

Coming up: Autumn 2009

Global Poverty, Seeking Justice

People of Faith in Action

part of National Interfaith Week 2009

Wed 18th November 7.30 – 9.30 pm

The Bordesley Centre, Stratford Rd,
Camp Hill, B11 1AR

A lively, thought provoking and varied programme from the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh communities, showing how they are engaged with issues of world poverty. There will be light refreshments and a chance to meet and talk.

The JDC Multi-Faith Project will be launched at this event! For more about the Project see the back page of this Noticeboard. This fantastic evening will be filmed and an educational documentary will be made about the Multi-Faith Project with recordings and photographs that will be shared across the Jubilee Debt movement.

The car park entrance is off Stratford Street North, via Henley Street. The centre is reached by buses 2,4,5,6,12,31,37,41. Details: Ruth Tetlow ruthtetlow@btinternet.com 0121 4494892 or Rosie Venner 07855 012734

Stand Up and Take Action against Poverty

Saturday 17th October

We will be Standing Up and drawing attention to the Millennium Development Goals and pledging ourselves to campaign and take action on poverty. Please note the change of venue! We are planning to meet at **2.45pm** outside **St Martins in the Bullring, Birmingham** for the Stand Up (after the 2pm service). All are welcome, please spread the word. For those involved in churches who would like to do their own local 'Stand Up' there is an excellent resource available online:

http://www.bond.org.uk/data/files/stand_up_and_take_action_church_toolkit_2009.pdf

The Wave -

**Stop Climate Chaos
Sat 5th December 2009**



It was great to see lots of JDC campaigners at our Climate Justice joint event with Friends of the Earth last month. Debt and Climate Change are intimately linked with devastating effects for the poorest countries. Join **The Wave** - the UK's biggest ever demonstration in support of action on climate change.

Service: 11am Central Hall Westminster

Assemble: 12pm, Grosvenor Square

Climax: 3pm Encircling of Parliament

Dress code: Blue!

A **Christian Aid coach** will leave Carrs Lane Church Centre, Birmingham (www.carrslane.co.uk/travel) at 7.30a.m in order to arrive in central London for the service. Archbishops Rowan Williams and Vincent Nicholls will be taking leading roles. Why not join our JDC members already going? The coach will leave London at 6p.m on the same day. Return tickets are £10 per seat. Concessions £8 for the unwaged, children and retired. Payment can be made on the coach, preferably in cash. Seats are first come, first served. Please ring Christian Aid Birmingham office to reserve seats on (0121) 2002 283, or email birmingham@christian-aid.org.

Friends of the Earth are also organising a coach from Birmingham. Return tickets are £10 with £8 for concessions. Bookings need to be made by the end of October. Contact Phil Burrows on (0121) 632 6909 or phil@birminghamfoe.org.uk.

JDC Annual General Meeting

This is to take place on the evening of Monday 18th January 2010 at the Birmingham and Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS (0121 236 3591).

We plan to start with a bring and share buffet supper at 6.15pm and then the meeting will begin at 7pm. An important opportunity to review the events of 2009 and to plan for 2010. Please put the date in your diary.

News and Resources

The JDC Multi-Faith Project

Over the last ten years the various faith groups have worked together on the issues of debt and global poverty at crucial times, most notably in the Human Chain around Birmingham in 1998 but also in events such as Young People's Parliaments, lectures and debates around the country culminating in Journey to Justice of May 2008.



JDC intends to build on its national experience, to strengthen and give confidence to the 'champions' who are already involved, and to create **a unique faith community project in Birmingham** which can be a model nationally. Trusts are being approached for funding of a full or part-time worker and for the programme.

Financial support has already been given or pledged by Islamic Relief and the Methodist Relief and Development Fund and by some Birmingham JDC members.



We encourage other individuals and churches to share in this venture. For further details please contact Audrey Miller at 0121 471 4175 or jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk. This could be another Birmingham first: come and hear more at the Bordesley Centre on November 18th!

The Great Persuasion

16th—18th October

On the weekend of 16-18 October 2009, the anti-poverty movement will organise a national local lobby of MPs and Parliamentary candidates, calling for the inclusion of the demands in the Bond Manifesto in to political parties' policies, as others join with people across the world by Standing Up Against Poverty.

If you want to get involved in the Mass Lobby and arrange to meet with your MP or mobilise others you will find the BOND toolkit resource very helpful! You can download it here: <http://www.bond.org.uk/pages/masslobby.html>

Election Fever

"To what extent will global justice and debt relief feature in the programmes of political parties?"



In part that may depend on us. Already JDC has been involved in a meeting with Mike Foster, a Worcester MP, who is a Minister at the Department for International Development. On 9th October some of us are due to meet Andrew Mitchell who is Shadow Secretary of State for International Aid and Development who has been responsible for a recent Green Paper on "One World Conservatism". We have also asked for a fringe meeting at the Liberal Democrat Conference when they meet at Birmingham in the Spring. And more. Please make suggestions, and watch this space.

Debt Week—we need you!

We still need volunteers to help with the JDC information stall in Birmingham Rag Market during Debt Week in October. If you are free for a couple of hours on Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th or Friday 16th October (between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm) then please contact Pat Hall on 0121 478 3846 and she will add you to the rota.

Dates for 2009-2010

12-18 October Global Debt Week

Come and help on the JDC stall in Birmingham Rag Market Tues/Thurs/Friday. Call Pat for more details 0121 478 3846

17th October Stand up

2.45pm outside St Martins in the Bullring

18th November People of Faith in

Action The Bordesley Centre, Stratford Rd Camp Hill, B11 1AR. A JDC meeting with a variety of inputs from as many faiths as possible as part of both National Interfaith Week and Islamic Awareness Week.

5th December The Wave

London www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave

18th January 2010 JDC AGM

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