

October 2010

Living Roots



*'from the smallest flower
to the tallest tree...'*



This autumn at L'Arche Belfast, we're still growing our community and relationships the same way we grow our vegetables—with a little sun, care, and the mantra, 'less is more.'

We'll dig back to the root of things—the living roots—the things that sustain us in this busy world.

What's New?

- Well, the Soup Shanty was a hit! Last week, over 100 friends of L'Arche Belfast joined us at the Indian Community Centre at Carlisle Circus for soup, community, and music.

The Belfast Open Arts Choir had us on our feet, dancing to old classics and tunes from around the world.

Thank you to everyone who came out for event, and thank you for donations of tray-bakes, breads, and your time! Thanks to you, we brought in some profit through the sale of our new cookbooks, 'Soup and What Else?' and greeting cards made by our friend in Scotland.

The Soup Shanty launched our new social enterprise, 'Root Soup,' so look out for news about its development.

- This month we said goodbye to Manuela, our volunteer from Austria, but she left behind good memories and a teapot!
- October 10th, The Ember will welcome friends of L'Arche for a day of work and play at The Allotment, offering another chance to share the gifts of our core members with social activists in Belfast. Pray for sun!

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- Matthew, Sharon and Emily are heading to Scotland for Matthew's holidays next week. Sightseeing suggestions are welcome!
- Things continue to go well at The Ember, and we're looking forward to welcoming new volunteers from Sweden. We'll have to brush up on our Swedish phrases!

Hope everyone is well! We've fought off a few colds and are back, better than ever, going to college, work, and making new friends.

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Keep in touch with us! In future newsletters, we'd like to honour the births, marriages, and deaths that continue to shape our lives at L'Arche.

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Hope to hear from you!

Cheers!