IVS: CONFLICT RESOLUTION COURSE / BURUNDI VISIT

IVS/International Voluntary Service is for a third year running their Parallels Conflict Resolution Training Course which will take place at Kilcranny House (near Coleraine) the weekends of 17 - 19 November and 19 - 21 January, plus some evening/day sessions sandwiched in between to suit participants. As before the course will be coordinated by Dave Duggan; the focus will be primarily on inter-personal and inter-group conflict with a mixture of participation, discussion and skills development though international conflict may also be addressed according to demand. If interested, contact George Thompson at IVS, 122 Great Victoria Street, Belfast 2.
Phone Belfast / 01232 - 238147, Fax 01232 - 244356.

IVS are also organising a visit by some people from Burundi to look at the situation in Northern Ireland, inform people about their own situation etc. IVS members and other interested people are invited to an information evening on Thursday 21st September at 8 pm (further details from IVS as above). The One World Centre (4 Lower Crescent, Belfast 7, ph. 241879) will also be hosting an information evening, including looking at how NGOs have handled the situation, on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30 pm. handy Development Education Centre (ph. 01504 - 266103) hope to host a session on 1st or 3rd October.

CORRYMEELA: PLANT A PLANK

Corrymeela is engaged in substantial fundraising work for the reconstruction/renovation of the main house at the Centre in Ballycastle, for which plans are still being finalised and work will begin next year. A grant will finance much of the work but Corrymeela will still need to find around £250,000. UK taxpayers can help through gift aid (once off donations of £250 or more) and deeds of covenant, where Corrymeela gets an extra third through tax returned. For further information contact Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT, phone 01232 - 325008, asking for Heather or Vivian.

GLEN CREE: OPEN AFTERNOON

Glencree Centre for Reconciliation has an open afternoon at the Centre on Sunday 24th September between 2.30 and 5.00 pm. It's an opportunity to talk to staff, see progress regarding facilities, and volunteers will look after children with activities and light entertainment will be provided. Afternoon tea will be provided at £3.50 per adult (children free); if coming please phone Susan Fitzgerald at 01 - 662 0355 so as to assist catering arrangements.

Key contacts for different aspects of programme for Glencree are: Centre Facilities - Esther Gonzalez; Administration - Susan Fitzgerald; Political workshops - Geoffrey Corry and Ian White; General community relations work - Ian White; Churches project - Colin Murphy; Fundraising - Ian White; Newsletter - Maria Anderhagen and Sean Holmes. Glencree addresses: Development Office, 37 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. Phone 01 - 662 0355, Fax 661 64 56. Centre, Glencree, Co Wicklow. Phone/Fax 01 - 282 97 11.

PEACE TRAIN CHUGS OVER HORIZON

The Peace Train Organisation goes out of existence by the end of October. They are organising a final Peace Train to run on Saturday 14th October leaving Belfast's Central Station about 7.50 am and arriving Dublin Connolly about 10.05 where there will be a welcoming ceremony. It will leave Dublin again around 11.15 to arrive back in Belfast around 1.15 to be greeted by the deputy lord mayor and others. This will be followed by a procession to Belfast City Hall where two minutes silence will be held for the victims of the troubles and a small closing ceremony including Northern chair Sam McAnulty and Southern chair Chris Hudson. Peace Train Organisation, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, Phone 01232 - 660194.
HOLISTIC NONVIOLENCE AT KILCRANNY
Kilcranny House, Coleraine, is sponsoring a workshop with the Life Foundation (UK) on Tuesday 17th October from 7.00 - 9.30 pm on ‘Holistic nonviolence’ including meditation, relaxation and nonviolent techniques, intended for people in peace and reconciliation groups. Fees are: £10 non-residential, £25 waged overnight, and £20 unwaged overnight. Contact: Sean O Baolli, Kilcranny House, 21 Curragh Road, Coleraine BT51 3NN, Phone 01265 - 321816.

BUILDING PEACE: THE INWARD JOURNEY
This is the title of a course organised by Pax Christi in conjunction with Avila, Carmelite Spirituality Centre, to explore the inner quest for peace. Sessions take place on Thursdays (8.00 - 9.30 pm) from 8th October to 28th October covering Celtic spirituality, the bible and ecology, psychology of peace, and theology of forgiveness. Venue is Carmelite Centre for Spirituality (Avila), Morehampton Road, Dublin 4, and the course fee is £20 waged or unwaged £5 minimum. Contact for application or further details; Pax Christi Centre, 52 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 8, Phone 496 5293, Fax 496 5492.

WORLD YOUTH ASSEMBLY FOR NORTH
Young people from Youth for Peace and the Spirit of Enniskillen have agreed to combine their energies to organise a “World Youth Assembly” in Northern Ireland in the summer of 1998. This follows on the success of the Aland World Youth assembly in June of this year which was attended by over 250 young people from 34 countries, including a delegation of 6 from Northern Ireland. If you have ideas or would like further information, please contact Paul Smyth on 01232 - 663465 (224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE).

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN WEST BELFAST
“Crime and punishment in West Belfast” is a recently published conference report, edited by Liam Kennedy looking at policing, crime and punishment and covering domestic violence, paramilitary punishments and policing, including in a wider perspective. It is 88 pages and priced at £4.99; available in bookshops or phone Patricia Mallon at Belfast / 01232 - 321327.

HOUSMANS DIARY
Housmans Peace Diary, including the World Peace Directory, 1998 edition, is now available. This invaluable organising tool (no activist is properly equipped or dressed without one) is available at £5.50 per copy (postage 60 pence); bulk discounts are available on 5 copies or more (e.g. 10% discount on 5 copies, 25% discount on 25, post free). The directory lists nearly 2000 national and international peace, environment and human rights organisations in over 140 countries. Cheques payable to “Housmans”. Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. Diaries also available from INNATE.

WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE
The PPU / Peace Pledge Union in Britain is again making available white poppies to remember the 20 million killed in wars over the last 50 years and to point out that wars are not accidental events. 5-poppies pack is £2.50 plus 60p post and packing; other rates are included in a leaflet available from INNATE (including receiving this newsheet as a mailing) or PPU. PPU, 41b Brecknock Road, London N7 0BT. Phone 0171 - 424 9444; note new address this year.

PALESTINIAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF NON-VIOLENCE
This was founded ten years ago in 1985, and is open to local individuals and groups interested in nonviolent action for resolving conflicts: it provides information, methodology, public relations and other support. It aims to spread the philosophy of nonviolence including the development of nonviolent resistance to the many still oppressive aspects of occupation such as denial of freedom of movement, increasing land confiscation, collective punishment etc. It is involved in work with youth groups, summer camps, nonviolence trainings and civic education. It welcomes volunteer workers and financial contributions from supporters of its actions and philosophy. PCSN, PO Box 20999, East Jerusalem 91202, via Israel. Phone/Fax (972)-2-273275, or cheques can be sent directly to Account No. 466700, Mercantile Discount Bank, Salah Eddin Street, East Jerusalem.

INNATE NETWORKING
The next INNATE networking group meeting takes place on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30 pm in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast 7. All interested welcome - come and add your comments on developing nonviolence work. Details or queries; phone Belfast / 01232 - 847108.

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