

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following Deborah Munro's leading to form a World Children's Choir for Peace, a Support Group was formed, and her leading was subsequently endorsed by 2009 Australia Yearly Meeting.

The aim is to have a choir of Quaker children and their friends from every continent, supported by teams of Quaker adults who feel moved to offer their skills and experience on a voluntary basis.

Once established, this choir can inspire the world with the joy and innocence of their beautiful singing at important international gatherings. The entire contingent of Quaker children, their friends and adults would form a dynamic community, which would live out the Quaker Peace testimony.

It is hoped that the Choir will meet each year, in conjunction with a Yearly Meeting somewhere in the world. International tours are an anticipated progression. Membership will vary from year to year, but it is hoped that the tradition is maintained and expanded over the years as publicity and support increase.

This inaugural gathering is the start of what will hopefully be an inspiration to world leaders as they consider how best to govern their country and relate to other countries.

## COST OF GATHERING

The cost will be \$400, which covers:

- 7 nights' accommodation at the modern and well-equipped Walford Boarding House
- All meals
- Entry fees and transport costs
- Use of sheet music
- Professional instruction in choral singing
- Group work to facilitate life skills such as communication, group membership and assertiveness skills.

*NB We hope to attract funds to subsidise the costs of the Inaugural Gathering. Please approach your Local Meeting or The WCCP Support Group if finances are an issue in enabling you to attend the Inaugural Gathering.*



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

To **register their interest** or make enquiries, parents of interested choristers are asked to email Deborah by 1 September 09: [debmunro@yav.asn.au](mailto:debmunro@yav.asn.au)

You can read more about **Deb's choral work** in the website of Young Adelaide Voices:

[www.youngadelaidevoices.asn.au](http://www.youngadelaidevoices.asn.au)

For more information about **Deb's leading and vision** for the WCCP, please request a copy of the original brochure.

## WORLD CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR PEACE

*Supported by South Australia Regional Meeting  
and Australia Yearly Meeting*



## INAUGURAL GATHERING in

**Adelaide, South Australia**

*(concurrent with Australia Yearly Meeting)*

**January 3-9, 2010**

## ABOUT THE CHOIR

This Choir is for girls and boys with unbroken voices who:

- are aged 9-16 years
- love singing
- have good concentration skills
- are keen to work hard in the context of fun and fellowship
- are enthusiastic about striving for a high standard
- enjoy meeting other people their own age from a wide variety of backgrounds
- are thrilled by the challenge of working as a team to foster world peace and care of our planet



Deb Munro with children from Adelaide Local Meeting

## THE MUSIC

The choristers will learn approximately 10-15 songs, each with a theme of peace or care of our planet. The songs will be in a wide variety of styles, and will serve as catalysts for discussion and information about peace and environmental issues.

## INAUGURAL GATHERING

The inaugural gathering (residential) will be held at **Walford Anglican School Boarding House, Unley, South Australia**. It will be of one week's duration, from January 3-9, 2010

There will be a stimulating programme of rehearsals, socialising, sightseeing, excursions, interest sessions and group work, culminating in a performance at the end of the week.

All activities will be designed to foster fellowship and group membership skills, thus engendering the feeling of belonging to a very special Community, in which everyone is encouraged and valued.



## THE STAFF

There will be 6-8 full time, residential staff (depending on chorister numbers), who are members or attenders of Quaker Meetings. Each staff member will offer his/her services in a voluntary capacity, and will contribute their particular skills and experiences to the choir during the week.

## MUSICAL DIRECTOR

**Deborah Munro, B.Mus Dip.Ed. Dip.Ed.Couns.** is a member of *South Australia Regional Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends*.



*Deborah has worked extensively with choirs in Australia and overseas for more than 30 years. She has been Artistic Director of the internationally acclaimed Young Adelaide Voices, a choir school comprising 200 choristers aged 5-35. In this capacity she has led tours to many countries in Europe, Asia and North America, giving recitals at famous venues including St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Disneyland.*

*Under Deborah's direction, the choir has recorded eight C.Ds including one with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, with whom they have performed on numerous occasions. They are recipients of 1<sup>st</sup> Prize summa cum laude at the European Youth Choral Festival and of the Key to the City of Adelaide.*

*Deborah has also been Music Director of the SA Public Schools Music Festival, a position which involved the in-service training of 200 choir conductors around the state of South Australia and the conducting of 6,000 children in a Festival of 12 concerts.*

*With tertiary qualifications and experience in Music, Education and counselling, Deborah approaches all her work in an enthusiastic, caring and holistic way. She maintains links with international colleagues for friendship and professional exchange, and was a member of the international jury for the European Youth Choral Festival in 2008.*