

AFTER THE

RIOTS

Keynote address by Dr Peter Selby, President of the National Council for Independent Monitoring Boards. He was previously Bishop of Worcester, Bishop to HM Prisons and a Church Commissioner. His book, *Grace and Mortgage*, opens people's eyes to the corrosive effect of debt on the poor and the environment.

Invitation to forum on positive action to be held on 1 February 2012

How best to understand and respond to the recent riots in England has been the cause of much debate and concern both with decision-makers and the media. The situation challenges us to consider what can be done to reverse the trends that cause such unrest and lead to a breakdown in 'civil behaviour' and also to recognise the positive response of those who came forward to mitigate the impact of the riots.

If you wish to attend or know of people or groups to invite to attend and/or participate, please contact forum organizer Esther Ridsdale at esther.ridsdale@tocollaborate.org or Don de Silva at dondes@iofc.org.uk



Richard Baker

Initiatives of Change-UK, together with the Civil Society Forum and the Cordoba Foundation, are holding a one-day forum to understand different perspectives on the underlying civic, moral, political and social challenges and explore what we can do individually and collectively in response.

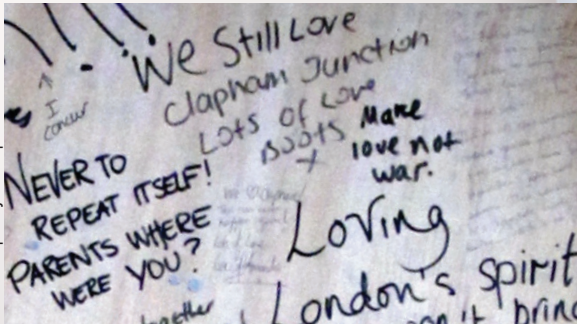
FROM BLAME TO POSITIVE ACTION

As individual citizens, communities, and NGOs and government organisations have been collecting thoughts and gathering together in and towards action, the event will bring people together to take the thinking further, share understanding and look at what can be done.

We will explore the underlying issues, particularly the challenge of re-engagement both practically and morally, approaches to tackling the main challenges, identify specific ways forward, and consider how all participants can make a contribution, individually and collectively.

The day will be a combination of inter-active presentations, and large and small group dialogue. It will create space to reflect and explore ways to tackle disenfranchisement and dis-engagement in civil society and include consideration of what stopped the violence starting and spreading in different areas

The organisers are inviting individuals and groups including community and faith-based groups, NGOs and government organisations, who can make a particular contribution.



Duncan 'Clapham Junction post-riots'

Initiatives of Change (www.uk.iofc.org) is a worldwide movement of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds who are committed to transforming society through changes in human motives and behaviour starting with their own.

The Civil Society Forum (www.civilsocietyforum.net) provides an open space for leaders from all sectors to engage on the practical challenges in building civil society. It aims to support and stimulate strategic thinking and action to address the challenges and be a catalyst for positive collaboration.



The Cordoba Foundation (www.thecordobafoundation.com) is an independent Think Tank specialising in public relations, research and government policies affecting communities in Britain and beyond and is a strong advocate of intercultural dialogue.