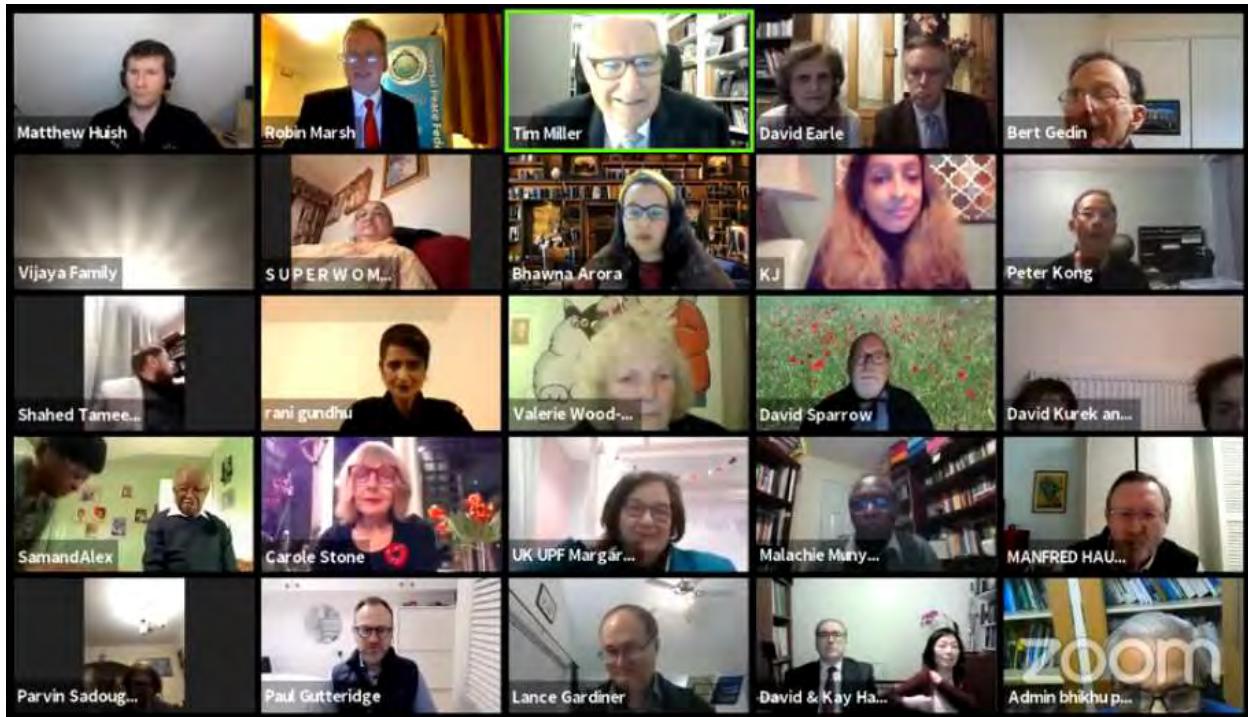


UPF UK: World Interfaith Harmony Week - Youth for Peace and Development

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UPF UK Programme - World Interfaith Harmony Week - Youth for Peace and Development by zoom. This will be an opportunity to introduce to a wider audience a proposal to establish a series of Youth Service Projects in the United Kingdom, which would enable 18 to 30 year-old, to collaborate with their peers from a variety of ethnic, religious and social backgrounds, while developing altruism, friendship beyond difference and learning associated with effective community service. The details of the programme are still being discussed and developed so it is an exciting time to come on board and help us in its design.

We have a growing panel of public figures who will be 'patrons' to promote the project. There is also a group of activists from a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds with connections to youth and experience in project management who will collaborate to bring this proposal into reality during 2021-22



Programme: 6 pm Thursday, 4th February, 2021

18:00 Introduction - Tim Miller (UPF - UK Trustee)

18:03 Welcome and Opening Remarks - Keith Best (UPF - UK Chair of Trustee Board)

18:06 Outline of the Proposed Youth for Peace and Development Project - Tim Miller

18:08 Learning from Past Projects Religious Youth Service (RYS) Video/Slides - Dr David Earle (UPF - UK Trustee and UPF Birmingham)

18:20 Baroness Sandip Verma - Chair, UN Women UK

18:24 Testimonies from Service Projects

18:33 Developing the Project - Robin Marsh and Margaret Ali

18:43 Statements of support from 'Patrons': Professor Lord Bhikhu Parekh,

Carole Stone CBE, Anthea McIntyre and Sheikh Nuru Mohamed

18:55 Questions and Comments: Including Paul Gutteridge (CEO of Initiatives of Change) and Baldev Singh Bains (Sikh Council UK)

General Q and A - 10 minutes

19.15 Finish

The image shows a Zoom video call interface. On the right side, there is a video window of a man identified as David Earle. The main content area displays a presentation slide. The title of the slide is "We will adapt the model for our contemporary society." Below the title, it says "Youth for Peace and Development". Underneath that, there is a bulleted list of program components: "• 6 or 7 Day Residential Programme: - Orientation - Service Project - Reflection and Future Goals", "• Follow Up Local Programme", and "• Event in Parliament to Award Participants and Raise Awareness of the Project." To the right of the text, there are two small images: one of a large stone building labeled "Cleeve House, Wiltshire - UPF Workshop Site" and another of people working outdoors labeled "Community Service Project". The Zoom logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the video call frame.

This will be an inspiring event highlighting the life changing experiences that others have had on similar, earlier Religious Youth Service programmes. This model now has a 30 plus year history of combining young people from a wide variety of backgrounds in service projects in many nations around the world. You are welcome to invite your friends and colleagues who you think maybe interested. For more understanding of the programme intended please see the first part of the explanation on this link.

It is intended that a UK launch project in early 2022 probably in London or Birmingham, will be followed by several local projects during the remainder of 2022 in different parts of the UK, where participants can implement the skills they have learned with the support of project mentors. Those who fulfil local projects successfully would be invited to a Youth Achievers Awards ceremony in Parliament for recognition of their accomplishment.