



Action for UN Renewal
and World Disarmament
Campaign



Annual Erskine Childers Lecture 2009

“Saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war”

Building a non-killing, non-violent culture for the human family

Public meeting

7.00 – 8.30 pm

Free. All welcome.

Tues 17th February 2009

Friends House,
173 Euston Road,
London, NW1 2BJ

Mairead Corrigan Maguire

Nobel Peace Laureate

Collective punishment and brutality of Gaza can only prolong violence and war in the Middle East. As demonstrated in many situations, peace is a prerequisite for building a safer society. The world is getting more and more violent and there are wars in 30 locations in the world, deploying 120,000 peacekeepers in 18 countries. It paralyses all progress and the worse victims are women and children. Wars and violence affect our capacity to address global challenges of crushing poverty, protecting the environment, eliminating nuclear weapons, terrorism and refugees on a large scale, displaced in different parts of the world. We live in an interconnected and interdependent world. Violence and wars have to be consigned to history for humankind to make progress for a peaceful future.

Mairead Maguire will explore the above challenges and the role of the UN in promoting a culture of peace and non-violence for the human family.

Mairead Maguire, co-founded with Betty Williams and Mr Ciaran McKeown an organisation of the Community of Peace People, in Northern Ireland. She became a peace activist after three of her sisters children were killed by a car driven by an IRA hitman. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1976, along with Betty Williams, for their efforts to bring peace between Republican and loyalist factions. Also peace people challenged not only loyalist, republican paramilitarism violence but also State violence, which removed many basic civil liberties of the Northern Irish people, thereby increasing the violent conflict, Until it was realised that only non-violence and all inclusive dialogue could solve the deep ethnic/political conflict with which Northern Ireland faced.

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