

National Justice and Peace Network

48th Annual Conference

24th to 26th July,

An invitation to come and join us at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire from the where the emphasis will be on dialogue as we:

'Just Talk'

We live in, full of disinformation and sound bites, so how can we promote genuine communication and encounter in all areas, led by the Spirit of Truth?

We will be looking at how we challenge the disinformation, and the divisive rhetoric that is sweeping our nation (and indeed the world).

How can we have those difficult conversations and foster positive dialogue with those coming from a different mindset.

'Dialogue is not a tactic or a tool, but it's a way of life - a journey of the heart that transforms everyone involved, the one who listens and the one who speaks'

Pope Leo XIV (talking about Nostra Aetate)

Our keynote speaker, booked some months ago, is Andy Burnham (currently Mayor of Greater Manchester). However, as of this present moment in time, we are unsure as to whether he will be able to come (who knows, he may be making a bid to be Prime Minister by then!).

Sir John Battle (former Member of Parliament for Leeds West) will be holding an Ecumenical Conversation on Engaging with Community Groups.

Billy Vaughan, Public Affairs Officer for the Quakers, will be speaking about the right to protest and how that relates to a different part of dialogue, freedom of speech.

We have some fantastic workshops lined up based around the theme of dialogue and communication - details of which will be sent out in a separate mailer.

In the spirit of inclusivity, one of the workshops will be run by members of the Catholic Deaf Association, and BSL Interpreters will be covering the main sessions. (Members of the Deaf Community will be very welcome at our Conference - please

pass this on to anyone Deaf or Hard of Hearing who may like to join us).

Arrivals are from 3pm on the Friday, until after lunch on the Sunday. In the cost you get ALL meals, including unlimited tea/coffee; plus we are offering a Wine Reception on the Friday evening to open our very popular 'Just Fair' - which showcases the best in social justice organisations.

Adult places are £300 for the whole weekend, and there are reductions for children and young people, plus those on low incomes. Don't let cost put you off - speak with Sharon (admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk) as there may be some help available.

If you are interested in justice and peace issues, want to talk with people who share a common interest - and really just want to make the world a better, more peaceful place - this is the place to be.

Further details and ways to book are available through the NJPN website:

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>

(Please do not send a paper copy of the form to our London office, or if you can only send a paper copy, please email Sharon and she will give you an address to send it to).

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our Conference in July, and ask that you pass details on to people that you think may be interested.

NJPN Executive Committee