - 478 5142.

## WORKING WITH DIFFERENCE - a conference challenging racism

The Forum for Community Work Education is running this at Benburb on 19 and 20 June with guest speaker Basil Manning from South Africa, Details; FCWE, 123/137 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AB, Ph 01232-232587.

## YOUTH FOR PEACE: BIKE-A-THON from Malin Head to Mizen Head

Twenty young people from Youth for Peace from Northern Ireland (plus some from further afield) will be cycling the length of Ireland from Malin Head (Donegal) to Mizen Head (Cork) in August (6th - 19th), stopping in 14 places in the North and Repoublic along the way where they'll meet local people, do street theatre, play music and raise money. Help needed with accommodation etc. Contact; Aidon Bannigan, Youth for Peace, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232 - 663465, Fax 683947.

.......Oopps, run out of space; info on Horseshoe Ecology Centre (Belfast) plans, Sellafield Womens Peace Camp and Working with Conflict courses at Birmingham in next issue.......

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