

European Forum of National Laity Committees

Study Assembly Birmingham, 6th – 11th July 2010

"Human Dignity in a changing Europe –
A Christian response"



PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY 2010 – SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2010, BIRMINGHAM

St Chad's Cathedral, St Chad's Queensway

Tuesday, 6th July

- 14:00 Arrivals and Registration – *St Chad's Cathedral / entrance hall*
- 16:30 **Welcome** – *conference room*
- **Maria Draaijers, President of ELF**
 - **Malcom Forster, President of NCLA England and Wales**
- Practical information
- **Seán O'Donnell, Steering Committee**
- 17:15 Meeting of the heads of delegation
- 18:00 **Opening Ceremony** – Ecumenical worship – *St Chad's Cathedral*
- **Bishop William Kenney, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham**
- 18:45 International Reception

Wednesday, 7th July

- 9:00 Morning Prayer – *conference room*
- 9:15 Key note speech:
"Human Dignity in a changing Europe – a Christian response"
- **Bishop William Kenney, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham**
[EN – DE – FR]
- Exchange
- 10:30 Coffee / Tea break
- 11.00 Working groups
- 12:15 Mass with Bishop William Kenney – *St Chad's Cathedral*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Greetings from guest organisations
Presentations of National Committees
- 15:30 Coffee / Tea break
- 16:00 Presentations of National Committees
- 18:00 International Evening Prayer – *St Chad's Cathedral*
- 18:45 Dinner

Thursday, 8th July

- 9:00 Morning Prayer – *conference room*
- 9:15 **Subtopic Migration**
"The European Asylum Policy – the human dignity of refugees at stake?" [EN – DE – FR]
- **Christoph Renders, Jesuit Refugee Service Belgium, Brussels**
[EN – DE – FR]
Questions – exchange
- 10:15 Coffee / Tea break
- 10:45 Working Groups: "Migration"
Plenary
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 **Subtopic Poverty and social exclusion**
"Global poverty – a European and Christian response" [EN – DE]
- **Jan de Volder, Sant' Egidio, Antwerp** [EN – DE – FR]
Questions – exchange
- "Why poverty is rising in a rich continent like Europe"** [FR]
- **Lidmila Nemcová, KAP, Prag** [EN – DE – FR]
Questions – exchange
- 15:30 Coffee / Tea break
- 16:00 Working groups: "Poverty and social exclusion"
Plenary
- 17:00 Meeting of heads of delegations
- 18:00 Mass with **Bishop Tom Williams, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool** –
St Chad's Cathedral
- 19:00 Dinner

Friday, 9th July

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
- 9:15 **"The Church in England and Wales – a contribution to Human Dignity in a changing Europe"** [EN]
- 10:30 Coffee / Tea break
- 11:00 Visits to social projects / Lunch
- 14.30 Plenary - Feedback from social projects
- 15:00 Cultural excursion to Birmingham city
- 19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 10th July

- 9:00 Morning Prayer – *conference room*
- 9:15 **Statutory Assembly** (3 delegates per National Committee)
- 11:00 **Presidents' Council**
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Public Lecture** – *St Chad's Cathedral*
- **John Bruton, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland** [EN – DE – FR]
- 15.45 Exchange with John Bruton – *conference room*
- 16:30 Meeting of National Delegations
- 17:00 **Closing Session** – Evaluation of Study Assembly – *conference room*
- 18:30 **Closing Mass** – *St Chad's Cathedral*
- **Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham**
[EN – DE – FR]
- 20:00 Festive Dinner

Sunday, 11th July

- Breakfast
- Departure