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Omagh and Warrington bomb fathers to visit Madrid

On Friday 9th March, Omagh bomb victim Michael Gallagher will visit the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust in Warrington.

Mr Gallagher, whose 21 year old son Aiden was killed in the 1998 atrocity, will be visiting the Centre to meet Colin Parry. Both fathers will then make a journey to Madrid on the 11th March for an event commemorating both the 3rd Anniversary of the Madrid bombs and the EU Day for the Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism.

This will be the first time Mr Gallagher has been able to visit the Peace Centre.

The event in Madrid is being organised as part of a new EU funded project to create a network of organisations working with victims of terrorism. The Trust is a member of the network, which is working to share and develop practice for supporting victims of terrorist attacks.

The two bereaved fathers will be making the journey together to Madrid on Saturday, and will be making speeches at the Remembrance event. Both will share their personal experience of terrorism, and will also stand in solidarity with others across Europe who have been affected by similar events.

Speaking about the forthcoming visit, Colin Parry said: "Our organisation was founded by victims of terror; over the last six years we have worked with many other victims of the Northern Ireland conflict, and more recently, with victims created by other violent conflicts. This is an important opportunity to collaborate with other victims across Europe and stand together with them against terrorism."

Date: Friday 7th March

Time: 4.00 p.m.

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

Photographers and journalists welcome

Further information available from Clare White on 01925 581 231

Note to editors:

- The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust is an educational peace charity 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.