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The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust

Newsletter Summer 2004



## Welcome to the summer edition of The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust newsletter.

Our aim is to keep everyone up to date with the Trust's work and its successes.

The first half of 2004 has been very busy with VIP visits, international awards and new partnerships being made. We are proud to say that the Trust's reputation is growing and we have been approached by national and international organisations who wish to work with us - but more of that later.

We hope that you find this newsletter informative. If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter, let us know by emailing [info@childrenforpeace.org](mailto:info@childrenforpeace.org).

Clare White  
Trust Director



## Cherie Blair Visits the Peace Centre

The Trust's work was acknowledged recently when the Prime Minister's wife, Cherie Blair, visited the Peace Centre. Mrs Blair was given a tour of the Centre and chatted to Colin and Wendy Parry about the Trust educational programmes and their hopes for the future.



## Colin receives OBE in Queens Birthday Honours List

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## Trust Wins International Award

The Trust has been honoured with the Rotary International Award for World Understanding and Peace.

Rotary is a worldwide organisation which provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. The Award recognises individuals or organisations for outstanding achievement through regional or international humanitarian efforts. Previous winners of the Award include Nelson Mandela, former UN General Secretary, Boutros Boutros Ghali, ex US President Jimmy Carter and Pope John Paul



James Lacey, Wendy & Colin Parry and President of Rotary International Jonathan Magiyagbe

The Trust will receive \$100,000 from the Rotary Foundation to further its work in conflict resolution and prevention.

Chairman, Colin Parry, said: "The Trust's vision and mission has never been more relevant to young people than they are now in today's ever more dangerous world.

'Children for Peace' learning programmes invest in the development of life skills in young people to enable them to lead non violent lives by understanding the causes and nature of conflict.

Children for Peace programmes have helped thousands of young people from across the UK and Ireland and the fantastic RI Award will be used to extend the application of our programmes to embrace new beneficiaries from areas of conflict previously outside our scope."

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

## Working for Peace earns Colin an OBE

Colin has been awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his tireless campaigning for peace since the IRA bombing of Warrington in 1993.



Colin said that he was 'extremely pleased' to receive the award but would be accepting on behalf of the whole family – Wendy, Dominic and Abbi and will be dedicating the award to Tim.

*Read more about the award in the winter edition.*

## Tea with the Queen!

Wendy Parry was honoured recently at a luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

Wendy was among 200 'Women of Achievement' who were congratulated at the event for their exceptional contribution to society.

Meeting the Queen and celebrities such as Heather Mills, J.K Rowling and Kate Moss,

Wendy said: "It was a brilliant day. I thoroughly enjoyed it. People were fascinated with the idea of the Peace Centre and thought the work we do is fantastic."



Staff from Cheshire BS are joined by Lord Doug Hoyle and Mike Hall MP

## Cheshire Building Society help raise £17,000

This years Valentine's Ball was the first event to be held at the new Warrington Wolves Rugby League Stadium and proved a huge success.

A three course meal prepared by the award winning Heathcotes was followed by entertainment from The Magic Drifters and a disco. The party went on well into the night with all 260 guests thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Requests for tickets are already being taken for next year! If you'd like further details, please call us on 01925 581 231.

## Annual Peace Lecture - 2004



Wendy Parry, Denis Murray, Nick Taylor (Trustee) and Colin Parry(Chairman)

The BBC's Chief Northern Ireland news correspondent, Denis Murray, delivered the second annual Peace Lecture in April.

Denis, who is the well known and much respected face of BBC reporting on Ireland, has been an independent observer of Northern Ireland affairs for many years. He spoke about the nature and causes of the conflict and the current state of play with the peace process, from his very own and unique personal perspective.

Individuals from the business and local community were invited to attend the lecture, as well as young people from schools in the North West.

*'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.

## New Patrons join The Trust



**Emma Thompson**

A leading international actress.



**Nicky Campbell**

A well-known TV/Radio Broadcaster



**Rt Rev James Jones**

Bishop of Liverpool



**John Major CH**

Prime Minister at the time of the bombing.



**Steven Broomhead**

Chief Executive of the NorthWest Development Agency.



**John Drummond**

Director of Corporate Culture.



**Lucy Meacock**

Presenter for Granada TV.



**Gordon Burns**

Presenter BBC North West News.

## Middle East Links Forged

The reputation of the Trust is growing and its work is being recognised nationally and internationally. The Trust recently met with youth workers from the 'Windows Project' based in Israel and Palestine. They visited the Centre to learn more about our work and how we could possibly tie in with their project, which aims to help young people in the Middle East begin to build a better future for themselves in a world without conflict. The 'Windows Project' is a joint Israeli-Palestinian Media and Art project based in Tel Aviv and the West Bank. It aims to foster understanding between young people on both sides of the divide by encouraging an ongoing dialogue between them.

We hope that in the near future we will be able to bring a group of young people from the Middle East to take part in a youth exchange visit surrounding the areas of citizenship and conflict resolution.

## 8,000 'Children for Peace'

In the four years since the Peace Centre opened, 8,000 young people have experienced Trust programmes.

When the Centre opened in 2000, the Trust delivered just one annual programme, The Tim Parry Scholarship, with 24 participants. Now, four years later, we have seven programmes (see back page for details), all of which have been painstakingly researched and developed to make a positive impact on conflict resolution.

Young people from more than 30 countries have visited or stayed at the Peace Centre and participated on programmes. Over the past 3 years 3000 young people have participated in the anti bullying workshops.

Accreditation has been granted by the Open College Network for ten unique units of conflict resolution and citizenship. The Trust is the only organisation in the U.K. offering such specialist accredited units. This allows participants the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification in conflict resolution and citizenship.



## Peace Centre Presentation Evening Honours its Successes

The annual presentation evening was held on 22nd June and staff, family members and fellow students celebrated the success of those graduating.

David Darlington was one of the students who received his certificates from actor Dean Sullivan who urged them to continue with the good work. David attended the Rathbone Choices Project in Widnes for two years and a year ago came to the Peace Centre to attend the Full On Programme run by the Trust.

David has worked extremely hard to overcome his particular barriers and gain a number of Certificates. With the Trust Programme he has achieved his Communication Skills and Community Responsibility for Citizenship.

He has gone on to gain employment with the Co-op in Runcorn and is thrilled to be starting a full time place at college in September. His proud family attended the presentation evening and the Trust are delighted with David's progress along with that of his fellow students.



## Trust Work - an update

Currently the Trust runs seven educational programmes and one project dealing with the lasting impact of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles'. These programmes are briefly summarised below.

### Our Programmes:

#### *Full On (OCN accredited)*

Aimed at young people, aged 13-16 years, who are at risk of educational and social exclusion. It identifies individual barriers to participation, achievement and progression and provides personal development opportunities to maintain young people's engagement with education and training.

#### *The Tim Parry Scholarship*

The Tim Parry Scholarship began in 1996. It is a cultural youth exchange programme between Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland which targets gifted, talented and successful 'high-achievers' aged 16+ who have demonstrated leadership skills within their own schools and communities. The programme aims to improve Anglo-Irish-Northern Irish relationships.

#### *Young Citizens for Peace*

For disadvantaged young people aged 14-16 who have demonstrated leadership potential and who come from areas of deprivation and community conflict. It is a three-centre-youth exchange programme focusing on issues of conflict, its consequences and resolution.

#### *A Bit of Fun*

An anti-bullying programme developed in direct response to overwhelming demand from young people and teachers alike. Since it began, over 3000 mixed-ability children aged 10-11 years have taken part in the programme.

#### *Citizenship*

Citizenship is central to our agenda. We believe that if we can instil social and moral responsibility in our young people and include them in the decision making process we can end exclusion and isolation.

#### *The Johnathan Ball Tiny Steps for Peace Programme*

A groundbreaking programme which celebrates the concept of diversity through learning and play. For children aged 4-7 years.

#### *Young Fathers*

This accredited programme encourages young fathers' involvement in the lives and development of their children. It makes them aware of their rights and responsibilities as parents.

#### *The Legacy Project*

The Legacy Project was established in November 2001 to identify and meet the needs of victims and survivors of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' who live in Great Britain. The Project is aimed at those individuals and communities affected by bereavement, injury or trauma arising from 'the Troubles'. Since the launch of the project the Trust has developed its national and international reputation as a leading player in the field of victim support, advocacy and direct services for victims of 'the Troubles' in Great Britain.

## Dates for Your Diary

*Future fundraising events which should not be missed.*

23rd September

### **Fashion & Lifestyle Show**

Parr Hall, Warrington

£10 per person

23rd October

### **An Evening of Laughter**

MUFC, Old Trafford

£450 per table of 10

£45 per person

12th February 2005

### **Valentine Ball**

Warrington Wolves Rugby League Stadium

£50 per person

£500 tables of 10

If you would like to take part or find out more about these events please call us on 01925 581234 or log on to Children for Peace website

### **Donate online**

You can now make donations to the Trust online, by visiting [GiveNow.org](http://GiveNow.org) or [AllAboutGiving.org](http://AllAboutGiving.org) and typing in 'The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust' under search and clicking the 'donate now' button.

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