

## UPF UK: Happy New Year and 2023 Programme

Robin Marsh  
December 31, 2022

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### Draft Programme for Universal Peace Federation UK for 2023 - (This is a working programme.)

#### UPF - UK EVENT / ACTIVITY FOR 2023

Programme / Event / Activity	Projected Date
Introduction Jan 10th IMAP (International Media Association for Peace) Humphrey Hawksley Talk on the Asia Pacific and Opportunity to have signed books. January 17 (To be confirmed) Jan 14th Afternoon Tea with the Young Achievers Group One Day UPF Principles Seminar 21st - booked in Lancaster Gate with Rev Dr David Hanna Three events - World Interfaith Harmony Week London Jan 31st Last Tuesday of the Month Birmingham and Glasgow UPF Interfaith events World Interfaith Harmony Week: 1st week February. IAPD (Interreligious Association for Peace and Development)	January
Introduction to UPF on Valentines Day Feb 14th Keith Bennett - Korean Peninsula Webinar Feb 21st Tuesday 'With Rising China-US Tensions, Is There Chance for Dialogue with the DPRK' Last Tuesday of the Month - Monthly Ambassador for Peace (AFP) Meeting	February
Trustee Meeting 11th March 9.00 am - 11.00 am Introduction to UPF March 14th UN Day - International Women's Day - IAPP (International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace) Parliament (March 8th is official date) Possible Family Festival 'River South' Peace Embassy (Croydon) A Saturday in March One Day UPF Seminar AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month	March
Introduction to UPF April 11th Dialogue with the DPRK, The Search for Peace on the Korean Peninsula IAAP (International Association of Academicians for Peace) IAACP - Concert in Watford Holiday Inn - Fundraising Dinner AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month April 25th	April

<p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>International Family Day May 15th</p> <p>May 3 - 7 World Summit in Korea</p> <p>Africa Day 25th May (Support for Character Education project in Nigeria and usual Africa Day programme)</p> <p>AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>May</p>
<p>World Environment Day June 5th</p> <p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>One Day Seminar</p> <p>Trustee Meeting 24th June 12.00 pm - 15.00 pm in person in Lancaster Gate.</p> <p>AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>June</p>
<p>Young Achievers Awards (IAPP)</p> <p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>July</p>
<p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday) ??</p> <p>Peace Road Activity / Webinar</p> <p>AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>August</p>
<p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Anniversary UPF Sept 12th</p> <p>Trustee Meeting 16th September 9.00 - 11.00 am</p> <p>One Day Seminar</p> <p>UN International Day of Peace 21st September - AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>September</p>
<p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>IAED Event (International Association of Economy for Peace and Development) Event</p> <p>Blessing Event</p> <p>Fundraising Dinner</p> <p>AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>October</p>
<p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Parliament Week - IAPP event</p> <p>National Interfaith Week - IAPD event</p> <p>Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls (IAPP) 25th Nov.</p> <p>AFP Meeting Last Tuesday of the Month</p>	<p>November</p>
<p>Monthly Introduction to UPF (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>UPF UK Peace Council 9th Dec (2nd Sat)</p> <p>Trustee Meeting 16th December 9.00 am - 11.00 am</p>	<p>December</p>
<p>Youth Service Projects (Youth for Peace and Development) in London and Birmingham during the year.</p>	
<p>UPF - UK Associations</p>	

IAPP - Keith Best	
IAPD - Dr David and Patricia Earle	
IAED - Dr Abdul Basit Syed	
IAACP - Reamonn Bateman	
IMAP - Working with Rita Payne and Humphrey Hawksley	
IAAP - Academicians	



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**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM UPF INTERNATIONAL**

Written by UPF International  
Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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Since our founding in 2005, UPF, and all its associations, have upheld the core principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values as essential components of peace.

Looking back on the year 2022 we recall some of the highlights. In January, the 2nd *UPF Prayer for Peace on the Korean Peninsula* was attended by some 1,200 religious leaders, along with leaders from all walks of life and representing 157 countries that have established diplomatic ties with both North and South Korea.

In February, *World Summit 2022* was successfully hosted by UPF Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, along with Co-Chairs: H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, and H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General (2007-2016) of the United Nations. *World Summit 2022* produced a "Peace Charter" calling for peace on the Korean Peninsula, an Asia Pacific Union, and the establishment of a World Culture of Peace. As a part of *World Summit 2022*, the *5th Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony* was held, focused on the response to the global pandemic. The prestigious recipients were Dame Sarah Catherine Gilbert, Professor of Vaccinology, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. H.E. Samdech Hun Sen received the Sunhak Peace Prize Founder's Award,

In August, the *Summit 2022 and Leadership Conference* brought together international leaders to discuss a vision for a unified Korea and unified world, and to pay tribute to UPF Co-Founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, on the 10th anniversary of his passing.

The 4th and 5th *Think Tank 2022* Forums were held in February and August, respectively. UPF also launched a new series called the *Conference of Hope*. Held in November and December, the *Conference of Hope* programs brought together world experts to discuss Universal Human Rights and Religious Freedom.

As we look to 2023, we are already preparing for *World Summit 2023*, to be held on May 2-7, 2023. The program will include a Global Assembly of the International Summit Council for Peace, involving heads of state and government. In addition, there will be a special dedication of the new Cheon Won Gung Peace Center.

UPF is deeply appreciative of and indebted to our Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, for her generous support and wise guidance. Without her steadfast and inspired leadership, the UPF would not be able to carry out its mission.

In addition, a strong heartfelt word of appreciation is also due to the UPF regional chairs, UPF association coordinators, sub-regional chairs, regional secretaries general, and tens of thousands of volunteers who carry out so many excellent programs in every corner of the world.

On behalf of UPF International, we thank you for your continuous support and pray that all the blessings of the season, and the new year, will be yours.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Walsh, Ph.D.  
Chairman  
Universal Peace Federation

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