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NONVIOLENT NEWS



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Youth for Peace Bike-a-thon; Malin to Mizen

Youth for Peace are cycling from Malin Head in Donegal to Mizen Head in Cork in August. The aim is to bring a message of peace and understanding, talking to people from all background as they go, build relationships among young people, and raise funds for a minibus. The itinerary is (distance in miles in brackets) 6th August Malin Head-Derry (30 miles); 7th Derry-Strabane-Omagh (34); 8th Omagh-Ballygawley-Armagh (36); 9th Armagh-Keady-Crossmaglen (30); 10th Crossmaglen-Dundalk-Drogheda (38); 11th Drogheda-Dublin (31); 12th Dublin; 13th Dublin-Naas-Kildare (33); 14th Kildare-Portlaoise-Kilkenny (80); 15th Kilkenny-Waterford (30); 16th Waterford-Dungarvan-Youghal (49); 17th Youghal-Cork (32); 18th Cork-Skibbereen (80); 19th Skibbereen-Mizen Head-Skibbereen (56). Details from: Youth for Peace, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone 01232-883465 / fax 01232-883947 / Email: peacepeople@gn.apc.org.

Horseshoe Ecology Centre

Initial plans are available for the Horseshoe Ecology Centre in north Belfast which has a 35 acre site for all manner of things energetic and ecological - including horticultural, animal, solar, wind - It is intended to be a highly productive site which would create a small number of jobs and be somewhere "adults and children from the city and beyond can enjoy, understand, and learn to be part of, a natural world". Next step is to raise £80,000 for a full feasibility study. The initial proposals are contained in a 33-page (A4) booklet. Contact: Horseshoe Ecology Project, c/o Bryson House, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7FE or phone 01232-711795 or fax 01232-439156.

40 days of prayer and fasting for the truth of Christian Nonviolence

This is the 8th year a group of Christians undertake prayer and fasting (e.g. liquids only) for 40 days from 1st July to 9th August - Nagasaki Day. It was initiated in Ireland in 1988 with the visit of Fr Charlie McCarthy. A meeting for anyone interested will take place on Friday 7th July at 7.30 pm in 683 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 4EG or contact the Christian Nonviolence Movement at Belfast 327056.

PACE; conference report on politically motivated prisoners

As the rioting following the release of Lee Clegg showed, the issue of 'politically motivated' prisoners continues to be a key issue. The report from the conference PACE (Protestant and Catholic Encounter) held on *Perspectives on the release of politically motivated prisoners in Northern Ireland* is now available; price £2 (plus 43 p postage) from PACE, 174/184 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2ED, phone 01232-232884. It considered issues of victims, public safety, legal issues, prisoners' families, reintegration and the role of ex-prisoners.

LIFE Foundation School of Therapeutics (UK) visits Ireland

In October 1995 therapists and senior tutors from the LIFE Foundation School of Therapeutics (UK) will be visiting Northern and Southern Ireland as part of Eurowalk 2000, an international walk for hope and dedicating each step for our children and their future. Venues include Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin (other venues can be arranged). The Walk began in Auschwitz in May and will end in Wales at the end of July. The journey will continue into Ireland with a theme of Friendship and Healthcare. The visiting therapists and medical staff, specialising in stress management, complementary medicine and self esteem work invite you to join them at one of their workshops or seminars; all the techniques taught are practical, quick and versatile. Lots of laughter, relaxation and supporting material are guaranteed. Contact: Paulette Agnew, Ireland Walk Co-ordinator, Maristow House, Dover Street, Bilton West Midlands, England WV14 6AL. Phone 01902-409164.

VSI / Voluntary Service International

VSI is organising 25 workcamps this summer, from Donegal to Dublin. There's also the opportunity for Dubliners to get involved in the Dublin Local Group. The Development Education Group of VSI will be running a training programme in drama/street theatre skills regarding development from October. The third VSI festival of films from Africa, Asia and Latin America will take place in November. Details about this and other programme from VSI, 30 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1, ph 01-8551011 or fax 01-8551012

NONVIOLENCE TRAINING:

Nonviolence trainors mailing

Following the meeting of nonviolence trainers from IFOR/International Fellowship of Reconciliation, WRI/War Resisters International, SERPAJ (Latin America) and the South/South Trainers Network at the WRI Triennial conference in Brazil, a 'Nonviolence Trainers Mailing' has been started. The idea is that nonviolence trainers send in articles, case studies, resources and information and every four months or so these will be copied by the IFOR Nonviolence Education and Training Project (NVETP) and mailed out. Material (selective!) should go to IFOR-NVETP, Spoorstraat 38, 1815 BK Alkmaar, Netherlands. Subscriptions should go to the WRI, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX, clearly indicating it's for the NV Trainers Mailing. Subs: UK £10 or US\$15.

Trainers Gathering in Israel

Twenty nonviolence trainers from around the world gathered at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam in Israel during June for over a week; among them was INNATE coordinator Rob Fairmichael. His detailed report on the conference is available on request from INNATE.

GREEN NEWSLETTER

Sheila Hussey edits a monthly 'Green Newsletter' on behalf of the Green Party but its coverage of a wide variety of issues (ecology, social justice, grassroots democracy, non-violence) will also make it of interest to people outside the Green Party. Details from: Sheila Hussey, 14 Cedarmount Road, Mount Merrion, Co Dublin, phone 01-288 2957.

WORKING WITH CONFLICT

In depth 11-week courses in Birmingham covering practical conflict-handling skills to support people working for peace, human rights and development. Next courses: 2 October - 15 December 1995, 22 April - 5 July 1996. Responding to Conflict, 1048 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ, England. Fax and answerphone +44 (0)121 415 4119; phone +44 (0)121 415 5641.

PEACE PLEDGE UNION MOVES

After a lifetime at the one address, British WRI-section the Peace Pledge Union/PPU has moved; it is now at 41b Brecknock Road, London N7 0BT, phone 0171 424 9444, fax 0171 482 6390, Email: peacenow@gn.apc.org. This address change also applies to Peace Matters, Children War and Peace Project and Peace Education Project.

WCC PROGRAMME TO OVERCOME VIOLENCE

Most people receiving this newsheet as a mailing will receive a leaflet enclosed about the World Council of Churches 'Programme to overcome violence'. Available from INNATE or information directly from: Peace Desk, International Affairs, Programme Unit III, Justice, Peace and Creation, WCC, PO Box 2100, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland. They say "we want to hear your stories, as you strive to overcome violence in your community, your country, your region". Also produced is a 98-page introduction to the Programme (also available on loan from INNATE).

NEVE SHALOM / WAHAT AL-SALAM (NS/WAS)

NS/WAS is a cooperative village of Jews and Palestinians half way between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in Israel, now with 110 people living there. They run a nursery, kindergarten and primary school for themselves and their area, and a School for Peace, plus a hotel and youth hostel for visitors. Work by the School for Peace includes facilitation of Jewish/Palestinian encounters and this has been written up in the book "Walking the tightrope: Encounters between Jewish and Palestinian Youth in Israel" (available from INNATE address at £8 including postage, cheques payable to 'Nonviolent Action Training project'). A leaflet about NS/WAS is also available from INNATE or contact: Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, Doar Na Shlom 99761, Israel.

FREE OFFER: (see last issue) Sample copies or photocopies of Peace News, WRI Women, RI/Reconciliation International, Pax Christi International newsletter; Church and Peace quarterly; contact INNATE.

DEATH OF CHRISTINA O'NEILL

Sr Christina O'Neill died on 8th June after a long illness with cancer. She is fondly remembered for her long involvement with Pax Christi, both in Dublin and the North, with pioneering mediation work in the North, and of course as a religious sister and a member of the Comerstone Community in Belfast. You deserve your rest, Christina.