

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Irish President visits Peace Centre**

On 5th June, the President of Ireland will visit the Peace Centre opened in memory of Tim and Johnathan who were killed in the IRA bombing of Warrington in 1993. Colin and Wendy Parry issued the invitation at a meeting they had earlier this year with the former Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern and the Irish Ambassador David Cooney.

President McAleese will visit the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace at their purpose built Peace Centre in Warrington. The purpose of the visit is for the President to learn about the conflict resolution work the Foundation has been undertaking over the last 15 years.

The Foundation has worked with 20,000 young people and adults to tackle some of the key issues facing our communities today – prejudice, discrimination and violence. Its innovative educational and leadership programmes are in demand across the U.K and its ‘Survivors for Peace’ programme, which works with adults affected by terrorism or politically motivated violence, is networked across Europe.

Founder and Chair, Colin Parry, said: “We are delighted that President McAleese has chosen to visit the Peace Centre. The Foundation was set up as a result of a terrorist attack and we now work with young people from different cultures, faiths and backgrounds, showing how conflict can be resolved non-violently.”

Date: 5th June 2008
Time: 9.45am
Location: The Peace Centre
Peace Drive
Great Sankey
Warrington WA5 1HQ

Photographers and journalists welcome.

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Please contact Lynn Hitchen on 01925 581231 to confirm attendance and provide names of journalist/photographer attending for security purposes.



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.