



T4P ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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Active Citizens

2011 was **another highly eventful year**, with... uprisings and riots at home and abroad; major natural disasters, and still little done on climate change; tables turned in the media world; financial crisis still lurking at the door; the end for Osama Bin Laden, but no end in sight for the troubles in Afghanistan and many other countries; far-right shootings in Norway... and the Royal Wedding to cheer us all up.

2011 also saw the development of several new **'citizenship' and leadership projects**. This included our delivery of the British Council's Active Citizens programme in Leeds, in partnership with REEMAP and others: primarily enabling people (especially young adults) to access skills, assistance and contacts, then develop or become involved in community or social action projects.

Against that backdrop, we – Together for Peace (T4P) – found plenty to do! So here's our brief and snappy (ish) update on everything we've been up to this last year. Please get in touch to talk or take owt further: our contact info's at the bottom.

In One City film programme

We continue to work closely with Lippy Films (lippy.tv) to develop the 'IOC' film series, using collaborative film-making to get **diverse people talking and connecting around topical social issues**. 2011 saw renewed interest in our second IOC film, 'Ripples Out' (2009, about regeneration and inner city communities); and also the distribution of our third film – looking at the experiences of diverse young adults in the city (2010) – around every secondary school in the city.



And we also developed, filmed and screened our fourth film: a compilation of mini portraits of 13 people's **beliefs, values and lives**, underpinned by the Chief Rabbi's assertion that 'society is a conversation scored for many voices'. There were public screenings through the autumn, at the Round Foundry Media Centre, the Leeds Summat Gathering, Trinity & All Saints University, and in many places of worship and schools. The film is designed for use as a discussion starter with groups: please get in touch for a free copy and resource pack.

The programme also aims to provide cross-cultural learning, so featured a visit to Leeds by participants from Romania and Estonia, and **a week-long trip to Romania** for some of the Leeds participants. Many thanks to the British Council, and to all our partners and supporters on the programme.

We're currently exploring how to develop the next phase of the IOC programme - including working on a much larger scale.

Some of the Leeds participants are now developing their own 'Safer Driving Community Project' with young people in Chapeltown; thanks to Jimbo's Fund for their support on this.

Take Park Take Action



Also, in March, we – with Oblong Resource Centre (oblongleeds.org.uk), and Andrew Grinnell of Community Unity in Richmond Hill – hosted a day-long workshop for community activists, most from East Leeds, to find **encouragement, connections, and support** to develop themselves and their projects.

The day featured lots of connections, talk, and mutual help – and an inspiring talk from Mike Tomlinson (of the Jane Tomlinson Appeal). Several participants later joined a follow-up course in community activism, and a tailored mentoring programme.

Community dialogue work

Linked with that, we've continued to co-develop inter-community dialogue work – including partnership work with This included...

In February, we - in partnership with the Centre for Good Relations (centreforgoodrelations.com) - hosted two free **'Good Relations' training days** for 25 people from a wide variety of organisations and communities to learn about conflict styles, stages of conflict, civic mediation, and conflict mapping. We aim to develop further 'good relations' skills and capacity work with Leeds groups and organisations in 2012 and beyond. Thanks to the DCLG's Connecting Communities fund for their support on this work.



For the time being, Inter-Active is being run as an associate project of T4P, meaning that we get the pleasure of sharing office space with the team!

Leeds Peace Poetry competition

The Leeds Peace Poetry competition took a new shape and timeframe for 2011-2012, in order to work with changes in resources and partners - and to make the most of the Olympic build-up. Over the year, we established new partnerships with the University of Leeds and the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and built on our partnership with Leeds Library Services. With them, we spent the year planning and preparing the 2012 competition, that's to be delivered between January-July 2012 **in association with the Olympics**, and will feature creative writing workshops and mentoring.



Along similar lines, we also continued to develop our dialogue programme (initiated in late 2010) with members of **Leeds' Jewish and Muslim communities**. The original Community Safety funding came to an end in March, but the group were keen to continue - so we (with associates Linda Joy-Mitchell and Tariq Bashir, to whom we're very grateful) have continued to facilitate a regular core group of about 20 to explore issues around identity, belonging, perception, culture, festivals, and more. The initiative continues to develop well: primarily, good friendships are developing; and various off-shoots are emerging, including a proposed group visit to Israel-Palestine, an arts project, and film showings.

We'd also aimed to hold a related inter-community dialogue programme in **Middleton and Belle Isle** in south Leeds, were unable to develop it in the short term, but remain committed to our relationship with those communities - so will explore options for work there over the coming year.

Inter-Active sports project

The Leeds Interfaith Cricket project has given birth to a new organisation: Inter-Active. Run by our good friends Mahboob Nazir, Keith Ackerman and Shujaat Riaz, in association with Tony Bowry of the Yorkshire Cricket Board, they're developing **dialogue and inter-cultural relationship** amongst diverse people through a range of **sports and activities**.

Peace Jam and schools work

Our schools and youth work – whilst not a major element of our work – continues. In particular, Ed (part-funded by the Salvation Army) is still very much involved in **South Leeds Academy**; highlights this last year included supporting their 'Our World Our Way' whole-school talent show, and helping some pupils there attend the annual Peace Jam (peacejam.org.uk) gathering. Jill continues to help steer the national Peace Jam programme, and plans are under way for the next national gathering in Bradford in April 2012, with Argentinian Nobel Peace laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel.

One Love One Leeds

Elsewhere, we worked with members of the new (ish) Leeds **City of Sanctuary** network (cityofsanctuary.org.uk/leeds) to co-deliver the acclaimed 'One Love One Leeds' inter-community gathering in Beeston, in May – an event affiliated to the Leeds Summat Gathering (see below). 200+ people joined a packed day of talk, food, workshops, music, sports, and much more.

Planet Leeds

Once again, we – with a fantastic volunteer team – co-hosted the Planet Leeds multicultural street festival in July (planetleeds.org.uk), this year as part of the Olympic Open



Weekend. We also had a team of Leeds Met students coordinate a fundraiser gig earlier in the year – which, whilst fairly low-key itself, prompted us to seek once again to develop year-round Planet Leeds events. Watch this space for 2012.

Light Night

For the second year running, we participated in Leeds Light Night (lightnightleeds.co.uk) in October, hosting a mini Summat (see immediately below for full info on the Summat) featuring workshops, music, film, apple pressing, games, and more. We had 1000+ attendees and loads of good feedback.

The Leeds Summat Gathering

A looming presence (!) throughout the year was the second Leeds Summat Gathering (summat.org) – which T4P led on, in partnership with 10 other local organisations and 20 project team volunteers. Following months of development and outreach (including a mini Summat roadshow to community galas across the city), the main event was all day on Saturday 26 November, featured **100s of groups and volunteers**, and a wide range of activities including workshops, food, music, film, arts, a specially commissioned drama on the history of Leeds called 'Leeds On Trial', and much more. It attracted **1300+ attendees**, came in at just over £8,000, and received **an immense amount of positive feedback**. In 2012, we'll be doing some tracking evaluation, to see what difference the event made in the everyday lives of attendees and participating organisations... and decide whether to host a third Summat in 2013.

T4P itself

At our core, we remain **a network organisation**: seeking to connect with diverse people, stick them together, and get them working together. Massive **thanks** to all our project partners from the past year – and especially all the new people we've connected and worked with. Amongst others, we're pleased to be finding growing links and potential partnerships with those in **the business world**.

Thanks also to the many **amazing volunteers** with whom we've worked – who've enabled us to increase our

capacity considerably. And thanks to our trustees: Guy Wilson, Jon Dorsett, Margaret Scally, Fidelis Chebe, Andrea Tara-Chand, Max Farrar, and (new for 2011) Cecile Brich.

We've also been given loads of diverse **opportunities to share learning**, including: Friends of the Earth's Northern Gathering, the Fellowship of Reconciliation's annual conference, Leeds Met University's 'Projecting Peace' seminar series, and the UK 'good relations' gathering in Northern Ireland. We're heartened to see the growing uptake of so-called 'Art of Hosting' methods for participatory conversation, such as Open Space and World Café (artofhosting.org).

We're developing our use of social media such as **Twitter and Facebook** (please find us, like us, retweet us, etc!). We moved out of our cheap-as-chips offices in Burley (the Fred Shed), courtesy of a charity scheme moved short-term into free 17th floor city centre offices (the Sky Shed), and are due to move to more free offices in early 2012. All of which is encouraging us **to become more nomadic** – which we feel is no bad thing.

Finances

These are of course tough economic times – so we're very grateful for the reasonably stable footing we find ourselves on, **thanks to all our supporters and donors**.

Our headline financial info for 2011 is as follows... Total **income £128,543**, of which: £55k was earned income, £51k was donations, and £22k was restricted grant income. **Total expenses £118,189**, which included: £51k for team fees, £32k for partners' and associates' fees, £26k event costs, £3k rent and office costs, £3k publicity, £1.5k travel, £600 equipment, and £400 volunteer costs. Detailed accounts freely available upon request.

T4P (Together for Peace, charity no 1125153) 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. Find us at Ebor Court, Skinner Street, Leeds LS1 4ND, or online at www.t4p.org.uk. Email us at hello@t4p.org.uk, or call us on +44 (0) 113 350 8085.