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GENERAL ELECTION

MAY 7TH 2015

CAFOD and CSAN have worked together to develop 4 questions for you to ask candidates:

1. What will you do to make work pay?
2. What will you do to guarantee access to a genuinely affordable home?
3. What will you do to speak out for the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world?
4. What will you do to make tackling climate change a priority and to prevent it pushing people deeper into poverty overseas?

Pax Christi have released their General Election Briefing on different peace issues for 2015, and what to ask candidates for. It can be read here: <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Final-NCPO-Election-.pdf>

When can I ask an election question?

- When candidates or canvassers call at your door
- Letter to candidates or newspaper
- At a hustings meeting
- Calling your local radio station



GENERAL ELECTION

The Bishops have released a letter about the General Election 2015. A copy can be downloaded here: <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Election-Letter2>

(Open the link then look to the right and you will see a link to download a PDF of the letter.)

The letter includes questions to think about when voting, and covers several topics:

- Respecting life: Where do candidates in your constituency stand on assisted suicide, euthanasia, abortion and other life issues?
- Marriage and family life: Do your candidates have a commitment to support marriage and family life?
Where do your candidates stand on directly helping the poorest and most vulnerable people in the UK and also helping them to transform their lives?
- Education: How will candidates in your constituency ensure the best outcomes for the poorest children?
Will they support parental choice for faith-based education?
- Building communities: Where do your candidates stand in protecting these values [solidarity and subsidiarity] in the debate about European institutions?
Where do candidates stand on the role of the voluntary sector and how its work can be enhanced?
Do your candidates support a living wage and a thriving private sector committed to fair pay and the dignity of human work?
Where do your candidates stand on the issues of asylum and immigration?
Where to your candidates stand on these issues of religious freedom, mutual respect and the role of faith in God in contemporary Britain, and in defending fundamental human rights and promoting religious freedom overseas?
- Caring for the world: What are the views of your candidates on tackling climate change and supporting sustainable development?

The end of the letter states: **“We expect politicians to be committed to the common good. We also have a responsibility to be involved in the democratic process. It is important that we vote. It is a duty which springs from the privilege of living in a democratic society. In deciding how we vote the question for each one of us is then: *How, in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?*”**



National Justice & Peace Network

37th Annual Conference

Organised by member organisations of
National Justice & Peace Network

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 July 2015
The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick, Derbyshire



Workshops for children and young people also available!

Planned workshops include:

Arms Trade

Mediation

Nonviolence

Young People and Militarisation

Participatory Budgeting

Austerity and Conflict

Climate and Conflict

Racial Justice

Climate Change and Development

Refugees

Inter-religious Dialogue

Welfare not Warfare

Nuclear Morality

European Union a force for peace?

Engaging families in J&P

For a booking form and further information and instructions, go to:
<http://justice-and-peace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CONF-2015-Booking-Form-copy.pdf>

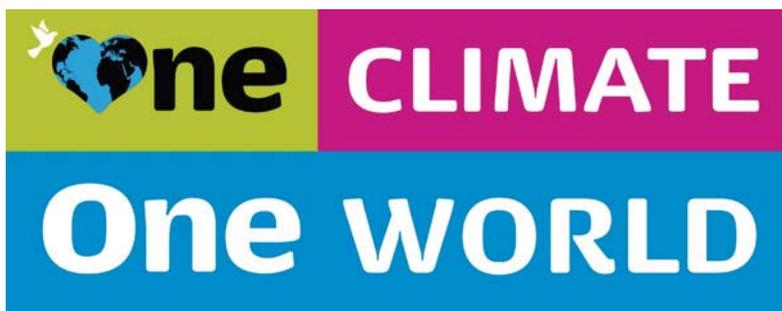
CAFOD: One Climate, One World

On Wednesday 17 June, CAFOD and the Climate Coalition invite us to an event drawing thousands of people to Parliament to ask MPs to tackle climate change. As people of faith, we can't stay silent while millions of people are pushed deeper into poverty because of a changing climate – not least because they've done little to cause the damage. Please join us and make your voice heard. We'll meet our MPs and ask them to take climate change seriously for the love of God's creation and our global neighbours. And there'll be an ecumenical service and a rally with music and guest speakers. Please find out more from CAFOD Nottingham if you're interested in speaking up on 17 June; it promises to be an unforgettable day. If you can't make the event, but want to speak up, you can order a campaign card or add your name to the climate petition online at www.cafod.org.uk/oneclimate

CAFOD is having a final push of our One Climate, One World action cards which we are going to hand in to party offices during the week of the General Election on May 7. Would you consider organising for some cards to be signed in your parish during early April if you haven't done this already (if you have, thank you). The deadline for cards to be returned is 23 April, and you can order them here: www.cafod.org.uk/campaign, as well as a short campaign guide. We've had a great response so far, and the campaign is gathering momentum. We've made progress, too - party leaders have responded and Nick Clegg, David Cameron and Ed Miliband have signed the pledge. But we really need another big push to get more cards signed so that we can speak with a loud

voice. Thank you for anything you're able to do. Every single card will help us make a difference.

CAFOD Nottingham



Upcoming Events

General Election Hustings.

There are a number of hustings happening around the diocese, including in:

Glossop

Hinckley

Loughborough

Derby

Duffield

See our calendar for details of these hustings.

We will continue to advertise hustings and events up until the election, so do get in touch if you would like to advertise anything through us.

See the calendar for more information on this event!



**Nicaragua
Solidarity
Campaign**

**Celebrating
solidarity with
Nicaraguan
women**

Sunday 12 April
2.00 – 5.00pm