



National Conference 2008

Friday 7 & Saturday 8 November 2008

At

The Muslim Resource Centre,

Red Lane, Coventry

CV6 5EE



PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

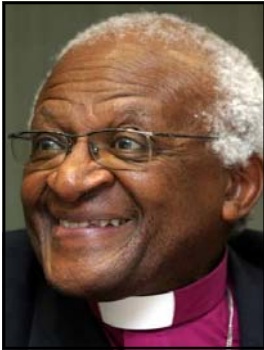
To identify roles for partnership linking in promoting
peace and reconciliation, in the global community
and the local community

An invitation to UKOWLA members and everyone
interested in global and international partnerships

Booking form enclosed

Partnerships for Peace and Reconciliation

‘Through linking, the complex and asymmetrical nature of global interdependence becomes evident as people from varying economic political and social situations connect and challenge each others understanding of the world. Improved security, justice, prosperity and peace are possible only once we have mutuality, reciprocity and respect and value the worth of others equally.’



Desmond M Tutu Archbishop Emeritus
Extract from forward to UKOWLA Toolkit for Linking

WHY COVENTRY??

Coventry; city of peace and reconciliation

Over the years Coventry has developed an international reputation as a city of peace and reconciliation.

Coventry takes great pride in its commitment to peace, reconciliation and internationalism. The city has held out the hand of friendship throughout Europe and beyond, building strong links with the global community.

The City of Coventry has had a reputation for peace and reconciliation around the world since the second World war, when the first twin city links were formed with towns and cities which had suffered a similar fate to Coventry. This includes the first ever international twinning link in 1944 between Coventry and the city of Volgograd—formerly Stalingrad.

Soon the twinning initiative spread to cities such as Cork in Ireland and Kingston in Jamaica where people had come from to work in Coventry's industries. Other twinning links such as that with Jinan in China were formed principally for economic reasons, but since then links have developed in other areas of activity such as education and culture.

Coventry is a city whose past has a remarkable international flavour and thanks to its reputation now has 26 twin towns— though some of the twinning links are more active than others.

UKOWLA National Conference is one of the events being held in Coventry, during Coventry's Peace Month



UKOWLA National Conference has the following objectives

- To identify the role of partnership linking in promoting peace and reconciliation, in the global community and the local community
- To encourage and support community linking between communities in the United Kingdom and communities in countries of the developing / majority world (Central and Southern America, the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, South and East Asia and the Pacific).
- To contribute to community cohesion within communities including, towns and villages, schools, faith groups, ethnic minorities, community groups and those representing sports and culture.
- To identify actions that can be taken through partnership linking that contribute to a more just and sustainable world

We are keen that workshops at the National Conference are participatory in nature and provide a range of opportunities for participants to network, reflect on their own partnership link, learn from others' experiences and share their own good practice.

Examples of workshop choices:-

Peace and reconciliation

- Little red and big grey have a problem; Chrissie Dell, York Centre for Global Education
- Exploring how education about war promotes peace; British Red Cross

Learning and sharing from Partnership Links

- Advantages and disadvantages of north / south linking – a Gambian perspective ; Ebrimmah Dremmeh, GOWLA
- Mr Kinole's House and Mr John's House; John Errington
- Wales Gold Star Communities pilot project; Craig Owens, WCVA
- Visas – possible problems and potential solutions;
- UKOWLA Toolkit—uses in your partnership link

Learning about / from the Global South

- Makutano Junction; a Kenyan soap opera; Helen Garforth, Mediae / Just Ideas
- Rwanda—10 years on; Elspeth Waldie, Purple Field Productions
- Southern voices—are we listening to our partners?

Partnership Links made Visible; range of displays from a variety of members—let us know if you'd like a display space

Networking; opportunities throughout the conference for participants to meet . Let us know whether you'd like to host a networking chat

For booking and further details contact;

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Friday 7th November

11.00am onwards Arrivals, registration, informal networking, and mapping of partnership links

1.15pm LUNCH

2.00pm Welcome and Keynote Speaker

2.45pm Break & Interactive activity

3.00pm Workshops Session 1; choose from a selection

4.00pm Break

4.15pm Workshops Session 2; choose from a selection

5.15pm Networking/Drop-Ins/Informal meetings

6.15pm DINNER

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 8th November

9.00am-10.00am Breakfast networking opportunities

10.00am Panel of Diaspora People and discussion groups

11.30am Mid Morning Break

11.45am Workshops Session 3; choose from a selection

1.15pm LUNCH

2.00pm Reflective Activity – UKOWLA and your part in it.

3.30pm Break

3.45pm Closing Address

4.00pm Finish

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