

Conflict Transformation, at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute of Eastern Mennonite University. Mr. Gbaydee Doe since 1991 has worked extensively in West Africa, particularly in Liberia and Sierra Leone, where he applies his interest in social reconciliation with emphasis on reintegration and re-socialisation of former child soldiers. As Executive Director of WANEP, Mr. Gbaydee Doe is one of the promoters of the concept of Collaborative Peacebuilding in West Africa.

**Carolyn Hamilton (England)** is a Reader at the University of Essex and the Director of the Children's Legal Centre. She is one of the co-Directors of the Children and Armed Conflict Unit. She provided one of the Study Papers for the UN Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children (the Machel Study) and helped launch the report in the UK. She has served as an expert to the UN Crime Prevention Branch on juvenile justice and was a member of the UK Advisory Board for submission of the UK Second Report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. She has worked in a number of countries affected by armed conflict, including Kosovo, North Ossetia and Turkey. She is also currently working in Russia to implement new juvenile justice initiatives.

**Françoise Hampson (England)** is a Professor of Law at the University of Essex and in the Human Rights Centre. She is co-Director, with Carolyn Hamilton, of the Children and Armed Conflict Unit. She is a member of the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. She is on the steering committee of the ICRC for the study on the customary international law of armed conflicts. She contributed a report on international humanitarian law and the protection of children in conflict for the Machel Study.

**Paddy Kelly (Northern Ireland)** is a Barrister by profession. She was involved in the establishment of the Children's Law Centre and is currently its Director. After practising as a Barrister, Paddy worked for a number of years with voluntary sector organisations, including Gingerbread and Save the Children. She is currently Chair of Putting Children First, an umbrella organisation established to promote children's rights in the post-Belfast Agreement political dispensation. Paddy sits as a Commissioner on the Human Rights Commission.

**Dr. Lynne Jones (United Kingdom)** is a Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Family Research at the University of Cambridge in England. She recently completed her specialist training in child psychiatry. Her recent NHS job was as senior registrar on the in patient adolescent unit at Douglas House, Cambridge. Over the past 15 years, she has been actively involved with peace and human rights NGOs of various kinds, particularly those involved in Eastern Europe and Central America. Since 1989, she has divided her time between humanitarian aid work, primarily in the Balkans, conflict resolution training, research, and NHS child psychiatry. She worked for six months for Médecins sans Frontières, setting up and running psychiatric service for Gorazde in Bosnia. From 1998-99 Dr. Jones worked full time in Kosovo running emergency child and family health services for Child Advocacy International (CAI). Since 1999, she has been the medical director of a CAI project to establish a child psychiatry service in Kosovo, funded by the US office of Population, Refugees and Migration. Dr. Lynne Jones recently received an Order of the British Empire for her research and humanitarian work for the mental health and well-being of children in war zones, especially in the Balkans. Many congratulations to Lynne who richly deserves this honour.

**Besnik Kajtazi (Kosova)** is a student and is currently working with the Children's Legal Centre at the University of Essex. In Kosova, Besnik worked as a journalist for the biggest Albanian-daily newspaper *Koha ditore*. He trained as a radio-journalist at the BBC World Service in Bush House, London. Besnik has also worked on Media Projects of the international organisations in Kosova during the armed conflict. As a member of the Board of the youth organisation *Post-Pessimists* of Prishtina, winners of the UN Global Award for Peace and Tolerance in 1999, Besnik has been invited to speak at many conferences and workshops; the University of Trondheim at the Thematic Student Festival as well as the follow-up Festival this past March. He has been the main speaker in workshops for the peace process in Kosova for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of California, and at the European Conference on Child Rights at the University of Girona in Spain. Besnik has also been an active participant and speaker at the International Meetings of the Post-Pessimists Movement.