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MARGINALISATION OR EXTREMISM? Glencree Summer School

The Fourth Glencree Summer School takes place from 22 - 24 August at the Glencree Centre, Co Wicklow with the title *Marginalisation or Extremism?* The summer school is intended as an opportunity for politicians and those involved in peace building to engage on issues pertinent to the peace process; this year it focuses on how we equate the need for 'inclusion' with understandings of extremism. Those providing input include; J Bowyer Bell, Terence Brown, Steve Bruce, Johan Galtung, Lily Kerr, Rev Roy Magee, Brendan O'Brien and Fr Eamon Stack. Full 3-day participation inc meals £70; meals but no accommodation £50; day participation inc meals £20 per day; a small number of bursaries available. Glencree Centre for Reconciliation, Glencree, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow. Phone 01 282 9711; Fax 01 276 8085.

EUROPEAN PEACE UNIVERSITY IRELAND SHIFTS GEAR

EPU-Ireland started up in the Leitrim village of Dromahair in the autumn of 1996. About 27 students from four continents spent three months attending peace lectures and field trips. It was hoped that substantial funds from government and other sources would enable further groups of students to attend but administrative staff realise that a longer timescale is needed for large financial commitments. Accordingly the Dromahair campus in the near future will develop activities which are more financially feasible, including: □ practical skills training courses, service support and discussion forums for those working in cross-border and cross community peace related projects □ adult/community education courses, seminars and lectures for the local and regional area □ civilian peacekeeping training courses for Irish and international NGO staff. Financial support is welcome. EPU-Ireland, Dromahair, Co Leitrim. Phone +353-71-84873; fax 64892. Email: epu@iol.ie Internet address: <http://ireland.iol.ie/~epu>

COMHLAMH CONFLICT RESEARCH GROUP

The aim of this project is to facilitate an understanding of the complexities of conflict and peace processes around the world, paying particular attention to the conflict in Northern Ireland. The first stage has involved a research survey of a range of groups to gauge their inclusion of global perspectives in their work locally, and visiting groups in some third world countries working from a local development perspective to form a case studies strand of the project. In the autumn there will be a series of discussions and workshops (watch this space!). Comhlámh is the Irish Association of Returned Development Workers (10 Upper Camden St, Dublin 2). Contact: Michael Hanly, Conflict Research Project, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, ph 01232 660194.

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI COMMEMORATIONS

Irish CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) will be holding commemoration ceremonies on Wednesday 6th August to remember the victims of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and all victims of the deadly nuclear cycle. □ Dublin: Merrion Park at the Hiroshima Memorial Corner at 1 pm; those attending will include Irish CND president John de Courcy Ireland and the deputy lord mayor. □ Cork: in the Peace Park, at the junction of Grand Parade/South Mall at 8 pm; lord mayor Dave McCarthy will preside, those attending will include Adi Roche and Séan Ó Duinn, secretary of ICND. Info: Dublin ceremony contact Billy Fitzpatrick at 01 - 490 1795 or Brid McGrath at 01 - 497 7043; Cork ceremony, contact Séan Ó Duinn or Clare Benjamin at 021 - 506 411. 8 Sidneyville, Bellevue Pk, St Lukes, Cork. Website: <http://www.aardvark.ie/ccp/> Email: adiroche@indigo.ie

CORRYMEELA REBUILDS

The walls are going up at the Corrymeela Centre's new purpose built 'house' at Ballycastle (see illustration of finished product). Building is expected to be completed by January 1998. Financial support is still needed for the last couple of hundred thousand pounds of the £1.5 million cost. Corrymeela (Belfast), 8 Upper Crescent, Belfast, BT7 1NT, ph 01232 - 325008; Corrymeela (Ballycastle), Ballycastle, Co Antrim BT54 6QU, ph 012657 - 62626; Corrymeela Link, PO Box 118, Reading RG1 1SL, England, ph 01734 - 589800.



NOBEL LAUREATES GO FOR MILLENNIUM

A group of twenty Nobel peace prize laureates are campaigning that the first decade of the new millennium be declared by the UN the 'Decade for a Culture of Non-violence'; that the year 2000 be declared the 'Year of Education for Non-violence' and that non-violence be taught at every level in our societies during this decade to make the children of the world aware of the real, practical meaning and benefits of non-violence in their daily lives in order to reduce the violence and consequent suffering against them and humanity in general. Documents are available on the Internet at <http://www.perso.wanadoo.fr/partage> Contact; Appeal of the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates: Partage avec les Enfants du Monde, BP 20797, 60207 Compiègne Cedex 2, France or contact Mairead Maguire at the Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone 01232 - 663465.

BALKAN PEACE TEAM (BPT)

This International volunteer project with teams in Croatia and the Republic of Yugoslavia moved office in April; the address is now Ringstr. 9a, 32427 Minden, Germany. Phone and fax are the same as before; ph +49-571-20776; fax +49-571-23019. Email: balkan-peace-team@bionic.zerberus.de Special reports and updates can be downloaded from the BPT homepage; <http://www.lgc.apc.org/pbi/bpt> Ex-Norn Iron volunteer Sharon Snyder has now completed her service in Karlovac, while Cara Gibney from Belfast continues her work in Split. Help can be provided by joining BPT's alert network, sponsoring BPT, spreading information, or - becoming a volunteer for a minimum period of a year. Contact directly or copy of newsletter from INNATE.

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL (PBI)

PBI is an international NGO working in the field of conflict transformation, aiming to develop practical techniques for the protection of human rights in situations of severe conflict. PBI's annual report for 1996 gives details on the current six different project areas; Central America, Colombia, Haiti, North America, Sri Lanka, and involvement in the Balkan Peace Team coalition. It also lists information on the 11 PBI country groups. The international office of PBI is at; PBI, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. Ph +44-171-713-0392; fax 837-2290; Email: pbl@gn.apc.org PBI Ireland is currently quiescent but anyone interested can contact; Iain Atack, 61 Old Kilmalham Village, Bow Lane West, Dublin 8; phone 01-670 8871.

ON YER BIKE - a quick round up of cycle developments and campaigning

There are two large bicycle campaigning organisations, in Belfast and Dublin. □ The Northern Ireland Cycling Initiative has 200 members and can be contacted c/o Peter Gray, Membership Secretary, 16 Belmont Place, Belfast BT4 3FN (send s.a.e. for info), phone 01232 - 645909; their AGM is coming up on Saturday 13th September. □ The Dublin Cycling Campaign is contactable at either Square Wheel Cycleworks, Temple Lane South, Dublin 2, phone 6790838 or Belfast Bike Store, University Campus, Belfast, Dublin 4, phone 2600749. Both organisations are involved in a range of cycle campaigning. Other individuals known for their cycle campaigning include □ Paddy O'Callaghan of O'Callaghan Cycles in Killarney Town Centre, Co Kerry (particularly involved in creating a Ring of Kerry cycle route) and □ Cllr Dan Boyle of the Green Party in Cork. Meanwhile, in terms of broader developments, □ the engineering charity Sustrans is working to develop cycle routes across Northern Ireland as part of the UK cycle network with £3m Millennium Commission money; the first part of this has been opened in Craigavon, and it will link most major town centres with safe cycle routes for everyday journeys as well as leisure by 2000. Sustrans, McAvoy House, 17a Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HD, phone 01232 - 434569. □ The DOE are organising a Belfast conference on the National Cycling Strategy on 30th Sept. □ Meanwhile Dublin Corporation proposes to have a 130km Strategic Cycle Network including 14 commuter links and an inner city network; their strategy aims to double the number of cyclists from the current 5% of commuter journeys to the city centre within 10 years. Contact; Steven Margolis/Lisa English, Dublin Corporation Environmental Traffic Planning Division, Civic Offices, Fishamble Street, Dublin 8, phone 01 679 6111 ext. 3446. A final tip for visitors to Belfast, or occasional cyclists, is that Extern has launched □ ReCycle Bicycle Hire, a community employment programme, open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Sat at 1 - 5 Albert Square, Belfast BT1 3EQ; phone 01232 - 313113, fax 331498. So all in all, particularly given the time of year that's in it, it makes sense to go ON YER BIKE.

Editorial; ROADBLOCK REMOVED; JOURNEY REMAINS VERY DIFFICULT

The resumption of the IRA ceasefire, on 20th July, removes one roadblock from political progress. But the journey remains extremely difficult with the main unionist parties rejecting the time-scale and/or whole process proposed by the British and Irish governments with grave difficulties over 'decommissioning'. There are two lessons from the last ceasefire. Unless moves are made to include republicans in a real process of political discussion at the top level within a limited time period, it can be assumed that this latest ceasefire will also break down. And there is the hard lesson that sectarian tensions can actually increase during a ceasefire or low violence period and things can therefore get worse before they get better. Hold onto your hats, folks, we're in for a bumpy ride. - A short editorial from a medium sized editor.