

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Because this residential experience is based around opportunities for consistent dialogue, it is essential that all participants attend all three days of the event. Places at this event will be strictly limited, so please make your reservation as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Reservations can be made by phone, fax, or post. A charge of £75 will apply to cover costs of event. However, bursaries are available to individuals/organisations that cannot cover the cost.

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

City: Post Code:

Phone: Fax:

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Special Dietary and/or Health Requirements:

Single Room Shared Room

If sharing, please list requested roommate:

Please make cheque for £75 payable to:

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Further information will follow receipt of your registration.

Conference

When The Fighting Stops... A Dialogue on Community Healing

A mutual space where people have the opportunity to explore, through positive encounters, the outstanding issues that prevent us from moving forward in a post-conflict society.

MON 27, TUES 28 & WED 29 SEPTEMBER 2004
ROE VALLEY RADISSON HOTEL
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Both organisations exist to create opportunities for storytelling and dialogue that empower various voices stemming from the Troubles to be heard.

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“After The Fighting Stops...” is a residential-based dialogue encounter that seeks to explore the increasing role of dialogue and storytelling as a way of giving individuals a voice in piecing together an understanding of the complexities that have shaped both the people and the place that is Northern Ireland.

This event brings together a fully-representative cross-section of Northern Ireland society, as well as those affected by the conflict from the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain, to use dialogue as a tool in addressing the effects of the Troubles on individuals and communities.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME

Monday 27th September 2004

10.30 Registration and Check-In
 11.30 Welcome
 11.45 Dialogue Groups
 13.30 Lunch
 14.30 *Professors Abdul Aziz Said and Mubarak Awad*
 15.45 Coffee Break
 16.00 Dialogue Groups
 18.00 Break (Special Audience with speakers- optional)
 20.00 Dinner

Tuesday 28th September 2004

9.00 Tea and Coffee
 9.30 *Leonel Narvaez*
 10.45 Coffee Break
 11.00 Dialogue Groups
 12.30 Lunch
 14.00 *Ada Pecos Melton*
 15.45 Coffee Break
 16.00 Dialogue Groups
 17.30 Break (Special Audience with Speakers- optional)
 19.00 Dinner

Wednesday 29th September 2004

9.00 Tea and Coffee
 9.30 *Father Michael Lapsley*
 10.45 Dialogue Groups
 11.45 Coffee Break
 12.00 Findings from Dialogue Groups
 13.00 Closing Activities
 14.00 Lunch
 15.00 Special Audience with Speakers- optional

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Abdul Aziz Said is the founder and director of the Center for Global Peace and the International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program at American University in Washington, DC. Said also holds the Mohammed Said Farsi Chair of Islamic Peace at the university. He has served as a consultant for several government agencies and the United Nations, and he advises and serves on the board of directors of several international non-governmental organisations. Said has written, co-authored, and edited 16 books. He is also on the editorial boards for Human Rights Quarterly, International Journal of Non-Violence, Peace Review and Spirituality and Reality.

Dr. Mubarak Awad was born in Palestine and educated in the United States where he received degrees in sociology, psychology, and social work. He is the founder of Non-Violence International, the National Youth Advocate Program Foundation, and the Youth Advocate Program International, the latter of which works to promote and protect the rights of the world's youth, giving particular attention to children victimised by conflict, homelessness, statelessness, discrimination, HIV/AIDS, and refugee status. Awad also founded the Centre for the Study of Non-Violence and the Palestinian Counselling Centre, both located in Jerusalem. He is an Adjunct Professor at American University in Washington, DC.

Ada Pecos Melton, a member of the Pueblo of Jemez in New Mexico, is President of American Indian Development Associates (AIDA), a 100% Indian-owned firm that provides training to Indian nations, particularly strengthening indigenous methods of conflict resolution to address crime, delinquency, violence, and victimisation. In 1995, she established the American Indian and Alaska Native Desk in the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs to increase tribal access to federal funding, programs, and training. She serves on a number of boards and advisory committees. Pecos Melton received her MPA and BA in Criminal Justice from the University of New Mexico.

Leonel Narvaez is a sociologist from Cambridge University with a Th.M from Harvard University. A native of Colombia, Narvaez spent ten years as a missionary Catholic priest with the nomads of the Shalbi Desert in Africa and another ten years in the Amazon rainforest. He participated actively in the three year long failed negotiation process with the Leftist Guerrilla FARC, facilitated the reinsertion process of many guerrilla fighters, and created numerous peace committees in the area. During the last three years, he has been successfully implementing the ESPERE (Escuelas de Perdón y Reconciliación, or “Schools of Forgiveness and Reconciliation”) in cities throughout Colombia and Brazil. He was recently awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit by the City Council of Bogotá for his work on reconciliation and peace initiatives.

Father Michael Lapsley is an Anglican priest and director of the Institute for the Healing of Memories based in Cape Town, South Africa. Born in New Zealand, he moved to South Africa in 1973 but was later exiled for his anti-apartheid work. In April 1990, Lapsley was sent a letter bomb by the South African government. In the explosion he lost both his hands and an eye, and his eardrums were shattered, among other injuries. In December 1990 Lapsley undertook an international speaking tour reflecting on his own bombing and survival and the current situation in southern Africa. After returning to South Africa in 1992, he began work at the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture in Cape Town, a post he held until the end of July 1998, when he helped launch the Institute for Healing of Memories. Lapsley continues to work to develop a model that will assist faith communities in the process of healing the psychological, emotional, and spiritual wounds of violence.