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The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust

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"The quality of delivery is exceptional".

Louise Solden – Extended School Co-ordinator – South Leeds High School



Welcome to the 1st Edition 2007 of 'Peace Talks' from the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust.

This is a bumper edition of our newsletter, bringing you news and updates about our work. You'll see that the Trust has expanded both its team and the geographical remit of its work in recent months. On page one and two you can see an introduction to our two new team members, on page two you can read about the visit of 24 young people from Israel and Palestine, and on page four you can find out about our latest Leadership Development project with young people from Leeds.

Clare White

Chief Executive

Please keep an eye out for our Spring Edition 2007 for exciting news about the Trust, new programmes and campaigns throughout in year.

The highlight of 2006 for me was the major effort that we put into taking our name, work and profile into areas of the UK we had not previously targeted. This represents the start of the outreach of our profile, so pivotal to our continued growth and development. The activities of which I am speaking falls into two broad categories:

1. Operational:

A pioneering piece of work of great significance was introduced into a Leeds high school which was and still is encountering serious inter faith / inter race conflict. The project content was developed by Kelly Simcock after she conducted a comprehensive attitude audit amongst pupils and staff. The results strongly corroborated the belief that relations were exceptionally difficult and, left unchecked, would inevitably lead to even greater levels of violent conflict. Three discrete programmes involving 72 young people are being run over the period up to Quarter 1, 2007 and we expect results to verify that interventions of this type are very effective and worthwhile.

2. Marketing / Public Relations:

The Trust, through Wendy, Pat Taylor, Clare White and I, were privileged to be given the opportunity to hold a hosted dinner at the offices of Clifford Chance in Canary Wharf, London. I was delighted to be able to persuade the Rt. Hon William Hague MP to be our Guest Speaker on the evening and he proved to be a highly entertaining, informative and thought provoking speaker, taking questions from our guests on domestic and international subject matters.

Just a week later, The Bishop of Liverpool and Trust Patron, James Jones, along with Lord Doug Hoyle, former MP for Warrington North, co-hosted a lunch for the Trust at the House of Lords. Both our hosts spoke with great conviction about the importance of the work of the Trust to the invited guests, many of whom were British/Indian business people.

I am committed to the Trust raising awareness of its projects and results amongst the leaders of the corporate sector because the increasingly international reach of many large businesses presents a great opportunity for us to reach out too...as we have always aimed to do!!

Colin Parry
Chairman



Phil joins the Trust to run new project in Manchester

Phil Adshead started working for the Trust in November following recent funding received from the Learning & Skills Council to run the Trust's 'Full On' courses in the Greater Manchester area. He will be working with young people between the ages 13-16 who are at risk of exclusion from school.

Phil returned to Manchester after living for ten years in Devon. For 2 ½ years he worked as a development tutor for a charity in Salford with disaffected young people. He has also had the chance to do some community work with refugees from Kosovo.

Phil said, "I love working for the Trust, everyone has made me feel very welcome. Working with the team has shown me how I can adapt my skills to get the most out of young people"

"The work carried out so far has had a positive impact, not only on the students that have participated but also their peers and teaching staff".

Young Palestinian and Israelis Live & Learn Together at the Centre

September 2006 was an exciting month for the Trust as we welcomed a group of 12 Israeli and 12 Palestinian young people to the Centre. The group, which arrived on Sunday 10th to take part in an intensive two-day programme, were brought to Warrington by Encompass (The Daniel Braden Reconciliation Trust) as part of their international conflict resolution programme. This is the first collaborative venture between the Trust and Encompass and proved to be an interesting and exciting project for all. Chief Executive Clare White said: "It is crucial that we work together in partnership with other organisations to further our peace work. This is not only a fantastic opportunity for the young people but also for our organisations to share best practice. The project with Encompass has been a brilliant venture, and hopefully the start of future work together."

Israelis, including religious Jews from West Bank settlements and secular Israelis from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, joined Palestinians from Hebron, Ramallah and Bethlehem for a two night residential where they met and worked with past participants of the 'Tim Parry Scholarship' (the Trust's Anglo-Irish youth exchange programme). The programme provided the young people with the opportunity to share experiences of conflict and to discuss ideas around alternative responses to violence and conflict. From

workshops to presentations, the young people took part in a variety of activities which challenged their positions and perspectives. Fundamentally, the programme allowed the young people to explore their understanding of 'the other', pushing political and socio-economic differences aside to seek to understand and relate to one another as individuals.

Clare added: "We are delighted to welcome this group of young people to the Centre. The work of the Trust is all about using dialogue - and not violence - to solve conflict, and it is encouraging that these young people will actively participate in such a programme at this time."



Pat's raising the profile

Pat Taylor joins the Trust as a fundraiser and, with the networking skills she has developed from her previous career, her task will be to raise the Trust's profile and create fundraising opportunities.

Pat established The Birchwood Bureau, a privately owned recruitment consultancy, in 1989. She sat on the board in the development of Birchwood Forum, a highly respected private/public sector partnership, and in 1998 joined the Trust as a volunteer.

Pat said: 'I am delighted to be part of the Trust team and I am looking forward to the challenge ahead'

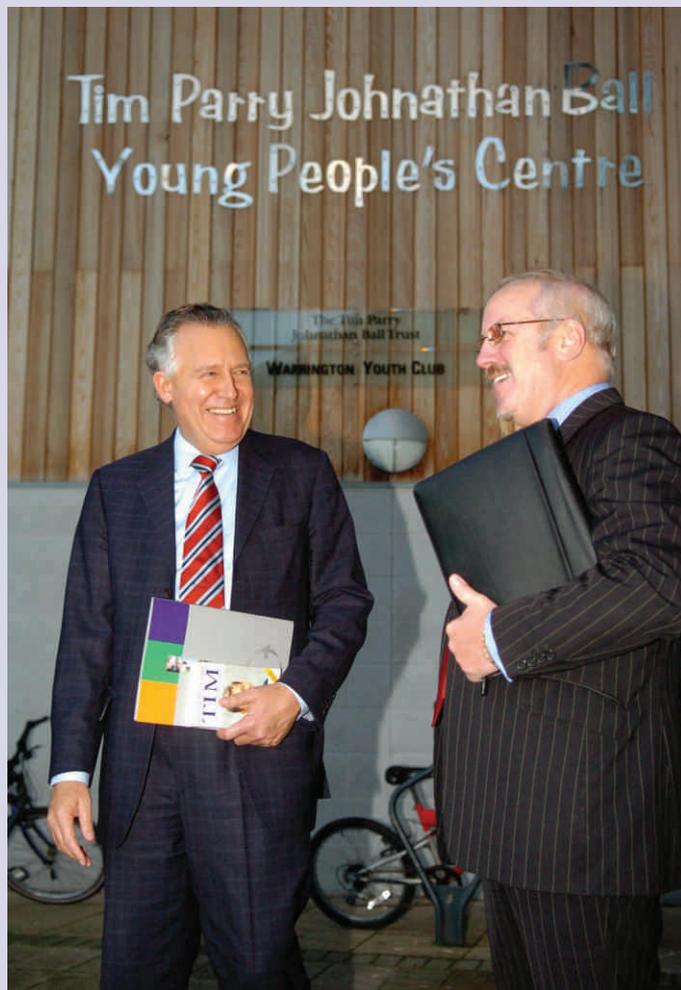
The Legacy Project

Each issue of our Newsletter highlights one of the Trust's programmes. In this issue we have covered the excellent work of the Legacy Project, which is one of our longest running programmes, created to help victims of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles'.

The Legacy Project, funded by the Northern Ireland Office, was set up in 2001 to meet the needs of Britain based victims, survivors and veterans of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles'. Since securing funding for a further 3 years (2004-2007) the project has gone from strength to strength and is now providing many services for those who have been affected by the conflict. Among the services provided are - an advocacy group, story-sharing residentials and a 'website community' for participants to connect and share experiences with each other. During 2006, seven victims/survivors were trained to become peer supporters for the Trust, providing a listening ear for those in distress and needing to talk to others who have been through a similar experience.

Another highlight of 2006 was the success of the project's inter-agency group, the Critical Incident Response Advisory Group, which was created to take the lessons learned to make a difference in policy for victims. The group membership comprises of senior officials from Central Government departments and National organisations and has been taken on as an advisory group to Central Government regarding the long term impact of critical incidents. This denotes a rise in the reputation of the Trust as an expert voice in the field of supporting victims of politically motivated violence.

The future work from the project will encompass transferring the learning of the last five years, to benefit a wider group of people affected by violent acts. The Trust's vision is to engage people in making a contribution to peace - building by turning their painful and challenging experience into a positive opportunity for growth, development, leadership and inspiration for others.



Hain pays tribute to work of the Trust

Secretary of State Peter Hain visited the Peace Centre in October and praised the Trust for not only helping survivors of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' come to terms with their hurt, but for challenging prejudices amongst young people from different backgrounds in an effort to prevent future suffering.

Chairman, Colin Parry, gave Mr Hain a tour of the Centre and during his visit he had the chance to speak to the Trust Team and hear first hand about the programmes they deliver to young people.

Mr Hain said, "The Trust has been able to provide a safe space for young people and adults to take part in educational peace programmes which challenge perceptions and prejudices with the aim of encouraging tolerance and acceptance of diversity."

"Everyone in the school is very excited about the project and we have had no major racial incidents in school since the project started".



Young People lead the Way

The Trust was approached early last year by South Leeds High School to develop and deliver educational programmes for the young people in their school. The school, which is the result of a merger between a school with predominantly White pupils and one with predominantly Asian pupils, is situated in the Middleton Grove area of Leeds, close to where the 7/7 bombers lived. The combination of these events had led to a lot of tension and unrest within the school and the local community and the Trust was asked to become involved in providing an effective intervention.

We are currently in the process of delivering three week-long courses with 72 young people from years 9, 10 and 11 examining self awareness and identity, conflict resolution, leadership and peer mediation. The aim of the programme is to reduce the level of conflict and racial abuse in the school and provide pupils with peer mediation and leadership skills.

During December, we successfully delivered the first two programmes - with years 10 and 11. These programmes were extremely well received by the staff and pupils and many of the young people left with a sense of fresh hope and the desire to make an active and positive change in their school and communities.

Speaking about the programme, Programme Leader, Kelly Simcock, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for these young people to come together and live, learn and socialise together. The programme challenges their views and enables them to have frank and open debates on issues such as faith, culture, conflict and race. We hope they will then take the lead in educating their peers back at school."

As part of this programme we were pleased to welcome Moazzam Begg who spoke to the young people about his experiences in Guantanamo Bay (*see story below*).



Guantanamo detainee, Moazzam Begg, visits Peace Centre

In December, Guantanamo Bay detainee, Moazzam Begg, visited the Peace Centre to talk to young people from South Leeds High School about his experiences and to highlight the need for communication, peace and reconciliation and non-violent protest.

Moazzam, who was one of nine British Islamists held in the detention camp in Cuba for nearly three years without trial, has written a book detailing the violent treatment of detainees held by the U.S Government. In his book, Moazzam talks about being tortured, threatened with death and kept in solitary confinement for two years. He was released in January 2005 without charge and has received neither compensation nor apology.



The opening of the Mo Mowlam Lounge

The Trust were delighted to welcome Mo Mowlam's husband, Jon Norton, to the Peace Centre as its Guest of Honour and invite him to personally open the refurbished lounge which has been re-named in memory of Mo.

The Trust's Chairman, Colin Parry, said: "Mo did so much in the early days to help the Trust, not only to find the finances but also the will to pursue our dream of building a dedicated and unique Centre for young people everywhere at risk of violent conflict. Mo shared our belief that such a Centre was vitally important in today's dangerous world in helping improve the lives of such young people. She shared the belief that this was the most appropriate legacy to Tim and Johnathan".

'Pound for Peace' appeal

March 20th 2007 will be the 14th Anniversary of the Warrington bombing and to mark the occasion and to remember Tim and Johnathan we will be launching our 'Pound for Peace' appeal.

For just £1.00 per week paid monthly or annually by direct debit, you will be ensuring not only the future work of the Trust but a better future for thousands of young people who take part in our programmes.

Further details will be printed in our Spring Edition.

Thank you!

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Music to the Trust's ear

95.8 FM Radio Merseyside Charitable Trust has made a grant of £5000 to help refurbish one of the bedrooms at the Peace Centre. Since the Centre opened in 2000, the rooms have had constant use by young people attending residential courses run by the Trust and were starting to show signs of wear.

Bellway help build for the future

Staff at Bellway Homes, under the direction of Sarah Manser, have been paying one pound to dress casually on the last Friday of each month. They have managed to raise £450, which the company has doubled to £900, for the Trust. Ken Ewen, Managing Director for Bellway, said: "The Centre is a tremendous accolade to Tim and Johnathan whose lives were tragically cut short in 1993. The charity has invested a great deal of time and effort in creating programmes that encourage interaction between diverse communities and we believe this will lead to a better future for the young people of Warrington and further a field".



Through its members support of an annual Golf Day and Christmas party The Professional Computing Association has raised over £2000 for the Trust during 2006. Derek Jones, President of the PCA, who lives in Warrington, nominated the Trust for support during his time in office. The PCA is the trade association of companies both large and small who are involved in the computing industry and was established in 1993.

Christmas Cards

Thank you Gary Jones at Birchwood Shopping Centre for sponsoring our 2006 Charity Christmas cards and to our loyal supporters for continuing to buy them.

A Big Thank You to Everybody

The Trust would like to thank the following people for their help and support during the second half of 2006

Sir John Zochonis Foundation
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The Rt Hon Sir John Major KGCH
William Hague MP
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Ladybirds Ladies Group
Addleshaw & Goddard
Staff at 'Making Space'
Professional Computing Association
Dave Cook & Kenny Crosby
The Ferry Tavern
Warrington Schools for taking part in our 'One World Peace Day'
Bellway Homes
United Coop Ltd
Lyn Flanagan – KOR Events
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To everyone who made a donation to the Trust at Colin's 60th Birthday Party.
The International Peace Commission, Patrons & Trustees.
A big thank you to our staff team and volunteers who have worked extremely hard throughout 2006.

Bikers raise £2346 for the Trust

On one of the hottest days during July the Manchester Harley Owners Club



organised an event at The Ferry Tavern in Penketh, Warrington, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Club and raise money for Charity. Dave Cook, who has been a long time supporter of the Trust, and Kenny Crosby, worked extremely hard to make the day a huge success. According to the Police, who were assigned to the event, an estimated 500 bikers and 1700 visitors had taken part in the celebration.

Jail & Bail

The Trust would like to thank everyone who took part in our first Jail & Bail event on the 22nd November



06. Thirteen senior managers from various companies around Warrington took part, some of them raising individually as much as £1000.

White 'overalls' were worn on the day and the best 'decorated' suit received a fantastic prize of a Ferrari Driving Challenge which was kindly donated by Driveme.net and won by Grant Flaxman-Smith from Taylor Shaw Catering.

A big thank you to Lyn Flanagan, Tom at 101, Police Inspector Stuart Woodcock and his officers Darren, Chris and Chris (who kindly worked on their day off) and everyone who sponsored the participants.

OUR NEXT 'JAIL & BAIL' WILL TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2008 AND THE RECRUITMENT OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS EVENT WILL START IN JUNE & JULY 07. PLEASE CONTACT WENDY ON 581234 IF YOU OR A COLLEAGUE ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART.

Help us

We need your support to enable us to continue our work with vulnerable and excluded young people throughout the country.

By donating to the Trust, you will be helping us to help young people turn their lives around so they too can look forward to a better and happier future.

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Thank you

We appreciate your donation no matter how small.

Forthcoming Events for 2007

The Beatle Ball
10th February
The Park Royal Hotel

Pound for Peace
March 20th

Comedy Night
18th May
The Park Royal Hotel

Pochins Charity Golf Day
17th August
De-vere Carden Park
Please contact Nick Hamilton on 01614828222

Golf Tournament
29th September
Portal Golf & Country Club

Frock, Shop & Bop
November
Date and Venue to be confirmed

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