

WFWP Birmingham, UK: I was awarded the Coronation Award from King Charles III and Queen Camilla

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In March this year, a WFWP sister, Karen Grant, nominated my peace and community activities of the last 30 years for a 'Coronation Champions' award. Queen Camilla, in particular, has been working for some time to promote such activities through the Royal Voluntary Service. There were about 5,000 nominations across the UK, and 500 were selected by a panel of judges.

On April 19th, I got an email from the RVS, saying that I had been chosen for an award! About a week later, a package arrived in the post containing a beautiful certificate signed by King Charles and Queen Camilla, a special pin to wear, and 2 tickets for the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle on May 7th.

I could hardly believe it. It's very meaningful, because so many women have been involved over the years in our WFWP work, especially in our Birmingham Women's Peace Group, coming together on a regular basis, getting rid of fear and prejudice, building friendships, and then joining together in all kinds of ways to do something of benefit for society. I feel the award pays tribute to

this, as well as to the broader work and ideals of WFWP.



I travelled down to Windsor on the 7th, with my husband David, and really enjoyed all the wonderful entertainment which was offered at the concert. We were seated with many of the other Coronation Champions, and I could see that they were all pure hearted people who have been working hard at the community level, for the good of society. It was a memorable evening.

I think the award will give respect and credibility to our efforts, and I hope that, with time, it will be possible to make our royal couple more aware of the amazing work which we are all doing in the Women's Federation. Thank you.

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