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Hain pays tribute to work of Warrington Peace Centre

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The Warrington Peace Centre is not only trying to help survivors of the Troubles come to terms with their hurt, it is also challenging prejudices amongst young people from different backgrounds in an effort to prevent future suffering, Secretary of State Peter Hain MP has said.



The Secretary of State was speaking today during a tour of the centre where he was accompanied by Colin Parry OBE, Chairman and Co-Founder of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust, and his wife Wendy.

During the visit Peter Hain spoke to staff and heard at first hand about the work of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust.

He said: **"I would like to pay tribute to the work of everyone involved in the Warrington Peace Centre. Your work is vital to so many people who have suffered so much.**

"I know that the Legacy Programme, which has been supported by the Northern Ireland Office, aims to identify and meet the needs of victims and survivors of the Troubles living in England, Scotland and Wales.

"The centre has an international reputation and its work is recognised across the world.

"The Trust has been able to provide a safe space for adults, young people and peace organisations to deliver educational peace programme which challenge perceptions and prejudices with the aim of encouraging tolerance and acceptance of diversity."

Notes to Editors

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust is an educational peace charity which aims to inspire and enable people to lead more peaceful lives by helping them understand the nature and causes of conflict.

The Trust was formed after the IRA bomb attack in Warrington on 20 March 1993 which killed 12 year old Tim Parry and 3 year old Johnathan Ball. Based in a purpose built state-of-the-art 'Peace Centre' the Trust works with both adults, children and peace organisations to deliver educational peace programmes and youth exchanges which aim to challenge perceptions and prejudice and aim to encourage tolerance and acceptance of diversity at a local, national and international level.

The Chairman and Co-Founder of the Trust is Colin Parry OBE.



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