

# Contemplative Fire: Greenbelt 2010



Greenbelt has a new venue for worship in 2010 - "Abide" an eco-spirituality yurt and Philip has been asked to provide two sessions of musical meditation. Accordingly, "Sheer Sound", with Philip and guest musicians from the Contemplative Fire community will lead drum, chant, reflection and stillness at 3pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, and at 11.30am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, both in the ABIDE yurt.

In addition, we hope that it will be possible that Nik and Simone, two of our Companions on the Way, bring their full-size teepee to act as a Contemplative Fire "Still Waters" meditation space throughout the Festival.

Contemplative Fire's sister organization, The Quiet Garden Movement, is also being featured in the programme. Philip, with his Quiet Garden Movement hat on, has been asked to contribute to an eco-organisations' presence and panel in G Source (see right & below for details).

## Drum, chant and reflection

**Saturday 3pm**

**Monday 11.30am**

**Venue: Abide**

Enjoy Greenbelt's new venue for worship - 'Abide' – an eco-spirituality yurt, in the company of "Sheer Sound", with Philip Roderick and guest musicians from the Contemplative Fire community leading drum, chant, reflection and stillness.

## Still Waters

Watch out for the Contemplative Fire teepee providing a Still Waters meditation space throughout the festival.

## Eco-clinic panel

**Friday 8pm**

**Venue: G-stage (in G-source)**

Philip's drum and Welsh wail in The Living Room will signal the beginning of the eco-clinic panel featuring leaders from a variety of Christian eco-organisations.

## Quiet Garden Movement

**Saturday 12.30pm**

**Venue: The Living Room in G-Source**

Philip will be leading a workshop on how to establish a Quiet Garden in a home, church, school, hospital or prison.

## The Living Room in G Source

After many years of working together, the Christian environmental organisations at Greenbelt are sharing a 'network space'. The Quiet Garden Movement, with its emphasis on garden as reflective as well as active space, has been invited to join this significant cluster at Greenbelt.

Here, if you visit The Living Room, you'll be able to find in one place the whole range of support available to individuals and congregations in your witness for the earth. We're also providing a programme of informal half hour workshops where people can dialogue and ask questions. Participant groups will include: A Rocha, Christian Ecology Link, Creation Challenge, Earth Abbey, Eco-Congregation, Living Witness Project and QPSW, Operation Noah, Shrinking the Footprint and The Quiet Garden Movement.

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Contemplative Fire is an intentional and dispersed community of people who are seeking to be fully present to the Kingdom of God here and now. Contemplative Fire celebrates natural beauty, deep connectedness and the play of wisdom. We believe that the risen Christ is calling us to 'travel light and dwell deep' as his companions on this extraordinary journey. Gradually, over the past six years we have seen the seeding of a number of small communities, from South Bucks to the South Downs, from St Albans to Stroud, from Brighton to Toronto. Those who are attracted to what we are doing include those who have no church background, those who are fed up with the institutional church and those who attend a local church as well as being involved in Contemplative Fire... Both in solitude and in community we are called to step into our own authenticity. The spiritual heart of Contemplative Fire is a re-imagining of and engagement with the Jesus tradition of contemplation-in-action. This is a return to the radical simplicity and profundity of wonder, love and thankfulness. Walk with us for a while.

**Contemplative Fire events & groups – see website or contact the office for details of**

**Gatherings:**

in Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire,  
Berkshire and West Sussex

**Still Waters:**

West Sussex, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire

**Community weekend  
and Companion events:**

Oxfordshire

**Companions, Way Beyond Religion and  
Open Circle groups:** in all sorts of places!

**For Contemplative Fire Toronto, Canada**

[www.contemplativefire.ca](http://www.contemplativefire.ca)

## Contemplative Fire Emerging in the Northwest of England/North of Wales

The M56 may seem an unlikely place for contemplation but it appears that there are small sparks here which may become Contemplative Fires in this border territory! If this is near you and you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

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**'The art of belonging is  
the recovery of the  
wisdom of rhythm.'**

**John O'Donohue  
*Eternal Echoes***

## and... Contemplative Fire in Sheffield ?

We are now actively exploring ideas for birthing a local Contemplative Fire community in Sheffield and South Yorks. It would be excellent if you were free to participate in a "Pilgrimage to Now/here" day on Saturday 30 October 2010. This taster and visioning day will combine vision-sharing, an awareness walk, pooling of insights, stillness and community building. It will be held somewhere on the edge of Sheffield and will run from 10am until 3pm. There will be no charge for the day, unless we have venue costs to cover. Please bring your own sandwiches and outdoor wear. If you are able to make it, please contact Jane Mcbane, a Companion on the Way from Sheffield: [jjmcbane@hotmail.com](mailto:jjmcbane@hotmail.com)  
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