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Peacemaker to speak in Coventry Cathedral, 6th June

Inspirational peacemaker and author, Alex Ntung, will be speaking in Coventry Cathedral on 6th June about his experience of severe conflict in central Africa.

Alex was born into a traditional cattle-herding semi nomadic community, pursued an education against all odds, survived extreme poverty and hardship, persecution and violence on a terrifying scale, during which 11 members of his family were killed. As a boy, his hunger for education took him to a school in the city and then university in Rwanda, where, like his friends, he witnessed the 1994 genocide, its aftermath and subsequent violence in the region.

His need to escape and come to terms with these events led him to the UK, where he underwent a stringent asylum process, and later found his new home to an English seaside town. He has since conversed with policy makers, chieftains and warlords, determined to sow the seeds of change where there are human rights abuses. He is currently a Democratic Republic of Congo analyst, lecturer in international studies and speaker with an honest insight into issues of war and human security, cultural insensitivity and conflict.

Alex will be the keynote speaker at an event to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day and launch a peace education film at Coventry Cathedral on 6th June. The event, which starts at 1.00 pm, is free and open to all. It will be followed by a community peace picnic at 2.30 in the Cathedral Unity Garden, which will be opened with the symbolic release of doves.

Film maker Jay Langdell, of jam-av, said:

“I visited Alex in on the south coast to interview him for the film. He is a man with a remarkable story. His experiences means that he speaks from the heart with great integrity and authenticity. We are very fortunate to have him with us in Coventry on 6th June.”

For an event flyer and further information email Andy Duncan at ajd100@virginmedia.com, 07939 105706.



Notes

Peace Through Unity is a project run by Normandy Day UK, a Coventry based peace education charity

The film and launch event is funded by Armed Forces Covenant grant and Heritage Lottery (Sharing Heritage) grant. The project has involved over 40 local veterans, six Coventry and Warwickshire secondary schools, prominent peace makers and graffiti and spoken word artists.

Alex Nung is author of 'Not My Worst Day', his autobiography.

The event will be compered by Free radio DJ John Dalziel, who will interview Bruce Kent, founder of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Six Coventry schools and one Warwickshire school have helped to make the film.

A song specially written by a local veteran and a local composer will be performed by local recording artist Sandra Godley and the Coventry Singing City Choir.