

Human Rights and the Protection of the Unempowered and the Dispossessed

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Universal Peace Federation and Women's Federation for World Peace European Leadership Conference 'Human Rights and the Protection of the Unempowered and the Dispossessed' June 15-16, London

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to you to attend a European Leadership Conference on June 15-16 to consider 'Human Rights and the Protection of the Un-Empowered and the Dispossessed.' Distinguished delegates from many European countries will be in attendance. There is a draft programme below including the speakers for the conference. The European Leadership Conference (ELC) sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) is part of a series occurring in capitals around Europe. For reports of previous European Leadership Conferences in capitals around Europe please follow this link www.weltfriede.at/A06.htm.

Human rights issues are a major driving force behind current events. While there are too many issues to cover in a short conference we have invited a human rights specialists to highlight areas of concern to the UPF and WFWP and their Ambassadors for Peace network. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights finds a practical common ground with UPF and WFWP's conception of the sacred value of humankind, irrespective of belief or non-belief, as 'one family under God'.

After arrivals on June 14th the conference programme will convene on June 15th in the House of Lords with speakers including Keith Best, Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid, Lord Ahmed of Rotherham, Baroness Sandip Verma, Willy Fautré (Human Rights Without Frontiers International), and hosted by UPF- UK Patron, Lord King of West Bromwich (please see bio's below). The second day of the programme, June 16th, will explore practical insights into upholding human rights and dignity in the Royal National Hotel on Russell Square which will be the venue and preferred accommodation.

RSVP for more details and to reserve your place. We look forward to hearing from you soon and hope you will be able to take time out of your busy schedule to join us for this very meaningful occasion.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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Draft Programme

Friday June 15th Houses of Parliament:

Session I: Human Rights and Human Security

Chair Mrs. Carolyn Handschin-Moser, President WFWP International, Europe
Lord King of West Bromwich, UPF – UK Patron, UPF International Presiding Council
John Hilary, President, War on Want (TBC)
Keith Best, CEO Freedom from Torture:
Prof. Siddharth Saxena, Chairperson of the Cambridge Central Asia Forum: Universal Human Rights
Baroness Sandip Verma: Government Spokesperson for Women and Equalities (TBC)

Session II: Religious Freedom: Religious Minorities, Majorities and the State

Chair: Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke, President of World Congress of Faiths
Willy Fautre: Director, Human Rights Without Frontiers International
‘Open Doors’ Persecution Index (TBC)
Muslims in Europe: Imam Dr. Abduljalil Sajid JP, Chairman Task-force European year of Inter-cultural Dialogue, President Religions for Peace UK
Lord Nazir Ahmed of Rotherham

Session III: Women’s Federation for World Peace Session

Lady Fiona Hodgson (Invited TBC)
Madi Sharma, UK Representative, European Economic and Social Council: Domestic Violence
Emeritus Prof. Ursula King TBC

Session IV: Youth UPF-WFWP Exploring Global Citizenship

Bogdan Pammer, European Youth Committee UPF
Elisa Brann, WFWP-UK Director (TBC)

Day II Saturday 16th June Human Rights Education

Royal National Hotel, Russell Square

Session V: Human Rights Education and Religious Freedom Issues

Dr Aaron Rhodes (TBC) Executive Director, International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (1993 - 2007)
Ambassador (Retd) Dr. Walther Lichem, Former Head of Dept. for International Organisations, Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs: (TBC)
Peter Zoehrer: FOREF Austria

Session VI: Human Rights Education and Gender Equality

Lunch

Session VII: Human Rights Education and Global Citizenship

Jack Corley: Chairman UPF - UK
Sheikh Dr Højjat Ramzy: Chairman Muslim Council of Britain Education Committee

Session VIII: World Cafe

UPF Global Peace Council (Partial listing of European members)

H.E. Dr Alfred Moisiu President Albania 2002-07

Prof Dr Christian Brunner Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law University of Graz, Austria

Robert Vandemeulebroucke Ambassador (retd.) Kingdom of Belgium

Prof Dr Anto Domazet Former Minister of Finance, Bosnia Herzegovina

Mr Rony Wolf Smolar Councillor, Former Vice-Pres. European Jewish Congress Finland

Prof. Zsuzanna Horvath Lestak Professor of Marketing & Communications, Budapest College of Finance & Economy Hungary

Dr Antonio Stango Secretary-General Helsinki Committee, Italy

The Hon Noel Farrugia Member of Parliament, Malta

Dr Willem Van Eekelen Former Minister of Defence, The Netherlands

Dr Andrzej Szewinski Senator, Poland

Dr. Gabriela Elena Rezk-Gavrila Vice Pres. National Agency for Social & Health Problems, Romania

Hon. Anton Rop Prime Minister of Slovenia (2002-2004)

Lord Tarsem King of West Bromwich House of Lords, United Kingdom

Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid European Representative World Council of Muslims Inter-faith Relations