

Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

JPIC Update September 2011



Big Society? - Fair Society? Just Society?

Our Autumn Assembly

22nd October 10.30 to 4.30

Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, SE1

We are delighted to have Francis Davis and Alison Gelder as keynote speakers. Francis is a fellow of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University & a director of the Las Casas Institute on Ethics, Human Rights & Social Justice.

Alison is Director of Housing Justice.

Bringing a world view Daniel Hale, Campaigns Officer for Progression will be speaking on "Working for the REALLY big society."

Looking towards 2012 we will be holding the Southwark launch of "100 Days of Peace", a campaign to surround the London Olympics with peace and create a lasting peace legacy.

And as an added bonus at lunchtime we will be hosting the book launch of Catholic Social Conscience: Thought and Action, a collection of essays at the cutting edge of Catholic social thought with contributions from leading theologians, social researchers and justice and peace activists. The book is edited by Francis Davis and Dr Keith Chappell of Blackfriars, Oxford. Signed copies will be available at a discounted price of £10.

Tea & Coffee available from 10 am.

Please bring lunch to share. Tea, coffee and soup will be provided.

Free - all welcome

Our World and You (Justice in the World)

This autumn is the 40th anniversary of the 1971 Synod of Bishops which issued the document Justice in the World. This updated version of Our World and You, a summary version which was published as a CTS document in 1972, will be available shortly at £1.50 per copy.

The document is still as relevant as it was then, if not more so – including a very interesting section on the Church's witness. Copies will be available from NJPN at admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk or 020 7901 4864.

Maltesers to go Fairtrade in 2012

Mars has just announced that Maltesers will be going Fairtrade in the UK and Ireland in 2012. This is the first stage of a global agreement between Mars and Fairtrade to support cocoa farmers in building more sustainable livelihoods. It will deliver over \$1m in Fairtrade Premiums each year to the smallholder cooperatives involved in West Africa.



Join Anti-Slavery's Campaign for a Slavery-Free London!

With less than a year to go before the start of the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games, Anti Slavery International are launching a new campaign for a Slavery-Free London to draw attention to the potential risk of an increase in modern slavery connected to the 2012 Games, and ensure more is done to stop it in the run up to and during the event. Please join the campaign by signing the slavery-free London pledge at www.antislavery.org/english/campaigns/slavery_free_london/default.aspx



October 7th
Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD
Just one world

October 1st CAFOD invite us to Join in Bearing Witness.

Alongside Christian Aid and Tearfund, CAFOD will be leading an inspiring day of campaigning and prayer to bear witness to our faith and the need for climate action.

With climate on the agenda at the G20 in November and at the UN in December, it's vital that we urge David Cameron to honour his pledge to head up 'the greenest government ever' by leading international efforts to support and protect the most vulnerable. With a Campaign Energiser, a special ecumenical service at Manchester Cathedral and vigil procession around the city, it's promising to be a great day.

October 6th -Damian Green speaks at Canterbury

Damian Green, MP (Minister for Immigration) will speak on the issue of immigration and asylum at 6.30pm in Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christ Church University. The talk is part of the Making Politics Matter series, and is open to the public.

October 13th - Africa demands climate justice

7pm at University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY . In the run up to the climate talks in Durban, South Africa, this December people across Africa and the world are demanding climate justice. World Development Movement invite us to hear speakers from social movements on the front line of the campaign in Durban. Find out how you can take action against the UK's unfair policies that are prioritising corporate profits via discredited institutions such as the World Bank. Not only will this fail to tackle climate change, but it will also deepen existing global inequalities.

October 15th Fairtrade Supporter Conference

At Aston Conference Centre, Birmingham. It promises to be a day packed full of inspiring speakers, informative workshops and challenging debate. You will have the chance to meet and network with Fairtrade supporters from all over the UK, quiz Fairtrade Foundation staff and buy the latest products from Fair Trade companies. For more information and to register please go to www.fairtrade.org.uk

October 16th to 22nd -

National Ethical Investment Week 2011

Just as Fairtrade Fortnight raises awareness of Fairtrade products and highlights the positive impact of buying Fairtrade goods, NEIW aims to do the same for green and ethical investment." ECCR has collaborated with UK Sustainable Investment & Finance, Cooperative Financial Services, and CCLA to produce an Action Guide for Churches. The hope is that the guide will help parishes take a few steps to show the congregation, friends and others in the community that they can make a difference with their money. www.neiw.org

October 18th Anti Slavery Day 2011

The forum for Human Rights and Equalities in Southwark are hosting a conference at Amigo Hall from 10am to 2pm, followed by lunch

The event will aim to promote understanding of the historical context of slavery and the current issues of modern day slavery, to ensure that frontline workers in advice and community agencies are able to recognise issues of human exploitation and help people access appropriate support and to find out how to get involved in anti slavery campaigns.

There will also be the opportunity to participate in workshops and to network.

FREE event RSVP to Sarah Rose by Friday 7th

October sarahrose@southwarkcabservice.org.uk or phone 0207 7740 1744

October 29th - First steps to sustainability.

At Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Kent from 10am to 4pm. Organised by Shrinking the Footprint and hosted by Common Work the day will feature local, regional and national speakers on the environment and theology as well as practical guidance on how to green your church. The aim of the day is to share best practice and promote further action within the region. The lunch will be sourced from and cooked at Bore Place. The afternoon will focus on case studies and discussion of sustainable building, green technology and adapting your lifestyle.

Delegate rate £25.

November 3rd - Urban Mission Forum 2011 - Chaos, Divisiveness, Hope

Come and help shape the future of urban mission in the UK: strategic decision makers and planners of churches, agencies and networks, sharing their experience and working together with input from engaging and powerful speakers. 10.15 to 4.00 at St John's, Stratford E15. email dawn@unlock-urban.org.uk with 'UMF booking' in the subject line or go to www.urbanmission.org.uk/urbanmissionforum

November 17th - ECCR open debate Vulnerable Workers, Trafficking, Pornography and the Economics of Exploitation: London 2012 and beyond

The global economic downturn has led to increased exploitation of vulnerable workers, including those working in the U.K. The pending London Olympic year brings these issues into sharp focus. What are the threats and opportunities presented by London 2012 regarding vulnerable workers, living wage, trafficking, sexual exploitation and human rights and labour? 4.30-6.15 p.m. at Friends House, Small Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. To book a place, email helen.boothroyd@eccr.org.uk; or phone 07503 931172. All welcome. Entrance is free.