

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Positive Opportunities for Victims of Terrorism**

In the lead-up to the third anniversary of the London bombings, a Charity created in the wake of an IRA bombing is offering victims of terrorism the opportunity to get involved in an exciting new project.

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace was set up after the 1993 IRA bombing of Warrington which killed 12-year old Tim Parry and 3-year old Johnathan Ball. The Foundation works with young people and adults to empower them to tackle conflict in their lives non-violently. The Foundation has worked with over 20,000 participants in the last 14 years.

The Foundation's 'Survivors for Peace' programme aims to provide people living in England affected by conflict and terrorism an opportunity to use their experiences to make a positive contribution to peace in their own communities and lives. In practice this means survivors are offered the chance to meet with other victims to gain support, take part in educational programmes and develop leadership skills as well as the opportunity to advocate for themselves and others.

Speaking about the programme, Jo Dover from the Foundation said; "In today's climate of fear of further attacks, and the impact on those already affected, we hope to give victims the tools to empower themselves to take positive steps forward.

"Survivors for Peace' aims to bring together those who may feel isolated by their experiences to work towards making positive changes within their own communities. We feel that those who have been affected most directly by violence can be the biggest advocates for preventing future violence.

"We are inviting victims and survivors of terrorist attacks who live in England to come forward and take part in this programme. It is available to former soldiers, families of soldiers killed in conflict and Emergency Services workers who attended incidents. Families of the above are welcome. It is also for people who may have been engaged in acts of politically motivated violence who now wish to do something positive."

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Further information is available from Jo Dover or Clare White on 01925 581 231 and at [www.foundation4peace.org](http://www.foundation4peace.org)



**Note to editors:**

- The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace was set up by Colin and Wendy Parry following the death of their 12-year-old son Tim and 3-year-old Johnathan Ball after the IRA bombed Warrington in 1993. Wilf and Marie, Johnathan's parents, have given their full support to the organisation.
- The Peace Centre (Warrington) is a unique LIVING legacy and memorial to Tim and Johnathan. It was built with local, national and international support, and was opened on March 20, 2000 – the 7th anniversary of the bombing. It is a £3m state of the art, fully equipped learning centre where people develop a passion for peace through participating in our learning programmes.
- The programme is supported through the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund.