

ECC NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1990

24-27 MAY

"BUILDING THE FUTURE, NOT FIGHTING IT"

AGENDA

THURSDAY 27 MAY

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18h00 Supper

20h00 Introduction

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda Review

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Tracing the strategies, political culture and principles of ECC in a anecdotal and light way.
(Richard Steele and Clare Verbeek)

22h00 Social/Videos

FRIDAY 25 MAY 1990

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09h00 "Building the Non-racial Democratic South Africa : The Central Issues"

Keynote address by Terror Lekota, ANC Southern Natal
Convenor
Plenary Discussion

10h30 Tea

11h00 "ECC's Challenge in a changing South Africa"

Input: David Schmidt
Group and Plenary Discussion

13h00 Lunch

14h00 Free time

16h00 WORKSHOPS 1

Conference will break into the following workshops that will report-back to the plenary:

Objector Issues (focussing on objector trials, an August objector stand, exiles and evaders)
Facilitator: William Rex

SADF Hit Squads (planning a campaign against the CCB)
Facilitators: David Schmidt and Mandy Taylor

Conscription Policy (discussing the ECC Policy Document on conscription, on-going discussion with government and the SADF re conscription and alternative national service, issues of post-apartheid military policy)
Facilitator: Roddy Payne

Reconciliation and Reconstruction (focussing on actions such as Marches for Hope, Working for a Just Peace-type re-building projects, bringing together former combatants on different sides of the war, dealing with South Africa's debt to destabilised neighbouring countries, engaging the right-wing etc)
Facilitated by Grahamstown ECC

Peace-keeping (focussing on issues of violence, deployment of troops internally, monitoring of security forces and possible peace-keeping activities that ECC could engage in)
Facilitated by: Natal ECC

18h00 Supper

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The Natal Violence
Input: Gary Cullen

Input on the Causes and Effects of a Culture of Violence
Input: Adele Kirsten

Plenary discussion

22h00 Social
National structures, communication and finance
(1 Rep per region and National team)

SATURDAY 26 MAY

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Input (possibly from a Vrye Weekblad journalist)
Questions

09h45 International update

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Input: Gerald O'Sullivan from COSAWR, London

Report on the War Resisters International Social
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Update on war resistance internationally

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