

You are invited to a conference on Cultural Diplomacy and the Commonwealth

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October 7, 2016



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This will continue a series of events by UPF and ICD. For more information on the conference follow this link, Institute of Cultural Diplomacy www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?cultural-diplomacy-in-the-commonwealth-2016

Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Institute of Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) Conference Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth 2016 Cultural Diplomacy as a Means to Build Bridges between the Commonwealth and the World" (London; October 12th - 14th, 2016) Held Parallel to the 60th BFI London Film Festival 2016)

We would like to invite you to next week's conference on Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth 2016. We look forward to seeing you during Wednesday, October 12th afternoon, 13th during the daytime, and October 14th morning.

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The Commonwealth is an intergovernmental organization of 53 member states, which covers almost a quarter of the world's entire land area and serves as an influential regional player in global political, economic and cultural affairs. The Commonwealth has a rich and diverse experience of best practices in cultural diplomacy and for this reason serves as a good organization in which to hold an International Symposium. In addition, the Commonwealth constitutes a global community where all members have an equal voice regardless of their size and population. Such a community, with its shared values and history, is the ideal forum for fostering mutual understanding and cooperation through cultural exchange and open dialogue.

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy has therefore created the International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth in order to build on this past experience and to formulate new initiatives, which will strengthen international relations and encourage cooperation between diverse communities based upon values of peace, democracy, human rights and the rule of law within the Commonwealth of Nations.

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth will address the most important issues related to cultural diplomacy in the region, and look for methods by which cultural bridges and dialogue can be improved between the Commonwealth and the rest of the world.

We look forward to meet you at the upcoming conference.

Yours sincerely,

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Institute of Cultural Diplomacy and Universal Peace Federation - UK Conference

International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth 2016

"Cultural Diplomacy as a Means to Build Bridges between the Commonwealth and the World"

(London; October 12th - 14th, 2016)

Provisional Conference Timetable

Wednesday, October 12th, 2016

11:00 Registrations

12:00 "Cultural Diplomacy as a Means to Build Bridges between the Commonwealth and the World"

Introductory Speech

Mark Donfried (Director General, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)

13:00 "Universal Peace and Building Bridges between the Commonwealth and the World"

Keynote Address

Robin Marsh

Secretary General, Universal Peace Federation -UK

14:00 "The Impact of Amateur Music Groups on their Communities"

Keynote Address

Barbara Eifler

(Executive Director, Making Music)

Xenia Davis

(Youth Engagement Manager, Making Music)

15:00 *Break*

15:30

16:15 “**Arabic Learning and the Beginning of European Universities**”

Keynote Address

Prof. Charles Burnett

(Professor of the History of Islamic Influences in Europe, the Warburg Institute, London)

17:00 “**Cultural Diplomacy from The African Perspective as a Panacea for Peace and Development**”

Keynote Address

HRM Oba Dokun Thomson

(His Royal Majesty the Oloni of Eti-Oni, State of Osun, Nigeria .

Black History Month

Tony Tobunko Fernandez

Tony Tokunbo Eteka Fernandez is an International Award Winner, Published Author, Motivational Speaker, MC and Youth Empowerment Consultant. He is also The CEO of AFRICA4U and from time to time An International Broadcaster. He has promoted Black History Month activities for many years.

Ms. Adaeze Ekwueme

"The role of cultural diplomacy in Africa's rural transformation and sustainable development"

Miss Adaeze Udo Ekwueme is a Nigerian author and destination brand consultant. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Eti-Oni Development Group (EDG), a community development organisation aimed at transforming the rural town of Eti-Oni in South West Nigeria into a model smart town through the efficient positioning of the town's rich natural resources including cocoa. She has written and presented papers on destination branding for academic journals and professional bodies.

Thursday, October 13th, 2016

10:00 “**Education in Arts and Culture: An Essential Preparation for Life and an Economic Imperative**”

Keynote Address

Natalie Bennett

(Former Head of the Green Party of the England and Wales)

Significance of the Commonwealth in Post Brexit Britain

Jonathan Fryer:

Jonathan Fryer is a British writer, journalist, broadcaster, lecturer and Liberal Democrat politician. He was the LibDem candidate for the constituency of Poplar and Limehouse in the 2010 general election. He is the Chairman of the London Liberal Democrats and Vice Chair of Liberals International

11:00 **“Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth: The Soft Power Within”**

Keynote Address

H. E. Amb. Euripides Evriviades

(High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Kingdom)

12:00 **Keynote Address**

Humphrey Hawksley

Journalist, Commentator and Author

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 **Keynote Address**

Dr. David Rogers

Director, the Kingston Writing School, Kingston University

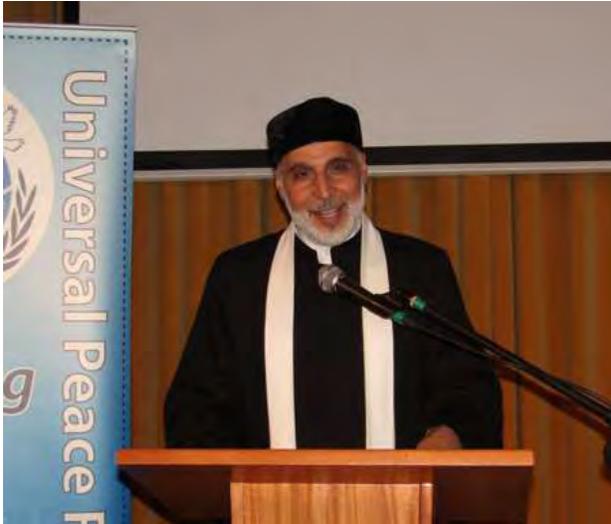
15:15 **“Towards a Principled Basis for International Relations and Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth and the Wider World”**

Keynote Address

Mark Brann

Former Secretary General, Universal Peace Federation Europe

Member of the Board of Universal Peace Federation - UK



Keynote Address

Professor Chauhdry Shafique MBE

Countering Radicalisation Through Interfaith Work (A Case Study Example From High Wycombe and its partnership links with Pakistan)

(Founding Chairman, The Council for Christian and Muslim Relations in High Wycombe)

16:00 *Break*

16:30 **Interactive Panel Discussion**

Anti-Radicalisation in the Commonwealth

Moderator: **Sheikh Ramzy**

(Imam, Director of Iqra Islamic institute, Peace Ambassador for Universal Peace Federation)

17:30 **“Black History Month as an Example of Cultural**

Diplomacy”

Keynote Address

Dr. Velma McClymont

(Writer/former Director of the Caribbean and African Learning and Heritage Centre, London)

Cultural Diplomacy and Black History Month

Henri-Pierre Koubaka



Friday, October 14th, 2016

10:00 Keynote Address

Tony Langford
(Co-Founder, Kinetica Museum)

10:45 “Octopus and Oyster: the Political and Cultural Economy of Stored-Value Tickets in Hong Kong and London”

Keynote Address
William Arthurs
(Editor, CityCity)

11:15 Break

John Subbiah: Professional Citar Performer, Taught by Ravi Shanker, Performs in St Pauls Cathedral and St Martins in the Field

11:45 “Building an Identity within Commonwealth: Cultural-Political Debate and the Legislative Action of UK for Cultural Heritage Management”

Keynote Address
Prof. Andrea Ragusa
(Associate Professor of Contemporary History in the Department of International and Political Sciences at the University of Siena)

12:30 “Issues in the Formation of EU Identity”

Keynote Address
Aigerim Raimzhanova
(PHD Student with Concentration in Cultural Diplomacy and International Relations, the University of Bucharest, Romania – Faculty of Philosophy, in cooperation with the ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy)

13:15 Keynote Address

Tony Haynes
(Artistic Director & Co-Founder, Grand Union Orchestra)

14:00 Conclusion