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ICCJ, the International Council of Christians and Jews:

a global network that

- builds Jewish-Christian and Jewish-Christian-Muslim understanding;
- brings the religious and moral principles of these traditions to bear upon the problems of interfaith, inter-racial and international relations;
- strives to eradicate prejudice, discrimination and their consequences;
- promotes attitudes of tolerance and mutual respect.

Report on the Young Leadership conference, Dublin July, 2010 “Narrative, Identity and Action”

By Debbie Danon, Three Faiths Forum, London

The Youth Leadership Council of the ICCJ met at the end of July 2010 in the historic city of Dublin in Ireland. The conference entitled “Narrative, Identity and Action” provided a safe space for 25 young people from the UK, Canada, the USA, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Germany, Switzerland and Slovakia to encounter each other, build relationships and try different tools for cultivating dialogue and interfaith understanding. The purpose of the conference was three-fold: to encounter, to exchange, and to equip.



Encounter

Participants “**encountered**” each other’s traditions through discussion of religious texts, visiting a synagogue, mosque and church, and through many fascinating conversations which grew more intimate and insightful as the conference went on. Educational workshops through which delegates “encountered” different ideas and

opinions included content on Gender, Engaging Fundamentalists in Interfaith, The Golden Age of Spain compared to London 2010 and the relationship between Interfaith and International Development.

Exchange

The highlight of the “**exchange**” element was as always the Cultural Sharing Evening, where participants had ten minutes to present their home country, its culture, language and/or food. They experienced Iran’s history through an engaging video, learnt German songs, learnt American etiquette for attending baseball games and attempted both Israeli and traditional English dancing. Through this participants gained some insight and appreciation for not only their religious, but also their cultural differences, and built trust and goodwill within the group.

Equip

This year, more than previous years, there was a focus on “**equipping**” participants to be able to start interfaith initiatives in their home countries, or to enhance existing projects. Time was given to Three Faiths Forum “Skills 4 Dialogue & Communication” training; a support circle was created for speaking about how interfaith activities can impact on one’s own faith; and following a presentation from ICCJ President Dr Debbie Weissman and Dr Peter Pettit, participants devised “action plans” in country/regional groups. Dr. Weissman expressed her immense pride at YLC’s achievements this year, and looks forward to welcoming YLC to next year’s conference in Poland, where the youth group will be programming some activities for the whole ICCJ.

The success of the event was in great part thanks to new chair Katie Sturm, who showed superb leadership and extreme dedication, and to the Board who worked incredibly hard this year. We look forward to harnessing the excitement and insights generated by this conference to enhance the national and international interfaith work.

Changes in ICCJ Communications

During its board meeting in January in Istanbul, the ICCJ Executive Board decided to rename the ICCJ activities, until now deployed under the heading ‘Publications’, into ‘Communications’. Apart from this E-Bulletin, ICCJ communicated with the general public mainly in printed form. Like in many organisations, a shift is taking place in ICCJ from printed material to web based communications. The advantage of digital outreach to our member organisations, their local branches and to the general public is the fundamentally two-way approach. From presenting the ICCJ in print, the digital shift changes the character of our publications to a way of communication.

The ICCJ website www.iccj.org will be totally renewed in a few months. Part of the new website will be news channels through which everybody interested in ICCJ’s international interfaith work, can determine individually on which item(s) they want to be kept informed. Those who receive this E-bulletin will be informed in due time on how to use the ICCJ news channels and other facilities of the new www.iccj.org website. ICCJ keeps you posted!

Upcoming events

October, 6 and 7, 2010 Regional conference Sigtuna, Sweden
November, 14-16, 2010 Regional conference Chicago, USA
January, 10-11, 2011 Executive Board meeting, Heppenheim, Germany

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