



Children for Peace

in aid of **The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust**



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Guantanamo Detainee, Moazzam Begg, Visits Peace Centre

On Thursday 14th December, former Guantanamo detainee Moazzam Begg, who was held captive for nearly three years, will visit the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust in Warrington.

Moazzam, whose letter detailing the violent treatment of detainees held by the U.S hit international headlines, was held for nearly three years without trial and has written about being tortured, threatened with death and kept in solitary confinement for two years in his book 'Enemy Combatant'.

The Birmingham father of four will be talking to a group of young people from South Leeds High School about conflict, peace and non-violent protest.

The 24 young people are taking part in an educational programme run by the Trust to combat racism and violence in their school. The school, which is the result of a merger between a school with predominantly White pupils and one with predominantly Asian pupils, is situated in the Middleton Grove area of Leeds, close to where the 7/7 bombers lived.

The Trust is running three programmes with 72 young people from years 9, 10 and 11 examining self awareness and identity, conflict, leadership and peer mediation. The aim of the programme is to reduce the level of conflict and racial abuse in the school and provide pupils with peer mediation and leadership skills.

Speaking about the programme, Programme Leader, Kelly Simcock, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for these young people to come together and live, learn and socialise together. The programme challenges their views and enables them to have frank and open debates on issues such as faith, culture, conflict and race. We hope they will then take the lead in educating their peers back at school."

Date: Thursday 14th December

Time: 12 noon

**Location: The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust
The Peace Centre
Warrington**

Photographers and journalists welcome

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