

UPF UK: Principles of Peace Study Evening Explores Conflict and Peacebuilding

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On Tuesday 21 April, Universal Peace Federation ([UPF](#)) - UK held a [Principles of Peace](#) study evening, bringing together more than 60 participants, including a number of [Ambassadors for Peace](#), from a wide variety of religious and cultural backgrounds, including Muslim, Christian and Sikh leaders.

UPF-UK Principles of Peace Evening Brings Faith Leaders and New Guests Together

The evening had a warm and refreshing atmosphere, with a number of guests attending for the first time.

David and Patricia Earle are the Chairs of the [Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development - UK](#). The presence of faith leaders brought new energy to the gathering and created many opportunities for conversation, learning and friendship.

Faith Leaders Reflect on the Origin of Conflict and Suffering

Dr. David Earle gave a thoughtful presentation on "The Origin of Conflict and Suffering in Our World." At a time when many people are deeply concerned by the number and intensity of conflicts around the world, the theme resonated strongly with those present. The presentation drew on insights and quotations from different sacred scriptures, helping participants reflect on the spiritual and moral roots of conflict, as well as the path toward reconciliation and peace.



Principles of Peace Study Evening Builds Friendship and Understanding

Following the presentation, Patricia invited several participants to share their reflections, including faith leaders and young people. Their contributions enriched the discussion and highlighted the importance of listening across generations, traditions and communities.

A moving musical contribution was offered by Rev. Maureen Foxall, who sang "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace." Her song expressed the spirit of the evening and reminded everyone that peace begins with the willingness to become instruments of understanding, healing and service.

The evening concluded with food and fellowship. New friendships were formed and old friendships renewed. Among the warm reunions was a meeting between Sheikh Nuru Mohammed, Rev. Malachie Munyaneza and Kuldip Singh Ubhi, all of whom had travelled to Korea for World Summit 2020 shortly before the outbreak of Covid-19. Imam Pirzada and his wife, who visited Korea last August, were also present.

UPF-UK Hosts Interfaith Study Evening on Conflict and Peace

Overall, it was a wonderful evening of learning, reflection and shared concern for peace. Participants left encouraged to continue their personal and collective efforts to build peace - within themselves, within their families, and in the wider world.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported and contributed to this beautiful event.

Dr. David and Patricia Earle