

Social Responsibility Bulletin – 23 June 2009

Toilet Twinning - CORD's new project

Bishop Christopher has twinned his loo with a new loo in Burundi. Poverty means somewhere in the world, 5,000 children under 5 die needlessly from diarrhoeal diseases every day. For just £60 twinners can help a family returning home to a country ravaged by civil war to start again. 'Its' a bog standard idea with a great message,' said Bishop Christopher. '40 per cent of the world's population - 2.6 billion people - don't have access to a toilet and it's hard to imagine what that must be like. Left lying around human waste is a killer and without proper sanitation and health training, Burundians can't hope to keep well, to work, go to school and begin to rebuild their country.' Flush this project with success - twin your loo with a new one: http://www.toilettwinning.org/?Ref=email&dm_i=6OQ,19VL,R6VMS,3PL8,1

A Summer Read to change the world

Want to see an end to Poverty? I have just read a most powerfully persuasive book. Its very readable and life changing. Pick up a copy of Peter Singer's new book, 'The Life You Can Save' for a good summer read. Want to know more, go to Peter's website rather than just take my word for it: <http://www.thelifeyoucansave.com/> John Hall

City of Sanctuary

City of Sanctuary is a people led movement to make Britain more welcoming to those who have come here as refugees in search of safety, and to other vulnerable migrants. Sheffield is the first City of Sanctuary and Coventry is well on its way in obtaining enough support to be recognised as City of Sanctuary. To see the latest newsletter from Coventry, City of Sanctuary: <http://www.coventry.anglican.org/socialresponsibility/asylumseekers/>
Also see the National website: <http://www.cityofsanctuary.com/>

CofE Shrinking the Footprint Resources Launched on 11 June

Greg Smith and John Hall represented the Diocese at Lambeth Palace when the Bishop of London unveiled a new CofE Tool kit and resources for reducing CO2 production. The event marked the third anniversary of the CofE's environmental campaign, and urged representatives from all dioceses to go one step further in cutting their carbon footprint reminding them that caring for the planet is a Christian imperative for the sake of future generations. The CofE has signed up to Government targets of reducing its carbon emissions to 20% of current levels by 2050. See the new website resources: <http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org/toolkit.php>

Christopher Lamb's three months in an occupied land

On Friday 26th June at 7.30pm in Kineton Village Hall Christopher Lamb will be sharing his experience of the three months he spent in Israel-Palestine with a talk entitled: "LIVING IN AN OCCUPIED

LAND. For more information and free tickets, contact Carole Foy on 07792 401738 or Jane Hill on 01926 641024.

Do you need a laptop?

Community groups looking to extend their work by getting online can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband through the BT Community Connections award scheme. All you have to do is demonstrate that the award will benefit your work and your local community. Application forms can be obtained from www.btcommunityconnections.com or by ringing 0845 257 6792

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