

ENCOMPASS

The Daniel Braden Reconciliation Trust

Enabling young people to build together a more tolerant and peaceful future.

Newsletter – Autumn 2005

Dear Well Wisher

Welcome to the autumn edition of the ENCOMPASS Trust newsletter.

A big welcome from the new team at Encompass: Louise Ware and Josh Cass who join as Business Development Manager and International Project Coordinator respectively. You may have already met them this year at the Dragon Boat Regatta or at the numerous events that they have attended since arriving over the summer. If you have yet to meet them, they always enjoy receiving visitors to their room perched above St. Christopher's Place! You might even get a cup of tea!

We are in the process of redesigning our website and have the great Angus MacKirdy working on it daily! We would like to thank him for his continual support and dedication to Encompass. The website is incredibly important to us as it is the only point of contact many of our overseas partners have. Angus has worked tirelessly over the past few months in creating a more accessible web, so please do check it out! www.encompasstrust.org For our alumni, you can get back in contact with old friends on our message boards <http://encompasstrust.org/bb>

A special mention must also be made to our friend, Nick Baker, a non-sailor and not exactly a world-class sportsman, who set himself the extreme challenge of sailing single-handed across the Atlantic. In doing so he raised some very substantial monies for three charities, one of which was Encompass. For more information visit, www.aqualungtrust.org.

Aside from the arrival of Josh and Louise it has been an exciting few months for Encompass- a season of firsts! The first Dragon Boat Regatta was held in July and the first Encompass Journey of Understanding was completed in September and since then we have welcomed our first intake of interns. Louise and Josh are also looking forward to running their first Encompass Voyage of Understanding in November!

It has also been a season of increased awareness of the importance of the work that we are engaged with. The attacks in London and Bali were sobering reminders of the importance of intercultural tolerance and understanding.

At Encompass we are working to build a more tolerant and peaceful future. Since inception in November 2002, we have brought together over 200 youths from Indonesia, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, the US, Ireland and from all over the UK in partnership with organisations such as the Tall Ships Youth Trust and Outward Bound UK. We bring young people together from all over the world to explore issues of cultural understanding in challenging physical environments. By challenging them, they are forced to trust one another to achieve shared objectives and with this trust, the confidence to discuss freely the issues at hand. Whether the participants like it or not, they have to live, work and socialise as a team out of their comfort zone – and there is no escape!

Thank you for taking the time to read about Encompass. Please pass the newsletter on to family, friends and colleagues. We need your help to increase the public's awareness of the Trust and its work. If you would like more information on what we do, please look at our website www.encompasstrust.org and get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Louise Ware & Josh Cass



Encompass exists to promote peaceful coexistence and expand cultural awareness by bringing together young people from different nations, faiths & backgrounds to work together in challenging & exciting environments.

The First Encompass Journey of Understanding

On 9th September a group of 16 young people met at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace in the heart of the City of London. They were there as part of an Encompass program- the First Encompass Journey of Understanding!

The Centre was an exciting venue for the participants from Indonesia, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, the US and the UK to meet with the Braden family as it provided a startling backdrop: the history of conflict in London. The Centre had been a church for over 700 years until it was devastated by an IRA bomb in 1993. Israeli participant Adina Golumbic said, "I am here to get to know Palestinians so that we can try to find a solution to our conflict."



At St Ethelburga's

Following a walk around the City which took in The Tower of London, Tower Bridge and Monument, the group were guests of the British Museum on the new Diversity and Dialogue trail around the museum which had been put together by a group of London school children representing eight world faiths. This project was led by Save the Children. The trail used the Museum's collection to demonstrate how cultures and religions had learnt from one another and could coexist together.

On the morning of 10th September, it was time to head for Scotland!

The group flew to Glasgow Prestwick and then were taken by coach to the Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre, just outside Fort William. The staff at the Centre introduced themselves and the first round of activities were held .

The program of activities put together by Outward Bound stretched people and took them out of their comfort zones. The aim was that by stretching the participants they would learn to trust one another, and with this trust would come the confidence to open up to each other and talk more freely about the issues at hand: stereotypes, identity, conflict.

Our trained facilitator led the participants through these discussions.



Raft Building

It was a startling process to observe. The program coincided with the Fourth Anniversary of 9/11. On the evening of 9/11 having built shelters together in forest following a long hike, the group sat down and discussed their memories and feelings related to that event. The mood was sombre but allowed the participants to begin to understand a little better the pain that conflict had caused many of them: Indonesians who had lost friends in Bali, Palestinians who had lost family members, Israelis who remembered dead friends. And for the Americans and Brits a realisation that terrorism can affect anyone, anywhere, at anytime.

The program of activities forced people from different faiths and backgrounds to work together on activities as diverse as raft building, abseiling and camping. By the end of the week the responsibility of putting the program of activities together was handed over to the participants.

They were able to construct a program which everyone was able to participate in having found out about religious and cultural needs. There was even time for a trip to the bowling alley in Fort William- a cultural experience in itself!

Now that the participants have returned home the Trust is here to support them develop the links and ideas that they gained in Scotland. We are keen to setup home-stays between Israelis and Palestinians, debating societies in Indonesia and school conferences in the UK. We see these as the real mark of success of an Encompass program.



Discussion Session

Internships...

Encompass now has three new interns, Shanaz, Naana and Rochelle. They are getting involved in many aspects of the trust's work and developing their own projects, ranging from research into conflict resolution, how to obtain corporate sponsorship and organising events!

We are very pleased to be developing an internship program which will give the volunteers an insight into charity work, and give a helping hand in the office! Each intern has their own project and under staff supervision, can develop any ideas they have into feasible strategic plans, and hopefully a reality.

...and a new computer!

Dan's grandfather kindly donated his computer to the office, which we now have for volunteers and interns to use.

We would also like to thank QDOS computers team, who came to our rescue when we were hit with virus troubles.

The AquaLung Trust

Encompass would like to thank the continued fundraising of Nick Baker and the AquaLung Trust. Money raised by the Trust will fund a full Encompass program in 2006.

The Drunken Wasps Dinner!

Patron Alex King is celebrating his testimonial this year at Wasps rugby club. As part of the fun he is hosting a charity dinner at the end of January for his nominated charities, one of them being Encompass- the name is enough to suggest that a good time will be had by all!

If you are interested in coming along, get in touch with the guys in the office.

Encompass and the BBC

BBC Radio 4's Open Country Program produced an excellent documentary on the recent Encompass Journey of Understanding. To listen to the program, visit our website.

ENCOMPASS – The Film

Images of the maiden Voyage of Understanding have been captured and edited into a 5 minute film, and is available to download at <http://encompasstrust.org/news/maiden-voyage-video>. If you are interested in promoting the awareness of ENCOMPASS, or would like to fundraise for Encompass and think an inspirational film will help please download it from the web or email us for a hard copy: info@encompasstrust.org

The Fifth Voyage of Understanding 7th to 17th November 2005

Encompass are looking for young people aged 18-23 who are interested in taking part in this unique project. 30 young people from Indonesia, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, the US and the UK will join the crew of the Tall Ship, Prince William, for ten-days of physical challenges and a chance to explore different cultures and faiths. Participants need to be available between 6th and 17th November. If you are interested in taking part please get in touch with Josh Cass either by email, josh@encompass.trust.org or call, 020 7493 9739.

Participants from the Journey of Understanding speak...



Runa Rahman

"This has been the most fantastic journey, i have learnt so much about myself and of other's cultures."

"Its not just making friends with people from other countries but exploring people from your own country."



Shanaz Begum

A big thanks to Nicola Collette and all the guys at Panorama and Manos Holidays who held a Far-East themed fundraiser on behalf of Encompass! For these and other fundraising ideas, contact the office!

ENCOMPASS *What's next?*

The Encompass Dragon Boat Regatta!

Saturday 23rd July, 2005 saw the first Encompass Dragon Boat Regatta. The event was held in London's Royal Albert Dock. Teams battled it out to be crowned the Big Splash winners and in so doing, raise money for the Encompass Trust.

On the day the originally named team Male Muscle stole the title, helping to raise, on the day, in excess of £14,000! Most importantly however, the sun shone and a good time was had by all.

And now the news you have all been waiting for!!! We are pleased to announce that racing will re-commence on Saturday 1st July 2006! Yes, the event is going annual! So come on Male Muscle, it's time to defend your crown!



James Carty- Walk to Jerusalem

James Carty is a man on a mission- he is walking from London to Jerusalem raising money for, and awareness of, charities working to promote interfaith peace works, one of them being Encompass.

He set off from London 5 months ago and recently reached the Turkish border. At the moment he is back in the UK for a bit of R'n'R, but he will be back on the road in the new year to complete his walk. For more info, like how you can sponsor him(!) check out our website.

London to Paris Cycle Ride

It's a long way off at the moment, but when summer does arrive, what better way to mark it than by taking part in the first Encompass London to Paris bike ride!

Leaving London on June 21st, the group will arrive in Paris on 25th. For more info, contact Louise at the office.

For more information about these and other event, contact the guys at the office on 020 7493 9739



And finally..... the small print!

A big thank you to everyone who has actively supported us over the last few months- Pinmar Golf for their fundraising dinner, the Citizenship Foundation for their support of the G-Nation program, Andy Thornton at G-Nation, everyone at St. Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Becky Hatch at Save the Children, Davison School for their kind invitation to a fundraising concert, the Youth Group of Redland Quaker Meeting, the BBC for the excellent programme that they produced about the Journey of Understanding (especially the producer, Gabi Fisher), all the staff at the Loch Eil Outward Bound Centre- Denis, Steve, Pete and Matt in particular, the Tall Ship Youth Trust for their continued support and cooperation, Andrew and in particular, John from Qdos and all the countless others who have helped Encompass either with their time, money or professional experience. Thank you.

ENCOMPASS *Get Involved*

ENCOMPASS *Membership*

Make a regular gift

We invite you to become a member of ENCOMPASS and get more involved in our fundraising efforts.

A gift of **£3** a month is a great way of supporting our cause.

Reconciliation programmes

Your regular gift will enable young people to build together a more tolerant and peaceful future together as they become *Ambassadors of Peace* through ENCOMPASS' reconciliation programmes. By teaming together with disparate groups in challenging and exciting environments, lessons of tolerance, understanding and respect are learned – messages which they will share with their family, friends and communities back home.

To leave a regular gift, please fill out a Standing Order Form and post it to the address stated on the form (next page):

Keeping in Touch

We respect the value of our Well Wishers. Once you become a member of ENCOMPASS we will not bombard you with appeals – but will keep in touch with newsletters, up-coming events and future developments of the Trust's work.

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- Advance notice of and priority booking at all events.



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I wish to give:

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£36 a year (minimum)

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