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BUSS EXPERIENCED A WONDERFUL YEAR, DESPITE LOCKDOWN AND NEW NORMAL

We are very happy to inform all friends and group members of our CIO Charitable Incorporated Organisation that, following last year's success, 2020 has also turned out to be another fantastic year, despite our new format of organising and offering our FREE events. (cont. p 3)

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Editorial

This last bulletin for the year has been recorded in the history of the new century. We can reflect the words of our Codifier in his books on Spiritism, that is a combination of Philosophy, Science and Moral Ethics.

In Posthumous Works, published in 1866 after his death and in many other texts from Revue Spirite (1862), we have updated news from Allan Kardec on Suicide.

His amazing soul impresses us with the preciseness of his observations given 158 years ago, regarding suicide in young people and children, which is exactly what is happening nowadays.

In this extract from the second part of Posthumous Works, 'Predictions concerning Spiritism'-REGENERATION OF HUMANITY"...Kardec writes that if destruction was not operated quickly enough, suicides will multiply in unprecedented proportions, even among children. Madness will never have reached so many people that, even before they die, they will be deleted from the number of the living. These are the true signs of the times and all this will be fulfilled by the chain of circumstances, as we have already said, without the slightest derogation from the Laws of Nature..."

Let's read even more Kardec's books, so we can learn what it really means TO LIVE.

NEWS AND YEAR REVIEW



BUSS every year organises the Second Hand Book Fair, and new additions. The BUSS 9th Bookfair was organised virtually from 15th to 30th October.

This event was an excellent cultural fundraising. Even virtually it was a success. The titles launched in Portuguese were:

A Bússola e o Leme - As 5 faces do Perdão - E o Verbo se fez Parábola - Eu Escolho Ser Feliz - Help! Me Eduque - Meditação

Second hand books in good condition, received as a donation by many people during the year, were sold at 50p, £1, £2 and £4 to help the maintenance of BUSS.

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Notwithstanding still being small, in comparison with other charities, we have achieved, step by step, our aims without concerns and with confidence in the future. We managed to offer 9 special live events and meetings to prepare spiritist workers in the field of Spiritist Education and Fraternal Spiritual Help.

As BUSS did in past years, we planned the entire year online events to unite all groups workers and BUSS volunteers, events such as Courses, and special online ZOOM specific meetings and mini seminars.

In this year we noticed an increase number of people that search for spiritual help, people undergoing depression, receiving therapeutic treatment in hospitals, with psychologists, who want to pray together, to relieve their spiritual pains. Our affiliated groups developed Prayer and Distance Healing to all that call or send a message, which are given for free. BUSS and all true Spiritist Groups never charge for the spiritual help and spiritual support they give to anyone in need.

As BUSS Chairperson, I am pleased that we are also continuing to work with other charities. On 10th September, we offered to the public an all day event, with 6 speakers from US, UK and Brazil, to talk about Suicide.

Support was given to the formation of Spiritist groups around the country. There are always challenges to face, but it brings us great joy when we overcome these difficulties and achieve our goals, in times of uncertainty that are around all the time.

Since April 2020 the Attendant Support Help Department and Children's Educational Department have participated in some BUSS meetings with different speakers that bring instruction and light to these tasks. Speakers included Cristiane Lenzi Beira, Edson Luis Cardoso, Dr Juan Danilo Rodriguez, Dr Vanessa Anseloni, Flavio Zanetti, Dr Dan Assisi, Dr Natalie Tobert, Dr Alexander Moreira-Almeida, Dr Mick Collins, Lawrence Savill, Dr Munir Gariba, Dr Jose Sousa, Edir Paixao.

A special event held on 5 December 2020 was our gathering for Educators, Parents and Families. The theme was: "Peace to the Earth Planet - How to Promote It?" It had a great impact with all educators, children and families that came to participate in an online meeting via Zoom. Arts using the central theme were created by our children and youth, and were shown during this meeting.

Since April, the Attendant Support Help Department and Children's Educational Department have been participating in some BUSS meetings with doctors and different professionals, to bring instruction and light to these tasks. BUSS is preparing a Spiritist Healing Course in ENGLISH by Anne Christine Sinclair, as a video tutorial, which will be soon free on YouTube.

**BUSS respects all rules,
during meetings, Trustees and
Groups, workers, and volunteers,
now organising online, using
ZOOM for meeting.**



Two BUSS events during the year, comprised several talks on the preparation of Spiritist workers: The Children's Education Dept. and The Fraternal Help Dept.

Cristiane Lenzi Beira, Juan Danilo Rodriguez, Flavio Zanetti, Vanessa Anseloni, Dan Assisi
Dr Jose Sousa, Edir Paixao, Edson

Public Events

13 May - Divaldo Franco

11 August - Adam Osborne

One-off Events



10th September - World Suicide Prevention Day 2020

"To Respect, to Preserve and Defend Life UK SUICIDE PREVENTION Seminar together with the British Spiritist Medical Association and Irish Spiritist Federation, with the support of Kardec Radio and Web Radio Fraternidade.

Youtube link: " <https://youtu.be/UYvkxfyGaLo>

3 October 2020 - BUSS gave homage to Allan Kardec

Drs Alexander Moreira and Mick Collins. Mediator. Natalie Tobert. Link.

<https://youtu.be/nRTERsntKC8>

28 November 2020 - Arun Gandhi

grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, 12 Lessons of Gandhi

05 December 2020 - Gathering

of Educators, Families, online exhibition of artwork

Last event with our group leaders, workers, educators, and families. Virtual exhibition of creative art by the children and young people, on "The peace I desire for our planet".

BOOKS Published by BUSS in 2020



The fourth revision and update of the Gospel According to Spiritism as translated by Janet Duncan was launched in February 2020 and has been a great success. BUSS donated 5 copies to each of the UK Spiritist Groups.

The new translation of the CHRISTIAN AGENDA by Janet Duncan is a book of extreme help each of us in our daily lives. It is pocket size, excellent to pop in your bag. Available in our bookshop@buss.org.uk

The KARDEC GROUP is a combination of 2 groups: Windsor & Maidenhead, plus Bicester - Event SPIRITISM x 2020 Theme: "What a Wonderful World"



Over a series of short lectures, of 15 to 20 minutes, explored this year's topic of "What a Wonderful World".

Despite the setbacks and trials that was faced in 2020, there were many reasons to appreciate the planet we live on and all the challenges placed before us.

This event took place on 7th and 8th November, with lectures spread out over two days. All lectures were in English and broadcast on YouTube and Facebook.

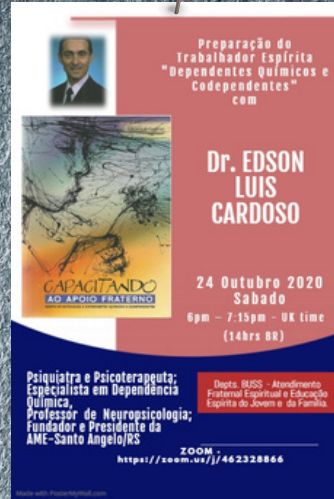
Grupo Peace and SSL

Both still doing virtual studies, receiving more participants than ever. Our venue at Quakers Meeting House does not allow to more than four members of Spiritist Society of London and is still closed.

Spiritist Centre for Peace as no more than four people are allowed in meetings at Oxford House. We are following Covid19 distance rules.

**NEWS FROM
THE UK
SPIRITIST
GROUPS**

The British Union of Spiritist Societies has withdrawn from the International Spiritist Council, as decided at the BUSS AGM on 5th December 2020.



Our hearts need more than ever, a guideline to bring peace into our families. Make peace and harmony blossom in YOUR home!

With the weekly study of THE GOSPEL IN THE HOME, meeting always on a regular day and time, our hearts begin to expand, and we see our present life and the world around us with fresh eyes. The peace that surrounds us during the meeting, the spiritual renewal felt with the final healing prayer, added to the resulting new strengths and energies, will encourage us to continue each week. This is to say nothing of the resulting calm, peace and fraternity blossoming within our family circle. So my dear friends, my dear brothers and sisters because we are all children of the One Creator, try this recipe!

See and feel for yourselves the peace and harmony that slowly begins to build around you and members of your family. Also, it is certainly a good recipe for the children, who can be encouraged to participate and ask questions. Who knows with the new generation coming to participate together with us, they may even be able to teach us a few things!

So, together with this simple brochure to guide you, BUSS offers a special prayer to our Great Teacher Jesus, asking for His blessing each week to every GOSPEL IN THE HOME MEETING, wherever and in whatever language it may be held.

If you want to have this brochure for free please contact us: bookshop@buss.org.uk





ARUN GANDHI

BUSS had the pleasure to organise a talk with Dr Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi on 28 November 2020, via a virtual meeting on Zoom. The video is available in our BUSS Youtube channel, BUSSAUDIOVISUALS - <https://youtu.be/2N4vNP7pJPo>

Arun Gandhi is the fifth grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and a committed advocate of the practice of non-violence. Arun lived with Mahatma Gandhi for eighteen months prior to Mahatma's assassination and later became a journalist and reporter for The Times of India. After a career in journalism spanning over thirty years, Arun subsequently moved to the United States, where he co-founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute of Nonviolence at the Christian Brothers University.

LEEDS



OUR HISTORY

Leopoldo from Leeds writes: Leeds Spiritism Study Group started from the need of a Brazilian from Salvador, Bahia, living in Leeds City Centre to have weekly "food for the spirit", hungry to know, and carry on studies about Spiritism (ref: Allan Kardec, Divaldo Franco).

I started to search on Google about the subject: Spiritism in the UK. Eventually I landed on the BUSS Web page, which took me to Elsa Rossi (so grateful for all the help always) who helped me to form the study group.

2017. Because of flexibility, location, resources, we broadcast our studies via remote video conference tools ie: Skype. This helps people who cannot be present face-to-face to be with us remotely through the beauty of technology. The seed is now germinated and our job is to keep going with our mission to love and show charity...following the steps of our Master Jesus.

Please follow our Facebook page for weekly posts and updates! @SpiritismLeeds

Peace and Happiness - Leopoldo Leeds.

On 5 December 2020 spirit educators of the United Kingdom were together with children, young people and families in an excellent event lasting one and a half hours.

Artistic works were presented, under the theme of Peace on our Planet. Videos made by young people were presented. Videobooks recorded by the children are available on the youtube channel BUSSAUDIOVISUALS.

The organisers of this study were Luciana Moura, Andre Luiz Pirola, Cristina Reis. Andre Luiz played songs to brighten the event, holding the attention of the children throughout.

www.youtube.com/c/bussaudiovisuals



*Let the Little
Children come to me...*



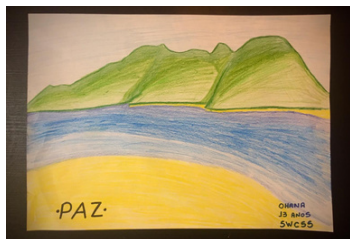
Luana, 4y



Bianca Gariba, 8y



Beatriz, 9y



Ohana, 13y



FRATERNAL HELP

Some of our Spiritist Groups in the UK are able to offer our Spiritist Fraternal Care using WhatsApp. You can search for contacts on the website www.kardec.org.uk or www.buss.org.uk

BUSS is organising the first event of the new year 2021 with our guest speaker Charles Kempf from France! He is a researcher on the history of Spiritism. The lecture will be broadcast through Kardec Radio, BUSS, Irish Spiritist Federation and Kardec Group-UK Facebook pages and YouTube channels. It will be a wonderful event.



AT BUSS WE AIM:



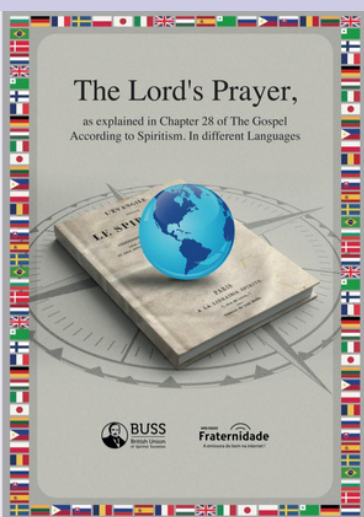
To promote the advancement and dissemination of the scientific and moral philosophy of Spiritism in accordance with the Spiritist Teachings as codified by Allan Kardec.



To plan and implement activities aiming to integrate and unify the Spiritist Movement in the UK, under the framework of God's Moral Principles and Natural Laws.



To motivate and guide people to live their lives in accordance with those moral principles, using the Spiritist Teachings to inspire people to lead a good and charitable life within their homes and communities, knowing that God is the Supreme Intelligence and First Cause of all Things.



The Lord's Prayer,
as explained in Chapter 28 of The Gospel According to Spiritism. In different Languages

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15	Nosso Pai (Portuguese Monarchy)	114	主の御心
25	Vår Fader	122	Tėve mūsų
34	Het gebed van de Heer	131	Ang Panalangin ng Panginoon
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82	A mi Atyánk	178	Bapa Kami
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LORD's PRAYER Project by BUSS & WRF

Part One - launched 13th May.

Part Two, launched 5th December.

Part Three - soon!

Free brochure in 20 languages: www.buss.org.uk