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MAJOR WORK AT CORRYMEELA CENTRE

Major work will be taking place at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, from later this year. In September the Cottages will close for three months for some changes, and when they re-open in January 1996 the main house will close for major renovation and additional work which has become essential for this wooden-framed building which is over sixty years old. The work on the main house will take around a year. Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, Co Antrim, phone 012657 - 62626; also at 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NT, phone 01232 - 325008.

NO EMERGENCY, NO EMERGENCY LAW

"No Emergency, No Emergency Law" is the title of a pamphlet produced by the Committee on the Administration of Justice / CAJ in March. It argues strongly that after six months without paramilitary violence, emergency law should be abolished; even before the ceasefire, CAJ argued that excessive state powers were unwarranted and counter-productive in the search for peace. The pamphlet is available price £4 (plus 50 pence post and packing) from: CAJ, 45/47 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FG. Phone 01232 - 232394.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS

The issue of the release of prisoners following the ceasefires has been the subject of considerable debate and it is a key issue in getting political progress. NIACRO (Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) has produced a comprehensive report (64 pages, A4) written by Brian Gormally and Kieran McEvoy entitled "Release and Reintegration of Politically Motivated Prisoners in Northern Ireland: a comparative study of South Africa, Israel/Palestine, Italy, Spain, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland". Contact: NIACRO, 169 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 1SQ. Phone 01232 - 320157, Fax 01232 - 234084.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

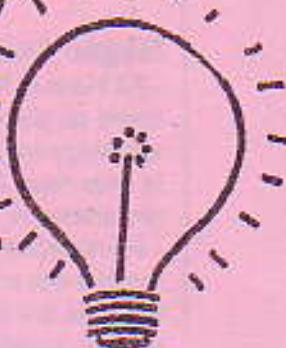
What do you think about the state of the Northern Ireland environment? Do you think it is accorded a high enough priority by Government and by the public? What do you think should be done to improve and enhance it? What are the most important issues and what should be done about them? Northern Ireland Environment Link is producing a consultation document as part of its work on an Environmental Strategy for Northern Ireland. It will be launched in late June and available thereafter. For your copy, write or phone: Northern Ireland Environment Link, 47a Botanic Avenue, Belfast BT7 1JL, phone 01232 314944 to reserve your copy. (Northern Ireland Environment Link is the forum and networking body for the voluntary organisations concerned with the care and protection of the wildlife, countryside and environment of Northern Ireland).

WOMEN TOGETHER; 25 YEARS

Women Together are currently celebrating 25 years of peacemaking. As part of the 25th anniversary commemorations they have held a series of "Talking Circles" bringing together members and women from various established groups and organisations to look at their role in building a peaceful future. For details of this and other programme run by Women Together, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232 - 662753, fax 665355.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: BALLYCASTLE DECLARATION

Two dozen women invited by the World Council of Churches and the Council of European Churches met at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, last November/December to consider 'Violence Against Women' in the context of the Ecumenical Decade 'Churches in Solidarity with Women'. They adopted a 4 page ('Ballycastle') Declaration available from the sponsors or INNATE can provide a copy.



PEACE STUDIES COURSES

There are two locations for peace studies in Ireland (the two "Ds"), Derry and Dublin, although Magee in Derry is the only one to do an undergraduate course, leading to a Hons BA. There are other peace and conflict research institutes (Coleraine, Limerick) covered in the last issue of *Nonviolent News*.

Magee College (University of Ulster), Londonderry BT48 7JL. Humanities office; phone 01504 375277.

- BA Hons in Peace and Conflict Studies; this is a four year course which has included much of year three being spent on placement (this is currently at risk because of funding problems). Year 1 includes history, politics, sociology and some psychology and philosophy. The course includes practical skills. A dissertation is included in year four. Applicants must satisfy the university's general entrance requirements (typical 'A' level grade requirements; CCC) and apply through UCAS.

- Postgraduate Diploma / MA in Peace Studies (full-time or part-time); Full-time the diploma course is 9 months with a further 6 months study for the MA, and part-time 18 months plus a further year for the MA. All students are initially admitted to the diploma course consisting of 4 modules; concepts and models in peace studies, conflict management and conflict resolution, divided societies in the modern world, and the Northern Ireland conflict (only those who achieve the required standard in the diploma may proceed to the MA and the dissertation required for this).

Irish School of Ecumenics, Centre for Peace Studies, Milltown Park, Dublin 6. Phone 01 - 684914.

- Diploma; 8 months full-time or 20 months part-time. Graduates or non-graduates with evidence of competence will be considered.

- M Phil; 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time. Applicants should normally have an honours degree at 2nd class level or above; students without a primary degree will be considered subject to evidence of adequate academic skills.

All students follow the same assessment procedures for the four essays required and then divide into diploma or M Phil categories.

Core courses include the politics of development, international politics, and social sciences and social ethics; there are a further eight optional courses including non-violence and conflict resolution. The formal teaching programme is October-December and January-March.

There is also an adult education Certificate in Peace Studies run two afternoons per week from October to March.

FUTURE WAYS / UNDERSTANDING CONFLICT TRUST

Derick Wilson, well known in a variety of contexts, is heading up a new programme initiative based at the University of Ulster, Coleraine, entitled 'Future Ways'. It is a partnership between the Understanding Conflict Trust and the University of Ulster, and there will be five interconnected strands of work over the next five years; community relations (CR) training within professional qualifying courses, training for reconciliation groups, CR training through short courses for public and private sectors, community understanding programmes associated with the workforce, and training research which supports practical training for CR work. Contact: Dr Derick Wilson, Future Ways, School of Social and Community Sciences, University of Ulster, Coleraine BT52 1SA. Phone 01265 - 324550, Fax 01265 - 324904.

BALKAN PEACE TEAM

The Balkan Peace Team (BPT) is an international project sending long-term volunteers working on human rights and supporting nonviolent civil society in the territory of former Yugoslavia and backed by a variety of NGOs (including, among others, Eirene International, IFOR, PBI, and WRI). Various forms of support are possible; joining the Alert Network (solidarity faxes/letters when special need), sponsoring the work financially, or being part of BPT Volunteer Insurance (limited self-obligations to guarantee health insurance payable only after illness or accident). They produce a newsletter. Contact: Martin Raschke (Coordinator, BPT), Marienwall 9, D - 32423 Minden, Germany. Phone + 49 - 571 - 20776, Fax +49 - 571 - 23019.

INNATE NETWORKING MEETING

As this issue went to press, a Belfast networking group meeting for INNATE was still being finalised to take place at the end of May or very start of June. Belfast groups will be notified but if you don't hear contact....

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