

FFWPU UK Blessed Family Department: Marriage Preparation and Refresher Day

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Back in December BFD UK Staff held a 'Marriage Preparation and Refresher Day' at Lancaster Gate...

'A 'Marriage Preparation and Refresher Day' was organised by the Blessed Family Department UK staff and volunteers in collaboration with a local Pastor, to follow up and connect more personally with Blessed families with single, or recently matched 2nd+gen and their parents who have attended a BFD or ESGD Matching and Blessing Education Workshop in the past few years.

We had a total of 14 people altogether including participants, speakers Pastor William H and Educator Stephen S, Event Coordinator Betty R and Tech staff and Coffee connoisseur Reamonn B. We had a brilliant day of meaningful interactive talks and engaging discussions, we started off in the 43LG cafe with a talk, self-reflection and sharing about strengths and area for growth led by Stephen S, and then all contributed to buy in a substantial lunch together and some delicious speciality coffee prepared by Reamonn.

We walked to the Holy ground where our elders spoke about the HSA UWC history of the establishment of the Holy grounds by True Parents, followed by a stroll to the Peter Pan statue, where we learnt about how the first HSA UWC Missionary to the UK, Theologian Yong-Oon Kim had come to pray when she was in London. We returned to the prayer room where we had a heartfelt introduction to the value of the Cheon Shim Won by Joana D. S. where we were invited to get stuck in and pray sincerely and passionately about fulfilling God's dream for a peaceful world.

We shared points of gratitude and difficulty and prayed out loud for each other in groups of three. The afternoon continued with further self-reflection worksheets and discussion on the different styles of expressing spirituality, and cultural differences and money values. We had an enlightening message from Pastor William on the meaning of Blessing in Marriage and finished with marriage family mission statement writing and sharing. This made for a super productive day of tapping into self-knowledge and reflection, clarifying one's personal vision and encouraging communication, for these lovely Blessed families on their journey with finding match and creating a beautiful Marriage Blessing.'

-Betty R. BFD UK Director