



MAY 2014

International Women's Day 2014 - Inspiring Change



By Ollie Davis

In the House of Lords in London, Rt. Hon. Baroness Verma opened the evening to a room where every possible place to sit or stand was filled. 'What a tragedy it is that, instead of these conversations, in the UK alone, 1 in 4 women have been or are still the victims of some sort of abuse in the home because of their gender.' [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

May

- [UN International Day of Families \(TBA\)](#)
- [Middle East Peace Initiative, May 12-16](#)
- [Sunday 25th May at 6pm - Africa Day](#)

June

- [UN World Environment Day](#)
- [UN Global Day of Parents \(TBA\)](#)
- [Youth UPF - An Evening with Rt Hon Baroness Verma, Parliamentary Under Secretary for State for Climate Change](#)
- [Youth UPF - UN World Refugee Day](#)

July

- [Youth Achievement Awards](#)

The Role of Women At This Time - UPF Perspective

By Margaret Ali

At the Universal Peace Federation's (UPF) International Women's Day 2014 event in the UK's House of Lords, Margaret Keverian Ali, a Director of UPF UK, spoke of the role of women from a UPF perspective. Co-founded by Father and Mother Moon in 2005, UPF is currently guided by Mother Moon* after the ascension (passing) of Father Moon almost 2 years ago. [Read more...](#)

A Youth UPF Evening With Humphrey Hawksley



By Lauren Turner

Humphrey Hawksley is the author of numerous books, a leading international correspondent for the BBC, and has been in the Royal Navy. As such many were curious to hear what he had to say with regards to his career and the path that he took to get to where he is today at our 'An Evening With' a YouthUPF event. [Read more...](#)

Universal Peace Federation

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Mission

Through forums, seminars, conferences, service programs, and interfaith peace initiatives, the Universal Peace Federation builds a global network of peacebuilders to contribute to a world of sustainable peace in which everyone can live in freedom, harmony, cooperation, and prosperity.

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Focus Areas

- Renewal of the United Nations
- Interfaith peacebuilding
- Peace and security
- Marriage and family
- Culture of peace: service, sports, arts

For more info [here](#).

Ambassador for Peace Network News:

[Raj Bali Receives a MBE](#)

[Charlotte Simon presented with an 'African Achievers Award for Woman's Empowerment'](#) for her efforts for the DRC in a ceremony in Ghana.

International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) - UK

Partner organisation IRFF-UK conducts annual humanitarian visits to schools in Uganda and Zambia as well as cooperating with UPF is supporting a medical project in North Korea. For more details please see the website [here](#).

Holocaust Memorial and Genocide Awareness



By Alan Rainer

A meeting held at the House of Commons on Tuesday 4th February, 2014 for the Holocaust Commemoration and Genocide Awareness. The meeting was hosted by Mr. Virendra Sharma MP and chaired by Robin Marsh. Speakers included Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke, Ruth Barnett, [Desmond Fernandes](#), Paramjit Singh Kohli and Edwin Shuker. UN covenants signed in 1948 between nations obliged all nations to try to prevent genocides such as the Holocaust re-occurring and to bring perpetrators of genocide to justice. [Read more...](#)

Mission

IRFF-UK is dedicated to the purpose of finding practical solutions to the global problems of poverty, suffering and disease while promoting opportunities for long-term sustainable development for communities in need.

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Sponsored Walk for Africa

This year, 2014, we have decided to do the pilgrimage for a fourth time from May 3rd to May 5th with the **goal of raising £8000.**

All the funds raised will go towards the purchase of a vehicle, desperately needed by the IRFF and WAIT team volunteers to reach remote communities in **Uganda.**

The main use of the vehicle will be for the [Mobile Medical Team project](#) (MMT), a team of **volunteers administering medical support** to rural schools and villages.

Their main activity is to remove jiggers, parasitic fleas, from the hands and feet of children who would otherwise remain untreated due to difficult access to medical clinics. [Read more...](#)



Religious Youth Service (RYS)

RYS was founded in 1985 and has organised hundreds of interfaith service projects in more than 70 nations.

The Three Pillars

- Interfaith Education
- Leadership Development
- Community Service

For more info: [Presentation](#).

Religious Youth Service Project

[Zugdidi, Georgia](#), July 13-20

Concert for a North Korean Medical Project Held on 12th April

A collage of images related to the UPF - IRFF Fundraising concert. It includes a performer on stage, a woman singing into a microphone, and a group of children in blue shirts. Text overlays provide details about the event.

UPF - IRFF
Fundraising concert
In aid of
North Korean Children

Sat. 12th April @ 6PM
43 Lancaster Gate
W2 3NA

Entry £ 10 at the door
Buy 2 tickets for £15
Call: 0772-3024-750
to reserve
Exciting performance,
Refreshments & Raffle
Prizes include, Galaxy Tab
Mini Smart Phone
& More.

By Robin Marsh

UPF - UK, YouthUPF and International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) - UK concert to raise money for a North Korean Medical Aid Project was held on April 12th in UPF's UK HQ. The audience was also able to enjoy spicy Korean food as well as learn about the jointly supported North Korean Medical Project and other IRFF humanitarian efforts. ([Photo Link](#)) [Read more...](#)

The European Dream



By Walter Schwimmer

Walter Schwimmer is the Former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Chairman of the International Coordinating Committee of the World Public Forum - Dialogue of Civilizations. He gave this speech in Japan during a series of Universal Peace Federation events. [Read more...](#)

North Korean Medical Aid Project

Help us do more for the children of North Korea and support the Medical Aid Project by:

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OR

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IRFF28 £2 (up to £10)
to 70070

AFP Justina Mutale featured in Avant Garde Magazine



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Robin James Graham is the CEO and Founder of Peace Club www.peaceclub.org



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Forum for Religious Freedom - Europe names Aaron Rhodes President



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Vienna, 4. April, 2014 (FOREF): Dr. Aaron Rhodes will succeed Professor Christian Bruenner as President of the Forum for Religious Freedom Europe (FOREF). The board of directors will formalize the selection at their General Assembly meeting on 5 April 2014. [Read more...](#)

Democratic Republic of Congo - From Genocide to Recovery



Universal Peace Federation - UK's Headquarters in London, together with Mothers of Congo, hosted an event to update and harness the passion to improve the human rights position of people in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). A number of the Congolese diaspora were present to share their experiences and to encourage everyone to work for a better future in DRC [Read more...](#)



[Be Ambassadors of Human Love](#) by Pauline Long (Speaking Above)

Charlotte Simon called for [Strong African Women](#) and Justina Mutale spoke on the ['Genocide in the DRC: Blood Rubber To Blood Metals'](#).

[Conflict Minerals: The International Response](#) by Robin Marsh

[UPF Introduction Video](#) [Link](#)

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