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# the big hope

daily newsletter of the World Youth Congress



PAINT IT GREAT... A group of schoolchildren paint a Superlambanana sculpture designed by Lauren Cheston, 8, outside the Warrington building. They are working with Art and Design students. PICTURE: THOMAS O'MALLEY

## GET IN TUNE

BY CHARLENE RODRIGUES  
BIG HOPE DELEGATE

**Y**ET ANOTHER CHANCE FOR music and art lovers to engage in some of the city's best concerts as part of the Big Hope Global Youth Congress at the Liverpool European Culture of Capital'08.

More than a century old and host to some of the best performers in the world, the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall will present acclaimed pianist Joanna McGregor, jazz from Hope College Jazz Band and Gerry & the Pacemakers, compered by Roger Phillips of BBC Radio Merseyside.

Joanna McGregor, Hope visiting professor of music, is a classical, jazz and contemporary pianist, with her own record label SoundCircus. She has performed at international concerts and music festivals, also making several radio and television appearances including, BBC television, BBC Radio 3 and 4.

One of the original Merseybeat bands of the 1960s, Gerry and The Pacemakers were one of the few groups to initially challenge The Beatles in popularity. They are best known

### Concert will be fitting finale

for their No 1 hit singles "I Like It" and Rodgers and Hammerstein's "You'll Never Walk Alone". "You'll Never Walk Alone" has become integral in Merseyside life as the theme tune of Liverpool FC

The historic Philharmonic Hall presents, on average, 250 concerts, events and films, every year.

Its art deco interior was refurbished in the last decade and is acknowledged as one of the finest venues for arts in the North of England.

The venue has an illustrious tradition of bringing the top names from rock, jazz, world, classical and contemporary music to Liverpool. The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Buddy Holly all appeared here early on in their careers.

The hall also features comedy and Jimmy Carr and Dara O'Briain have played here in recent month. Recent screenings have included *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *The Philadelphia Story*.



Big Hope's Big concert  
@ Philharmonic Hall 7.30pm

HEADLINE...Joanna McGregor

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# THE UNSUNG HEROES WHO HELPED YOU

**T**HIS WEEK YOU HAVE SEEN MANY PEOPLE SPORTING 'GREAT' BLUE T-SHIRTS.

They've been working all day and most of the night to make sure everything is going well and sessions run smoothly.

One of these mentors goes by the name of Jayne Hamilton. Jayne comes from Balinamallard, county Fermanagh, Northern Ireland.

Jayne has successfully finished her first year at Hope University. She is studying BA QTS (teacher training.) and will be specialising in Geography.

Jayne found out about the Big Hope through an e-mail she received. She attended the information meeting and liked what she heard.

With no real experience of mentoring Jayne went to training sessions to prepare herself for this great event.

Jayne has said that though she went to meetings and training sessions she "did not really know what to expect."

This special event has brought many experiences and opportunities for many people. For Jayne "meeting people from all different nationalities

BY ALEXANDRA RAINSFORD

and cultures has been amazing." Delegates have shared stories and experiences learning from one another throughout the week.

Though she readily admits that there are "stressful times" and that she as had little sleep, she is glad that she has experienced the Big Hope and made many new, life long friends.

Another smiling smurf to be found around campus is Lori O'Toole, a local student who is starting her third and final year at Hope in September. Lori is studying childhood and youth studies.

Lori found out about the Big Hope during an information meeting. She did however sit through an hour of the meeting thinking it was for a different event! She is pleased that she went to the 'wrong' meeting as it has given her this opportunity to experience the Big Hope.

Lori says that amongst many other brilliant opportunities, "sharing her culture and experiences with others and learning about other people's way of life" has been one her best experiences from this week.

Special  
edition  
for last  
day

THE Big Hope Daily will be appearing for the final time tomorrow morning.

It will be a souvenir picture special with photographs from all the events throughout the week.

There are pictures from the keynote addresses, forums and many of the social events that took place at TBH. If you have pictures you want to share, send them in JPG format by 12pm today (Tuesday, June 10) to [hoeyp@hope.ac.uk](mailto:hoeyp@hope.ac.uk)

## TUESDAY FORUMS ROUND-UP (09.00-11.00)

Faith, Science and Rationalism

Venue: LTCA

CHAIR: Penny Haughan, Dean of Sciences and Social Sciences, Liverpool Hope.

David Wilkinson, Principal of St John's College, University of Durham; Celia Deane-Drummond, Professor of Theology and Biological Sciences, Chester University; Paul Marston, a statistician, philosopher, geologist and theologian in the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics at the University of Central Lancashire

Public Theology in Today's World

*Sponsored by Theos Trust*

VENUE: LTCB

CHAIR: Paul Woolley; Theos Trust, Parliamentary Researcher, Director of a political unit, extensive public affairs experience in the charity sector.

Nick Spencer; Theos Trust Researcher and consultant for Research International, The Henley Centre, the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity

and the Jubilee Centre.

Faith Relationships Across the World

*Sponsored by Initiatives of Change*

Venue: Sports Hall

Chair: David Torevell

Sushobva Barve, Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, New Delhi. Builds reconciliation across divides in India and South Asia ; Ron Geaves, Professor of the Comparative Study of Religions, Liverpool Hope; Niketu Iralu, Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, New Delhi  
Samuel Klein; Co-Existence Trust; Imam Ashafa Muhammad, Director of the Interfaith Mediation Centre, Kaduna, Nigeria; Mano Rumalsha, Anglican Bishop of Peshawar; Ramez Salame, Human Rights Lawyer, Beirut, Lebanon; Pastor James Wuye, Director of the Interfaith Mediation Centre, Kaduna, Nigeria

Ethical Economics

Venue: LTCI

Chair: David Weir, Professor of Intercultural Management, Liverpool Hope

Luigino Bruni, Focolare Movement, Associate Professor of Economics University of Milan  
Bicocca; Tommy Hutchinson, Director of i-genius a world community of social entrepreneurs; Patrick Kelly, Archbishop of Liverpool; Harriett Lamb, Executive Director, the Fairtrade Foundation; Beverley Metcalfe, Professor of International Management and Development, Liverpool Hope; Robert Mikecz, Lecturer Liverpool Hope

Youth and Masculinity

*Sponsored by Christian Aid*

Venue: LTC 005

Chair: (tbc)

Vandrea Thompson, Children First Jamaica; John Patterson Senior Lecturer, Liverpool Hope; Geoff Thompson; Chair Youth Charter.

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LIFE IN FOCUS... Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Rob Merchant, Joan Robson, Shirley Potts and Robert Atley debated the sanctity of human life in forum. PICTURE: THOMAS O'MALLEY

## DELEGATE FOCUS

# A JOURNEY OF INSPIRATION

**N**IKETU IRALU COMES FROM A family of 17 drug addicts, three of whom have died because of its effects.

He is now a counsellor tackling drug and alcohol abuse with his tribe of people in North East India and North West Burma known as The Naga's.

Approximately 20-25 per cent of the Naga people's 2.5 million population suffer from addiction to heroin. One of the prime reasons is the location, the country being centrally located at the edge of the Golden Triangle, a triangle connecting Burma, Thailand and Laos, the biggest sources of heroin in the world and therefore major crises for the Naga people.

Children, some as young as 12, begin to experiment with the easily accessible drug and eventually end up committing suicide or overdosing, this is where Niketu comes in.

Originally wanting to become a teacher, but frustrated at the division and purposelessness of his people, Niketu became adamant that change was needed, starting with ourselves.

Coming from a family of 13 siblings, Niketu lived a life

PROFILE by RAYYAN SABET-PARRY

fraught with hardship. But, after an inspiring letter from his father, a political prisoner, confessing his desire to change, Niketu says: "Hope came alive."

Talking about the horrors of alcohol abuse, Niketu tells the story of his nephew's daughter who suffers from FAS (Foetal Alcohol Syndrome) a condition caused whilst in the womb of her mother, where alcohol is passed through the bloodstream causing major effects in the baby both physically and mentally. This is one example of many cases that are inflicting his people.

Today Niketu works in a residential drug rehabilitation centre, with what he calls 'recovering addicts' taking them through a three month stage by stage process of change. People enter with 'deep fear and panic' and "many have failed and died" says Niketu, confessing the deep dangers of drug abuse. Those who recover become shining examples of what is possible.

Talking with his positive approach to life, he asserts: "We need to remake the world, starting with ourselves."

## Final day of top talks

TUESDAY SEES A line up of three keynote speakers and discussion forums.

Beginning with *'Shakespeare in a Global Culture'* by Stanley Wells, chairman of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and author of countless books concerning the playwright. The Shakespeare scholar was born in 1930 and took his first degree at the University College, London. He gained his doctorate at the Shakespeare Institute of the University of Birmingham and lectured there until 1978.

Harriet Lamb is our second keynote speaker and she addresses *'Fairtrade in a Global Future'*. She is the executive director of The Fairtrade foundation and has been responsible for considerably boosting the sales of Fairtrade products in the UK.

*'Faiths and the Environment'* is the final keynote of the day, by Martin Palmer. The Secretary General of the ARC (Alliance of Religions and Conservation) has been responsible for assisting eleven world faiths in developing environmental and conservation projects. He is also the special advisor to the UN on Climate Change, the Environment and the Faith. He has made regular appearances on national radio and TV and has been monumental in the translation of ancient Chinese Texts into English.

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# Kalam's the man to inspire

THE SANSKRIT prayer set the tone for the Indian evening on Sunday as Ex President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam took centre stage to inspire youth on *Ignited Minds: The Power of Youth*

Addressing a group of young individuals from more than 55 countries he cited several quotes and interesting anecdotes from his past experiences.

Emphasising two key global problems affecting the world he spoke of two thirds of the global population living below the poverty line and 50% without access to safe drinking water.

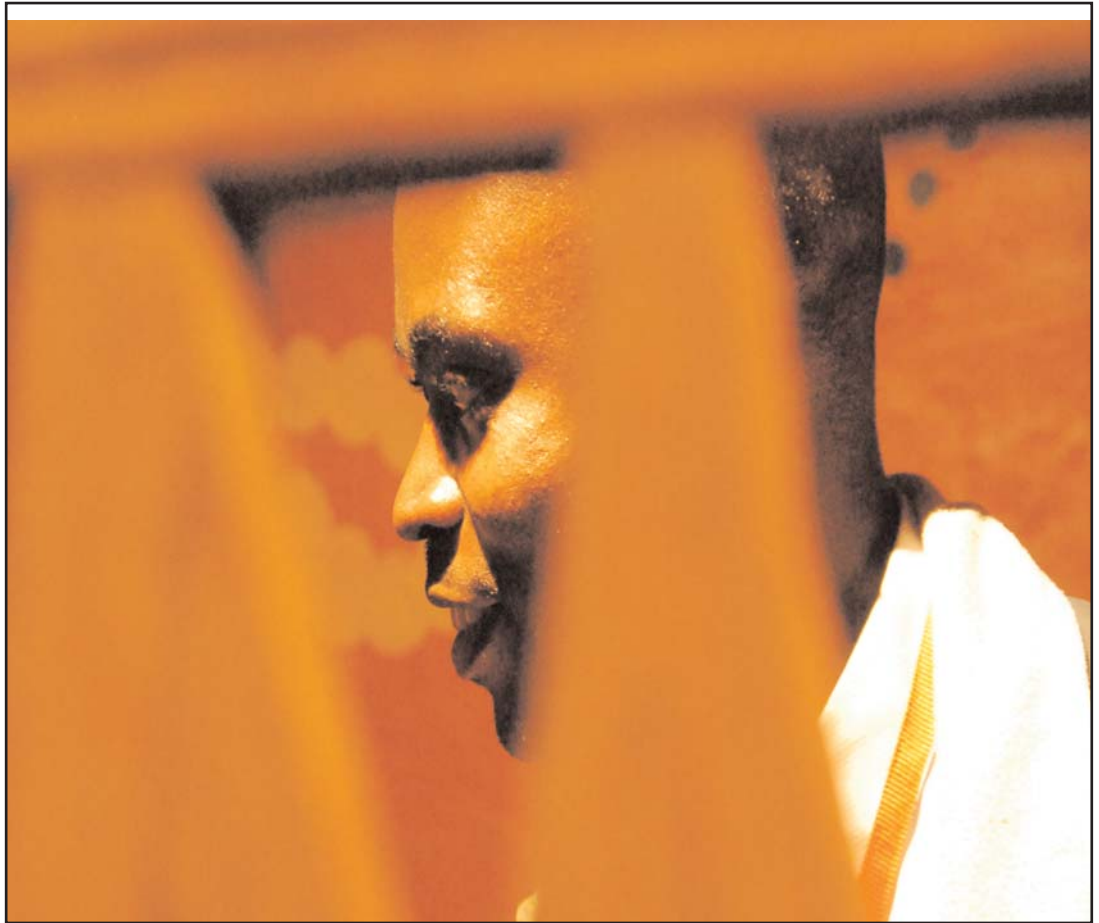
He underlined the importance of humility and removing the 'I' and 'Me' in our daily lives to become better role models and individuals.

"Sometimes we might have to slow down the pace of our life in order to reach out to others but that itself is a sacrifice and great achievement. Always look out to save someones life wherever you are and whatever you do," he said.

He highlighted the need for setting goals, aiming high and striving hard to achieve them.

The young audience together with Ex President Dr. Kalam took an oath on several issues for a better world ranging from making a difference to our environment to living with integrity and service to others in our daily lives.

This was followed by an intriguing questions about Burma, religion, and economic disparity.



KEY VISIT... A visit to the Liverpool's slavery museum was a popular choice for many delegates during their time at the Big Hope  
PICTURE: THOMAS O'MALLEY

## ● NONHLANHLA EDITH

HLONGWA, she works as an Inclusive Education coordinator in Port Shepstone District, Dept of Education in South Africa.

She says: "I am married with two children. Thank you for sponsoring us to attend this conference. For me this is a life time achievement to be here."

● MUHAMMAD MUSHAHID has a PhD in Natural Sciences from Salzburg University Austria.

He says: "At the movement, I am serving in Geography Department of The Islamia University of Bahawalpur Pakistan, as a faculty member and deputy chairman.

"The Big Hope is a big event where I can identify the problem of the present world and find out the solutions."

## Meet the delegates

STEVE Talaga is Instructor of Music at Hope College where he teaches Jazz Piano, Applied Composition, and various Jazz Studies courses. He has also taught at Aquinas College, Grace Bible College, and Grand Valley State University. Prior to this, he worked as a producer at CMU Public Radio (WCMU FM) from 1982-1989. He holds a BS in Broadcasting and Cinematic Arts from Central Michigan University, a BM in Jazz Studies from Western Michigan University, and an MM in Composition from Western Michigan University.

● MERNA AL AZZEH says: "I am from Palestine, Bethlehem. I live in one of the three refugee camps in the city, due to my grandparents' displacement during the 1948 war. I am 21 years old, majoring in English literature and translation at Bethlehem University. I am also in my third academic year, studying the violin in a music conservatory in my city. I want to meet other young people who are also living in war-torn conditions so that we can discuss and work out strategies on how we can liberate ourselves from the victim mentality and oppression."

● DINA AWWAD works at Bethlehem University in Palestine as a Public Relations and Development Officer. She says: "I am actually a graduate of Bethlehem University. I have got my Bachelor degree in English Literature with a minor in Commerce. I think the Big Hope will be an important opportunity to meet the youth from different countries."