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01 > JUSTICE AND PEACE SURVEY

A Big thank you to those of you who have completed out Justice and Peace Survey. Your thoughts and answers have been extremely useful and we're extremely grateful to you for taking some time to complete it.

If you haven't filled in a survey but would like to do so, then don't worry—there's still time! We would like to ensure that we have as many viewpoints as possible, and would like to invite you to complete the survey over the course of the next couple of weeks.

Whether you are a supporter of CAFOD, of Fair Trade, of Pax Christi, of Aid to the Church in Need, or of your local food bank or homeless shelter, we need your views. If you are a chaplain or catechist, a teacher or a

parish priest, religious sister or lay activist, what you think will help us to make our plans for the next three years.

We would also be very grateful if you would also pass it on to people you know who are interested in the many issues that come under the justice and peace umbrella

So please, complete the Survey by clicking the following link.: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/1012130OYNV>

In doing so you will help us to serve the diocese, and you, more effectively.

Events > > >

01 > **STORYTELLING: SYRIAN REFUGEE FUNDRAISER**

2:30, Sunday 4th May at the Progressive Synagogue, 24 Avenue Road, Leicester.

Tickets are £10, contact michele.benn@ntworld.com

02 > **DERBY CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER—SOME THOUGHTS**

7:30, Tuesday 6th May at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby DE1 3AX

03 > **ECONOMICS IS FOR ALL OF US**

10:00-5:00, Saturday 17th May, St Thomas More parish centre LE2 3HN

04 > **CLERGY AND LAITY COLLABORATION IN THE NEW EVANGELICISATION**

10:30, Saturday 17th May at East Midlands Conference Centre, University of Nottingham, Beeston Lane, NG7 2RJ . Tickets are £35 and include lunch and parking.

05 > **NEW VOICES WAGON PROJECT BOOK LAUNCH**

*2:00pm, Saturday 24th May 2014, Ken Edwards Lecture Theatre, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH
RSVP: agrenamushonga@gmail.com Tel: 07710272376*

06 > **JOY IN ENOUGH**

7:30, Tuesday 3rd June at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby DE1 3AX

07 > **QUIET GARDEN EVENING**

7:30, Tuesday 1st July at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby DE1 3AX

Make a Difference, Everyday > > >

01 > LIVE BELOW THE LINE

Live Below the Line is an initiative of the Global Poverty Project, an education and campaigning organisation whose mission is to increase the number and effectiveness of people taking action against extreme poverty.

Live Below the Line challenges thousands of individuals across the world to live on £1 a day for 5 days, to deepen understanding of the challenges faced by individuals living in extreme poverty, and to raise vital funds for crucial anti-poverty initiatives.

Could you live on £1 a day for 5 days? You can take the challenge any time between 03 March—28 June.

To get involved go to: <https://www.livebelowtheline.com/uk/challenge>

02 > HOPE NOT HATE TAKE ON UKIP

A UKIP victory in May's elections is likely to have a detrimental effect on this country. Not least because there will be more damaging rhetoric about immigration and migration.

For this reasons Hope Not Hate have decided to counter UKIP. They are currently organising a campaign to: Buy tens of millions of online adverts and driving home our message across all forms of social media; Launch 'Souls to the Polls' to engage faith communities and encourage their voter registration and turnout; Producing hard-hitting research revealing the extremism of UKIP candidates and supporters.

They are currently looking for supporters to get involved, so to find out more please follow this link: <http://www.hopenothate.org.uk/campaigns/2014/>

European Elections > > >



>>> **Our MEPs are up for** election on May 22nd. The European elections are decided on proportional representation, which means that every vote counts!

The Catholic Bishops of Europe have published a Statement concerning the European elections. They reaffirm their support for the European project and encourage us all to vote on May 22nd.

We are also called to start engaging, during the run-up to the election, in

constructive dialogue with our MEP's and those who are candidates for seats. For a list of candidates in our region follow this link: <http://ukpollingreport.co.uk/2015guide/east-midlands-european-candidates-2014/>

The outcome of the elections will shape the legislature of the EU for the next half-decade and will have major implications for those who lead the Union over the coming years. The run-up to the election offers an opportunity for us all to debate the central socio-economic questions which will shape the Union in the years ahead.

The full Bishops' statements can be read at <http://www.comece.eu/site/en/activities/events/article/6431.html>

01 > KILL KEYSTOHNE: THE CARBON MEGA BOMB

Right now, the US government is mulling over the defining climate decision of Obama's presidency -- whether to approve a monstrous pipeline that will transport up to 830,000 barrels a day of the world's dirtiest oil from Canada across the US.

If approved, the Keystone XL pipeline will help pump billions of dollars into the pockets of a few companies... but also millions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere. It's been called "a fuse to the biggest carbon bomb on the planet". Bold public action has delayed it once, and a court ruling last week has dealt a serious blow to the project. Now, if we act fast and in massive numbers, we can help kill it for good.

You can sign the petition here: http://www.avaaz.org/en/stop_the_keystone_xl_pipeline_loc/?fp

02 > RANA PLAZA ONE YEAR ON

The collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh in April 2013 exposed the grim reality of the fashion industry to the world. Over 1,100 people died, mainly female garment workers.

Yet some brands – like Gap – have refused to join over 150 of the biggest fashion companies in a legally-binding comprehensive project to make Bangladesh's factories safe.

Only the UK government can force all brands and retailers that sell on UK high streets to respect workers' rights to safe conditions and a living wage.

To email your MP please follow this link: <https://secure.waronwant.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1819&ea.campaign.id=27917&ea.tracking.id=web>