

Report on PCSW&HR's Delegation Visit to Ireland



Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights

Committed to Bring Social Changes

Muradia Road Model Town Sialkot 51310 – Pakistan
Ph: 0092-52-3563809 Fax: 0092-52-4588276
Email: pcswhr@brain.net.pk URL: www.pcswhr.com



On the formal invitation of Columban Missionaries Ireland Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights delegation comprising on Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori, Mr. Shakeel Younis, Mr. Muhammad Ramzan & Mr. Bilal Khan headed by Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori visited Ireland from 26th May 2012 to 4th June 2012. During their visit to Ireland PCSW&HR delegation stayed at St. Columban Missionaries Dalgan Park Ireland. During the visit delegation did various activities as per

27th May 2012

PCSWHR's delegation visited the St. Columban missionaries Dalgan Park on 27th May 2012 and held a meeting with Fathers and Sisters in which, Rev. Fr. Donald Hogan Regional Director, Rev. Fr. Patrick Raleigh ssc, Vice Regional Director & Rev. Fr. Colm Murphy etc. PCSW&HR's delegation also stayed at St. Columban Missionaries Dalgan Park Ireland from 27th May to 3 June 2012. Dalgan Park is located beside the Hill of Tara, the prehistoric religious and political centre of Ireland. Nearby are the ancient religious monuments of Bru na Boinne and the remains of the ancient monasteries of Monasterboice, Mellifont and Bective. Within the grounds are the ruins of a twelfth century Cistercian Church. Set in 500 acres of parkland and woods, which is also a sanctuary for wildlife. Dalgan Park offers an ideal setting for rest and relaxation and an opportunity to get in touch with the basic natural rhythms of life, which may have been lost in the pressures, and demands of much of modern living. There are six kilometers of graveled walks through woods and beside the rivers Boyne and Skane. These offer a peaceful outer context for inner healing of body, mind and spirit. The Fathers & Sisters warmly welcomed the PCSW&HR's delegation at Dalgan Park and comprehensively briefed about the St. Columban Missionaries, its history, policies, and area of work. During the meeting with Fathers & Sisters of St. Columban Missionaries Mr. Noori lauded the efforts of St. Columban missionaries and said that really it is very inspiring for all of us to see that St. Columban's Mission is practically working for the promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony. During our visit really we learnt a lot about interfaith & intercultural harmony and dialogues which will be surely helpful for us to promote interfaith & intercultural harmony at our organizational level as well as to build the capacity of our entire team in the field of interfaith & intercultural harmony. We will be now in good position to work for interfaith & intercultural harmony, peace & justice, religious & social tolerance etc at grass root level in more effective etiquette.



A view of group photo of PCSWHR's Delegation with the St. Columban Missionaries officials at Dalgan Park

Mr. Noori also said that really it is nice for us to stay with Columbian Missionaries' Fathers & Sisters and entire team working and staying there at one place under the one roof in a family atmosphere. As activist on peace & justice and equality we have dream for the world with the culture of justice, peace, equality and human dignity. Please let me say that we enjoyed justice, peace, equality, human dignity, socio economic co-existence and real spirit of interfaith understanding and harmony, while visiting and staying at Dalgan Park we are looking forward the same environment at global level that we enjoyed with all of you at Dalgan Park. During the visit to St. Columbian Missionaries Mr. Noori also briefed the Fathers & Sisters about the PCSW&HR, its mission, vision, objectives, completed and ongoing projects as well as PCSW&HR's initiatives for the interreligious & intercultural harmony, peace, justice, equality and human dignity etc. All fathers & sisters appreciated the PCSW&HR efforts for the protection of human rights in Pakistan and assured their full cooperation and support for this purpose. PCSW&HR delegation also presented the organizations shields to, Rev. Fr. Donald Hogan, Rev. Fr. Patrick Raleigh ssc and Rev. Fr. Colm Murphy to acknowledge their services for the interreligious & intercultural harmony, peace, justice, equality, human dignity etc.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR, Mr. Shakeel Younis and Mr. Ramzan presenting shields to Rev. Fr. Colm Murphy, Rev. Fr. Patrick Raleigh ssc, Rev. Fr. Donald Hogan during their visit to St. Columban Missionaries Dalgan park Ireland

During their visit to Ireland PCSW&HR' delegation visited the historical place Knowth. Knowth is the largest of all passage graves situated within the Brú na Boinne complex. The site consists of one large mound (known as Site 1) and 17 smaller satellite tombs. Essentially Knowth (Site 1) is a large mound (about 12 meters (40 ft) high and 67 meters (220 ft) in diameter,^[1] covering roughly a hectare) and contains two passages, placed along an east-west line. It is encircled by 127 kerbstones (three of which are missing and four of which are badly damaged). The large mound has been estimated to date from between 2500 and 2000 BCE.^[1] The passages are independent of each other, and each leads to a burial chamber. The eastern passage leads to a cruciform chamber, not unlike that found at Newgrange. It contains three recesses and basin stones into which the cremated remains of the dead were placed



Tombs of Knowth

PCSW&HR's delegation visited the Newgrange. Newgrange was constructed over 5,000 years ago (about 3,200 B.C.), making it older than Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. Newgrange was built during the Neolithic or New Stone Age by a farming community that prospered on the rich lands of the Boyne Valley. Knowth and Dowth are similar mounds that together with Newgrange have been designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. By 1961 Newgrange was in dilapidated condition and, despite the rapidly increasing number of visitors, there was no right of public access. It was becoming clear to many that this, one of the greatest monuments in Western Europe, could not be left in its then condition, but urgently required restoration and conservation, at least in the entrance area. P.J Hartnett, the archaeological officer with Bord Failte Eireann (Irish Tourist Board) and a former student of Professor O, Kelly's arranged a site meeting at Newgrange with a high-level committee of all those who has a professional interest in the monument



PCSW&HR delegation during the visit of Newgrange with Fr. Clom Murphy

PVSW&HR delegation also visited the Round Tower. The Round Tower was the Irish reaction to the Norse raids on monasteries in the 10th /11th century A.D. these tapering buildings, over 100 feet high, served as watch-towers, belfries, repositories for church valuables and as refuges for the community. The door, normally 15-20 feet above ground, was reached by a movable ladder and the interior was divided into four or more storeys. The present height of the tower is 100 the level of the surroundings has been raised by burials and the conical cap is missing.



PCSW&HR delegation during the visit of Mellifont Abbey



PCSW&HR's delegation visiting the Dalgan Park



PCSW&HR delegation during the visit of University of Dublin Trinity College Ireland



PCSW&HR's delegation during the visit of St. Columban Mission Dalgan Park Ireland



PCSW&HR's delegation visiting the Tra Hill

On 27th May 2012 PCSW&HR's delegation held a meeting with Anastacia Crickley, member on Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) United Nation Human Rights and Head of Department, National University of Ireland Maynooth, Department of Applied Social Studies. During the meeting Mr. Noori briefed Ms. Anastacia Crickley about the PCSW&HR initiatives for the protection of human rights, promotion of interreligious & intercultural harmony, peace, justice, religious & social tolerance in Pakistan.



A view of meeting between Ms. Anastacia Crickley and PCSW&HR delegation



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR, Fr. Clom Murphy and others presenting the shield to Ms. Anastacia Crickley

While appreciating the Ms. Anastacia Crickley services for the humanity Mr. Noori said that we are much impressed to know that how your good self is practically working for the protection of human to bring social changes. Really it was great honor for us to meet your dignity and we really learnt a lot from your good self in the field of human rights during the meeting. Mr. Noori also said that being a human rights activist it is my great desire that your good self extend your kind support towards us and guide us to protect the human rights at grass roots level. Ms. Anastacia Crickley lauded the efforts of PCSW&HR and Mr. Noori for the protection of human rights, promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony, peace, justice, tolerance etc and assured her full cooperation and support to PCSW&HR. Mr. Noori also presented the shield to Anastacia Crickley while acknowledging her services for the humanity.

28th May 2012

During their visit to Ireland PCSW&HR's delegation also visited the Glenree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation Ireland, and held a meeting with Mr. Gerard Cahill Financial Coordinator. Mr. Gerard Cahill thoroughly briefed the PCSW&HR's delegation about the Glenree and its programs.

Glenree is dedicated to providing leadership and support in practical peace building, and works to transform violent conflict within and between divided communities in Ireland, North and South, and elsewhere and Glenree is presently working in different countries on different issues. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori also comprehensively briefed the Mr. Gerard Cahill about the PCSW&HR's initiatives for the protection of human rights and others issues.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR briefing the Mr. Gerard Cahill Financial Coordinator during their visit to Glenree centre for peace & reconciliation



PCSW&HR delegation during their visit to Glenree centre for peace & reconciliation Ireland with Fr. Clom Murphy

29th May 2012

On the 29th May 2012 PCSW&HR delegation visited the Migrant Rights Centre Ireland. During the visit to Migrant Rights Centre PCSW&HR's delegation held a meeting with Rev. Fr. Bobby Gilmore, Chairperson, MRCI, Siobhán O'Donoghue Director MRCI and Catherine Lynch, National Coordinator European Network against Racism. During the meeting at MRCI Mr. Noori Chairman PCSW&HR said that their delegation is much impressed to see that MRCI is practically working for the social justice, equality and anti-discrimination. During our visit to MRCI and meeting with the officials of MRCI really they learnt lot of about social justice, equality, anti-discrimination, intercultural harmony and many important issues. Rev. Fr. Bobby Gilmore, Siobhán O'Donoghue and Catherine Lynch also lauded the efforts of PCSW&HR for the protection of human rights at grass root level and promotion of interreligious & intercultural harmony in Pakistan. Mr. Noori showed its organization's interest for helpful, constructive and long term collaboration with Migrant Rights Centre Ireland in the deep interest of humanity and assured that PCSW&HR will always feel great honor to support all positive initiatives of MRCI in Pakistan and where they have their network.



During the visit to Migrant Rights Centre Ireland a delegation headed by Ms. Catherine Lynch National Coordinator European Network against Racism also met with PCSW&HR's delegation and discussed the bilateral issues with the PCSW&HR's delegation and possibilities were sought to support each others in the same issues working by both organizations.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR presenting shield to Rev. Fr. Bobby Gilmore, Chairperson Migrant Rights Centre Ireland during their visit to MRCI

30th May 2012

On 30th May 2012 PCSW&HR's delegation headed by Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Fr. Colm Murphy visited the Front Line Defenders office. During the visit delegation held a meeting with Ms. Mary Lawlor Executive Director and others official of Front Line Defenders. Front Line Defenders is practically working for the protection of human rights defenders and providing fast and effective action to help protect human rights defenders at risk so they can continue their work as key agents of social change. During the meeting 'issues of common concern were discussed' by the both organizations representatives and 'mutual experiences' were also shared in the field of human rights. Possibilities were also sought for mutual collaboration by the both organizations in the field of protection of human rights.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman
PCSW&HR discussing during the meeting
with Ms. Mary Lawlor



A group photo of PCSW&HR's delegation with Ms. Mary Lawlor during the visit to Front Line Defenders office Ireland

1st June 2012

On 2nd June 2012 PCSW&HR delegation visited Islamic Culture Centre Ireland. During the visit to Islamic Culture Centre Ireland Dr. Nooh Al-Kaddo Chief Executive and Honorable Sheikh Hussein Halawa Grand Imam warmly welcomed the PCSW&HR's delegation at Islamic Culture Centre Ireland and briefed the PCSW&HR's delegation about the Islamic Culture Centre Ireland and all its departments.

During the visit PCSW&HR delegation also held a meeting Dr. Nooh Al-Kaddo Chief Executive and Honorable Sheikh Hussein Halawa and other officials of Islamic Cultural Centre. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR lauded the efforts of Islamic Culture Centre to promote the soft image of Islam, teachings of Islam for Peace and intercultural harmony etc. Mr. Noori also comprehensively briefed the Dr. Nooh Al-Kaddo about the PCSW&HR, its mission, vision, objectives, completed and ongoing projects. Dr. Nooh Al-Kaddo praised the efforts of PCSW&HR for the protection of human rights in Pakistan at grass root level. PCSW&HR's delegation has also honored to offer the Jumma Pray at Islamic Cultural Centre Ireland among the large number of people from the different national IDs of Muslim Umma.



A view of meeting between PCSW&HR delegation & Islamic Culture Centre Ireland Chief Executive & Grand Imam



A view of Group Photo during the PCSW&HR's delegation visit to Islamic Culture Centre Ireland