

# NONVIOLENT NEWS



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## ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT

The Alternatives to Violence Programme (AVP) offers conflict resolution skills to change lives and help create healthy relationships and a peaceful community. Workshops aim to; build self-esteem and trust, improve communication skills, develop cooperative attitudes and allow people try out creative ways of resolving conflicts. A basic (first) level workshop takes place at Swanbrook House, Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 4 from Friday 26th September at 5.45 p.m. to Sunday 28th September at 4.00 p.m. Cost: £20. Applications for this workshop should go to Helen Haughton, Rockspring, Sandyford, Co Dublin, ph. 01 - 2956243. A second level workshop, for those who have completed a basic workshop, will take place at Swanbrook on the weekend of 10th - 12th October; applications for this later workshop should go to Sheilagh Reaper Reynolds, 80 Woodlawn Park Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24, ph. 01 - 4512583.

## TRADING IN TERROR

AFRI (Action From Ireland) has produced a 24-page education pack/booklet for secondary schools entitled *Trading in terror - the world arms trade and its impact on the majority world*. Written by John Cullen it includes worksheets and ideas for teachers and focusses on a variety of aspects of the situation including reasons for the arms trade, the situation after the Cold War, East Timor and Nigeria as examples, poverty, ideas for a role play and useful resources. The publication is available at £2 (postage and packing 48p extra) from AFRI at Grand Canal House, Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6, ph. 01 - 496 8595 / 496 8810, fax 496 8592.

## WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE

Once more the Peace Pledge Union (PPU) is making available white poppies as an alternative way of remembering the victims and potential victims of wars - 95% of whom are civilians. They have poppies available in boxes of 100, packs of 25, 10 or 5, and also sell them singly; a 10 poppy pack is UK£6 plus £1.70 postage and packing. Contact: PPU, 41b Brecknock Road, London N7 0BT. Phone 0171 - 424 9444; fax 0171 - 482 8390. For further info or ordering you can also go to <http://www.gn.apc.org/peacepledge/> Leaflet enclosed for most of those receiving this as a mailing

## COMHLAMH CONFLICT RESEARCH GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The first two in a series of discussions take place, respectively in Dublin and Belfast, on the topic *Peace talks - who and what should they include?* The Dublin meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 8 pm in the Irish Film Centre, Eustace Street and the Belfast session is in the Senior Common Room, Queen's University, College Gardens, Belfast on Wednesday 17th September at 8 pm. Anyone interested welcome. For further information contact: Dublin meeting - Deirdre Healy, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2, phone 478 3490. Belfast meeting - Michael Hanly, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AZ, phone 660194.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY PUBLICATIONS

The Irish Energy Centre's Renewable Energy Information Centre now has available the first four leaflets in a series of initial introductions in this area; the four available are on wind energy development, small scale hydropower, wood as a fuel, and solar energy in the home. They are available free on request. They also have available the proceedings of the *Renewable Energy: Tackling the Barriers* conference which took place in Limerick at the end of May. The full proceedings are available price £25 or a summary of the conference and workshop findings is available free. Contact: Irish Energy Centre, Renewable Energy Information Office, Shinagh House, Bandon, Co Cork. Phone 023 - 42193; fax 023 - 41304. email [carmel@relo.ie](mailto:carmel@relo.ie)

## NACCAN / CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

The second Irish regional assembly of Christian communities and networks takes place at Friends Meeting House, Frederick Street, Belfast on Saturday 25th October from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The aim is getting in touch with each other and there'll be display space available. Contact: Isobel McDonagh, 22 Bannvale, Coleraine BT51 3JD; phone 01265 - 43466.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Republic; The Irish section has revamped its quarterly publication, now called simply 'Amnesty', including colour production. It is an excellent detailed publication priced at £1 (free to members). The latest issue has an address guide to local groups in the Republic including; Arklow, Ballyshannon, Cape Clear, Carlow, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonakilty, Cork City, 10 different local groups in Dublin, Dun Laoghaire/Blackrock, Dundalk, Dunlavin, Ennis, Enniscorthy, Galway, Kells, Kilkenny, Letterkenny, Limerick, Midleton, Mitchelstown, Navan, Nenagh, Roscommon, Schull, Swords, Tralee, Tramore, Tullamore, Waterford, Westport, Wexford, plus legal and medical specialist groups. The Irish section has appointed two new staff working on a part-time basis for human rights education and work with school and youth groups; Paul O'Shea and Orla O'Sullivan. Subscriptions to AI; £25 individual, £7 unwaged, £34 household, £10 unwaged household; donations welcome. Amnesty International, 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2. Ph. 01 - 6776381, fax 6776392. e-mail [Info@amnesty.iol.ie](mailto:Info@amnesty.iol.ie) <http://www.amnesty.ie/>

Northern Ireland; NI region of Amnesty International is now permanently located at 80a Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5AD; phone 01232 - 666218; fax 666164. email: [pcormiga@ni.amnesty.org.uk](mailto:pcormiga@ni.amnesty.org.uk). Upcoming events include "REFUGE!", a conference on the increasingly important issue of refugees; this will take place at the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast on Saturday 18th October from 9.30 - 4.30 with a wide range of AI, refugee and ethnic minority group speakers. There'll be a student conference at Stranmillis College, Belfast on Saturday 15th November on human rights issues. Meanwhile a travelling exhibition will start in Richmond Shopping Centre in Derry on 22nd September and travel around the North for several months. It is hoped to soon open an AI shop in Belfast supplying a range of merchandise, reports and campaigning materials.

## THE STUDIOS APPROACH TO PEACE

While there are other institutions concerned with peace and conflict studies, mainly through research, there are two institutions offering postgraduate degrees (Irish School of Ecumenics and Magee) and one (Magee) offering an undergraduate course. Here's some brief details -

**Magee College;** The BA Hons in Peace and Conflict Studies is a 3 year course (it used to be 4 years with a placement year which doesn't take place any more). Year 1 includes history, politics, sociology and some psychology and philosophy; practical skills are included. A dissertation is included in year three. Entry requirements are 18 points = CCC in A levels.

**The Postgraduate Diploma / MA in Peace Studies** is a full time course for 9 months with a further 6 months for the MA. There are 4 modules; concepts and models in peace studies, conflict management and resolution, divided societies in the modern world, and the Northern Ireland conflict. Those who achieve the required standard in the diploma may proceed to the MA and the dissertation required for this. Contact; Humanities Office, Magee College (University of Ulster), Londonderry BT48 7JL; ph. 01504 - 375277.

**Irish School of Ecumenics (ISE);** The M Phil/Diploma programme is run in Dublin. The Diploma is 8 months full-time or 20 months part-time; the M Phil 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time; there are different admission requirements (2nd class Hons degree or evidence of adequate academic skills for the M Phil). The same assessment procedures for the 4 essays required are followed and students then divided into Diploma/M Phil (the latter has an 18,000 word dissertation). All take 3 core courses on the politics of development, international politics and social science and social ethics; two optional courses are taken from ethics in international affairs, conflict resolution and non-violence, politics of Eastern Europe, politics of the EU, Ireland in international affairs; conflict and peace in Ireland; the UN and peacekeeping; human rights and international law. Contact; Centre for Peace Studies, Irish School of Ecumenics, Milltown Park, Dublin 6. Phone 01 - 260 1144; fax 260 1158; E-mail: [ise.peace@tcd.ie](mailto:ise.peace@tcd.ie)

## PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC FORESISTERS

The Institute for Feminism and Religion is organising a weekend workshop in Belfast 19th and 20th September with this title; a focus for questions on radical roots, hope, inspiration and change will be provided by concentrating on the lives of particular women in the major religious traditions. Resource persons include Noreen Christian, Mary Condren, Katherine Meyer, Lesley Macdonald and Mel O'Loan. It will take place at the Ulster People's College beginning at 7.30 p.m. on Friday. Cost is £15 (£10 concessions), accommodation extra if required. Further info from Noreen Christian (Belfast/01232 - 312658) or Esther O'Neill (Armagh/01762 - 322049); or contact Institute for Feminism and Religion, 30 Parkhill Rise, Kilnamanagh, Dublin 24; ph/fax 01 - 462 6002.

**□ AN INNATE DECADE; INNATE** has been going for 10 years and so the next Belfast networking meeting will look forward starting by looking back. Anyone interested welcome. Monday 29th September, 7.30 p.m. in Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast 7. Queries to Rob at Belfast/01232 - 647106.

**□ WORLD CONGRESS ON VIOLENCE;** Rob Fairmichael attended this congress on 'violence and human coexistence' at UCD organised by the Dept of Sociology there. His report is available on request.

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