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FOUNDERS OF PEACE FOUNDATION RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATES

On Friday 17th July the founders of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace will receive honorary doctorates from the University of Bradford.

Colin and Wendy Parry set up the Foundation after the IRA bombing of Warrington in 1993 which killed their 12 year old son Tim and 3 year old Johnathan Ball. The Foundation works with young people and adults to tackle key issues affecting society today; racism, prejudice and violence within and between our communities as well as working with victims of political violence in the UK and overseas.

Colin and Wendy are to receive their Honorary Doctorates from the University for their dedication to promoting the work of the Foundation and tirelessly working towards better understanding and peaceful relations among peoples around the world.

Their doctorates will be presented by the University Chancellor, Imran Khan.

Professor Mark Cleary, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bradford, said: "We look forward to welcoming our honorary graduates. It is with great pride that we have been given this opportunity to honour these distinguished colleagues and their achievements are an impressive testament to their talents."

Colin Parry said: "My wife Wendy and myself are absolutely delighted that the charity we founded and the work which we do in memory and honour of Tim and Johnathan, have been recognised by bestowing upon us the title of Honorary Doctor of the University of Bradford. For this accolade to be given to us both is even more special for us and our family and I feel sure that Tim would wear a beaming smile of pride for his parents' hard work in his name."

Note to editors: Journalists, crews and photographers planning to gain access to the honorary graduates or attend a ceremony please liaise with the University of Bradford's press office in advance to make arrangements. Emma Banks 01274 233 089 or Sarah Ollington 01274 233 084 or email press@bradford.ac.uk. Out of hours enquiries: 07879437996.

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Note to editors:

- The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation was set up by Colin and Wendy Parry following the death of their 12-year-old son Tim and 3-year-old Johnathan Ball after the IRA bombed Warrington in 1993. Wilf and Marie, Johnathan's parents, have given their full support to the organisation.
- The Peace Centre (Warrington) is a unique LIVING legacy and memorial to Tim and Johnathan. It was built with local, national and international support, and was opened on March 20, 2000 - the 7th anniversary of the bombing. It is a £3m state of the art, fully equipped learning centre where people develop a passion for peace through participating in our learning programmes.
- Further information available at www.foundation4peace.org.