



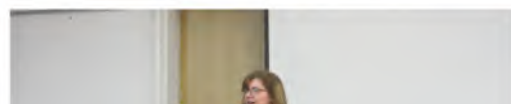
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Peace Begins At Home: Family Festival And Interfaith Peace Blessing

On 19 September in Birmingham, to celebrate UN Day for Peace, we held a beautiful Family Festival and Peace Blessing. Around 150 friends came, a melting pot of people from all races, cultures, faiths, social backgrounds and different generations.

All of us stood for the value of the family in a very divided society. Also making a new beginning in our own heart, and life, asking for the strength to love and forgive, beginning in ourselves and in our home. The event began with beautiful prayers from our different faith traditions, followed by an insightful presentation about the family as the School of Love, where peace begins.





Then we all took part in the Interfaith Peace Blessing, making a new start individually and all together. We heard responses from 4 different religious leaders, and we finished by presenting 6 'Exemplary Family Awards'.

Each shared an insight on meeting the challenge of maintaining a good family in today's society. Many young adults were there to support their mum and dad for the occasion. It was very touching to see! It all ended with us sharing a wonderful meal together, when we could feel so much good energy and happiness.

A big thank you to everyone who came to support.



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