

## UPF UK: Week 11 of 100 Days of Harmony and Hope Campaign - Inclusion and Awareness

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**Accessible communication, dignity, and belonging**



### **Week 11 of the 100 Days of Harmony and Hope Campaign (January 2–8, 2026): Inclusion and Awareness**

In Week 11 of the [100 Days of Harmony and Hope campaign](#), the [Universal Peace Federation](#) places inclusion and awareness at the heart of its peacebuilding approach. Peace grows where people can participate fully, where communication is accessible, and where dignity is treated as a shared responsibility. As the United Nations prepares for the [2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#), this focus speaks directly to global reviews of progress toward inclusive societies.

### **World Braille Day (January 4): Accessible Communication and Equal Participation**



The observance of [World Braille Day](#) on January 4 draws attention to accessible communication as a prerequisite for equal participation. When societies invest in inclusive design in education, media, public services, and digital tools, they enable blind and visually impaired individuals to participate equally. This investment is a direct contribution to the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goal 4](#) on quality education and [Sustainable Development Goal 10](#) on reducing inequalities. These goals reflect the [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) and the principle of leaving no one behind that guides the [2030 Agenda](#) and will be central to the High-Level Political Forum and summit reviews in 2026. (See [Building Inclusive Pathways for Persons with Disabilities](#))

### **Protecting Indigenous and Minority Languages: Dignity, Identity, and Social Cohesion**

Preserving languages directly combats exclusion. The [International Decade of Indigenous Languages](#) for 2022 to 2032, led by the United Nations system and [UNESCO](#), underscores that linguistic diversity supports identity, social cohesion, and intergenerational continuity. These are vital components for preventing conflict and sustaining peace in diverse societies. Protecting indigenous and minority languages affirms the dignity of communities whose knowledge systems contribute to global heritage.

Through collaboration with UNESCO and faith-based environmental initiatives, this work also advances [Sustainable Development Goal 17](#) by strengthening partnerships that connect cultural preservation with broader social and environmental responsibility.



### **Key Takeaways:**

***Accessibility** enables equal participation in education, media, public services, and digital life.*

***Inclusion** advances the “leave no one behind” promise of the 2030 Agenda.*

***Language and cultural dignity** strengthen identity and social cohesion.*

***Interfaith service and partnerships** turn respect into practical cooperation.*

***Be Part of Building Inclusion and Belonging***

*Accessible communication and cultural dignity are practical foundations for peace. If you share UPF-UK’s commitment to ensuring every person can be heard, seen, and included, please join us in this Week 11 focus.*

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### **Interfaith Observances in Early January: Service that Builds Belonging**

Early January provides opportunities for interfaith and intercultural engagement. [Epiphany](#) on January 6 in the Christian tradition, [Orthodox Christmas](#) on January 7, and seasonal observances across Asia bring communities into public view at the same time. UPF chapters organize joint events during these observances to foster dialogue, including shared community service projects that translate respect into practical cooperation. These traditions also reflect a shared commitment to living for others, reminding communities that service across faiths strengthens social trust from family life to civic partnership.

### **UPF Case Studies for Week 11: Inclusion in Action Across Borders**

UPF’s historical activities in this week offer examples of this principle in action.

#### **1) Peace Through Practical Cooperation: Economic Engagement and Dialogue on the Korean Peninsula**

This theme is reflected in past initiatives by UPF founders [Dr. Hak Ja Han](#) and late [Dr. Sun Myung Moon](#) that bridged divides through practical engagement. On January 7, 1998, Pyeonghwa Motors was founded in Pyongyang, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, as a rare joint economic venture involving partners from South and North Korea. Emerging during the Sunshine Policy era, when economic cooperation was viewed as a pathway to dialogue, the project demonstrated how business partnerships could function as quiet channels for sustained engagement across entrenched divisions. Although the enterprise was later fully transferred to the North Korean Government, its original intent remains instructive. The initiative resonates with current United Nations discussions on peace in Northeast Asia, where economic engagement is increasingly recognized as a complementary channel for dialogue across the Korean Peninsula.

#### **2) Interreligious Leadership Conference (Manila, 2020): Strengthening Trust Across Faith Communities**

From January 7 to January 8, 2020, the [Interreligious Leadership Conference](#) Examines Role of

Religious Leaders in Building Peace convened in Manila, Philippines. UPF brought together religious leaders and civil society representatives to strengthen trust across faith communities, reinforcing the mission of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development ([IAPD](#)).

### **3) Play Football for Peace (St. Petersburg, 2021): Breaking Barriers Through Sport**

On January 6, 2021, UPF [Play Football for Peace](#) took place in St. Petersburg, Russia, a football match to break down social barriers through sport and informal dialogue, particularly among younger generations.

### **UPF's Multi-Sectoral Model for Inclusion: Policy, Education, Media, Culture, and the Economy**

Week 11 also provides a practical reason to highlight several UPF associations whose missions connect directly to inclusion.

International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace ([IAPP](#)) inclusive governance and rule based cooperation.

International Association for Peace and Economic Development ([IAED](#)) links economic inclusion with stability.

International Media Association for Peace ([IMAP](#)) responsible public communication, including accessibility and awareness ([Global Media and Information Literacy](#)).

International Association of Academicians for Peace ([IAAP](#)) education and research as tools against exclusion.

International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace ([IAACP](#)) cultural inclusion, creativity and shared heritage.

Together, these associations embody UPF's multi-sectoral approach, building bridges from grassroots communities to parliamentary halls.

### **One Family Under God: Inclusion as a Moral Imperative**

As Dr. Hak Ja Han has often emphasizes, peace is built by serving others. Grounded in the conviction that all people belong to one human family under God, UPF treats inclusion not as charity but as a moral imperative. (See [Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values](#)) UPF measures inclusion by ensuring accessible communication, strengthening participation, and amplifying voices that are too often excluded from public life.

On a Universal Peace Federation UK level the 'Worldwide People with Disabilities United Kingdom' presented awards to Margaret Ali and Robin Marsh that 'recognises their unwavering commitment to peacebuilding, interfaith dialogue, and inclusive development that uplifts lives across borders and backgrounds.' (Report [here](#))

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### ***Most Relevant Next Reads***

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[The New Year Through the Lens of Family and Service](#)  
[Building Inclusive Pathways for Persons with Disabilities](#)  
[100 Days of Harmony and Hope](#)