



Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



JPIC Update - August 2015

Traidcraft – Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft has contacted Archbishop Peter, to ask for his support.

Traidcraft started out 35 years ago. They trade with and support vulnerable farmers and artisans. They also pioneer bringing new commodities to the fair trade market. Their linked development charity runs development projects to enable people to trade their way out of poverty.

Traidcraft are now a kind of victim of their own success. While they were the pioneers of fair trade, they do not get any benefits from the Fairtrade trade in supermarkets, etc. They will shortly be publishing their accounts which show a trading loss for a fourth consecutive year.

Please endorse Traidcraft's Autumn "Show you care" campaign, by asking your church and friends to place collective orders for Christmas cards, gifts and festive food with Traidcraft. Please ask your Church to also serve Traidcraft, not just Fairtrade products. If you wish to know more about Traidcraft or shop online, visit their website <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/>

Is your's a Fairtrade parish? CAFOD can assist you in working towards becoming approved.

Detention Centres/London churches Refugee Network Meeting

The meeting was well attended with committed people and leaders of various faiths. The first hand account of an ex-detainee, showed that even though he is physically free, the mental trauma continues.

The day this meeting was held, a very important milestone has been reached. The Court of Appeals ruled against the government's proposal to bring back the Detained Fast Track, as the court recognised the potentially disastrous consequences for an Asylum seeker. Eiri encouraged people to attend the Detention Enquiry scheduled for 10 September, 2015.

It is an opportunity to convey your views to your local MP and MEP too. There is a possibility of your views being mentioned during the debate. If your MP is not attending the debate, request him/her to do so. Network and form a group, rather than go alone.

UK Detention - Justice Magazine

For free electronic versions, visit : <http://justicemagazine.org/jmwp/>

For an article on Detention in UK page 14, click/visit:

http://justicemagazine.org/jmwp/pdf/summer2015.pdf#_blank

JPIC - The Way Forward Meeting at Amigo House on 22 July

Thank you for all those who came to share their hopes and aspirations for the JPIC. We also acknowledge there are many who would have liked to attend, but being mid-week, and far from London, were unable to do so.

The general feeling of the people is that every effort should be made to increase the number of active members and groups. And also to work with as many like minded groups/networks as possible.

We aim to use social media more, in order to spread the message and also to include those far off from London – via Skype Conference Calls. And more encouragement for the younger or even older "first timers", to become more involved. It can be daunting first time experience, when you know nobody else who is part of the experienced group. But they all had to start as newbies.

If you are keen on taking the initiative to start a Parish Justice and Peace Group, please send an email to office@southwarkjandp.co.uk

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On Friday 11th September, the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This puts vulnerable people at risk. Please contact your MP, urging him to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. Send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishop's Conference via the following link: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide>
Or ask your Parish Priest for the relevant Campaign Postcard.

DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY:

23rd August – International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

For related information, kindly visit: The Human Rights Education Association at <http://www.hrea.org/> and Stop the Traffik <http://www.stopthetraffik.org/>

5th September Faiths Together in Lambeth (FTIL)

Inter-Faith walk from 1030hrs to 1530hrs.

A two mile walk through Streatham, starting at Shree Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, 72 Colmer Road, SW 16 5JZ (near Norbury Station). For information and sponsorship forms to raise funds for work of FTIL contact: 07889 221 847 or ftil@hotmail.co.uk

10th September – Parliamentary Debate on Detention Inquiry Report

Location: Chambers. Scheduled to last for three hours.

Lobby your MP to attend and convey your views too.

12th September – Day Conference on “Suggesting the Possible in a Fragile World”

1030 to 1600hrs. Conference will be led by Pat Gaffney, Pax Christi at the Niland Centre, Bushey, Hertfordshire. For details contact Phone: 020 8950 4000.

14th September – Candle-lit Vigil on Eve of DSEI Arms Fair at London ExCeL

A gathering open to all. Join this silent vigil. Gather at 6.30pm at Royal Victoria DLR, outside in Tidal Basin Road. Then to London ExCel for vigil between 7pm to 8 pm. Email: info@paxchristi.org.uk

19th September – NJPN Open Networking Day, Coventry.

1030 – 1600 hrs. Speaker: Paul Bodenham (Green Christian) “Francisconomics: The Saint, the Pope and the Economy of Enough”. Phone: 020 7901 4864 Email: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

20th September – Pan-African Annual Mass at St. George’s Catholic Cathedral

African Catholic Mission in Britain cordially invites all to their Annual Mass at 3pm with Bishop Patrick Lynch as Main Celebrant. For details contact: 077 8650 1371 or email: africath@clara.co.uk

26th September – Women & Peacemaking – Personal & Political. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church

Days Programme (1030 to 1700hrs) includes Film and speakers. Fee is £10/concession £6. Bring your own Lunch. Contact Pax Christi 020 8203 4884

17th October – Our Autumn Assembly will be held in The Pavilion, at CAFOD’s Office

Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB.

From 10.30 to 4.00 Canon Giles Fraser “The Loose Canon” will be a Guest Speaker. More details to follow

22nd to 25th October - Leadership for Social Change. Residential Training at Maryvale institute, Birmingham.

Organised jointly by the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) and Voice of Dalit International (VODI), with support from Maryvale Institute, Birmingham. This is a four-day Residential Training Workshop for activists and future Leaders, addressing issues of race, caste, religion and social class.

Further information and registration: CARJ, 9 Henry Road, London N4 2LH. (020) 8802 8080. info@carj.org.uk

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