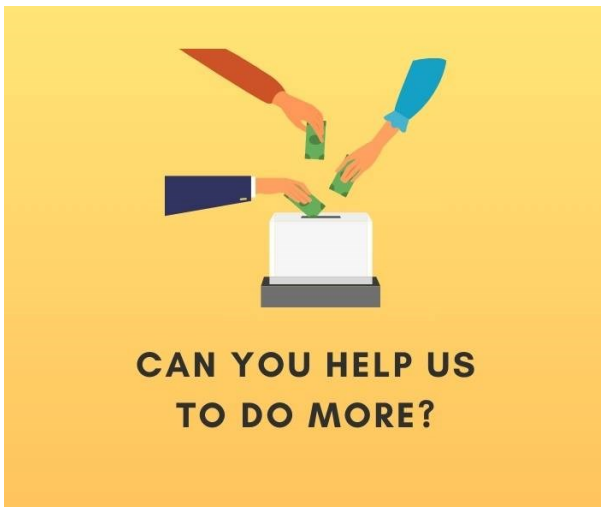




FINANCIAL APPEAL

By Joe Burns, Commission Treasurer

It's been a while since doing an appeal like this, but the Commission could really do with more people signing up to give money to the Commission on a regular basis.



Since 2016, our activity levels (measured by how much we spend) have tripled. The two main factors in this were the reinstatement of funding (£5k per annum) by the Diocese itself and our ability to obtain grant funding from charitable foundations to pay for specific pieces of work.

There are around a dozen or so individuals who have a standing order with the Commission. In total, this generates about £2500 per annum (including the HMRC rebate). This amount has stayed fairly steady since 2016. The Commission is very grateful for these contributions as they provide both a level of stability (enabling better planning of activities) and evidence to external funders that we have a strong supporter base.

We know that, as a Commission, we need to do more (especially in this election year). We can only do more if we have more money. Is there anyone else out there who might consider giving a regular amount to the Commission?

Follow this link to the Donate page on our website:

<https://www.leedsjp.org.uk/donate/>

From this page you can download a Standing Order form or follow the link to the Commission's JustGiving page where you can set up a regular or a one-off donation.

Thank you!

Donate

All donations go towards our activities on deepening awareness of social justice issues and inspiring people to take action. Could you help by:

- Paying a regular amount to help the work of the Commission?
- Making a one-off donation to the Commission?
- Helping to fund a specific event or project?
- Leaving the Commission a legacy by making a provision in your will.

STANDING ORDERS

A regular donation to the Commission is a fantastic way of helping as it gives us more confidence about the income we are going to receive. Simply download the Standing Order Form, fill it out, sign it and post it back to us and we will take care of sending it to your bank.

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CREDIT/DEBIT CARD/GPAY

Make a one off or a regular donation to our work by using the Leeds Diocese My Giving page for the Commission.

[DONATE NOW](#)

LEGACIES

Legacies are a great way to ensure that work for Justice & Peace can continue into the future in the Leeds Diocese.

If you want to discuss this with someone then please email treasurer.jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk and the Treasurer will get in touch.

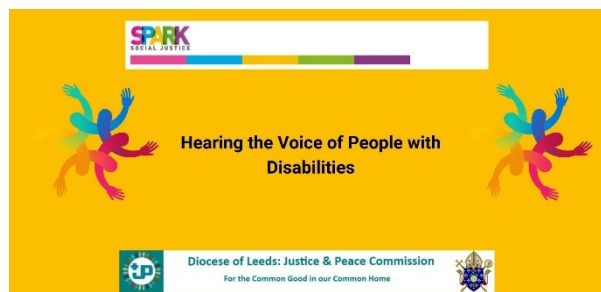
INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR DONATION BY 25 %

If you are a taxpayer then you can increase the value of any donation by Gift Aiding it. It's another form but it is very simple to fill out. Simply return it to the J&P office when you have completed it.

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HEARING THE VOICE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



What do we know about the lives and feelings of people with disabilities in our diocese? Do we hear the voices of our brothers and sisters with physical or learning impairments?

How can we best support them and their families?

Are there parishes with good practice which can be shared with others?

These questions have come up in J&P and Spark Social Justice discussions in recent months. As a starting point we have decided to have a Zoom conversation with Lisbeth Raeside, Director of Glasgow SPRED. SPRED's vision is to work within the Church to nourish accepting and inclusive communities for people with learning impairments and their families. <http://www.spred.org.uk/>

The Zoom session will be on April 22nd at 7pm [click here to register](#).

We want to include people with a personal or pastoral interest in the lives of people with disabilities of all sorts, so if you want to take part – or just be a listener - then use the link above to register and receive the Zoom link.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR DR HELEN REID, DIRECTOR OF LEEDS CHURCH INSTITUTE



Join the LCI team to say a fond farewell to Dr Helen Reid, who has served as Director for over 10 years.

In May, Helen will be moving on to new adventures as Director of Parceval Hall, retreat house for the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, and we want to wish her all the best in this new role, as well as celebrating her immense contribution to the life and vision of Leeds Church Institute.

We will gather at Leeds Minster for tea and cake, and a short service of blessing for Helen in her work going forward. We very much hope you will join us to celebrate Helen and say a heartfelt farewell from the LCI community.

<https://lcileeds.org/eventbrite-event/farewell-celebration-for-dr-helen-reid-director-of-leeds-church-institute/>



RESILIENCE IN WORKING FOR JUSTICE & PEACE

By Joe Burns, Commission Treasurer



On 14 March SPARK Social Justice and the J&P Commission, in partnership with Leeds



Trinity University, had organised a presentation of the 2024 Romero Lecture. The Archbishop Romero Trust organises this event every year, taking a guest

lecturer on a short UK-wide tour. This year the speaker was Dr Raymond Perrier, Director of the Denis Hurley Institute in Durban, South Africa.

Denis was a very engaging speaker and carried everyone along with his energy. To illustrate his theme he took the verses from Isaiah that Jesus used in the synagogue: 'I came to bring good news to the poor, to set prisoners free...' etc. For each phrase, he illustrated how these were demonstrated by St Oscar Romero (assassinated whilst saying mass) and by Denis Hurley, former Archbishop of Durban (who lived until he was 90 but who was an outspoken campaigner against Apartheid during the 1980's).



Raymond invited questions at the end of his presentation and there followed a lively discussion with the 30 or so people who had come along. A large part of this centred around where else each of us finds the inspiration to keep on working on social justice issues when it feels as if there is so much going wrong in the world: where do we find resilience?



John Battle, Dr Ann Marie Mealey, Amy Kiani, Dr Raymond Perrier & Julian Filochowski

We recorded Raymond's lecture. He is putting this together with his presentation and will make it available on the YouTube channel of the Denis Hurley Centre. So, if you missed the lecture, there will be an opportunity to watch his presentation and listen to what he had to say. We will advertise this when it is ready.



LEEDS TRINITY CREATING A FUTURE FOR THE GLOBAL COMMON GOOD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAFOD

By Dr Ann Marie Mealey, Director of Catholic Mission, LTU

Being a Catholic University in today's complex global society is no easy task. With many feeling that values are akin to subjective preference and not at all the result of carefully discerning the truth which involves the sources of morality, it can be tricky to convince some that leadership programmes with a faith element can genuinely enhance skills, ethical thinking and help to create a better global world.

At Leeds Trinity, we have teamed up with CAFOD to deliver a leadership programme that will help students to develop their own leadership style, reflect carefully on some of the most pressing global issues affecting our communities at this time as well as finding out what they can do to help. Understanding advocacy and how it works is a key plank of the University's strategy. We seek to help students not only to develop skills for their specific careers but also to develop their ability to contribute to the collective conscience of the society. In short, we help

students to 'dream the world differently' and then show them how to make that dream a reality for the betterment of society – especially those who are most vulnerable.

In short, our leadership day invites all students of faith and those of none to join us in trying to understand what unity of mission and purpose might look like in a post-Covid setting. Written during the pandemic when the global community suffered loss, sickness, vulnerability and uncertainty, Pope Francis's book 'Let us Dream' reminds us that: "This is a moment to dream big" [...] "to rethink our priorities – what we value, what we want, what we seek – and commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of."

As our Higher Education Institutions face many challenges including those that create an air of uncertainty about international students, funding, research, and the impact of cost-of-living crisis on students choosing to go to university, there is no better time to reflect together on what values the world needs now. Therefore, all are invited and welcome to join us at Leeds Trinity on the 15th of

April in order to learn and grow together and to bring the dream of a better world closer to being a reality.



In Partnership with the Directorate for Catholic Mission

Want to Become a Leader for Global Justice?

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



You can help bring about changes to build a world that looks more like this!

HOW?

JOIN US FOR OUR LEADERSHIP DAY TO FIND OUT!



WHEN? MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024 ~ 10am - 4pm

WHERE? LEEDS TRINITY UNIVERSITY - ROOM LC1 - 29A

Lunch will be provided!

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL: A.Mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO DON'T WAIT—BOOK NOW!

The day will include a quiz style intro to CAFOD, TED talk by Simon Sinek & World Stats game.

Develop your leadership and presentation skills & help you to grow in confidence!

Enhance your CV and employment potential



We Need You!

ARTICLES WANTED:

- Social Justice
- Peace Movements
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- How You're Making a Difference

Email Submissions To:
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Do you have ideas for articles, or news you want to share?

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We're looking to switch up how we run our communications by updating the news tab on our website more regularly.

BUT...

For this to really work we need more things to update it with!

So, we need you to help us by sending us more submissions about the incredible work you, your friends or colleagues are up to!



CULTURAL CLIMATE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday 13th April, 13:30 – 16:30



Bradford Cathedral are hosting a Cultural Climate Symposium next month. Click this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cultural-climate-symposium-tickets-772196298917>

The afternoon will include theatrical explorations on the theme of climate change:

Too Much Of Water written and performed by Steve Scott-Bottoms

The Past Present, by Ann Morgan, a new Bradford writer and performed by our friends the Actors' Community Theatre (ACT).

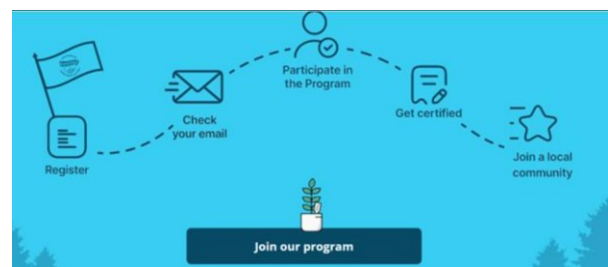
There will also be a panel discussion about the role of faith communities working with artists and the culture sector to influence public discourse on this issue. The panel will be chaired by Canon Ned Lunn, and speakers will include:

- Amandeep Kaur (Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission)
- Steve Scott-Bottoms
- Ben Pugh (Head of Production and Event Operations for UK City of Culture Bradford 2025).

LAUDATO SI ANIMATORS PROGRAMME

Are you passionate about our common home?

The Laudato Si movement is running a training programme to help empower people with the information and tools to help care for creation and build a better world.



The programme is made up of 19 lessons over 4 modules. It contains 4+ hours of video content and a final project.

- ✓ Course Start Date: April 8, 2024
- ✓ On-demand modality
- ✓ Totally free of charge!

Sign up to become a certified Laudato Si Animator!

Register by clicking this link:

https://laudatosianimators.org/?utm_source=social%20media&utm_medium=lsa%20registration&utm_campaign=EN



PEACE EDUCATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

By Matthew Maslen, Newsletter Editor

In February, I attended a training day at the University of Bradford. It was collaboratively run by PeaceJam and the University of Bradford's Peace Studies department.



PeaceJam has deep roots in the University of Bradford's Peace Studies Department, which is where our UK body was originally set up in partnership with British Pugwash.

The event was attended by some 30 participants, some of whom had travelled from other northern cities, though most were MA or PhD students of the peace studies department in Bradford.

A month on from the training day, the aspect which has most sat with me was the afternoon session on active listening. Although it was delivered in the context of conflict resolution, I think it has impacted my day-to-day conversations since then.

For this session, we first discussed features of perceived 'good' and 'bad' listening. We identified things such as eye contact, presenting as physically open, and giving positive feedback through nodding.

The activity itself saw us split into pairs. In the first section, Person A spoke about a favourite childhood memory while Person B sat and actively listened. After Person A had

finished, Person B was to summarise and paraphrase the memory back to Person A.

We then switched roles. This time, Person B spoke about a peace and justice issue that they were passionate about.



I was surprised to find quite how difficult I found it to actively listen. The part I most struggled with was not jumping in to try to clarify points I was unsure on. While my partner spoke about a topic that they were deeply passionate about and which I was uninformed on, I wanted to ask questions. To refrain was hard.






We came back to a large group discussion afterwards, and it seemed I was not alone in this struggle. Another interesting point raised was that often, when the listener relayed back to the speaker, what they had focused on, or found most meaningful, was often different from what the speaker had expected.

In the weeks since, I have been reflecting on these two points. In particular, on the extent to which a conversation can change when we ask a question – do we inadvertently derail the speaker's intention? Does this mean we should always refrain from asking?

I don't think there can ever really be a blanket-answer to concerns like these. But thinking on them has made me conscious of *how* I engage in conversations. What do you think?



EVENTS

 Sat 13th Apr	Climate Symposium <i>Bradford Cathedral @1:30pm to 4:30pm</i> A series of responses to challenges facing the planet due to climate change, including theatre, poetry, panel discussion and film. £7.38 per ticket. To register, click: https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi
 Thu 18th Apr	Churches Against Racism 2024 <i>New Testament Church of God, LS8 2TN @7:00pm to 9:00pm</i> How can we build a truly anti-racist churches and an anti-racist city? How do we put anti-racism into action? To register, click: https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi
 Mon 22nd Apr	Listening to People with Disabilities <i>ONLINE @7:00pm to 8:30pm</i> Zoom conversation with Lisbeth Raeside, Director of Glasgow SPRED. SPRED's vision is to work within the Church to nourish accepting and inclusive communities for people with learning impairments and their families. http://www.spred.org.uk/ To register, click: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hearing-the-voice-of-people-with-disabilities-in-the-leeds-diocese-tickets-868454038407
 Sat 27th Apr	Listening Event: You Social Justice Concerns <i>Our Lady and St Joseph of the Aire Valley @11:00am to 1:00pm</i> We want to hear about the experiences of people from across the Diocese of Leeds about issues of social justice. We will take a little time to explore a particular issue and ask ourselves 'How do we respond to it as a Church?' Email: jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
 Sat 18 May	Save the Date – Climate Change event about Food <i>St Wilfrid's Catholic Church, Preston 10:30 – 3pm ish</i> The Northern Dioceses' Environment Group are organising an event centred about the theme of food.. More details to follow soon. St Wilfrid's is central to Preston and easily walkable from the railway station. ALL are welcome.

**Please forward this email E-News onto anyone else who you think might be interested. Even better, get them to send us their email address so we can add them to our contact database.
See our website for details of these and other events which may be of interest.**