

WFWP UK Peace Studies The Origin of Conflict and Suffering in Our World

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On Tuesday, April 21st, we held a Principles of Peace study evening attended by more than 60 people from a wide variety of religious and cultural backgrounds. Those present included Muslim, Christian, and Sikh leaders, as well as members of the wider community, including refugees and asylum seekers. Many participants were also members of our Women's Peace Group. We were especially pleased to welcome a number of people attending for the first time, which brought a fresh and uplifting atmosphere to the evening.



The main presentation explored the theme, "The Origin of Conflict and Suffering in Our World." In light of the many conflicts taking place globally at this time, participants related deeply to the topic. The

presentation included quotations from a range of sacred scriptures, highlighting shared wisdom and values across faith traditions.

Following the presentation, Patricia invited several attendees to share their reflections and perspectives, including faith leaders and the voices of young women. Rev. Maureen Foxall then sang "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," followed by a period of quiet reflection during which we remembered all those suffering in the many troubled corners of our world.

The evening concluded with the sharing of delicious food and warm conversation, where new friendships were formed and old friendships renewed.

Overall, it was a wonderful evening of learning, reflection, and shared concern for peace, encouraging us all to continue our personal and collective efforts towards peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and the wider world.

