

**November 2008**

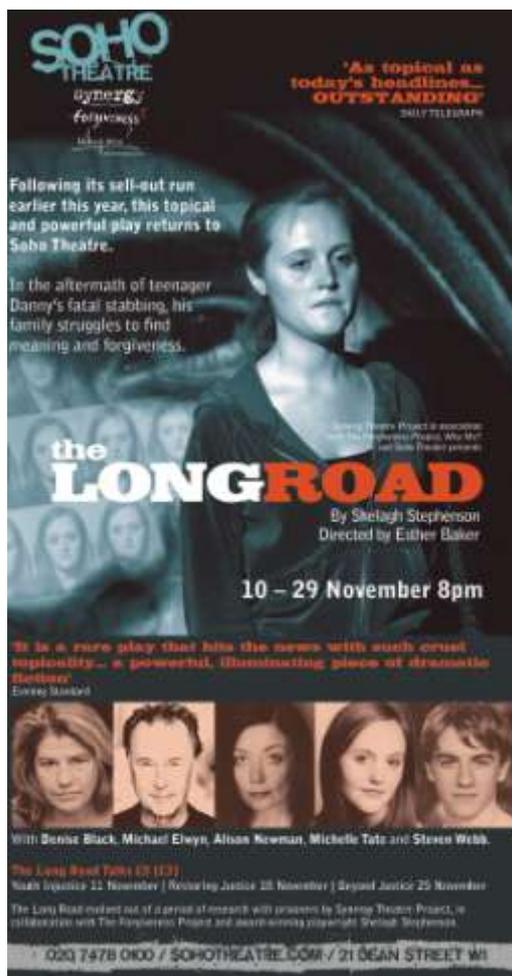
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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have some exciting events coming up in London during the next few weeks.

**THE LONG ROAD returns to Soho Theatre 10-29<sup>th</sup> Nov with a programme of weekly talks accompanying the show**

Buy tickets on 020 7478 0100 [www.sohotheatre.com](http://www.sohotheatre.com)



**REFORMING CRIMINAL JUSTICE TALKS**

**11 November, 6.30pm**

**YOUTH INJUSTICE: *Is it criminal to lock up our children and, if so, how do we deal with the reported increase in violent youth crime?***

Including: Mary Foley (launched the campaign, Stop Da Violence, following the murder of her teenage daughter), Rev Nims Obunge (Chief Executive of The Peace Alliance) and Lucie Russell (Director of SmartJustice).

**18 November, 6.30pm**

**RESTORING JUSTICE: *A radical reform or soft option, what does Restorative Justice really mean for victims and perpetrators?*** Including:

Sir Charles Pollard (Chairman of Restorative Solutions and former Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police), theatre arts director Rev Julie Nicholson (whose daughter was killed in 7/7 bombings), Jo Berry (daughter of Sir Anthony Berry MP who was killed in the IRA Brighton Bombing) alongside Pat Magee (former IRA activist released under the Good Friday Agreement) who have both been actively involved in peace work.

**25 November, 6.30pm**

**BEYOND JUSTICE: *In a punishment-obsessed society, how can ex-offenders re-integrate into their communities?*** Including:

Julie Taylor (Director of Offender Management Strategy for the Ministry of Justice), Nick Herbert MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Justice) alongside an ex-offender.

Talks: £5 (£3) *Buy tickets for any performance and pay £3 for a talk*

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**TOWARDS FORGIVENESS – 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, Global Co-operation House, 65-9 Pound Lane, London NW10 2HH**

A seminar exploring forgiveness, with Maureen Goodman, Programme Director of the Brahma Kumaris, Rosalyn Hollidge who following a severe traumatic experience in 1999 made a conscious choice to turn her life around and is now an integrated counsellor, and Marina Cantacuzino, founder & director of TFP

**NARRATIVES OF HOPE 13-15 Nov, at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace**

A conference exploring the power of narrative and story in peace-building, including a Forgiveness Project workshop with Jo Berry telling her own personal story.

<http://www.stethelburgas.org/aastorytellingnarrativesofhope.html>

### **NEW STORIES**

Check out two stories from America exploring forgiveness in the midst of personal tragedy.



<http://www.theforgivenessproject.com/stories/rebecca-demauro>



<http://www.theforgivenessproject.com/stories/DebbieMcLeland>

### **THE F WORD**

We have a brand new, free standing and easily transportable F Word exhibition available for hire in the UK



In America we have produced an exhibition made from banners which was first shown in LA this October.



To hire the exhibition in the UK contact: [info@theforgivenessproject.com](mailto:info@theforgivenessproject.com)  
To hire the exhibition in the US contact: [1sophielevy@gmail.com](mailto:1sophielevy@gmail.com)

## **PRISONS**

We have been running our prison programme in HMP High Down in Sutton for over a year now. It has proved enormously successful, with workshops always over-subscribed. An example of feedback from the workshop last week was: "I've been in the system for years. I've done all the courses designed to tick boxes; finally this is a course I've got something from". We are also now starting to work at HMP Wandsworth and Featherstone.

A new development and follow-on to our 3-day workshop at High Down, is a course which we have been running since March looking at forgiveness through the form of digital media. This is designed not only to give

prisoners a skill but also to encourage victim empathy through the creative process of sharing stories.

Take a look at the first three short films made by prisoners at HMP High Down

Forgiveness

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=9XAaarA6d1E>

Hope

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=XyFH8e7V5PY>

Room

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=7UawLwclN6Q>

## **TRUSTEES**

We are still looking to recruit trustees with finance, legal and HR skills.

## **FUNDING**

As usual we would like to say a huge thank you to all our funders without whom we could not continue this work - including The Henry Smith Charity, The Roddick Foundation, The Wates Foundation, The Pilgrim Trust and The Safer London Foundation.

**If you would like to support us in our work just go to <http://www.theforgivenessproject.com> and click on 'donate online' via CAF.**

Any amount would be much appreciated, but to put it in context:

- £50 covers speaker's expenses at a school.
- £200 covers all our materials for a 3-day forgiveness prison workshop
- £500 allows us to collect (interview, photograph, publish) a new story.
- £1,000 covers nearly half of our costs for one 3-day prison workshop.

## **OFFICE**

We have finally, after four years of being 'virtual', moved into offices in Victoria.

Our new address is:

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With warm regards

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