

**For immediate release****PHOTOCALL****15TH ANNIVERSARY OF IRA BOMBING REMEMBERED**

March 2008 will mark the 15th anniversary of the IRA bombing of Warrington in which both Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball lost their lives and 56 other people were injured. Since then the Foundation (set up in memory of Tim and Johnathan) has worked with over 18,000 young people and adults to tackle some of the key issues facing our communities today – prejudice, discrimination and violence. As the actual anniversary date falls so close to the Easter Holidays, when many people will be away, the Foundation will mark the anniversary on the EU Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism on March 11th.

Speaking of the anniversary, founder Colin Parry, said: “My family never forgets Tim. Every day we remember his unique presence and contribution to a normal, ordinary family of five and then we remember with awful clarity the terrible event of March 20, 1993 when Tim was so terribly injured, and then lost his struggle for life 5 days later, so reducing his family to four. We also celebrate the impetus those memories of Tim gave to us, to create a wonderful charity in his and Johnathan Ball’s names. Now, 15 years on, there is a Peace Centre also named after the boys, which is unrivalled by any other centre anywhere by helping people, young and not so young. This is a fitting legacy to two young lives lost.”

The Foundation will host a performance of the highly acclaimed play ‘One Extreme to Another’ which explores the issues of extremism.

Date: Tuesday 11th March
Venue: The Peace Centre (Car parking is available at the Centre)
Arrival time: 5.30pm for a 6.00 pm start.

Journalists and photographers welcome from 5.45pm onwards.

– Ends –

Further information is available from Clare White on 01925 581231 (clare.white @childrenforpeace.org)

Or at 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.

