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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BRIEFING

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FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 23rd FEBRUARY - 8th MARCH

My children our love is not just to be words or mere talk, but something real and active. (1 John 3 v18)

Sunday 22nd February at 2.00 pm - Service at Truro Cathedral

FairTrade Fortnight 2009 will get off to a good start with events in Truro Cathedral on Sunday 22 February. A service at 2 pm will focus on Fair Trade, with Peter Collins, Church Relations Manager from Traidcraft, giving the address. The lunch served in the Cathedral Restaurant before the service will include dishes with fairly traded ingredients. Please come and celebrate fair trade with us at this event.



Saturday 21st February - Traidcraft Preview

On Saturday 21 February the Truro Fair Trade Diocese group will be hosting a Traidcraft Preview Day at Diocesan House, Kenwyn, from 11 am to 4 pm when the Sales Managers from Traidcraft will be showing the products from the new 2009 catalogue and leading information sessions on the work of Traidcraft. The Preview Day is aimed at **all** who may be interested in developing links with Traidcraft as well as established Fair Traders and is a rare opportunity for us in Cornwall to meet staff from Traidcraft.

A leaflet about Fair Trade is enclosed with this mailing. If your church has not yet signed up as a Fair Trade Church please contact jill.edwards@truro.anglican.org

Traidcraft Prayer

God of the just weight and the fair measure,
 Let me remember the hands that harvested my
 food, my drink,
 Not only in my prayers but in the marketplace.
 Let me not seek a bargain that leaves another
 hungry.

If you hold an event for Fairtrade Fortnight, it would be appreciated if you could e-mail your photos direct to rosey.sanders@truro.anglican.org which we will use for the promotion of Fairtrade in the Diocese.

RAISING OUR GAME - FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING

Wednesday 28th January 2009

at The Centre, Newlyn, near Penzance

Wednesday 4th February 2009

at St Augustine's in St Austell

Wednesday 11th February 2009

at the Greenbank Christian Centre in Liskeard.

Each event runs from 9.30 – 12.30 with a light lunch. For more information please e-mail Andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org or 01872 247213.

POVERTY ACTION WEEK WITH CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY

Voices from the Edge

A new drama based on real life experiences of Poverty and Social Exclusion across the country will be presented at two venues during Poverty Action Week:

Wednesday 5th February at 7pm at

St Mary's RC Hall in Falmouth

Sunday February 8th at 7pm in the Chapter House at Truro Cathedral

Entrance is FREE – to reserve tickets please contact Andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org Tel 01872 247213

Poverty Action Week prayer

Just and merciful God, you listen with compassion to the voices of those with burdens of poverty and homelessness.

Open our ears to the voices from the edge, and in them may we hear your voice.

Guide us with your Spirit to act justly, that poverty and homelessness will be ended for all your children. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Challenge of Debt – 10th February 9.30am to 4pm Diocesan House, Truro.

Workshop for all those interested in developing ministry with those who are facing the impacts of the Credit Crunch. Theological Reflection on present economic situation with input from Cornish Credit Unions, Citizen Advice Bureau, Christians Against Poverty Debt Advice scheme. Register with Rosey.Sanders@truro.anglican.org

INFORMATION AROUND CARERS

Volunteer drivers in North Cornwall are needed to help out in the community. If you have a full UK driving licence, own your own a car and want to help, Cornwall Centre for Volunteers would like to hear from you. Brian Smith on 01872 265300 or email: BrianS@ccfv.co.uk

Concessionary Bus Service Companion Scheme

As part of the main Concessionary Fares scheme, there are companion options available to people who could not otherwise normally use a bus service on their own and therefore would benefit from having a companion in order to help them get out and about. If you feel you may be eligible write to Julia Worsdell, Concessionary Fares Officer, Passenger Transport Unit, Cornwall County Council, New County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY explaining the need for a companion and giving the Concessionary Fares pass number if already have one.

MIGRANT WORKERS UPDATE

Welcome Pack

The North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership has just launched an online Welcome Pack for migrant workers. It is available in English, Polish, Czech, Latvian and Lithuanian - another 16 languages they say will follow soon. The information can be accessed online and will be updated monthly to ensure that contact details are up to-date. The information is in two sections, national and District information. It contains a very wide range of information and is useful not only to newcomers to the area but to all of us living here! Do please take a look, log it as a favourite and make it known to others. The Welcome Pack can be found at: www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack <<http://www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack>>

New DVD for migrant workers from the emergency service.

Police, Fire and Ambulance have got together to produce a dvd explaining their services. It is available in English, Polish and Russian. It is full of useful information. It has been used successfully in schools too to raise awareness of the emergency services. Copies can be downloaded at www.cornwall.gov.uk/999advice. It can be copied freely for distribution.

DIGITAL SWITCH OVER HELP SCHEME

Teresa Thorne is a Regional Coordinator for the Digital Switchover Help Scheme in the West Country TV area. The scheme is run by the BBC under an agreement with the Government to offer eligible people help to make the switch to digital TV on one of their TV sets.

The scheme helps people on certain disability benefits and the over 75's who may face greater barriers in switching to digital TV. It is recognised that TV can be a real support to the wellbeing of many older and disabled people in our communities. In total approximately 7 million people both young and old will qualify for assistance across the UK, and it is important that key service providers are aware of the switchover programme for their area and the assistance that the help scheme can offer. This includes easy to use equipment to meet the client's needs, help with installing equipment, fitting a new dish or aerial where possible, if it is needed, as well as a demonstration and someone to call for help while people are getting used to the new equipment. We can help people convert to digital TV if they are over 75, or registered blind or partially sighted or get (or could get) certain disability benefits, including disability living allowance and attendance allowance.

Raising awareness of the scheme, who is eligible and how they can be assisted, will be vital to ensuring that this key group of people for whom television is often so important by providing entertainment, information and in some cases the "companion in the room" make the transition to digital TV in good time.

As a service provider reaching out to people in their homes you may already be in touch with many of the

people we are trying to reach and therefore would welcome your support in assisting us to cascade information. The training is **free** of charge, we can organise venues near to you and time can be tailored to suit. Further information is available at our website www.helpscheme.co.uk Or contact your Switch Over representative for Cornwall - Teresa Thorne – Redruth/Caradon Hill transmitter group – teresa.thorne@eaga.com. Or the local Age Concern Outreach Worker Nigel Newberry nigel@ageconcerncornwall.org.uk or telephone 01872 266388.

FREE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SUPPORT

Business Link is providing a new package of support and assistance to: individuals or groups with an idea for a social enterprise, as well as for new and existing social enterprises, around Cornwall. This new business service is being delivered in partnership with RISE and Co-Active, and aims to increase the start-up, growth and development of social enterprises located in Cornwall to build skills and capacity in this growing sector.

Workshop in Starting in Social Enterprise:

For those with an idea, or thinking of starting a new social enterprise or voluntary or community organisation, or those in the early stages of developing an enterprise and wishing to develop skills and learn more: Newquay, 3rd February 2009; Ladock, 24th February 2009; Saltash, 3rd March 2009; Redruth, 24th March 2009. The workshop runs from 10.00 am to 3 pm.

Workshops for New and Established Social Enterprises:

Designed for voluntary and community organisations, as well as social enterprises. For those who want to become less reliant on grants, or to develop trading activities, or thinking of diversifying income streams. Choose from 'Moving away from grants' or 'Governance and legal structures'; see 'Discover' invitation.

For more information contact Business Link on 0845 600 9966 or e-mailing your information to enquiries@blpeninsula.co.uk.

HELP NEEDED FOR NEW YOUTH PROJECT

Do you have any contacts in the Motor Trade? Foyer (Housing for young people) has been shortlisted for a tender for work for Youth Cornwall. This is to deliver an outreach youth service for young people in the outlying, rurally isolated areas around Truro. A key part of the work is using a van/mini bus to take resources out to young people in their localities. As this tender is initially only for 12 months, (with a possible extension) it has been difficult to lease a vehicle - three years being more the norm - at an affordable figure within the contract sum. If you know anyone who might be able to help Foyer please contact Foyer Service Manager Andrew Noquet 01752 256880 email andrew.noquet@dcha.co.uk.

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