

UPF UK: Ending Violence Against Women and Girls - How Close Are We?

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Universal Peace Federation - UK *A Global Network of Peacebuilders*

Ending Violence Against Women
- How Close Are We?

UPF UK HQ, 43 Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3NA

12th of October 2024

12:30 pm - Start light lunch
05:00 pm - Finish

Saturday

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On October 12th the Universal Peace Federation UK convened an event to highlight the lack of development in the 'Elimination Violence Against Women and Girls'.



The Universal Peace Federation UK has long championed this cause through its annual Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls conferences and its active participation in the '16 Days of Activism' campaign between November 25th and the UN Human Rights Day on December 10th.

This conference brought together thought leaders and professionals from diverse fields - including social services, psychiatry, law enforcement, women's support services, legal experts, and the private sector - addressing both the achievements and ongoing challenges in the fight to end violence against women and girls.

The situation is complex and across the world varies according to cultural norms. It was fitting that the speakers during the programme were from many national backgrounds and professions drawn together by the effect of this common fundamental issue.



Speakers often referred to the need to overcome prejudices while victories were rightly applauded. In the UK, speakers offered the contrast of progress in some areas but more concerted effort, reflection and the wider support of men needed to make changes comprehensive and with the acceptance and encouragement of all.

Videos of the programme are available through links in this report.



Programme:

13:30pm Greetings and Video from UPF

Robin Marsh - Secretary General

Margaret Ali - Director

13:40 pm Welcome:

UPF - UK Patron: Duchess Nivin ElGamal of Lamberton ([Video Link](#))



UPF - UK Patron: Dr. Saima Niaz - Consultant Psychiatrist ([Video Link](#))

13:50pm Moderator Lorna Marah: CEO and Founder of Rhybia Consulting, UPF UK Ambassador for Peace ([Video Link](#))



Speakers:

Dr Idit Albert: Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Lead Pan London Major Trauma Psychology Network, Violence Reduction Programme NHSE London. ([Video Link](#))

Charlene Simba: Business Analyst and founder of GraceSimba community village, a community interest organisation, supporting victims of domestic violence as they rebuild their lives. Beyond Charlene's professional role, she is also an expert by experience. ([Video Link](#))



Romana Kausar: CEO of Legal Pathway Solicitors, and a partner at Axis Solicitors. Specialises in immigration and family law, litigation and other legal matters. Consistently strives to deliver the best outcomes for her clients whether they are navigating domestic violence or seeking leave to remain in the UK ([Video Link](#))

HE Dr Saf Buxy: A psychotherapist, Human Rights Activist. Director Stop Human Trafficking UK, UPF Ambassador of peace. A TEDx speaker and Author ([Video Link](#))



Huma Price LLB Hons: A practising barrister specialising in Immigration and family law. An established broadcaster and has presented her live and interactive legal shows for over 20 years on various TV Channels providing current and accurate information about the law. Author of 'A Love Letter to Men and Women'. The book looks at what factors make or break a marriage and how this affects all parties, particularly children. ([Video Link](#))

Nancy Trullo: United Hearts Org This is an organisation committed to combatting gender-based and domestic violence. The organisation mission and purpose aimed at the protection of human rights and support for all individuals affected by any form of violence regardless of their race, gender, or nationality. ([Video Link](#))

15:00 Q and A Moderator: Lorna Marah

Audience Participation ([Video Link](#))

15:30 Interlude: Marisa Di Muro: Soprano Singer, Songwriter and Actress

An Opera singer from the Hills of Southern Italy, based in UK, who has trained at the Music Conservatoire Luigi Cherubini in Florence Italy.

15:40 Panel 1 Moderator: Dr Justina Mutale

Dr Justina Mutale was named African 'Woman of the Year' in 2012. She has for years consistently advocated for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. She is Founder and President of the Justina Mutale Foundation and its Scholarship Programme for underprivileged African young women.

Dr Idit Albert: Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Lead Pan London *Major Trauma Psychology Network, Violence Reduction Programme NHSE London*

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Ian Pelham-Turner: Royal and celebrity photographer. Television broadcaster and journalist with 58 years in news reporting. Having been an anchor for CNN, worked with NBC, Chinese business channel, channel nine Australia and the BBC World.

Huma Price LLB Hons: practising barrister specialising in Immigration and family law. An established broadcaster and has presented her live and interactive legal shows for over 20 years on various TV Channels providing current and accurate information about the law. Author of 'A Love Letter to Men and Women'. The book looks at what factors make or break a marriage and how this affects all parties, particularly children.

Rhona Morrell: Human Rights Activist / EAWG Advocate

16:10 Video

16:15 **Panel 2 Moderator: Hannah Kupoluyi** - She is Multi awarding winning founder of All Women's Network. Based on her experience as a business coach she has launched a number of initiatives to empower mothers to be financially resilient and to grow in confidence.



Meriel Colbert-Owen: A2D Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Services

Remy Duli: interim chair at London Refugee Advocacy Forum. CEO and founder of Kosovar Albanian youth Against Violence. Manager at 121 Mental Health Recovery and well-being in MIND – Tower Hamlets

Shadh Karaeen: Human rights Activist / Advocate, poet, writer, Artist, and Film maker



HE Dr Saf Buxy: Psychotherapist, Human Rights Activist. Director Stop Human Trafficking UK, UPF Ambassador of peace. A TEDx speaker and Author

Jamie Hoyos: Legal Adviser, United Hearts Organisation and Human Rights Activist, Director of the Community Centre Pliebito Paisa.

Arya Timori: Community Advocate of Paiwand

16:45 pm Vote of Thanks

Margaret Ali

Dr. Saima Niaz

Lorna Marah



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