

# **CONFLICT & CHANGE AND PEACE DIRECT**

Invite you to a  
**PEACEBUILDING EVENT** with

**Dishani Jataweera**  
and  
**Jayanta Senevirathne**  
(peace activists from Sri Lanka)

On: **Friday, 27 June 2008**

From: **6pm - 8pm**

At: **St. Bartholomew's Centre  
292b Barking Road  
East Ham  
E6 3BA**

Dishani Jataweera and Jayanta Senevirathne are in the United Kingdom as part of the Truce 20/20 partnership project which works with 16 to 21 year olds in Newham. Dishani and Javanta run the Centre for Peacebuilding and Reconciliation, Colombo in Sri Lanka. Since 2002 the charity has been working to find a peaceful solution to the country's conflict and engage with those instigating the conflict as well as grassroots communities to empower them.

The peacebuilders will be giving a talk about their work followed by a discussion on approaches to conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be invited with the proceeds going to Conflict and Change. Refreshments will be provided.

For further enquiries about the event please contact us:

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**DISHANI JAYAWEERA AND JAYANTA SENEVIRATHNE**  
**CENTRE FOR PEACEBUILDING AND RECONCILIATION, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA.**

Dishani and Jayantha gave up careers as lawyer and university lecturer to work full time for peace in Sri Lanka. You only have to be with them for five minutes to realize that peace is their whole life. They are constantly thinking how to engage with those who are instigating the conflict - including the media - as well as working with grassroots communities to empower them.



Together with her husband, Jayantha Senevirathne and a passionate team of young activists, Dishani Jayaweera runs the Centre for Peace Building and Reconciliation. Since 2002 the charity has been working to find a peaceful solution to the country's conflict. They say;

***“We are working with religious clergy, we are working with the media, we are working with university students, and we are working with villagers. So if I can see a day when all these different groups come together...only then will I say, yes, we did it. That is the CPBR dream. And that is my dream.”***

In 2005 Peace Direct raised money for their work in the wake of the tsunami, which combined practical income generation with bringing communities together, for activities such as dress making and carpentry.

In June 2007, Dishani and Jayanta visited the UK and took part in a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils at the House of Commons. The only other Sinhalese representative there was thrilled to meet Dishani and Jayanta, and to know that there are Sinhalese people advocating on behalf of Tamils.

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### **Conflict & Change**

Conflict and Change is a community organisation working in Newham, East London. It works with individuals and groups to enable them to accept and value diversity and develop the skills needed to bring people together, if necessary resolve differences, and bring about more cohesive communities.

### **Truce 20/20**

The Truce 20/20 partnership project works with 16 to 21 year olds in Newham to train them in conflict resolution skills and support them in developing peacebuilding projects in their community. As part of the project Peace Direct connects the young people with grass roots peacebuilders like Dishani and Jayantha from across the world.

