National Justice and Peace Network

47th Annual Conference

<u> 25 – 27 July 2025</u>

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire



Keynote Speakers:

Dr Rowan Williams: former Archbishop of Canterbury

Dr. Joanna Frew: Rethinking Security

'Is Violence and War Inevitable?'

At this year's conference we will be focussing on the spirituality and practice of nonviolence....

Various speakers will be sharing their experiences, coming from different angles, calling people to reclaim our Spirituality and praxis of Gospel nonviolence.

An incredible and prayerful weekend of interesting speakers, workshops, exhibitions, and stalls – along with good food, company and down time (or a Ceilidh if you are up to it!).

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How do we reclaim our spirituality and praxis of Gospel nonviolence?

Andrew Jackson and Sr. Katrina Alton – Pax Christi - the campaign work of the Catholic Church to reclaim nonviolence, and the role of nonviolent direct action.

George White – Trans Catholic Teacher – speaking from experience of the culture wars facing the LGBTQ community and how to respond from a Christian perspective of nonviolence.

Dr. Joanna Frew - **Rethinking Security** - what does real and just security look like in the community, society and globally. How do we make it real in our own context

Other contributors include: Operation Noah, CAFOD, the Columbans, NJPN Environment Group, CSAN, Christian Internation Peace Service (CHIPS), LoudFence and more...

We will be pondering questions such as...

- Is peace the absence of war?
- Is war ever justifiable?
- How do you find peace in your heart when you feel rejected because of your gender, sexuality, health or disability?
- How do you find peace when you have been abused?
- How to you resist violence when you are under attack , when you feel marginalised, powerless and fearful?
- How do you find peace when your lifestyle is destroying the world you live in?
- How to you find peace and reconciliation when you are living in a war zone?

A full and informative weekend in which we will be rethinking what it means to create a just peace for all through the lens of Gospel nonviolence

There will also be time to relax, chat, attend our Just Fair (or have a stall!), and even enjoy a Ceilidh!

Enjoy excellent accommodation, food and drink!

Limited spaces, and if you book before 15th May the price is slightly cheaper.