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Campaigning news, events and resources from JDC Birmingham

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Allies in the Campaign. How is tax justice and responsible business relevant to Jubilee Debt?

Shrove Tuesday 21 February

7.30pm at Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langleys Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6HT

Speakers: David McNair, Principal Economic Justice Advisor to Christian Aid and Peter Ullathorne, a Quaker, who has been Financial Director of an international steel company.

Come and hear how responsible businesses can make a difference

Refreshments: Scottish pancakes will be available from 6.50pm – 7.25 pm

"Devil in the Detail" Saturday 25 February

10am – 4pm at The Community Hall, Christ Church and Upton Chapel, 1A Kennington Rd. London SE1 7QP (beside Lambeth North tube station)

– An Economics Workshop enabling informed debate and protest.

Are you one of the many people who know in your guts that the global economic system needs to change? But do you struggle to grasp its incredible complexity, lacking the confidence to make your arguments in the public square? Then "Devil in the Detail" is for you. It is an interactive training day from economic experts Ann Pettifor and Douglas Coe from PRIME economics – www.primeeconomics.org

The cost of the day is £25. To book a place please email info@thecsm.org.uk or phone 0207 7831 590.

JDC Multi-faith Project Film Night Wednesday 7 March

7.00pm for 7.30pm at St Philips Cathedral, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 9QB
A film night to mark International Women's Day, "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" about Muslim and Christian women protesting together about violence and dictatorship in Liberia.
followed by:

A Series of Workshops, for women of different faiths and none. Mondays: 12 March – 2 April

12 noon – 3pm at The Faithful Neighbourhoods Centre, 10 Court Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham B11 4LX.

To express an interest in taking part please contact Audrey Miller 0121 471 4175 email jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk

Jubilee Debt Campaign is very keen to collect diverse new resources for educational use that reflect the theology of many different faith groups and how they may link with the issue of international debt. It is our intention to make these new resources freely available via the web site www.jdcmultifaith.com

Jubilee Debt Campaign is seeking a creative activist for global justice! Could you script a short play to be used by youth groups, schools and street performers wanting to stimulate thinking and discussion of the issues surrounding global wealth imbalance and poverty? Poetry, prose, stories and music contributions also welcome.

JDC Birmingham Planning Meeting Monday 12 March

7.00 pm, Flat 14, Sinclair Court, 39 Park Road, Moseley B13 8AH

Please let John Nightingale know if you are able to join this meeting, all welcome.



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Debt Justice for Zimbabwe Friday 16 March

7.30 pm at Selly Oak Methodist Church, 76 Langleys Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6HT

Tim Jones, JDC Senior Policy & Campaigns Officer, will speak about the report he wrote on Zimbabwe's crippling \$7 billion debt – how did it come about and what can be done about it as the country moves forward? (Initially Zimbabwe inherited \$700 million debt from the Rhodesian government on independence in 1980; much of it was the result of UN sanctions-busting loans to the white supremacist Ian Smith regime during the civil war.) JDC is working together with debt campaigners in Zimbabwe who are calling for a “debt audit” of the past and for greater popular scrutiny of all borrowing decisions in the future.

See: JDC Report on Zimbabwe's Debt <http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/zimbabwe-report>

We hope to be joined by some of the Zimbabwean community in Birmingham.

JDC & World Development Movement National Conference “An Economy for the 99%.” Saturday 17 March

10am-6.30pm at Manchester Metropolitan University.

What would an economy that really worked in the interests of people look like? This day of debates, workshops and skill sharing will bring together activists from Manchester, Europe and beyond to share ideas for building economic justice movements across the world.

For further details and to register for this free event email Maddy at events@jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

Fascinating Reading

John Nightingale has been reading "Debt - The First 5,000 Years" by David Graeber published by Melvill House Publishing (2011). It shows that debt has been around as long as records of human society and is part of ethics, politics and religion. Maths alone has never been enough!
Recommended.

JDC Updates

JDC London email a monthly Debt Update. To receive this, please email your details to johnnightingale@btinternet.com

Dates for 2012

Tues. 21 February. Tax justice meeting.
Sat. 25 Feb. Economics Workshop London
Wed. 7 March. Film Night.
Mon. 12 March. Planning meeting.
Fri. 16 March. Tim Jones on Zimbabwe.
Sat. 17 March JDC and WDM National Conference

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