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After the huge range of programmes in 2011, 2012 was in some ways more low-key, especially with some of the core associates taking extended time away from the work. But in other respects, our work has blossomed...

Most of all, this year saw an explosion in our **Active Citizens** work – a British Council community leadership programme – especially centred around Chapeltown. The work this year featured: multiple workshops in Leeds; a local residential, as well as trips to Northern Ireland, Kenya, and Bangladesh for some participants; two ‘learning journey’ trips to Leeds by representatives from amongst the international Active Citizen networks; mentoring; and the emergence of a range of grassroots social action projects led by the participants. These include a driving scheme (for young people to access driving lessons), a community cooking scheme, and an arts project. The programme has also enabled us to bring through several young leaders to co-lead this work, two of whom we were enabled by British Council to attend facilitator training in India.

The **Muslim-Jewish dialogue** programme also continued to build through the year, with our support. Relationships and mutual trust have grown a lot deeper, and the group were especially inspired by meeting with people from the flourishing Manchester Muslim-Jewish forum. The long-

heralded joint ‘learning journey’ trip to Palestine and Israel was due in October, but was postponed until April 2013 because of concerns about the Israel-Iraq situation. On the same theme, this year saw us delivering workshops on the subject of Palestine and Israel – in partnership with a Jewish associate of ours – in Garforth Academy.

Linked to that, we continue to support the **Interactive interfaith sports** project, led by T4P associates – by hosting them in our office, helping them develop organisationally, enabling them to fundraise under our umbrella, and so on. The team ran a very successful and well attended mini-Olympics in conjunction with Leeds Met University in March that several schools took part in; and they’ve now begun a project working with the Church of the Epiphany on the Gipton estate. We see much potential for increasing the reach of our work through this method of hosting a growing network of associate workers.

Meanwhile, established mainstays of the T4P calendar occurred as normal. These included... The **Planet Leeds inter-cultural street festival** in June, co-delivered with volunteers Joe Baldock and Nattylyn Jeffers, featuring stages on Briggate and at Kirkgate Market. Also, the **Leeds Peace Poetry Competition**, this year themed ‘Truce’ and an official partner event of the London Olympics; the programme featured a range of youth and community workshops.

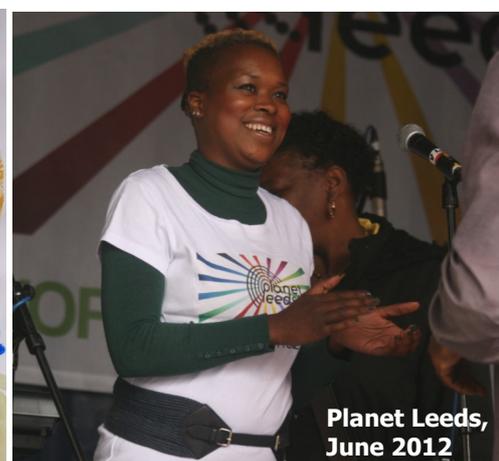
And the international **Peace Jam** youth programme (which we help steer nationally) once again came to Bradford Uni in April, and we helped bring several groups of students from diverse Leeds schools. Following that, and linked with the Active Citizens programme, we took 30 youngsters to an event with the Dalai Lama in Manchester in June, on the



Active Citizens residential, May 2012



Peace Poetry competition 2012



Planet Leeds, June 2012

subject of ‘creating a culture of dialogue and non-violent approaches’.

We also remain interested in acting as a catalyst for learning and training with others. We –with the help of volunteer Marta Santillo – were therefore delighted to welcome **Jo Berry and Pat Magee** back to Leeds in March, to recount their experiences of and struggle with reconciliation; a session with refugees and people seeking asylum was particularly powerful.

Also on **learning workshops**, we coordinated a well-attended day on activism and social movements with Chris Erskine in May. And in June, with Linda Joy Mitchell, we put on a ‘systemic constellations’ taster day with visiting speaker

the acclaimed **Leeds Summat** gathering in late 2011 – and are keen to develop projects along the same lines for 2013 and beyond, but aim to re-imagine the model and only deliver any such event in closer partnership with other organisations.

In between our projects, we’ve continued to advise upon, facilitate, and co-deliver a range of programmes and events in the wider voluntary and community sector, including work with Leeds City of Sanctuary, the NHS, Leeds TIDAL and other green campaigns, and various community and health initiatives. We continue to mentor various different people, host volunteers/interns wherever possible, and help promote a wide range of events and projects through our extensive networks.



Jo Berry + Pat Magee



Ria Baeck – a practical and imaginative methodology to better grasp the subjective experience and the nature of the systemic dynamics at play in a cities or communities.

Emergent projects include the following... A mass-participation event celebrating **the intercultural history of the city** through drama, music, dance and poetry, hopefully due to launch in 2013 or 2014, in partnership with dramatist Ron Wiener and Space 2; the idea was welcomed at senior political and officer level in Leeds City Council. The **Leeds Poverty Truth Challenge**: in response to a call from the Leeds Initiative Board for poverty and inequality to be the cross-cutting priority theme for all the Leeds Initiative partnership boards, Mike, with others, proposed a Leeds version of the Scottish Poverty Truth Commission and this was endorsed by the Leeds Initiative Board in late November. A steering group is taking the process forward into 2013.

And in parallel with the Challenge but independent of it, we – with film-maker Dave Tomalin – are developing a further **‘In One City’** (IOC) film, focusing upon the themes of inequality and well-being as a way of bringing other voices in to the process. This builds nicely on from our fourth IOC film (on faith), which we completed in 2011 but screened at various events through this year.

Early in 2012, we conducted very thorough evaluation from

Finally, at the end of the year, we were surprised and delighted to be honoured with the **Leeds City Council’s partner Organisation of the Year award**. The inflatable T4P parrot now has a large golden owl to keep her company.

Finances. In 2012 our gross income was £96,211 and expenditure was £98,255 (2011 income was £128,000 and expenditure was £119,000). Our core running costs – pay, office costs, etc – are £60,000 annually. Our costs have been lower this year: we’re now in rent-free offices, and Ed was away on sabbatical for 4+ months. And because of the generous donations of our supporters, we’re in the privileged position of having most of our core funding covered, meaning that we were able to continue to do the work we love - being catalysts, enablers, and brokers in the city - rather than always needing to top-slice funds out of project to cover core costs. Therefore, other funding we got in was almost all used direct for projects and programmes.

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