

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

NorthEast

March 2008

A Most Appealing INVITATION



Journey to Justice, 18th May

This is a milestone year for the debt campaign, marking ten years since the 70,000-strong human chain encircled the G8 in Birmingham in 1998. The North East was there in strength and we hope we will be again this year, at the Journey to Justice event on Sunday 18th May. As in 1998, we've chartered coaches, but only you can fill them! Join us also in the 'Rolling Fast', in the run-up to the event.

Together we've achieved great things, but much more is possible with resolute campaigning. Never let it be said of us that *"They snatched defeat from the jaws of victory!"*

[Booking is urgent - see details enclosed.]

The (only?) view that counts

A message to global poverty campaigners from Beverly Keene, International Coordinator of Jubilee South, with members in over 50 poor countries:

"Your efforts in Birmingham 10 years ago (that's some of us in photo) marked a milestone... Yet the debt problem continues to rob the people and countries of the South of our rights to health, education, housing, water and... our sovereignty.

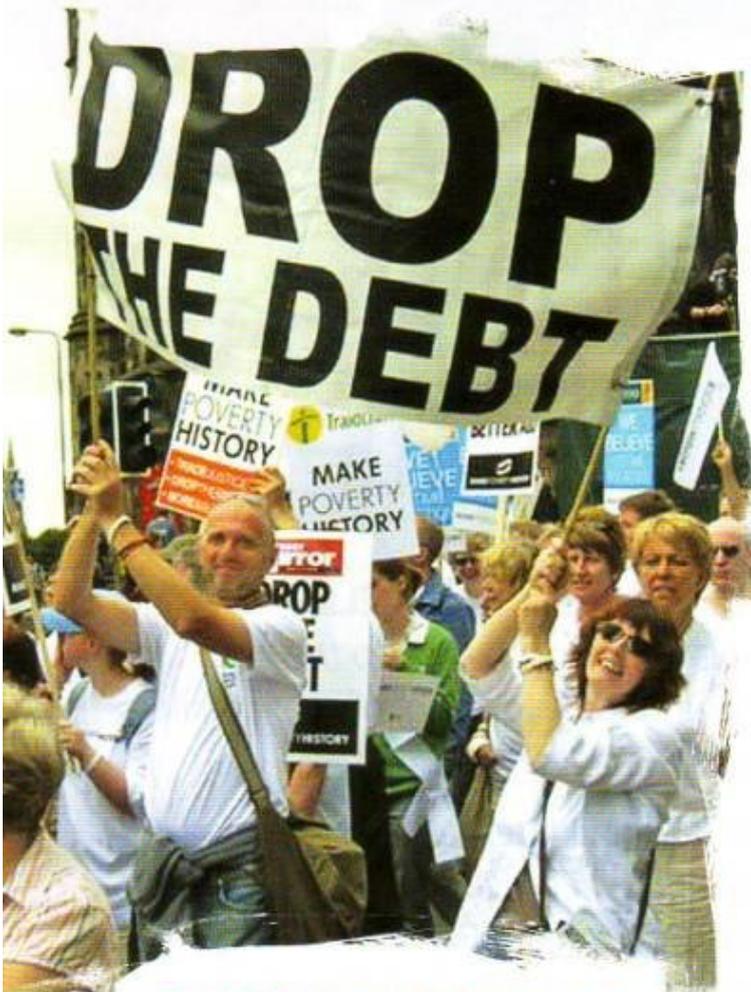
"It is vital that northern campaigners continue to stand in solidarity with the South in order to achieve a lasting solution to the debt crisis."



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JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

Breaking the chains of global debt



CELEBRATE

ten years since the Birmingham human chain

DISCOVER

the impact of debt cancellation so far

DEMAND

a lasting solution to the debt crisis

A powerful mix of speakers, interviews, music and film, at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham



**JUBILEE DEBT
CAMPAIGN**

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2008
2.30pm (Activities from 12.30pm)

£10 (£5 concessions)

Details and booking:
Tel **0560 150 7359** or visit
www.journeytojustice.org

Supporting organisations include Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, CAFOD, Methodist Relief and Development Fund, Oxfam, World Vision, ActionAid, Practical Action, Tearfund, TUC, UNISON, National Union of Teachers, Jewish Social Justice Coalition.

Charity no: 1055675, Company no: 3201959

Journey to Justice, Birmingham, Sunday 18th May

**PLEASE BOOK AS A MATTER OF URGENCY!
(All arrangements provisional)**

JDC will not allow us to hang on to unsold seats if they are under pressure from elsewhere! Nor will I be willing to run coaches with only a handful of occupants. So if you leave it to the last minute, not only will you be disappointed, but I will have to cancel the bookings I have already received.

We have reserved 98 places in the International Convention Centre (where the G8 met in 1998 – ha, ha!) and booked two coaches. This marks a departure from our usual current practice – but cross-Pennine train services on Sundays have their draw-backs! We hope to arrange carbon-offsets with the ‘Carbon Neutral Newcastle’ scheme to mitigate the environmental damage.

I believe that many supporters will ‘want to make a day of it’ and attend church (all major Christian traditions will include Jubilee-relevant features within their morning services), or participate in the morning programmes planned by Oxfam or Islamic Relief. Consequently, one coach will leave central Newcastle at 6.00am and arrive in Birmingham at about 10.00am. Another will leave at 8.00am, arriving at 12.30 noon. In both cases, the only other pick-up points will probably be Durham A1 Services and Scotch Corner.

Please note that if most people want to go either early or later, both coaches will follow that schedule - campaigners must be willing to be flexible and show their habitual good humour!

Coaches leave Birmingham 5.00-6.00pm, arriving back about four hours later.

This is what you do!

If you wish to travel with our coach, you should NOT book with JDC direct!

First, book your coach place(s), fare £20 return; specifying either the 6.00am or 8.00am coach for Make Poverty History NE, to Birmingham on 18th May:

- By telephone and credit card: ring Classic Coaches, 01 207 282 225
- By post and cheque: Classic Coaches, Morrison Road, Annfield Plain, Stanley, Co. Durham DH9 7RX (ring first to ensure they still have places)

Note: Children and young people under the age of 18 cannot be accommodated unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Next, book your place(s) in the Convention Centre with us, by sending us a completed form (back page) and your cheque for £10/£5 per person.

A rebate of £10 for travel will be provided after the event for children and students.

If you intend to travel independently, please book your place with JDC direct (see the flyer on page 2 for details), but let us know.

Booking Form for places in the Convention Centre
- only for members of our coach parties

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If you wish to travel with us: *first* book your coach seat with Classic Coaches (see below for contact details); *then* reserve your place in the Convention Centre by completing and sending us this form, together with your payment.

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Phone number: Mobile:

Email Address:

No. of tickets required: Standard (£10 each): Concessions (£5 each):

Total cost: Cheque Number:

Concessions: In addition to concessions on places in the Convention Centre provided by Jubilee Debt Campaign, MPH-NE offers a rebate of £10 each to children and students on the coach fare, to be paid after the event. Are you claiming this concession and, if so, for how many people?

Statement: I have already booked seats with Classic on the 6.00am coach/8.00am coach (please delete one) and will take full responsibility for those under the age of 18 for whom I now book places.

Signed Date:

Please make your cheque payable to “Veronica Golding” and send it with this form, duly completed, to:

Veronica Golding, 38 Brierdene Crescent, Whitley Bay, NE26 4AB.

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