

# Genocides – Before and after UK

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**Gabor Boros:** The Roma Holocaust ([Video Link](#))

He began as an apprentice band musician in a Brussels nightclub but went on to study music at the Guildhall School of Music and Yale University. He worked as a musician for 35 years until recently he stopped due to back pains. He has Masters Degrees in Philosophy and Linguistics and was recently appointed Vice Chairman & Holocaust Delegate of The International Romani Union. He is also Holocaust representative of The National Gypsy Traveler & Romany Council.

By UPF UK

**O**n April 20th Universal Peace Federation UK held an annual genocide awareness event in London including a number of genocides that are denied by national Governments. The [Video Link is here](#). Two important issues were raised by several people: 1) That different groups of activists in unrelated Genocide incidents can support each other to achieve recognition together. 2) The stages of genocide identified by Gregory Stanton were mentioned that increases the chance to take pre-emptive measures to prevent mass killing.

Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK was founded by Father and Mother Moon who had experienced oppression by Japan during their childhood. They had also experienced the Korean war that divided the nation and communism that had suppressed individual rights in North Korea. UPF conceives of humanity as a human family with a common Heavenly Parent or Creator with the consequent familial responsibility to the other family members. These Genocide awareness events allow a platform for those who have suffered greatly.



**Keith Best QC,** UPF Director, encouraged all present to contact the International Criminal Court to encourage them in their work. He

reminded the audience to keep lobbying their MPs to be aware of these issues that either need to be prevented or need to be resolved. ([Video Link](#))



**Raffi Sarkissian:** Chairman of the Campaign for the Recognition of the Armenian Genocide (CRAG) ([Video Link](#))

Raffi Sarkissian chairs the 'Campaign for Recognition of the Armenian Genocide' CRAG and was the co-chair of Armenian Genocide Centenary Commemoration Committee UK 2013-2015. He has conducted research on genocide and has written several papers and articles on the subject, attending various conferences and events, organising lectures, educational programs and exhibitions for schools and universities. Raffi's paper presented at the First conference of International Association of Genocide scholars was published by Ashgate in 2006 entitled Criminal Law of Genocide. Some of his articles have been published in the International Business Times and Manchester Guardian.

Raffi is a member of Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International affairs) with specific interests in the Middle-East. He is particularly interested in political developments in the area, particularly for the Kurdish people and various Christian minorities and the roles of Turkey, Iran, Israel and Syria.



**Kamron Nawroz** ([Video Link](#))

He is a survivor of the Halabje Chemical attack in which 5000 people died including several from his own family.



**Tatiana Giraud:** Democratic Republic of Congo

Tatiana is the Founder of the Tatiana Giraud Foundation whose aim is to actively contribute to the restoration of women, girls, communities & families that have been victims of sexual violence in the north-eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Foundation works closely with grassroots organisations, treating and counselling victims while raising awareness of their plight in local communities. It aims also to financially support hospitals in the more remote or less developed areas of the Kivu region

in the DRC to provide various treatments including healthcare, psychological treatment, temporary housing, as well as job training programmes for victims. Tatiana has supported her mother Charlotte Simon who founded Mothers of Congo to promote awareness of the plight of the mothers of DRC and in particular those in eastern DRC who have suffered greatly while trying to raise their families.

**Ruth Barnett:** Kindertransport Child and Holocaust/Genocide Educator: ([Video Link](#))

Ruth's father, who was Jewish, escaped to Shanghai and her mother, who was not Jewish, remained in Germany in hiding until 1945. Ruth's mother had taken part in the Rosenstraße protest in Berlin in which around 200 non-Jewish German women who were married to Jewish men demonstrated outside a building where many of their husbands had been interned by the Gestapo. This was the only example of a prominent public protest the persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany.

After leaving university, Ruth married her Jewish boyfriend and converted to Judaism. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 2008 and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Ruth was a secondary school teacher for 19 years and a psychotherapist for 28 years. She regularly shares her testimony in schools and colleges.



**Sheikh Dr Hojjat Ramzy:** The Bosnian Genocide at Srebrenica and the Rohingya people ([Video Link](#))

Sheikh Ramzy is the founder and director of Oxford Islamic Information Centre. He works with Thames valley police as Islamic chaplain and adviser for number of years and assist police in integration and Islamic issues. He the director of Tel-mama (Measuring anti Hate crime) in Thames valley to assisting city and county council and themes valley police to reduce the Hate Crime in Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. He Works as Chaplin and advisory board of directorate in Oxford Brookes University's student welfare. He is a National member of Muslim Council of Britain and the former chair of education of MCB.



**Rev Dat' Dr Sumana Siri D.Th** (Oxford): Buddhist Realists' Vihara ([Video Link](#))

The young Venerable went to Sri Lanka and was trained in all aspects of Buddhism including Oriental languages. Learning Science at college with Western Classics and Economics, he then embarked on University education, which earned him a Diploma and an Honours degree together with certs in German, French, and Hindi. He now speaks 11 languages. After 15 years serving Malaysia particularly his Penang Centre and Singapore, he went to London University and studied Law. At the same time in 1991, he established the Buddhist Realist's Vihara in London and Italy in 1997. His next effort in 4 years is to walk round the world for peace, starting from Palestine and ending in Israel. The Universal Peace Federation with 3 million members has awarded him: Ambassador of Peace.

Other Speech Links:

Afzal Choudry - [Video Link](#).