

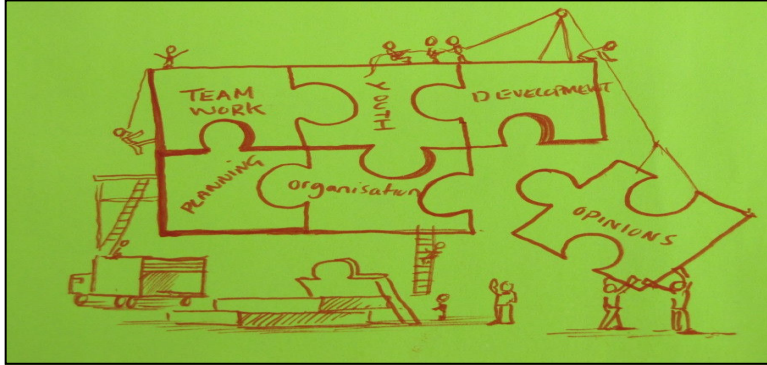


People, ideas and action towards a shared future.

Together for Peace.

# TOGETHER FOR PEACE ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Hi, and welcome to our (T4P's) modest little annual report. Read on to find out about everything we've been up to over the past year. And please get in touch if you want to discuss or take anything further – our background and contact info's at the bottom.



## People talking

Over 2010, we've really focused on developing **'participatory conversation work'** throughout all we do, and helping others do the same. We're especially inspired by the methods detailed at [www.artofhosting.org](http://www.artofhosting.org), such as Open Space and World Café. So it was fantastic to welcome the international Art of Hosting team to Leeds in January, to hold an intense 3 day training with 40+ people from across Leeds and beyond. It was a privilege (and lots of fun) to connect and learn together with those who participated – and we see real fruit as these ways of working ripple through the city.

Since then, we've begun to embed these practices into our work and used these methods at events/projects including the following... **Bringing Armley Together**, to enable front-line staff and residents to share what cohesion means to them, and to develop better local connections. We also supported Space2 to deliver and host an **open space event** in Richmond Hill LS9, to help develop links and work in the area. And we've co-held a series of **'Community of Practise'** evenings for participants from the January training to share learning and support one another in using these methods across the city.

## Good Relations



Bringing Armley Together 2010

Another methodology that we also really resonate with is that developed by our friends at the Centre for Good Relations ([www.centreforgoodrelations.com](http://www.centreforgoodrelations.com)) – assessing the relational health and 'geography' of a community, then working to **strengthen and develop** it.

It was therefore a great opportunity to be commissioned this last year by Leeds City Council to develop a Good Relations programme in **Gipton**, over in east Leeds – in collaboration with the Centre for Good Relations, and in partnership with the local Area Management. The work ran through the spring and into the summer, and it was great to develop some new links with great folk living or working in Gipton (which in many cases have endured). The project didn't in the end pan out as planned – and we were disappointed to have to curtail it before we were able to really deliver any proper project work or events. However, we're very grateful to our partners and all those we met, and gained and learnt a huge amount through it all.

We were also commissioned by COGS to deliver a casestudy in their **'Reimagining Community Involvement'** series. Thanks to Max Farrar for conducting this research and developing this report: copies are available direct from T4P. (Just ask!).

## Peace Jam

The Peace Jam international youth programme ([www.peacejam.org.uk](http://www.peacejam.org.uk)) continues to grow and develop here in the UK, with national gatherings twice a year at Bradford University. T4P continue to be involved on the UK leadership team, and also liaising with Leeds schools. Thanks to new sponsorship and support from The Coop and Calderdale Community Foundation, we now have seed funding available for youth-led social action projects, and bursary places for young people from West Yorkshire to attend the national events.



## In One City... continued!

In One City is an ongoing (and increasingly well-established) programme we've developed in partnership with Lippy Films ([www.lippy.tv](http://www.lippy.tv)), using **interactive film-making** as a means to generate challenging conversations on topical social themes amongst diverse people in Leeds.

2010 saw our third In One City project, featuring 12 fantastic young adults from a wide range of backgrounds in the city, exploring **culture, migration, identity, belonging**, and more. With our support, they produced a 15 minute short film, which has now been screened publicly, at a civic screening with council leaders, and in schools. To get a free copy of the film and/or the schools pack, please contact us. Thanks to the Migration Impact Partnership and Screen Yorkshire for funding the project, and to our many partners for their in-kind support.

## DIY Vision 2030

The official Leeds 'Vision 2030' process (led by Leeds Initiative) inspired us to do a bit of consultation of our own! We attended a range of community events across Leeds to ask people: when they'd felt most connected to (and happy in) a place they had lived; what they thought Leeds – or their bit of it – could ideally become; and finally what part they might play in bringing that about. All their responses were fed into the official process – and broadly highlighted **the importance of community spirit, neighbourliness**, and places and events where people could get together with others.

## Learches

Our 'learches' (learning lunches) continue from time to time. Those this last year included one for community leaders to discuss and engage with green issues, Max Farrar leading a conversation on power, and another grappling with Adam Kahane's 'Power and Love' book (which we heartily recommend).

## Talk Space

We've continued this year to work closely with Linda Joy-Mitchell, who's input into many of the projects listed. Specifically though, we've also had the privilege of having Tariq Bashir and Huw Illingworth join us to develop a new project called Talk Space, designed to open up safe spaces for

**challenging, risky conversations** (as opposed to simply focusing on just keeping people happy and not rocking the boat).

Courtesy of some seed funding from Prevent (thanks), we together developed and delivered a unique dialogue process amongst diverse members of the city's Jewish and Muslim communities. The process ran over several months into 2011, during which time we initially worked with the two groups separately, then together. The project seems to have elicited a huge amount of **energy and goodwill**, as participants have wrestled with tough issues but also discovered much **commonality**. They (and we) have a range of potentially exciting ways forward – including a possible shared learning journey out to Israel and Palestine.

Through the same funding, we're hoping to hold a sister project in Middleton and Belle Isle (south Leeds) in 2011. During 2010 we also formed a (loosely formed) network with dialogue practitioners doing similar work in Bradford and Sheffield – to share practise and develop learning around this emerging work.

Overall, this element of work seems to be generating real interest and have real legs on it for fruitful future work – watch this space.

## Planet Leeds

The third Planet Leeds festival ([www.planetleeds.org.uk](http://www.planetleeds.org.uk)) – delivered in partnership with our partners Harmonious Leeds and artsmix\* – took place on a drizzly day on Briggate in September. The rain didn't dampen spirits though, and some of the audience stuck around for the whole 5 hours! A fantastic range of **musical styles, cultures and ages** made it the best yet. Once again, funding was short – but a generous arts@leeds grant and our uber-volunteer Becky F enabled us to run it on an absolute shoestring budget. Becky was given a richly-deserved Leeds Volunteer of the Year award.



## Light Night

T4P were delighted to hold two fun (and well-attended) little events for Light Night in October ([www.lightnightleeds.co.uk](http://www.lightnightleeds.co.uk)). They were: **'Sue Me! Sumo Wrestling'** – poking fun at our bureaucratic health and safety culture, and giving people

the opportunity to do some sumo wrestling; many thanks to all the volunteers (especially Lucy G) and partners (especially the Round Foundry) who helped make this happen.

Also that night, we – with a team of volunteers from Leeds Met University – organised walking tours around the **Leeds Peace Trail** ([www.t4p.org.uk/peacetrail](http://www.t4p.org.uk/peacetrail)). Massive thanks to the student team, who researched, planned and coordinated the whole event – and brought the trail alive with added stories, poems and visits.

### Schumacher North: Beyond Consumerism

We once again worked with Schumacher North ([www.schumacher-north.co.uk](http://www.schumacher-north.co.uk)) to facilitate the World Café and Open Space elements of their annual gathering at the Left Bank in October. Thanks especially to the team with whom we co-delivered these sessions.

### It's Not Just Cricket

T4P are now supporting the 'It's Not Just Cricket!' **interfaith cricket project**, initiated by Yorkshire Cricket and the Leeds Jewish Representative Council, and now also involving the Kashmir Muslim Welfare Association – and a growing number of partners and supporters. We've been especially involved in helping to incorporate dialogue into the mix with the adults and young participants. The project's recently won plaudits from the English Cricket Board and the UK Interfaith Network.

### Peace Poetry Competition

The competition (now in its eighth year) was this year themed '**home**', to link with the national poetry day theme – encouraging people to reflect on how 'home' can be both a place of safety and peace, or danger and conflict.

Thanks to funding from Leeds Community Foundation, we and our partners successfully rolled out a major new element this year: an extensive programme of workshops throughout the summer, delivered via the library networks and featuring professional poets and writers. These attracted a very diverse range of participants, including adults of all ages, refugees, mental health support groups, those with impairments, schools groups, and more.

The packed-out celebration and presentation event in November was hosted by poet Rommi Smith – thanks to all **500+ participants** who entered and special congratulations to all the winners.



### T4P itself

Our very supportive board of **trustees** are: Guy Wilson, Jon Dorsett, Margaret Scally, Fidelis Chebe, and (new for 2010) Andrea Tara-Chand and Max Farrar. Thanks especially for all their wisdom and input at our November away-day with them. Many thanks also to Maria Fernandes and Muserat Sujawal, who stepped down from the board this year.

At the back end of the year, we were honoured to be awarded the **Award for Bridging Culture** (small charities category) by the national iCoCo (Institute for Community Cohesion, [www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk](http://www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk)), and the Community Cohesion Organisation of the Year 2010 by Hamara ([www.hamara.org.uk](http://www.hamara.org.uk)). Many thanks to both, and to all our partners and supporters who make our work possible.

New for 2010, we've started tweeting! Follow us at [www.twitter.com/t4pleeds](http://www.twitter.com/t4pleeds). We're also on Facebook: search for 'Together for Peace' and join our group.

Thanks to the Salvation Army for enabling us to get hold of lots of good food to share with folk at our events, via their freegan food scheme.

And finally here: with no intention to grow T4P as an organisation but with increasing opportunities for work, we have continued to develop **working with 'associates'**. Linda Mitchell and Valerie Menelec worked with us on the Art of Hosting training in January and on various pieces of facilitation work. With them, and also with Huw Illingworth and Tariq Bashir, we're developing the Talk Space models for facilitating difficult conversations. We delivered the Good Relations work in association with the Centre for Good Relations and Mediation Leeds (in the person of Steve Edwards). We foresee plenty more development of associate working in 2011 and beyond. And we continue to be highly indebted to all the **volunteers** with whom we co-run most of our projects – massive thanks to them all.

### Team

**Jill** continued work on the Peace Jam UK leadership team;



she's also been providing support for interfaith initiatives such as the Faith Networks Iqra & Stainbeck women's group; and she attended an international Art of Hosting training in Greece, to further develop her understanding, practise and perspectives around hosting conversations and nurturing collective action.

**Mike** continued to serve as vice-chair of the Leeds Harmonious Communities board, and is also on the Leeds BME Network Advisory Group; he enjoyed some work with the Centre for Good Relations in SE Lancashire, taught on a summer school in Amsterdam, and got a lot out of a taster course in using aikido as a non-violent practice synthesising love and power; he continues to bake lots of bread.

**Ed** is focusing time on developing work in Beeston and south Leeds, and especially in South Leeds Academy, thanks to funding by the Salvation Army; he helped pull together some media coverage of the fifth anniversary of 7/7, from within Beeston; he completed a part-time Events Management course at Leeds Met Uni; and is amongst others looking to develop cross-sector networking through growing Convergence ([www.seekingconvergence.com](http://www.seekingconvergence.com)) in Leeds.

## Finances

Against a difficult economic backdrop we are deeply grateful for the relative financial security of T4P. **Massive thanks to all our supporters and donors**, without whom we'd be somewhat limited in our work! If others wish to support us, even just a tiny bit, please visit [www.t4p.org.uk/giving](http://www.t4p.org.uk/giving).

Because we have changed our financial year, our accounts for this period cover the period July 2009 to December 2010. Income was £193,206, and expenditure £158,397: see right. Full accounts will be available to view online at [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk) (from April 2011).

## Looking ahead...

Big for 2011 will be the second **Leeds Summat**, due on Saturday 26th November 2011: a creative and participatory gathering for 1000+ diverse people from across Leeds and beyond to explore the big issues of our time through workshops, food, youth and kids activities, music, speakers, networking, art, conversations, film, and much much more. We're excited to be jointly holding this Summat with a wider group of partners and volunteers: full info at [www.summat.org](http://www.summat.org).

We'll be hosting **2 days of training in Good Relations methods** and work in January-February.

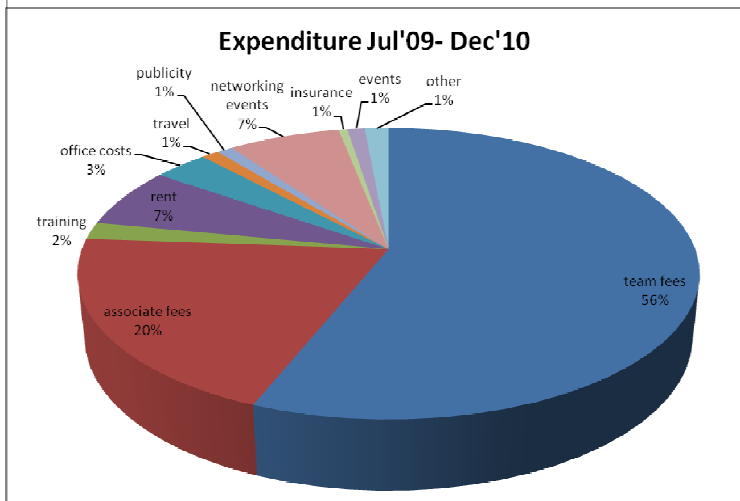
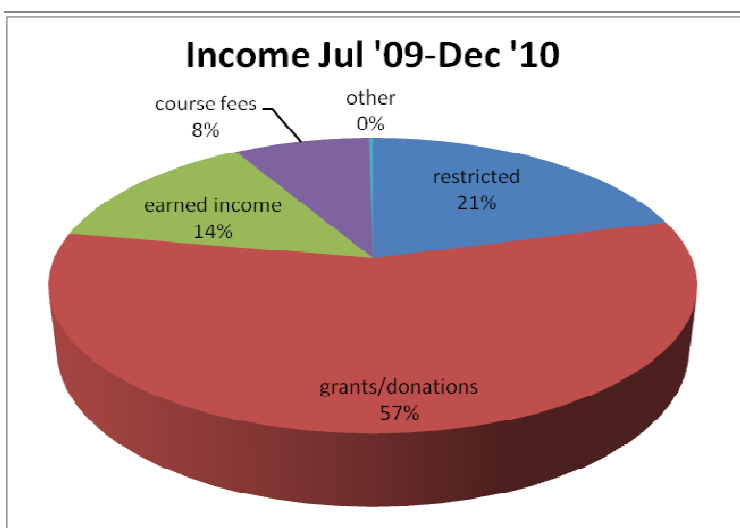
With funding now in, we and Lippy Films are now working towards **our fourth In One City film**, due to feature 12 Leeds people exploring beliefs, values, faith, and motivations.

In spring 2011, we'll be co-delivering **Take Part** (in partnership with Oblong and Leeds Initiative) – to encourage and support grassroots community action amongst groups and individuals, through training, mentoring, seed funding, and volunteer opportunities.

T4P will also be leading the British Council's 2011 **Active Citizens** programme in Leeds, supporting young adults from inner city Leeds to become trained and active as community activists, and connect with groups from Estonia and Romania through international exchange trips.

We're looking to develop work alongside **Leeds City of Sanctuary** ([www.cityofsanctuary.org/leeds](http://www.cityofsanctuary.org/leeds)), including a summer gathering event in May – visit [www.oneloveoneleeds.wordpress.com](http://www.oneloveoneleeds.wordpress.com) for full info.

And **Planet Leeds** should be hitting the city centre streets again in summer 2011, possibly linked with the Olympic Open Weekend in July. We're exploring link-ups with Run for All. Also, new for 2011 and thanks to volunteer students from Leeds Met University, we'll be hosting a Planet Leeds fundraiser gig in March.



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T4P (Together for Peace) is a Leeds-based community development organisation, bringing diverse people together – from grassroots to government – to find creative, collaborative solutions to local and global issues. We're a registered charity (no 1125153). Find us at The Fred Shed, 45 Westfield Road, Leeds LS3 1DG; and online at [www.t4p.org.uk](http://www.t4p.org.uk) (where you'll find fuller info on all the projects listed above). Email us at [hello@t4p.org.uk](mailto:hello@t4p.org.uk), or call us on +44 (0) 113 350 8085/86.