



peace talks

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust

Newsletter Summer 2006



Welcome to the summer edition of 'Peace Talks' from the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust. Our aim is to keep you updated with our work and our hopes for the future.

It has been an exceptionally busy time at the Trust since our last newsletter, with a number of interesting developments in terms of our programmes and new partnerships, some of which are highlighted in this edition.

On page one you can read about our Programme Leader's visit to Israel to develop relationships with organisations there, so that we can run a Leadership Development Project in the region. We also welcome Rawan Hamdan who has joined us as volunteer to develop this programme.

Clare White *Chief Executive*



Masquerade Ball

On Saturday 11th February, the Trust held its seventh annual charity Masquerade Ball at the Daresbury Park Hotel in Stretton. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, North West Security Guards, we raised over £16,000. The Trust would also like to thank Pete Pinnington who was MC and DJ for the evening and our live entertainment "The Drifters". All the money raised from this event will help towards funding the Trust's programmes, which in turn will help many young people locally, nationally and internationally.

Next year's Ball will be held at The Park Royal, Stretton, on Saturday 10th February 2007.



Photograph was provided courtesy of The Limited Edition magazine. Mayor Linda Dirir and consort Mr Allin Dirir, Alan Prentice representative from NWSG's and partner with Colin and Wendy Parry.



Sir John pictured with Mary Clarke, Richard, Paul & Ian

A peaceful walk down Coronation Street

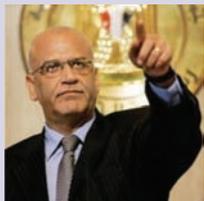
Trust Patron and great supporter Sir John Major hosted a private dinner at Granada Studios, Manchester, for twelve successful business leaders in order to raise awareness and support for the work of the Trust.

The evening started with an

entertaining walk with Sir John down one of the most famous streets in Britain, Coronation Street. Guests had the chance to take photographs with Sir John before making their way to a drinks reception during which Richard Shepherd, Paul Wharton and Ian Drinkwater, all pupils of piano teacher Mary Clarke, entertained the guests.

The Penthouse Suite, with superb views over Manchester, was the setting for dinner where everyone had the opportunity to listen to speeches from Sir John and Trust Chairman, Colin Parry. Dean Sullivan, another great supporter and Patron of the Trust, also explained why he felt the Trust's work is so important and urged others to get involved.

'We wanted our girls to be inspired by the vision of the Peace Centre ... and that has been achieved.'
 Mary Foster - Upton Hall School



Dr. Saeb Erekat



Professor Dan Bar-On



Dr. David Bloomfield



Karen Chouhan



Roelf Meyer



Professor Oliver Ramsbotham



Dame Helen Reeves



Ian White

International Peace Commission

Five delegates from around the world visited the Peace Centre in May for the second meeting of the International Peace Commission (IPC).

Developed by the Trust, the aim of the IPC is to help refine and strengthen our existing work and to develop new programmes for young people.

IPC members attending the weekend included Ian White MBE, a leading peace and conflict resolution practitioner who was a former CEO of the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation. Colin Parry OBE, Co- Founder and Chairman of the Trust; Dr David Bloomfield of the Berghoff Foundation for Peace Studies; Prof Oliver Ramsbotham of the Department of Peace Studies at Bradford University; Dame Helen Reeves, former Chief Executive of Victim Support; and Karen Chouhan CEO of the Black Human Rights Organisation the 1990 Trust and a Joseph Rowntree Visionary. Full membership of the IPC includes: Roelf Meyer, former Defence Minister in the South African government; Dr Saeb Erekat, Chief Negotiator for the Palestinian National Authority and Prof Dan Bar-On, founder PRIME (Peace Research Institute in the Middle East).

Speaking about the meeting, IPC chair Ian White said: "The IPC members bring with them knowledge of the world of conflict, its devastating effects and its resolution, combined with enthusiasm and support for the Trust's work. We are hoping that this second meeting will give the IPC members a more rounded understanding of the Trust, its foundations and future ambitions, so that together we can take educational peace programmes to international audiences."



Rawan Hamdan has just graduated from Liverpool John Moores University with a 2.1 degree in politics. She

became interested in the Trust because of our work in conflict resolution and wanted to help with future projects in the Balkans and Middle East (Palestine and Israel).

Rawan's interest stems from her heritage and background. She is originally from Palestine, though due to the extent of the conflict has lived in the UK for the past 18 years. She has worked with Palestinian children in a Swedish Rehabilitation Centre for disabled children, and has also taken part in activities with the University of Al-Najah in Nablus. Rawan said, "The experience was very enlightening and give me an insight into the political situation of Palestinians. The trip also had a great personal significance to me personally as it enabled me to trace my original home and roots."

Kelly on Peace Mission to Israel

May was an exciting month for our programme leader, Kelly Simcock. Kelly participated in a group visit to Israel, joining 10 other youth and community workers from across the UK.

The trip was organised by the British Council to look at youth work in the region and their host, the Israeli Youth Exchange Council, provided a comprehensive programme of opportunities to look at youth and voluntary sector work.

The focus for the Trust was to establish links with organisations, working at cross border level, with young people from Palestine and Israel.



Kelly said: "The trip gave us an insight into the well structured youth work projects in place in

Israel. Visits to kibbutz, youth centres, Arab-Israeli projects and conflict resolution organisations meant that each member of our diverse delegation could find an appropriate organisation to work with. From Nazareth to Jerusalem- we toured the land and viewed some of the most historic venues known to man. There was something inspiring yet saddening about being in the Holy Land. To see such fantastic structures in place for people in Israel, but then to see the separation wall being built between them and the Palestinian territories, was a sobering sight."

Following a number of exploratory discussions with different organisations, the foundations have now been laid. Through Kelly's trip, we have established links with a number of like minded projects in Israel and look forward to delivering our Leadership Development programme to young Palestinians and Israelis for the first time in 2007.

'The work has affected my life so much that I have applied to do a degree in Peace Studies at Bradford University.'

Sophie, An English participant of The Tim Parry Scholarship.

The 'Full On' Programme

Each issue one of the Trust's programmes will be highlighted to enable you to learn more about our work.

The 'Full On' programme was designed to deal with issues around Conflict Resolution and Citizenship and has been a core Peace education programme since it began in the year 2000. The programmes became 'accredited' by the Open College Network in 2003-allowing students to study informal qualifications alongside their traditional curriculum subjects. The project is groundbreaking and designed to compliment the subjects taught in mainstream education. The courses are aimed at young people at risk of exclusion, from education, and from society. Programmes offered range from the highly popular 'Anger Management' through to 'Self Awareness and Identity'.

Each programme is designed to improve confidence and self esteem, to help the young people gain essential life and social skills, and ultimately, to empower them and enable them to reach their full potential.

The students are assessed on their portfolio of work built up throughout the sessions. Learning evidence often consists of typed-up group work, video-based discussion work, role play, on-line and written work as well as the ability to verbalise and discuss learning. Our methods of assessment allow those young people who reject the traditional classroom setting to produce work and evidence outside of that scenario. The sense of achievement felt by students is often a huge stepping stone to change. We work closely with FE and secondary institutions encouraging young people to use this experience as a foundation for continued training and education.



British Nuclear Group & The Arts Council support 'A Bit of Fun'

'A Bit of Fun' is an art based project, which takes its name from the misconception that bullying is only 'a bit of fun.'

The project is aimed at 11-12 year olds who are about to make the difficult transition from primary to secondary school. Over the past five years, the number of participants has increased and this year we saw over 1200 young people taking part. During their time at the Centre, the children watch an anti-bullying play and take part in a series of interactive workshops involving drama, role play and discussion.

Pauline Deans, Community Affairs Officer from British Nuclear Group, said, "We are pleased to be supporting this initiative as part of our community programme, which will help to teach and develop conflict resolution skills, to help stop both physical and verbal bullying and intimidation. Bullying is a growing problem so this programme helps many children deal with the situation if or when it arises"



The Trust would also like to thank Britvic, Walkers Crisps and Aimia Foods Ltd for their help and support with this year's programme.

Young people participating in the Programme

International Volunteers helping to make things go with a swing



The workshops were run with the help of International volunteers from Russia, France, Sweden, Czech Republic, Poland and Italy.

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Trust Events

Sportsman's Dinner

15th September 2006

Jail & Bail

22nd November 2006

Annual Ball

10th February 2007

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LIFE Programme 2006

Seventy young people from three Warrington High Schools (Birchwood, Great Sankey and Sir Thomas Boteler) took part in this year's 'LIFE PROGRAMME' and helped to raise £416.10 towards the Trust's programmes.

Mixed groups worked one day a week within companies through a six week 'Managers' development programme. Companies taking part in the scheme were Amec, Asda, Birchwood Park Estates, Bovis Lend Lease, Co-op Bank, Serco Assurance, Warrington Business School and Warrington Wolves.

Presentations were given to a panel of judges from Industry and an audience of 110 in the sixth week. The overall winners for 2006 were the team who worked with Bovis Lend Lease.



Running for Peace

Congratulations to Richard Charles from Serco Assurance in Birchwood who took part in the Blackpool Half Marathon on behalf of the Trust and completed the course in 1.39.38.



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