

Chester World Development Forum: Conclusions of Discussion Evening on 29 November 2017

Present: Terry Green; Bernard Payne; Annie McCarthy (until 8.20); John Tacon; Vicki Jenner; Gill Miller; Lindsey Cussons; Heather Swainston

We were thankful for all that had been done and achieved over the last 24 years through a great concern for improving the lot of poor and deprived people throughout the world. More recently climate change and tax injustice were of great concern because of their negative impact on everyone, particularly poor and deprived people.

We then discussed what might be done in this 25th year to celebrate achievements and to ensure our future was assured in a changing world. Suggestions were:

- **A major event at Storyhouse:** HS is in contact with Storyhouse to get them to facilitate a Fairtrade event. She has a further meeting in January. (HS and TG to then seek a meeting with Storyhouse to discuss) Action Transport Theatre Company; inviting Brendan Cox to speak; a film; some link to One Word Week were mentioned.
- **Some Event at St Mary's Centre:** possibly drama; could Matt Baker be a link?
- **Celebration Evening in June:** Wesley Church, St John Street mentioned as a possible venue for a Friday evening event (TG to enquiry re availability and cost) The event would include food - half to have 'meal' and half to have water and bread. This to be determined by raffle tickets. Suggested that we ask Giles Brandreth to come and speak (If this goes ahead Gill will contact GB) We should also invite Chris Matheson. A cooking competition was mentioned including cooking insects!
- **Future Meetings:** suggested that we might change the format of some of our regular evenings and have a more in-depth talk of around 1 hour with ensuing questions and discussion. The aim would be to get a known speaker on a subject. Wondered whether we could pick subjects from Sustainability Goals or linked to a Global Day, e.g. Refugees 20 June. Such an evening might be held at the University. It was thought that round the room information could be covered by e mails/diary/web site.