Visit to Corrymeela

Group visit to the Corrymeela community centre at Ballycastle. The focus will be on Corrymeela's approach to reconciliation, including workshops with Corrymeela staff and volunteers on the types of practical activities that might be used with groups, and discussion of short-term volunteer opportunities over the year.

Meet at ISE at 9am for 9.15am departure or meet at Corrymeela 10.30am. Depart Corrymeela c. 4.30pm and return to ISE by 6pm.
Directions map at http://www.corrymeela.org/sitepage/directions.aspx

In the sessions, we hope:

- To hear a little about the history, mission and work of Corrymeela in the area of reconciliation
- To experience practical activities that Corrymeela uses with groups at the centre
- To learn of short-term or weekend volunteering opportunities that might be of interest to the group

Required Reading

Stevens, David. *Learning in Corrymeela* (Belfast: Corrymeela, 2006); available http://www.corrymeela.org/comment/28.aspx

Highly Recommended Reading

McCreary, Alf. *In War and Peace: The Story of Corrymeela*: Belfast: The Brehon Press, 2007.

Wilson, Derick. *The Significance of Reconciliation Centres: The Corrymeela Centre's Experience 1965–2008*. Belfast: Corrymeela, 2008.

Further Reading

Davey, Ray. *Take Away this Hate: The Story of a Search for Community*. Belfast: The Corrymeela Press, 1985.

David, Ray, *The War Diaries*. Belfast: Brehon Press, 2005.

Kaptein, Roel, with Duncan Morrow. *On the Way of Freedom*. Dublin Columba Press, 1993.

Love, Mervyn. *Peacebuilding through Reconciliation in Northern Ireland*. Aldershot: Avebury, 1995.

Morrow, John. *Journey of Hope: Sources of the Corrymeela Vision*. Belfast: Corrymeela Press, 1995.

Morrow, John. *On the Road of Reconciliation: A Brief Memoir*. Dublin Columba Press, 2003.

McCreary, Alf. *Corrymeela: The Search for Peace*. Belfast: Christian Journals Limited, 1975.

Stevens, David. *The Place Called Reconciliation: Texts to Explore*. Belfast: Corrymeela Press, 2008.

Additional AV Resources

Corrymeela is… (2002). 18 mins. A short video introduction to Corrymeela and its work.

The Corrymeela Community. (2009). A short video introduction to Corrymeela and its work.

'In War and Peace: The Corrymeela Story', Radio Ulster, Sunday Sequence (14 October 2007). 10.21 mins. Malachi O'Doherty talks to Alf McCreery at the launch of his new book on Corrymeela.

Possible Films

NB. The following are not films 'about Corrymeela' as such, but they can be helpful starting points for thinking about the type of issues a centre of reconciliation might face, and the challenges that they might address in their work.

The Boxer. (1998). 113 mins. Directed by Jim Sheridan. A released Republican prisoner trying to find a new future through the creation of a cross-community boxing school.

Holy Cross. (2003). 90 mins. Directed by Mark Brozel. Dramatization based on the dispute in North Belfast between residents of Glenbryn and Ardoyne around access to Holy Cross primary school.

Titanic Town. (1998). 98 mins. Directed by Roger Michell. Based on the novel by Mary Costello. A Belfast housewife in Andersonstown faces opposition when she launches a campaign in 1972 to stop daytime shootings.