

24 : HOURS OF : PEACE

SUSAN & ARTHUR

Background

Susan and Arthur McHugh rose briefly to international fame when they formed an ad-hoc protest group called Peace 93 in Dublin in response to the deaths of Tim Parry and Jonathan Ball in the IRA bombing of Warrington on March 20th 1993 . The founding of the group was kickstarted by the mass, non-partisan rally calling for an end to sectarian violence that took place on O'Connell Street in Dublin on March 25th of that year – a rally which Susan and Arthur were pivotal in instigating and organising.

Suggestions for discussion

What do you know about "The Troubles"?

What was happening in Northern Ireland in 1993 that lead Susan and Arthur down in Dublin to take the action they took?

Look up the Warrington bomb ; what actually happened on that day?

Susan and Arthur heard about the bomb via the television; what acts of violence and conflict do you remember seeing on the television ? What happened in response in that case?

Do you think the media make us active – or just apathetic or despairing?

Do you think mass public demonstrations are still important ? And can you give your own answer to Neil's final question – can you give a concrete example of peace from your own life experience?