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1. National co-ordination

National co-ordination between the ECC's facilitated by:

- informing ECC's of activities and plans in Natal and passing on regional news and resources to ECC here.
- sent packs with media from Durban, Eastern Cape and Cape Town to all the ECC's.
- wrote report on ECC developments in the Eastern Cape and sent to other ECC's.

2. Work with ECC and affiliates

Had meetings with Paul, Fiona, Richard, Anita, Sue, Gary, Wendy, Jeremy and Ann and discussed with them ECC and their respective areas of work.

Participated in ECC meetings: media comm, general body, co-ordinating comm, Festival discussion, public meeting planning session, security workshop.

3. Work with ECC affiliates and other groups and individuals

Met with Wendy, Laura, Merryl and Gary from Nussas. Nussas plans to focus on the end conscription campaign this term and to organise, inter alia, a survey, debate and focus week. ECC should ensure that its profile is raised on campus in

in the course of these activities.

Met with Youth Forum's militarization group and helped them prepare a workshop for the Forum. YF is planning to hold a militarization festival in the June holidays and would like this to be organised jointly with ECC.

Spoke to local Black Sash branch about history and activities of ECC.

Attended Cozy meeting and discussed ECC Festival and Philip Wilkinson.

Met with Fishy and Keshesia from USF I44 which would welcome an ECC representative. As part of their programme of action, I44 is organising regional workshops on the 15 + 16 of May and would like ECC input.

Spoke also to Leah, Steve Laurie, Simpewe, Alba and Paddy.

4. ECC publicity and educative work

With Fiona met with Steven Hater from the Mercury about a feature he was writing (but which has not been published!).

Am meeting a journalist from City Press on Monday.

Spoke at ECC public meeting.

Spoke to SCA/411 but was only given 5 minutes and no time for questions. It would be worth following up this group

as well as Tracy and Paul from Cathroc who I met last time round.

Gave seminar to Nuzos Projects Comm at Prob on Namibia and SADF in the townships; very exciting group discussion followed

5. Research and resources

Met with Sr Pat and Corder to discuss national co-ordination of media and resources. We felt that the resource co-ordinators in all the regions should establish their own network rather than rely on the media comm network. It is uncertain who is collecting pressclips in Durban and who is responsible here for the regional resource pack.

Wrote articles on the ECC public meeting for Objector and Ubuza.

Wrote part of ECC's contribution to Jeremy Cronin and Raymond Suttner's book on the Freedom Charter.

Sent media packs to all the regions.

6. ECC Festival

Have discussed Festival formally and informally with ECC and Cozy people and will take their ideas back to Joberg. More thought is needed in Durban around the way in which the ECC can integrate a build-up to the Festival into its activities over the next two months.

Have prepared about 50 packs to be sent overseas with the help of Richard and Anita.

Am writing formal letters of invitation to all the main-line churches.

7. Pietermaritzburg

Met with Jaque while in Port Elizabeth and drew up list of about 60 people in Pmb who might be prepared to get involved in an ECC there. Also prioritised those people who I should try to make personal contact with. Last weekend I went to Pmb and saw Jaque, John Lyell, Willem Jordine, Martin Wittenberg, Mark Royal, Peter Hirsch, Matthew Beagle, Colin Gardner, Theo Kreiffel, John Jeffrey and Fidela Fouché.

All of these people are very keen to get involved in ECC and think that it has good potential in Pmb. All were happy with the process of forming the ECC: Jaque, Lyell, Willem and Mark will send invitations to and draw up an agenda for a feasibility meeting on Tuesday the 7th; the meeting will be opened by Theo, chaired by Peter and formally called by Pappa; the aim of the meeting will be to give people present a feel for ECC, to decide whether or not to form an ECC in Pmb and if so to discuss the kind of activities it could engage in and the kind of structure it could have.

It will be important once the ECC is functioning to work out ways in which its activities could be co-ordinated with those of the Durban ECC, particularly in the area of media.

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## 8. The day after

Before leaving Durban, but after having completed this report, I will be seeing Stanley Magopa, Jan Ayden, City Press and students from the white and black technicians. Will report on these meetings verbally to ECC people.

## 9. Review group

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