

UPF-UK Annual Peace Council 2012

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Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK
UPF Peace Council
From 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8th December
@ 43 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA

It is our tradition to end the year with an UPF's annual Peace Council. I hope that you can join us for December 8th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, in order to strategise for the coming year and share about the good projects and activities that you are doing. If you have a successful project or a model of good practice that others can learn from please contact us. There will be a chance for networking and learning from each other as well as updating ourselves on the plans and successes of UPF internationally.

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8th December Draft Programme:
9:30 - 10:00 Registration and Refreshments
10:00 - 11:30 Opening Session



Welcome: Lord King of West Bromwich UPF-UK Patron
Dr Yong Cheon Song: UPF President Europe
UPF Peace Values - Jack Corley: UPF -UK Chair UK

European Leadership Council conference series

12:00 - 1:00 UPF International



HE Dr. Suresh Chandra Chalise: Ambassador of Nepal Introduction Video

Mark Brann UPF Europe Secretary General: UPF International Updates

1:00 - 2:30 Lunch

2:30 - 4:00 UPF - UK Activities

Youth UPF - Interfaith Council, 'Evening With', Character Education and Human Rights

UPF - UK 2012 Reports



Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: Charlotte Simon

Friends of UPF Activities in Libya:

Mr. Ahmed Shebani, Founder: Democratic Party of Libya

Amira Al-Haderi: Lawyers for Justice in Libya 'Destoori' ("My Constitution" in Arabic)

UPF-Scotland Annual Visit to Several African Nations inc. Zambia and Uganda

Other Reports

4:00- 4:30 Ambassador for Peace Awards



Concluding Remarks

Entertainment

Youth UPF, whose representatives will make a presentation, has made inspiring progress during 2012 developing its own programme of events with the 'Evening With' series interviewing inspirational figures, conflict resolution and human rights training courses, human rights campaigns and the, soon to be inaugurated, Youth Interfaith Peace Council. Many of those active in Youth UPF have received the Youth Achievement Awards that is held in July each year.

There will be a presentation on activities that UPF-UK is supporting to highlight the injustices, to assist healing and to promote reconciliation in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

There will be a Christmas style lunch with all the allowances for different food requirements. The cost of the one day event is £10, inclusive of lunch, with £5 concessions for senior citizens and students. If you wish to take advantage of the once a year membership offer plus Annual Peace Council of £25 only which will include UPF membership of 2013, fee of £20.

If there are people who want to share some of their talents we may yet, have an informal impromptu entertainment! We look forward to this programme and the chance to strategise and prepare together for 2013 which will be an important one for Universal Peace Federation. Reply early to reserve your place. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday December 8th.

Robin Marsh Secretary General, UPF-UK
Margaret Ali, Director, UPF-UK
Joyce Suda, Director, UPF-UK

The Year 2012 Review

2012 has been a busy year in which UPF-UK has supported a series of conferences around Europe that have provided a wider forum for many of the issues we have featured in the UK in past events. The European Leadership Conference series convened in:

- Moscow, (Peace and Security in Multicultural Societies at a Time of Global Crisis);
 - UNESCO, (New Vision for Peace and Human Development);
 - Pristina - Kosovo, Principles for Peace and Security in Kosovo;
 - Tirana - Albania,
 - UK Parliament, (Human Rights and the Protection of the Unempowered and Dispossessed);
 - UN Geneva hosted a conference on the 'Contribution of the Family to Peace, Human Development and Prosperity';
 - On the International Day of Peace in Norway's Stortinget (Parliament), 'Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future';
 - UN Vienna, 'Europe and Russia; Partners in a Globalised World'
 - Berlin considering the future vision for Europe.
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- **There is an upcoming conference (December 4th and 5th) in Brussels held in the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament, entitled: 'How Can Europe Do More to Advance Human Rights?'**

There have been UPF national and local events supporting United Nations Days and initiatives such as Holocaust Day, Global Interfaith Week, International Women's Day, International Family Day, UN Africa Day, International Peace Day in Oslo's Stortinget (Parliament) and Human Rights Day. There has been a continuation of the Forgiveness series of conferences that have been chaired by Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke for the last five years including Marina Cantacuzino's Forgiveness Project in both events this year.