

## Social Responsibility Bulletin – 25 January 2010

### **Holocaust Memorial Day, 27<sup>th</sup> January, Coventry**

Coventry's Commemoration will be in the Lower Precinct from 12 noon. Martin Reeves, Chief Executive of the City Council will welcome everyone. Speakers include Magda Bloom (Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor), Amer Hesabu (Chair of the Darfur Community in Coventry and the UK). Info click [here](#)

### **Church Urban Fund, 28<sup>th</sup> January, Service**

You are invited to St John's, Willenhall at 7.30pm this Thursday for a service of thanksgiving and to hear more about CUF locally and nationally. Just come...

### **Help Haiti**

Reports suggest more than 200,000 people may have died, with 1.5 million homeless following this catastrophe. The recovery work ahead is immense – pray and give. Here's one goal: gain \$890 million for Haiti. That's what Haiti owes to the IMF and other banks. Please consider sign this petition to ask Haiti's creditors to cancel the debt, click [here](#).

### **Dying Matters Coalition**

The Church of England has joined the national Dying Matters Coalition, which is led by the National Council for Palliative Care (NCPC), working closely with the Dept of Health and other key stakeholders, the coalition aims to promote public awareness around death, dying and bereavement.

<http://cofe.anglican.org/news/pr0510.html>

### **Church Urban Fund Contact in the Diocese of Coventry**

Helen McGowan at the Diocesan Offices will now handle all CUF applications and enquiries following John Hall's forthcoming move to Leicester. Helen can be contact on: 024 7652 1346 or email [helen.mcgowan@covcofe.org](mailto:helen.mcgowan@covcofe.org)

### **How wild is your churchyard?**

Manage, don't mow your churchyard and give space to endangered plant species. That is the message from the CofE's national environmental campaign [Shrinking the Footprint](#) which has signed up to the United Nations' International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). [click](#)

### **Disabled people, 28th January, Course**

Would you like to: increase your knowledge of the issues that affect Disabled People, develop your confidence, learn how to make a contribution to issues in your local community? If so, there is a new initiative called Every Voice Counts. This FREE course is open to all disabled people (9.30am-4.30pm).

Refreshments provided, travel costs reimbursed up to a total of £20.00. For more info contact: Lisa at: [lisa.wiggins@cdp.org.uk](mailto:lisa.wiggins@cdp.org.uk) or tel: 02476 716217

### **Moving To Mars**

If you have Freeview, you may like to watch a film entitled 'Moving to Mars', the story of two Burmese families and how they cope with a very alien environment when they seek sanctuary in Britain. It will be broadcast on Tues 2 February at 10pm on 'More 4'.

### **Knitting Machine**

CTRIC (Churches Together for Refugees in Coventry) have been donated a knitting machine especially to enable someone seeking sanctuary here to have a source of income. It comes with lots of wool, instruction books and patterns! Contact Tim Brooke, email: [brooke@care4free.net](mailto:brooke@care4free.net) or tel: 024 7667 9126

### **Marriage Week UK, 8-14 February**

Marriage Week has been timed to include Valentine's Day and has been held every year since 1997. This year Valentine's Day falls on the Sunday. Why not encourage your church to mark this with special services to celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of marriage and to show the Church's support for marriage? For other ideas, including suggestions for a Movie Night, visit <http://www.marriage-week.org.uk>

### **Human Rights Conference - An International & Faiths Perspective, Sat. 27 February**

This open event will be held from 9.45am at the St Peter's Conference Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa. The Keynote Speaker: Mr Rod Fielding, Vice Chair of the Board of the United Nations Association UK and Mr Sukhvinder Singh from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Introduction by Rt Revd John Stroyan Bishop of Warwick.

### **New Radio Station for Coventry, Sat. 30 January**

The Coventry & Warwickshire Media Community Ltd invite you to their prayer breakfast focussing on their plans for a new community radio station. Meet in Benedict's Restaurant, Coventry Cathedral at 8:30am for an optional £5 breakfast, (payment on the day please) followed by prayer in the Chapter House until 10.30am. RSVP to Tim Coleman at [tim.cwmc@googlemail.com](mailto:tim.cwmc@googlemail.com)

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