

UPF UK: A Christmas Hope for Peace and Unity

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At this sacred season of Christmas, the [Universal Peace Federation](#) (UPF) extends warm wishes to our global family of [Ambassadors for Peace](#), partners, and friends.

Christmas invites reflection on the deeper principles that can guide humanity toward lasting peace. UPF's work is grounded in the understanding that peace is built through [interdependence](#), where nations and communities recognise their shared destiny; [mutual prosperity](#), where development is pursued for the benefit of all; and [universal values](#), which uphold human dignity, compassion, and responsibility beyond borders, cultures, and beliefs.

These principles were articulated by UPF's founders, [Dr. Hak Ja Han](#) and the late [Dr. Sun Myung Moon](#), who taught that humanity is one family under God and that sustainable peace must be rooted in moral leadership, strong families, and a culture of service. Their vision continues to inspire UPF's engagement with faith leaders, parliamentarians, civil society, youth, and families worldwide.

In a world facing division and uncertainty, the spirit of Christmas reminds us that peace begins in the heart, grows within families and communities, and flourishes when cooperation replaces conflict and shared values guide our actions.

Inspired by our vision of One Family under God, UPF continues to work with faith leaders, parliamentarians, civil society, youth, and families worldwide to promote dialogue, ethical leadership, and pathways to lasting peace. The spirit of Christmas reminds us that peace begins in the heart, is nurtured in families and communities, and grows through cooperation and shared responsibility.

As we celebrate with family and friends, may this season renew our commitment to building bridges, strengthening relationships, and serving the greater good in the year ahead.

[Read our Christmas Newsletter and reflections](#)

With gratitude and hope for 2026,

Universal Peace Federation - UK Team



Universal Peace Federation (UPF) UK Monthly Newsletter

Season Greetings

In November, we reflected on two decades of UPF's peacebuilding efforts while carrying forward programmes that deepen our commitment to interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values.

Highlights

20th Anniversary Gala Dinner

On 15 November, peacebuilders, community leaders, and long-standing supporters gathered at the Hilton London Kensington to celebrate UPF UK's 20th Anniversary. The evening honoured two decades of bridge-building and the shared dream of "One Family under God," with inspiring messages, beautiful music, and recognition of dedicated partners.

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Gala Dinner



Appreciation Award



Gala Dinner



Table Photo

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Women Empowerment

On 19 November, Jeremy Blain launched the [Male Allies of Gender Equality \(MAGE\)](#) initiative at UPF UK HQ. The programme focuses on four key areas—Government, Communities and Families, Business, and engaging positive Creators. Small working groups contributed insights and practical steps to take the campaign forward.

A week later on 26 November, UPF UK hosted a powerful evening dedicated to the [Elimination of Violence Against Women](#), with a special emphasis on *Digital Safety* as part of the UN's **16 Days of Activism** campaign. Julian Fox offered practical guidance on staying safe online to which Lorna Marah added her personal insights, while Jeremy Blain and Kostas Kapelas highlighted the importance of the newly launched MAGE network.

Robin Marsh noted that UPF UK, inspired by Margaret Ali's long-standing passion, has held [annual activities](#) for the Elimination of Violence Against Women for the past 12 years. [Read full article here:](#)



Jeremy Blain's launch of [MAGE](#)



Small groups focus on MAGE goals



Insightful speech from Mrs Itty Bawa about digital safety online

[Video link:](#)



Some participants in a group photo

Ambassadors for Peace and UPF UK Partnerships



Duchess Nivin ElGamal—UPF UK Patron, Ambassador for Peace, and Regional Representative of the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights (USIDHR)—shared her thoughts on the partnership between USIDHR and UPF UK:

"The partnership between the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights and UPF UK represents an important and promising step toward advancing our shared mission of peace, education, and human dignity."

Together, we aim to serve youth, community leaders, families, faith groups, educators, policymakers, and the wider public—empowering people from all backgrounds to understand their rights, uphold their responsibilities, and participate in building a more peaceful society."

Across London, USIDHR volunteers and UPF Ambassadors for Peace are already working side by side to deliver awareness sessions, engage with local institutions, and support grassroots initiatives that strengthen communities. Full article [here](#)



Appreciating Ambassadors for Peace During the Gala Dinner

Become an Ambassador for Peace

Join a global network of people dedicated to dialogue, service, and cooperation. If you—or someone you know—are working to uplift your community, we welcome your application.

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Support UPF UK with a Monthly Gift

Monthly donors provide the steady foundation that allows UPF UK to plan confidently, support youth and community initiatives, and respond quickly to emerging needs.

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Your monthly support helps us to:

- Deliver national peacebuilding programmes
- Train and empower young leaders
- Strengthen local and national partnerships

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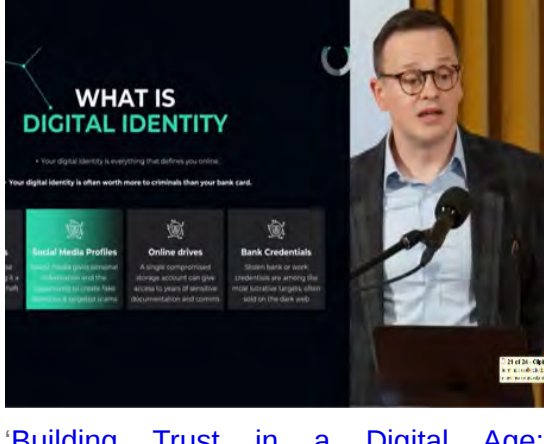
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More hosted events and posts from this month

We host several events each month with our affiliated associations and Ambassador for Peace Network.



Dr Sangita Shrestha, Chair of IAACP – International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace hosted an event ['Leading Through Stories: Creativity and Culture for Global Impact'](#) featuring culture and stories from several themes including the Tamil traditional dancers above.



['Building Trust in a Digital Age: Blockchain, AI, and Cyber Security'](#) hosted by Kostas Kapelas, Chair of IAED – UK. Julian Fox, the mind behind Techrelate, explained how to protect our #digital identity online". Sam Sharma spoke of creating ai first businesses.



[A Call for Moral Leadership and Unity at the UN As the Second World Summit for Social Development takes place in Doha, the Universal Peace Federation \(UPF-UK\) renews its call for the creation of a United Nations Interfaith Council — a body to bring the world's faith traditions together in dialogue, peacebuilding, and shared ethical leadership.](#)

Read more [here:](#)



[Freedom of the press is the foundation of democracy.](#) Broadcaster and journalist and Universal Peace Federation UK Patron, Ian Pelham Turner, shares his message for the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, calling for action to protect journalists.

[Video link:](#)

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On 15 November, the UPF UK National Interfaith Week event in Birmingham brought together over 150 people from

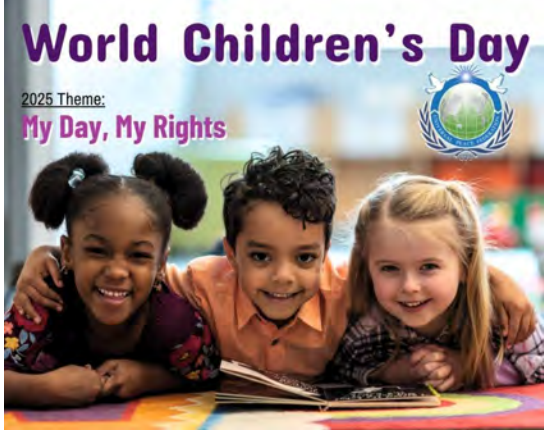
diverse faiths and backgrounds for an evening of prayer, reflection, and unity. Led by IAPD-UK Chairs Dr David and Patricia Earle, the programme featured multi-faith readings, inspiring community speakers, and the appointment of new Ambassadors for Peace, concluding with fellowship that reflected UPF's vision of One Family under God.

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World Children's Day - 20th of November



International Day of Tolerance - 16th of November



A post from one of our partners - [The Earth and I](#)



A quote from Dr Hak Ja Han Moon - UPF co-founder

Upcoming events



Community Mental Health Awareness

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