

INNATE

NONVIOLENT DAILY NEWS

All the news that will fit on two sides!

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WOMEN OVERCOMING VIOLENCE

The 4th War Resisters International Women's Conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from November 25th to December 1st 1992. The conference is open to 150 women active at the grassroots level in nonviolent social change - but there are opportunities for others to input or participate in the process. The 3 themes of the conference will be; Militarism, Development and Nonviolence. For more information contact; Veronica Kelly, Umera, Boreen Manor Road, Cork, phone 021 - 292527, or INNATE Belfast, or WRI, London.

INNATE NONVIOLENCE PICNIC - Belfast

The third annual nonviolence picnic will be held on Sunday 22nd June from 12 noon to 4 pm. All welcome; this event is an opportunity for people interested in, or committed to, nonviolence to get together and play and chat together in a very informal setting. This year it will be in Belvoir Park (pronounced 'Beever') in south Belfast. Bring what you'd expect to find by way of food and entertainment. Meet in the car park from noon onwards - watch out for any INNATE signs telling you where to go if we're not still there.

Belvoir Forest Park is accessible from different parts but we'll be meeting in the car park at the main entrance which is off Belvoir Drive, which is in turn off the dual carriageway Belvoir Road (and is signposted there). Queries to Rob, Belfast 647106.

NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL NORTHERN IRELAND PACK

This is a good introduction to the situation in the North produced by the Northern Ireland Working Group of the NPC in Britain. It is in loose leaf folder format with sections on history, cost of violence, civil rights, employment discrimination, political options, women in society and resources. There are just over 50 pages, A4 size. The pack is £5 post free from; National Peace Council, 88 Islington High Street, London N1 8EG. They also still have available their wee booklet "Peace work in Northern Ireland" by Lisa Harper (28 pages A5) at £2 post free.

IVS / VSI WORK CAMPS

Looking for a creative, educational and fun way to spend a couple of weeks this summer? Workcamps for all interests, at home and abroad (all over Europe, East and West) are listed in the 'International Workcamps 1992' booklet (46 pages A4) available at £2 from either International Voluntary Service/IVS, 122 Great Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7BG, ph. 0232-238147, or Voluntary Service International / VSI, 37 North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1, phone 01 - 788679 / 740409.

VOLUNTEER SECRETARIAT WANTED!

INNATE, the nonviolence network, ticks over with no staff, no premises and virtually no funding. We need Belfast-accessible people who would help with admin work (writing letters in response to queries, plus solidarity and project work). No experience necessary; you define when and how much you can do. Contact INNATE and get that glowing feeling! Contact INNATE at Belfast 647106 (evenings).

NEWRY MAN TO WORK FOR PBI IN SRI LANKA

Mark Chapman, originally from Newry, is going to join the Peace Brigades International (PBI) team in Sri Lanka in July. PBI does important nonviolent escorting and other work in Sri Lanka and Central America, as well as exploring involvement in other parts of the world (e.g. Canada and Transcaucasus). Those interested in learning more can get the PBI Newsletter from INNATE (50p plus post) or contact either the British section (general enquiries to; Steven Graham, c/o Box 35, Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colston Street, Bristol, Avon BS1 5BB, phone 0272-411146) or the international office (5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX - where it recently moved from the USA).

CONFLICT MEDIATION NETWORK

CMN / Conflict Mediation Network (formerly NICMA) is hiring a director, salary about £20,000. They're looking for someone with a background and interest in mediation and conflict resolution, and say that third level education is desirable. Further details and an application form from: CMN, Room 304, Bryson House, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7FE, phone Belfast 438614. Deadline for applications is 12th June.

PEACE PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT

The Peace People have recently appointed a development coordinator to develop the organisation and programs and develop the Peace People's thinking on nonviolence and its relationship to Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more, or if you have any ideas or suggestions to make about the Peace People and its relationship to nonviolence, please contact David Pritchard at 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone Belfast 663465.

PEACE TRAIN NEW CREW

The Peace Train Organisation has acquired two new staff to help develop and consolidate the group. Eileen Bell, formerly welfare worker with the Peace People, is the new administrator and Rebecca Irvine started as administrative assistant in May. The Peace Train's next project will be formally launched in Belfast in mid-June; this will be an all-Ireland project to collect a Million Signatures for Peace. Peace Train Workers and volunteers will be easily available for those wishing to sign. Peace Train, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone Belfast 660194.

PAGE

PAGE (Protestant And Catholic Encounter) is trying to increase its youth work and will soon exhibit its last photography project as well as starting a new one. They are also starting a drama project to be performed in December and January. A new history project is also in the works. PAGE is hoping to start a new branch in Downpatrick. For more information contact David or Tim at PAGE, 103 University Street, Belfast BT7 1HP, phone Belfast 232864.

WOMEN TOGETHER IN THE 1990's - THE ACTION PLAN

Women Together will be having a residential weekend 19th - 21st June in Co. Down. The purpose of the weekend is to put a proposal together for Initiative '92 and to look at the future of the Women Together movement in the 90's. For further information contact; Ann Carr, Development officer, Women Together, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, or phone Belfast 662753.

INITIATIVE '92 ON THE ROAD

Initiative '92, the independent, charitably-funded, commission on the future and ways forward for Northern Ireland, has now been launched and is accepting submissions - deadline isn't until 16th November. The whole process will take a year to complete as written submissions will be followed by oral hearings and the publication of reports. Further details, including guidelines for those making submissions, are available from; Initiative '92, 37 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7AA, phone Belfast 241992 (a difficult one to remember, that!) or fax 0232 - 313132.

TRIDENT - FAITH OR SILENCE?

is the title of a summer school in London, 3rd - 7th August, for 'christians and other people of faith' looking at Britain involvement in Trident. Cost £40. Further details from; Summer School, c/o FOR, 40-46 Harleyford Road, London SE11 5AY, ph 071 582 9054.

RECONNAÎTRE ET GÉRER MA VIOLENCE ('Acknowledging and dealing with my own violence') is the title of a French language workshop on conflict resolution from 11th - 18th July at L'Abbaye de Bonnecombe, 12120 Cassagnes-Bégonhès, France. Price is 1500 French francs. It will deal with violence within and outside the individual. Enquiries to; Jean-Jacques et Christine Samuel, at the above address (which is near Rodez) or phone 65 74 13 39 or 65 74 13 40. INNATE has basic details.

SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES

A British-based Ploughshares Support Group has recently been formed to support international Ploughshares actions and prisoners. Since 1980 there have been over 40 'Ploughshares' actions taking hammers to first strike nuclear weapons systems and other military paraphernalia; prison sentences have ranged from 6 months to 18 years. Contact; Ploughshares Support Group, c/o 155 Admitt Road, Northampton NN1 4NH, England.

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