



JULY 2014

Youth Achievement Awards 2014



By Robin Marsh and Oliver Davies

In an event packed with inspirational stories and aspirational youth one of the highlights was the Youth Achievement Award presented to the winner of The Voice 2014, **Jermain Jackman**. He explained, to a full Committee Room 14, that he wants to make a difference both in politics and in music. He suggested that maybe he could be the first singing Prime Minister!

Upcoming Events

Become A Member of Universal Peace Federation - UK

July

- Tuesday 1st July at 5pm - [Youth Achievement Awards: Celebrating Future Leaders 2014](#)
- Tuesday 29th July 6.00 pm [Ambassador for Peace Meeting](#)



Organised by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK and hosted by its Patron, Virendra Sharma MP, the programme included presentations to ten young adults mostly by their constituency MPs. During the programme a UPF Ambassador for Peace award was presented to Pauline Long who as mentor, founder of the BEFFTA awards and entrepreneur has had a profound influence on many including Jackman. [Read more...](#)

Universal Peace Federation (UPF)

Religious Leaders' Role in Creating a World of Peace

Father Moon, the Founder of UPF, sought to create an Assembly of World Religions firstly so that the world's religious traditions respect each other and at least work to keep in check any inter-religious conflicts and wars. Second, that the Assembly serve the world by becoming a cooperative community of religions. Third, that the Assembly develop into an organization in which the major leadership of all religions participate. ([More](#))

August

- [World Summit 2014](#) Seoul, Korea 9-13 August
- 16th August 3.00 pm [2nd Anniversary Commemoration of UPF Founder Father Moon's Ascension](#) 43 Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3NA

Sept

- 30th September Ambassador for Peace Meeting

Africa Day 2014 Celebrated in UPF-UK, London



By Robin Marsh

Africa Day 2014 was commemorated yesterday with a range of opinions, music, and dreams in 43 Lancaster Gate, Universal Peace Federation's UK Headquarters. Co-hosted by Pauline Long and Robin Marsh with Mr Ahmed Shebani from Libya and Charlotte Simon from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the evening provided a variety of insights and dreams of the current and potential Africa (Photo link). Roucheon and Femi Iloyi (above) performed a song from her latest album, [Love Royelle](#) [Read more...](#)

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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: [PowerPoint presentation.](#)

[International Universal Peace Federation Website](#)

Professor Akbar Ahmed's 'Journey into Europe' Tour Hosted in UPF-UK HQ



Renowned scholar Professor Akbar Ahmed is on a tour around Europe on a research project to write a book on, 'Journey into Europe: Islam, Immigration, and Empire'. Last night UPF-UK had the honour to host one of the programmes on the tour. The tour is being supported by ['Muslims, Trust and Cultural Dialogue'](#) represented by Prof. Peter Morey and others last night. One of Prof. Ahmed's team, Asmaa Soliman, who is also a core team member of YouthUPF, was the MC and one of the main organisers of the event. [Read more...](#)

Youth UPF - UN Refugee Week 2014 Forced Displacement and Migration: Time to Rethink Human Dignity?



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](#).

[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. [Read more...](#)

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...](#)

Amira opened the evening by introducing the two sets of panellists. Panel 1 was focused upon refugees from North Korea and Syria, and panel 2 was focused on displacement and migration in Libya after the fall of Gaddafi. [Read more...](#)

Youth Leadership Training Day - Hosted by Youth UPF



Youth UPF held a leadership training seminar for 20 people in Universal Peace Federation - UK HQ in London on Friday 27th June. It featured presentations by Mark De Stadler from the Dale Carnegie Training on Human Communication and Group Dynamics and Dr David Hannah who provided many insights into 'Good Governance'. [Read more...](#)



Religious Youth Service (RYS)

[RYS](#) was founded in 1985 and has organised hundreds of of interfaith service projects in more than 70 nations.

The Three Pillars

- Interfaith Education
- Leadership Development
- Community Service

For more info: [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Religious Youth Service Projects

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

[Chisinau, Moldova](#), Aug. 3-6

North Korean Medical Aid Project

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Insight on Critical Issues

[Peaceful Reunification of
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Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict



Yesterday many Ambassadors for Peace and friends of Universal Peace Federation were attending the Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict Global Summit in ExCel centre, London.

As well as the headline leaders of this initiative, Angelina Jolie and William Hague, thousands of UN staff, government officials and NGO representatives took part in a series of expert conferences to highlight both the importance of removing impunity for sexual violence in conflict and the best practices for investigation, documentation and bringing cases to a successful conclusion. [Read more...](#)

Swedish National Day in Malmo Islamic Centre



Celebrating Swedish National Day in the Malmo Islamic Centre. It was an honour to have been invited to speak during this programme representing the Universal Peace Federation. [Read more...](#)

Ambassadors for Peace Gathering



We had an Ambassador for Peace gathering last night to discuss the five core Peace Principles Universal Peace Federation (UPF) promotes. The presentation was based on the UPF powerpoint Ambassador for Peace Peace Principles. [Read more...](#)

Japanese Human Rights:

Failure to protect its citizens from forced change of religion: Japan in the dock at the U.N. in Geneva

Human Rights Without Frontiers (14.07.2014): From 14 to 16 July, Japan's human rights record will be reviewed in the framework of the 111th session of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. During Japan's sixth periodic review, the right to change religion will be raised by Human Rights Without Frontiers (Brussels) and by the Japanese Association of Victims of Kidnapping, who will be heard by the independent experts of the UN Human Rights Committee.

In July 2013, Human Rights Without Frontiers' (HRWF) submitted a report, entitled *Japan: Abductions and confinement for the purpose of religious de-conversion (Violations of Articles 7, 9, 12, 18, 23 and 26 of the ICCPR)* to the Human Rights Committee in order to bring to the attention of Committee members its concerns about the total impunity of non-state actors who abducted and confined converts to new religious movements until they recanted their new religious faith. See submission [here](#). Ongoing case [here](#).

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