

'WITNESS' SPEAKERS THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE

Pat Gaffney has been General Secretary of Pax Christi since 1990. As part of her work, Pat has made frequent visits to Israel-Palestine since 1999, developing partnerships, seeking ways to create solidarity with those working for peace in the region, and developing awareness in UK of the impact of occupation on the people of Palestine.



Diana Mills is a member of the NJPN Environment Working Group. Born in Argentina, she has lived in the UK since 1982. She has worked as a freelance interpreter/translator, as well as a freelance journalist and a writer specialising in environmental and social justice issues. Several years ago a concern about the effects of mining on the environment led her to join the UK-based Latin American Mining Monitoring Programme. It supports women in rural and indigenous communities living close to industrial mining developments, and their struggle to retain their water and land rights. She is currently working on a novel centred around that theme.

Diana Katerregga is a Ugandan refugee and volunteer with the Jesuit Refugee Service. As a young teenager she spent significant time in a detention camp in Uganda and has faced great hardship at various times during her asylum claim in the UK, including three months in detention. Diana has often faced destitution and hunger. She has now been granted permission to stay in Britain, though she is waiting for a reconsideration hearing. Despite her education in Uganda being interrupted and then stopped by detention, Diana has managed to further her education in the UK and today is studying for a BSc in Biomedical Sciences at London Metropolitan University.



Tom Onyango is Kenyan and CAFOD's Justice and Peace Officer for East Africa since 2005, covering Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. He has expertise on conflict-resolution and peace-building work, good governance, and improving urban slums. He is also responsible for CAFOD's sustainable livelihoods work. Tom's outreach has involved extensive travel through the most challenging areas in East Africa, especially to the drought-stricken regions where a lack of food security due to the scarcity of pasture and water has led to conflict between communities.



Sally Leigh has worked for Housing Justice for the past two years, campaigning for social justice for vulnerable homeless people. She is currently working on a project around nutrition and rough sleeping, and another focusing on homelessness with the 'More than Gold' project for the 2012 Olympics. Before that she organised and co-managed a farmer's market on behalf of Friends of the Earth in North London, with the aim of persuading people to think about reducing their food miles and buying local produce. Sally is a mother of two small children: Jasper (8) and Noah (4). She is married to an orthodox Jew, keeps a kosher home, and her sons have been baptised Christians. She enjoys cooking and studied for three years at evening school for a City and Guilds Diploma in Professional Cookery, while working part-time. She has an allotment, "which keeps me busy in spring and summer".



Annmarie Hulley has worked in catering for the past 17 years, mainly in inner city Birmingham schools, 13 of those in a managerial position. For the past eight years she has worked at Archbishop Ilsley Catholic Technology College and Sixth Form Centre and caters for 1300 students each day. Two years ago the school decided to take the catering service in-house, at the same time becoming a flagship school for the *Food for Life* programme. She is involved in sustainable food sourcing, organic growing and composting and educating the whole school community about food and where it comes from. The school has achieved the *Food for Life* Bronze award and are on the cusp of achieving Silver.

Victor Barry is a farmer from Treloan Coastal Heritage Farm in Cornwall, whose Catholic faith has inspired him to combine Christian living with caring for the planet. He has a passion for small-scale, organic, low-carbon footprint farming. Since taking over the farm in 1998 he has re-established old farm working practices, including the use of shire horses. Victor is part of an advisory body for the inauguration of certified courses to QCF standard for working horses and ponies on the land, together with small-scale organic farming methods. He is also a keen supporter of the Transition Network of community-led responses to the pressures of climate change and peak oil, and a founder of St. Michael's Catholic Small School in Truro.



Ruth Strange has a background of campaigning to defend environmental and human rights, organising community events such as film nights and shared meals, and working on organic farms. She helped set up the Sound Bites wholefood shop in Derby five years ago, with two key aims of increasing access to more ethical foods, and supporting positive social change. Sound Bites is a 'not-for-profit' workers co-op demonstrating practical alternatives and promoting natural, local, fair trade, low packaged and vegan products. It also provides noticeboards for community and campaigning groups, runs a newsletter with an events diary, a Social Change Lending Library, two home delivery schemes and a catering service. Ruth hopes that Sound Bites might begin to grow its own produce.