

UPF-UK supports World Interfaith Harmony Week and Anti-Radicalisation

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Universal Peace Federation is very keen to support the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) annual event because it has been a strong promoter of interfaith to defuse radicalisation. UPF has been an international supporter of the initiative from its inception in October 2010. There are several clips of the WIHW commemoration in the United Nations in the UPF introduction video which was shown during the programme.

Dr. Hojjat Ramzy: Oxford Islamic Information Centre, Muslim Council of Remzije DuliJon Dal Din Britain, National Council Member. Dr. Ramzy talked about the important role of religious interfaith, which provides a platform for people to come together to share about their different believes. Next important point was made by Dr. Ramzy about respecting each other as a human being. In today's society people often forget that fundamentally we are all equals and therefore just to give respect to one another leads to a harmonious society.

Rev. Jon Dal Din: Director of Westminster Interfaith, since 2008, For further information [Click Here](#)
Rev. Jon Dal Din emphasised the importance of prayer, as he pointed out to be a useful tool to bring more tolerance and peace into the society. Another point, Rev. Jon Dal Din made that each of us have fundamental goodness within us and that is important to nourish and develop it by helping in a community and/or support charities.

Dr. Afzal Ashraf: a consultant fellow at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). He was a senior officer in the RAF and worked as counterterrorism and counterinsurgency strategist for the US commanding general and US ambassador in Iraq as well as head of political military section in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Dr. Ashraf pointed out the influence of mass media and publicity, which is often a case of misleading the reality. It is oriented to destroy religion and structure of political power. Further he mentioned the importance of liberty and how we can not achieve liberty without violence. According to the history, people always been fighting to achieve peace and freedom in the society.

Remzije Duli: project co-leader for the British Albanian Kosovar Council, which runs the cross-cultural family learning programme Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities, and undertakes youth work with the children of the families who participate. Mrs. Duli outlined the situation in Kosovo and what needs to be done to raise the living conditions. Additionally she provided details about her project in Kosovo as how it helps to improve stability in families with different culture, religion and race and what action steps are taken to help those families to overcome those challenges.