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WOMEN TOGETHER; Stamping out sectarianism / Listening circles

The success of an open day at Women Together for Peace premises earlier in the year prompted the widespread development of its 'Stamp Out Sectarianism' campaign. This has resulted in a series of focused roadshows being held in shopping centres in Belfast and County Antrim, and plans for a further series throughout Co Armagh in the run up to Christmas. The campaign highlights the need for each and every one of us to play our part in creating a society free of hatred, bigotry and fear. T shirts bearing the Stamp Out Sectarianism logo are available price £4.99.

Meanwhile a further series of Talking and Listening circles, at which women are encouraged to discuss their role in building a peaceful future, is underway in Co Antrim; Antrim - Talking Circle, Monday 13th October; Listening Circle, Monday 3rd November; Ballymena - Listening circle, Monday 20th October; Ballymoney - Talking Circle, Monday 27th October; Listening Circle, Monday 17th November. Contact Ethna Dodds, development officer, at 01232 - 315100 for further details. Women Together, 62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF; phone 01232 - 315100; Fax 314864.

COMHLAMH CONFLICT RESEARCH PROJECT

Follow up workshops are being held in Newry on 11th October, Belfast on 23rd October and Donegal on 6th November for interested groups out of the 330 across Northern Ireland and the Republic's border counties who took part in a survey exploring local and Third World conflict issues. Two more discussion fora are planned for Letterkenny and Londerry. The Comhlámh Conflict Research Group, who have planned the workshops, have also invited people who have returned from working in the Third World with experience of development and conflict issues. If you want a copy of the survey results, or want more details about the workshops, contact Deirdre Healy, CCRG, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2, phone 01 - 478 3490 or Michael Hanly, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone 01232 - 660194.

MEATH PEACE GROUP TALKS

Upcoming public talks organised by the Meath Peace Group are on *The emergent Irish state; did we turn our backs on the North?* including Prof Tom Garvin of the Department of Politics in UCD and John Bruton, leader of Fine Gael. This takes place on Monday 20th October at 7.30 p.m. in St Columbans College, Dalgar Park, Navan, Co Meath. At the same venue and also at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday 18th November, the topic will be *Republicanism and nationalism - a vision for the future?* For further information contact 01 - 825 9438 or 041 - 24308.

COST OF THE TROUBLES STUDY

The first publication from the Cost of the Troubles Study is now out, entitled 'Mapping Troubles-related deaths and deprivation in Northern Ireland', (80 pages A5) written by Marie Therese Fay, Mike Morrissey and Marie Smyth. This project is a two-year investigation into the experiences and effects of the Troubles on people in Northern Ireland, both direct and indirect - including the impact on the general population. The above-mentioned publication is available, price £3.50, from bookshops or directly. The Cost of the Troubles Study is based at Unit 14, North City Business Centre, 2 Duncalm Gardens, Belfast BT15 2GG; ph. 01232 - 747470 and 742682; email MBESmyth@ulst.ac.uk

RESCUE TRUST Petition on UN Convention against Torture

Rescue Trust, which was established in Ireland in 1989, is a charity working to improve health care and rehabilitation for all refugees and asylum seekers in Ireland. It is currently organising a petition to the Irish government to ratify the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. This was signed by the Irish government in September 1992 but the Republic is almost unique in Europe in not having ratified it - which would have important repercussions. It outlaws torture, obliges relevant personnel to be educated about torture and its effects and guarantees relevant health care for

torture survivors. This is even more essential with the arrival in the Republic of around 100 asylum seekers a week. Petition forms or other information available from: Rescue Trust, Capel Chambers, 119 Capel Street, Dublin 1, Phone/Fax 01 - 872 2371.

INCORE

There have been a number of personnel changes at INCORE, the Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity, this year. Mari Fitzduff, formerly director of the Community Relations Council, took over from John Darby as director of INCORE in April. Guus Meijer, who had been training director for two and a half years, has returned to London to join Conciliation Resources. Gillian Robinson has taken on the post of research director. Meanwhile 120 delegates attended the INCORE-related third Ethnic Studies Network conference in June (a report is included in the August issue of the Ethnic Studies Network *Bulletin*). INCORE is currently involved in a project entitled The Art of Mediation which will include an International conference on 13th - 14th November in Derry; about this project contact Grainne Kelly at INCORE, 01504 - 375515, E-mail grainne@incore.ulst.ac.uk A report on the Men, Women and War international conference held in March is available at <http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk> and there are plans to publish it on paper as well. INCORE, Aberfoyle House, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JA. Phone 01504 - 375500; Fax 375510; E-mail INCORE@incore.ulst.ac.uk

MY NODE IS RUNNING FREELY

NODE, the Network Outreach in Development Education, hopes to adopt a constitution and become an autonomous network of development education centres and groups at a conference in November. NODE grew out of a project established by Comhlámh in 1988 and has participation from groups or centres in Belfast, Cavan, Cork, Derry, Donegal, Dublin, Ennis, Galway, Kerry, Limerick, Midlands (Kilkenny, Portlaoise, Tullamore), Sligo and Waterford. NODE has had a variety of working groups and the proposed new structure is still being hammered out but may include a council as well as the current management committee, staff and working groups. NODE has been developing a web site but publishes NODE News magazine every two months and this includes a calendar of development education events around Ireland. Contact: NODE, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2; phone 01 - 475 1998, fax 478 3738, or your local centre or group. [The title pun is mine -Ed.]

COMHLÁMH

Comhlámh, the Irish Association of Returned Development Workers, works to promote global development through education and action and has a variety of working groups within this area. It is open to anyone interested to participate. Subscriptions include *FOCUS on Ireland and the Wider World*, *NODE News*, and *Comhlámh News*; subs are £20 full-time waged, £12 part-time waged, £6 unwaged. *FOCUS* is available by subscription separately (6 issues over 2 years) at £8; back issues are available at £1 a copy. The summer issue featured the arms trade, including Ireland's role, and the next issue is on refugees. Comhlámh also has an Action Network which is currently working to get the interests of Southern-hemisphere farmers taken into account in the Common Agricultural Policy reforms, and before that was working on media issues (Comhlámh Action Network, 55 Grand Parade, Cork, phone 021 - 275 881). Comhlámh, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2; phone 01 - 478 3490, fax 478 3738.

HOUSMANS DIARY and WORLD PEACE DIRECTORY

Yes folks, can 1996 be far behind when you read about the 45th edition of Housmans Peace Diary and World Peace Directory, listing 2,000 national and international peace, environment and human rights organisations in 150 countries, with the usual features you'd expect in a 2-page to a week format plus quotes and notable dates. Astute in Argentina? Baffled in Britain? Interested in India? Nonviolent in the Netherlands? Irate in Ireland? Or in a state in the USA? If you get picked up by a UFO and dropped down in an unexpected country, be prepared! And even if this doesn't happen you may still think it's out of this world - an invaluable aid to networking locally and globally. A single copy is UK£6.95 including postage and packing anywhere (this world only, not available elsewhere yet - Ed.) and there's a discount on 5 or more copies. Payment possibilities include cheque in UK£ (payable to 'Housmans') or credit card. Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX; phone 0171 - 837 4473. INNATE will also have copies for sale. [Will that do, Albert?]

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NI

The Northern Ireland region of Amnesty International (AI) is to host a visit by exiled Ogoni activist Komene Farnaa; he will speak on the current situation in Ogoniland on Tuesday 14th October at lunch-time; contact office for details. Meanwhile the first AI shop in NI opens on 11th October at 93 Dublin Road, Belfast stocking AI merchandise, fairly traded goods and second-hand books. AI-NI, 80a Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5AD. Phone 01232 - 666216 / 666001; fax 666164; <http://www.amnesty.org.uk>

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