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Together for **Peace.**

TOGETHER FOR PEACE ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

Thank you for picking this up. Here is what T4P has been up to this year. If you'd like to find out more, why not visit our website or get in touch?

Big conversations (and little ones too...)

We have been learning more effective ways to bring people together 'across difference' - an exciting development in T4P's work...

In March we facilitated an **Open Space** day for the newly formed Zest inter-agency network in Richmond Hill, and are now working with 'Leeds Love It Share It' in the final stages of their research project in that area.

In May, in partnership with re'new and Harmonious Leeds, we hosted a successful Open Space event, '**Bringing People Together who Bring People Together**', with 100+ 'practitioners' talking about the things that mattered most to them. Downloadable report at: www.leedsinitiative.org/harmonious.

Our Leeds-wide **Eat for Peace** programme continues, with dozens of people sharing neighbourhood meals each quarter. The Beeston meal in July was commended and awarded a small grant via Leeds' Big Lunch group.



In conjunction with Cllr Penny Ewens, we hosted a half-day event in June for **Hyde Park and Woodhouse faith leaders** to build connections and share learning about the locality.

Also during summer 2009, we coordinated a programme for staff from the **Hamara & St Luke's Cares** community organisations in south Leeds to connect with one another and develop cooperative working.

T4P continues to be involved in processes for people to engage in dialogue and shared action around the issue of **Palestine and Israel**.

T4P, working closely with international practitioners, hosted a free half-day taster in September attended by 100+, in preparation for a full 3 day course on 21-23 January 2010. '**The Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter**' is training and practice for people seeking to facilitate group conversations based on maximising diverse participation, sharing wisdom, and transforming conflict into cooperative action.

In One City

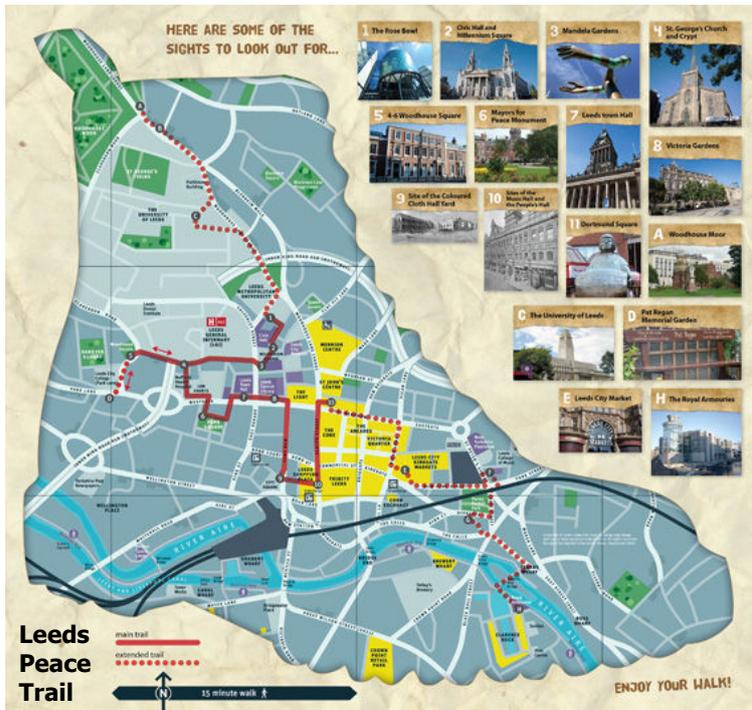
In partnership with Lippy Films, we were commissioned by Yorkshire Forward to develop and deliver a second film in our 'In One City' series in 2009. '**Ripples Out**' features a wide range of participants from south Leeds exploring regeneration, poverty and change in their communities, and has been generally very well received at recent screenings.

Peace Jam

The fourth annual national Peace Jam took place at Bradford University in March, featuring 25+ Leeds young people. And T4P have been helping develop key partnerships between Peace Jam UK, The Equality and Human Rights Commission and The Cooperative.

Planet Leeds

After the disappointment of failing to get funding in 2008, we were happy to see Planet Leeds back over the weekend of 27-28 June 2009, with a wonderfully diverse range of performers on two outdoor stages on Briggate and Brewery Wharf. Planet



Leeds is a partnership between artsmix*, Harmonious Leeds and T4P.

Leeds Peace Trail

Together with Leeds City Council's Peace & Emergency Planning team and The Peace Museum, we created a city centre walking route, telling stories of peace- and justice-making. A3 printed maps available from Leeds Tourist Info, and downloadable maps and podcasts on the T4P website. The trail is being well used by a wide range of groups.

'Learches'

T4P are piloting 'learning lunches', for small groups of people to gather over food and explore themes such as: understanding Islam better, and civic mediation with guests from Burnley Good Relations.

The Leeds Summat

Building upon T4P's previous festivals, we (with much advice and insight from friends) generated the idea of a major, day-long event in which people from a wide range of backgrounds, ages and networks could gather to connect, learn, and play together – and work out how to start making a better world.

On this basis, we conceived and – over the course of 2009 – delivered the 'Leeds Summat'. On Saturday 21 November, 700+ people from across Leeds and the region gathered at Leeds University Union for workshops, food, interactive arts and music, youth and kids activities, and much more.

People's responses have been overwhelmingly positive: 'a great connecting space'; 'I was blown away'; brilliant'; 'fantastic and unique'; and 'an amazing day - very inspiring'.

Thanks: to our funders, the WF Southall Trust (£1500), the Allen & Nesta Ferguson Trust (£7000) and The Cooperative Membership Fund (£1500); for the free venue and in-kind support from Leeds University Union; and to all our many partners and volunteers.

The T4P Autumn Season 2009

Instead of the normal T4P biennial festival, we decided to work on a three month season of events featuring the Summat.

UN Peace Day (21 September). T4P marked this day by launching the Leeds Peace Trail at a well-attended lunch reception at Central Library. Guests included the Lord Mayor, as well as young people from the South Leeds and West Leeds Academies describing their peace-building work and reflections.

Libraries. T4P worked with Leeds Library Services on projects including: forming a west Leeds schools choir; a travelling exhibition of Leeds' peace history; and poetry workshops.

Schumacher Conference. T4P partnered with and co-hosted the annual Schumacher North conference, entitled 'Voices for a new vision of community - A people's enquiry', which attracted 200+ people on 10th October at Leeds Met University.

Football. We were also delighted that Republica Internationale FC hosted another great Communities Football Tournament, even if they were a bit hampered by the rain!

'Far From Home' exhibition. We're grateful once again to the Light for hosting another public photo exhibition with us. This year's exhibition (farfromhome.org.uk) featured the experiences and truths of people seeking asylum, and was coordinated by the Manuel Bravo Project.

Cricket. T4P is supporting a new initiative, initiated by Yorkshire Cricket and the Jewish Representative Council, bringing together young people from various faith and BME communities to develop their cricketing and leadership skills. 60+ young people attended the first event in November.

Poetry Competition. In collaboration with arts@trinity, Leeds Libraries and Trinity University, T4P once again co-delivered the seventh annual Leeds Peace Poetry competition, entitled 'Peace Heroes & Heroines'. Thanks to chief judge Rommi Smith, who hosted the November awards evening and also took an active role in community poetry workshops.

The Berakah Project. In conjunction with Harmonious Leeds and South Asian Arts (who did most of the work!), we promoted the Berakah Project concert this December. Berakah features Muslim, Jewish and Christian musicians using music to unite people of faith. The concert was preceded by a Civic Reception to recognise the importance of inter-faith relations for the life of the city.





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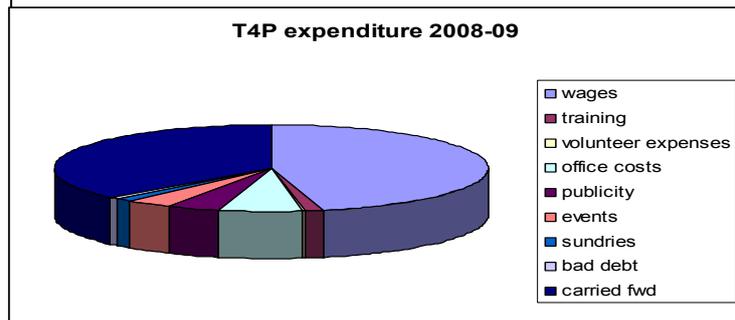
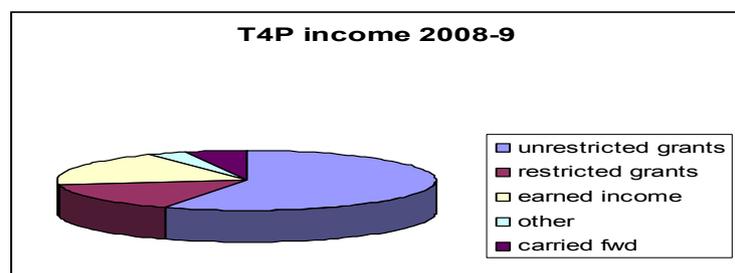
T4P itself has been through some changes. In February, we hosted a celebration event for 120+ guests at The Loft, to promote understanding about our work and reveal our **new branding and logo**. Thanks especially to: Chris Smith for his rebrand consultancy; artsmix* for lending us the venue; and to the Leeds Met University students for coordinating the event.

Our wonderful and very supportive board of **trustees** are: Muserat Sujawal, Guy Wilson, Jon Dorsett, Margaret Scally, Maria Fernandes and Fidelis Chebe.

We were honoured to be awarded the Community Cohesion Organisation of the Year 2008 by Hamara, and also to be specially commended in the national Faithworks Community Inclusion awards.

Associates. For a while, we've been considering how T4P can develop without growing the organisation, and we think we've found the answer. By working with associates, we can respond to a greater range of opportunities as well as develop our own skills. Linda Joy Mitchell is an experienced facilitator who is now working with T4P on a number of projects; we're also developing work with Huw Illingworth and Tariq Bashir (formerly of Active Faith Communities); and, of course, our relationship with Lippy Films continues.

Volunteers. We continue to provide volunteering opportunities to a range of people, including school and university students; and we're especially grateful to the 20+ volunteers who helped us deliver the Leeds Summat.



Finances

Latest accounts are for July 08-June 09.
Total income: £89,554.
Total expenditure: £56,771.

Full financial info available on request.

Team

Ed is now part-funded by the Salvation Army, enabling him to focus on his community development work in south Leeds, and especially develop his work in South Leeds Academy.

Jill has been appointed to the national Peace Jam UK committee, and is helping to facilitate interfaith initiatives such as the Women of Faith and Iqra & Stainbeck women's groups.

Mike has been appointed as the vice-chair of the Leeds Harmonious Communities board, and is also on the Leeds BME Network Advisory Group.

Looking ahead

We're very much looking forward to the **Art of Hosting training** on 21-23 January 2010, and all the exciting things that will generate.

We now have funding in for '**In One City 3**', which will work with young adults from established white British and new migrant communities in early 2010. We are seeking funding for a film exploring issues of meaning, faith, identity and values amongst young people for IOC 4.

T4P have been invited by Leeds City Council to host an Open Space day for 60+ frontline workers to explore **community cohesion in Armley** in March 2010.

We're hoping that funding from Communities and Local Government's Connecting Communities fund will enable us to work with the Centre for Good Relations (based in Burnley) in Gipton in early 2010, to support **the development of the pioneering Team Gipton project**.

And we're working with Linda, Huw and Tariq (see above) on '**Make Happen**' – a model to enable communities to have the difficult conversations that they feel they can't have.

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