

CONSTRUCTION NOT CONSCRIPTION

ECC is to launch a programme of community projects in April. This is to symbolise our constructive alternative to a national service which is presently identical with military service. These projects have been undertaken in consultation with community-based groups about their communities' needs and ECC's role in helping to meet these needs.

A theme which has evolved emphasises the youth. ECC feels this is fitting in that it is on the youth that South Africa's future rests.

The projects need as many volunteers as possible to show their commitment to community service as defined by the communities themselves. They are also an opportunity to learn about the social conditions in the townships surrounding Durban; to meet and work with the residents, and to be part of the new South Africa under construction.

Volunteers will be asked to meet at the Ecumenical Centre at the specified time for each project, and lifts to the areas will be provided from there. We would also need to meet sometime before that to fill ourselves in on the projects and to meet the people we will be working with.

ECC PROJECT OUTLINE

\* Open Forum: Wednesday 2 April at 7.30 pm.

This is to be an open, public discussion of alternative service. It will serve as the launch of the 'Working for a Just Peace' campaign. Anyone offering to help on any project is urged to attend.

\* Ward Painting: Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 April at 1.30 pm.

This project entails creatively decorating a children's ward. Most of the children are long-term patients (6 to 18 months), and need as much stimulation as possible.

Project co-ordinator: Sarah at ph. 223414

\* Wentworth bush clearing: Sunday 13 April at 11.00 am.

This project involves clearing a plot of land in Wentworth. The Wentworth Improvement Project, a local organisation, plans to build a recreation centre there for school students to use after school.

Project co-ordinator: Richard at ph. 3015663

\* Klaarwater Creche & Vegetable Garden: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April at 11.00 am.

Here, we will be building a creche with people from the area. The method to be used is known as Enter Arch. It requires little building skills, which will be taught on the spot, and the bricks dry very quickly. We will also be running a workshop on vegetable gardening, and hope to do the initial cultivation of the land.

Project co-ordinator: Anita at ph. 3015663

\* Children's Fun Day: Sunday 27 April at 12 noon.

We are hoping this will be a huge event for children and parents from all over Durban. Life in the Park will be running games and face painting. There will be a mime artist, fun plays, music and a magic show. Children will be invited to paint a large peace mural. We will need to provide food and entertainment, bus people in and ensure the smooth running of the day. The venue is to be Himalaya Park in Merebank.

ECC hopes the Fun Day will symbolise what our campaign is all about: non-racialism, co-operation and a constructive attitude to the future of our society.

Project co-ordinator: Fiona at ph. 216129

For further information about the 'Working for a Just Peace' campaign, phone any of the project co-ordinators.

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