

# E Newsletter from Faiths4Change



## Issue 16 - March 2011

### The CEO writes .....

Hello again from our busy office in Liverpool! We've had an amazing month with partnership being central to all we have done. Working closely with the Diocesan Environmental Officer, Paul Beardwood, we have distributed over 1100 free carbon fast packs to support the Tearfund Lent programme to churches, church schools & individuals; packs include energy, water & waste minimisation goodies alongside the day to day actions, prayers & reflections that form the Tearfund campaign. We are still distributing packs in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral daily until 21st March 2011, please pop in if you'd like one.



Our joint Target Wellbeing project with Asylum Link Merseyside has seen Volunteers training as bread makers @ Somewhere Else in Liverpool, undertaking & passing Health & Hygiene Certificates and sharing their cooking skills in St Helen's.

Enjoy the rest of our newsletter & do get in touch if you have news or events to share contact Marjorie

PS Our Preston office has now closed but we're pleased to advise that Chris has moved to our Burnley office & can still be contacted on his usual email mobile 07894 423249 or office 01282 441522.

**Contact Annie**

*Welcome to our latest e newsletter. You can unsubscribe from here. We are keen to keep in touch with people but are aware that not everyone has access to the internet. Please feel free to pass on any information from our newsletter to others who may be interested.*

### Upcoming events

**Sunday 20th March and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March** If you are a woman living in Old Trafford, and you are interested in the Jewish faith, come along with us to the **Jewish Heritage Museum in Cheetham Hill**. We will be going on both days so please choose a convenient day for you. We will also have lunch at a kosher restaurant!

We are also hoping to create a legacy for Old Trafford, for women of faith – a painting or craft work to celebrate the commonality of faiths and also celebrate the differences too.

Please get in touch with Karen if either of these interest you.

**March 23rd. 7pm. West of Preston Churches evening discussion series: A brief history of Islam in Britain. Ashton Methodist Church, Wellington Road.**

With Ali Amla, who will explore the historical relationship between Britain and Islam, with a historical review to contemporary times and a shared exploration of modern challenges. **All very welcome.**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 1.30 – 3.30pm Our Environment and You, Deelish Community Centre, Hare Street, Rochdale OL11 1HT** To network and become aware of environmental issues with interactive displays and workshops. With Free low energy light bulbs, water saving devices/shower regulators/save a flush/vegetable and herb seeds/information on renewables and much more. Contact Samia of Sohail for more information

**March 26<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4 pm Bread around the World'. 'Somewhere Else' 96 Bold Street (above News from**

Nowhere) in Liverpool City Centre. Everybody is welcome to drop in to taste the bread that our newly trained facilitators will prepare in the morning, using recipes from their own countries. (see Roberts piece below for further information).

**March 30th 11am - 2pm F4C's Taste Not Waste St Cleopa's Cafe, Beresford Road, Liverpool L8 4SG**

Come along to this free event, enjoy some free veggie soup & pick up goodies & information that will help you save money, energy, water & waste less! Carbon Fast with the Diocesan Environmental Advisor, community garden volunteering opportunities with Transition Towns and much more, supported by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority. Email [Paul Beardwood](mailto:Paul.Bearwood@merseyside.gov.uk) or call 0151 705 2162 for more details.

**2nd April 2011 3 - 5pm Fuel poverty, climate change, jobs - time for radical change on climate? St James House, 20 St James Road, Liverpool L1 7BY**

A Liverpool City of Radicals debate organised by Friends of the Earth & Faiths4Change with key speakers including Luciana Berger, Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change; Mike Childs, Head of Climate for FOE & Annie Merry, CEO @ F4C more to be announced.. A free event, bring a radical & open mind - just turn up! Refreshments available. Contact [Friends of the Earth](http://www.foe.org.uk) or [Annie](mailto:Annie@faiths4change.org) for more information.

**Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1 - 2pm in Liverpool (venue tbc). Circle of Silence** Together with Student Action for Refugees (STAR) and Asylum Seekers, we have prepared a Circle of silence. It is an action to protest against the treatment of Asylum Seekers. We will stand for one hour in silence to appeal to the conscience of our fellow citizens as well as our own. Please come along.

.....more details plus other events on our [website](http://www.f4c.org.uk)

## Out and about with our Project Managers

### Burnley



This month I will once again be relocating – this time to our Burnley office where I will be working with my colleague, Samia. However, if you are in the Preston/Lancaster area, I'm still your point of contact.

Over the next few weeks I'll be working with faith communities to help raise awareness about the need to conserve our water precious resources and distributing water saving devices for use within the home. These are free of charge, so if you have an event planned over the month of March and you'd like faiths4change to come along, or if you're happy to distribute the devices over the space of a few days or so – let me know by email or on my mobile: 07894 423249 **Contact Chris**



**Contact Samia**

### Manchester



**Manchester** is busy, busy, busy right up until the end of March. **Faiths4Change is restructuring** due to the recession and though will continue to work in Manchester will no longer have a base here. On a personal note, I will be moving on! It has been great working with you all over the past 3.5 years.

If you live in Stubbins, Salford (Lower Kersal or Broughton areas) or Leigh (WN7 area), you may be aware you live in a flood risk area. Areas prone to flooding are supported by the **Flood Risk** team of the Environment Agency, and we are working with them to put on awareness raising sessions. If you live in any of these areas, please get in touch, as we have sessions booked which you can attend to access text warnings and advice on what to do before and during a flood.

We waste a third of our food! I am working with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority on **Love Food:Hate Waste train the trainer** workshops throughout March. So if you live or work in Merseyside and would like to learn how to reduce your food waste and incorporate it into community work, to pass the message on, please

get in touch.

**Contact Karen**

## **Merseyside**



Calvin has been madly busy out and about delivering School Food growing and Eco Parents workshops. Hopefully he will be able to update you next month.

**Contact Calvin**

## **Food Officer, Merseyside**



Robert, our volunteer writes .....The joint training programme for Asylum seekers with Faiths4Change and the Bread Church 'Somewhere Else' comes to an end. It has been amazing to see how a group of rather disparate people became a group and gained a huge amount of confidence. One remarkable side effect was to see how the Bread Church facilitators were moved by the stories of the Asylum Seekers and new friendships developed. We will celebrate the end of the course with an **event on 26<sup>th</sup> of March** called '**Bread around the World**'. Everybody is welcome to the 'Somewhere Else' in 96 Bold Street (above News from Nowhere) in Liverpool City Centre from **2 till 4 pm** to taste the bread that our newly trained facilitators will prepare in the morning, using recipes from their own countries.

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