

## Ethical Encounter - Drug Law Reform



On Wednesday the 9th of May the Edmund Rice Justice Trust hosted and Ethical Encounter breakfast on Drug Law Reform. The presenters were Amy Nines and Nicola Ross from Community Action on Youth and Drugs or CAYAD. CAYAD works with the Auckland Council and the Ministry of Health to reduce the harm young people experience from alcohol and other drugs.

Amy and Nicola spoke about some of the models for drug law reform in New Zealand based on the National Drug Policy, as well as some of the ethical implications and questions raised by the topic. Questions around decriminalisation, moral responsibility and how drugs could affect family members or close friends were all raised and discussed.

The invited guests came from a variety of backgrounds, with involvement from both inside and outside the Edmund Rice Network. This contributed to insightful discussion into this complex issue such as the policy in Portugal and a look at how New Zealand defines and views drugs.

We would like to thank all those who attended our ethical encounter as well as Amy and Nicola for presenting.

*Campbell Wood Project Officer – Edmund Rice Justice Trust*

# INVITATION TO HEAR KAAREN MATHIAS

Come to hear Dr Kaaren Mathias

**7.00pm on Thursday 14 June**  
**at St Thomas of Canterbury College**  
**69 Middlepark Road**  
**Sockburn**

*Kaaren, with her husband Jeph, and four children have been living in northern India working in mental health and development.*

*The family is home in New Zealand for a six month sabbatical — and settling their twin daughters into University.*

Kaaren will speak about how she began to write for *Tui Motu* magazine and how her research and work in mental health in India has influenced her practice and her spirituality.

**RSVP: 021860143**

**Koha:** (Will be given to Kaaren for her work)



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