



March 2013

UN International Women's Day 2013

'I was not into women's issues when I was elected as an MP at age 29. I was passionate about global poverty, peace in the middle east etc. That lasted until I was about one hour in Parliament. Then I realised I could not keep quiet', Baroness Oona King explained last night, as the Universal Peace Federation celebrated the International Women's Day 2013 in the House of Commons.



Climate Change, Baroness Oona King and Baroness Meral Hussein - Ece OBE, Seema Malhotra MP, Charlotte Simon, Co Founder of Mothers of Congo, Cllr. Mrs Mimi Harker, Mayor of Amersham OBE and Brita Fernandez-Schmidt, Executive Director of Women for Women. Hosted by Mr Virendra Sharma MP. (Photos are available from <http://tinyurl.com/a545pyl>)

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Prominent women figures speaking included Lady Fiona Hodgson CBE, Baroness Sandip Verma, Parliamentary Undersecretary for



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon: Address to World Summit 2013

Dr. Hyung Jin Moon delivered this address on behalf of his mother, UPF Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han



Moon, at the opening of World Summit 2013 beginning; 'In honour of God, our Heavenly Parents,

and on behalf of my beloved husband and our True Father, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, I warmly welcome you to Korea for this historic World Summit on "Peace, Security, and Human Development."

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Upcoming Events

Baroness Scotland



Eliminate Domestic Violence

Global Foundation EDV Fundraising Dinner. [Read more.](#)

Youth Interfaith Council



6:00 pm, May 1st, House of Commons - "Social Media and Faith Communities"

RSVP for more info to:

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The Contribution of Interfaith Work

As a student in India, I sometimes helped at a Leprosy clinic. The other students were a



Muslim from Hyderabad and a Catholic from Sri Lanka. The doctor was Hindu. Together we were helping those in need. This is what interfaith work is really about. All the meetings to overcome inherited hostility and isolation are so that together people of faith can contribute to the healing of the world.

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An Evening With Baroness Scotland

As a part of the doing well and doing good project, Youth UPF hosted An Evening with former Attorney General, the Rt. Hon. Baroness Scotland QC. Baroness Scotland has led an illustrious career in which she became a barrister in 1977 before going on to become the first black-female member of the Queen's Privy Counsel in 1991. She was given a life-time peerage from Tony Blair in 1997 before becoming the first black female government minister in 1999. In government she went on to hold



the prestigious post of Attorney General in 2007, becoming the first woman in history to do so.

Despite these successes, she insisted in the interview that such achievements were never something she focused on in the work she did. She spoke of being driven to always do the best job she could possibly do every day. In order to combat all the challenges she faced throughout her career path, she highlighted the importance of her ability to make a contribution to the world that no one else could.

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By H.E. Hashim Thaci, Prime Minister of Kosovo



This is an exceptional opportunity to tell you the story of my country and my people. This is truly a story of peace prevailing over conflict, of faith in goodness prevailing over fear, a story that started long time ago with bloody wars in the Balkans and it ended in peace finally prevailing in the country and the region I come from.

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Mothers of Congo - Tragedy in DRC

The Mothers of Congo evening on Friday 1st March combined music and food from the Congolese community with harrowing testimonies and videos from those who have suffered terribly in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The accounts on video of women who had been raped and who were

being counselled as a group were particularly painful. Their courage to speak about their ordeals and to march as a group in a demonstration to publicise the use of rape as a weapon of war to terrorise and destroy communities in the mineral rich and lawless eastern DRC. ([Photo Link](#))



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Fundraising Dinner in Support of Global Foundation for the Elimination of Domestic Violence

The Rt. Hon. Baroness Scotland of Asthal, Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC and Baroness Shackleton of Belgravia request the pleasure of your company at a fundraising dinner in support of the Global Foundation EDV. We are very pleased to announce that Zeinab Badawi, television and radio journalist, will be comper for the evening.

With your support, we will be able to continue to expand EDV's mission worldwide, move towards a reduction of domestic violence globally and, most importantly, save lives.

Date: Monday 15th April,

Venue: Middle Temple Hall, Inns of Court, Middle Temple Lane, London, EC4Y 9BT.

Dress: Lounge suits.

Reception at 18:30 with carriages at 10:30

RSVP to: mark@gfedv.org