

Message from the Chair

Religions for Peace International has been working with the International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons for a long time, and RfPUK has been accepted as an independent member by ICAN. It is a coalition of non-governmental organisations in 100 countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty.

We belong to the Religions for Peace Global Movement founded in 1970 which resulted from world religious leaders wanting to promote peace after the horrors of war. As the Cold War seemed to have subsided and economic development increasingly occupied the attention of most, the urgency of tackling the unthinkable had slowly ebbed and the immediacy of the dangers to life and limb became shrouded in the false security that war is something that happens somewhere else to someone else.

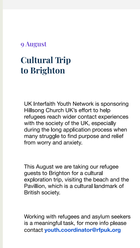
The clamber for economic dominance is once again cornering the world to the point of conflict, compounded by the impact of environmental damage and climate fluctuation, the long shadow of war and destruction is darkening the stage of world politics. War is an unsavoury topic and set to draw differing opinions and views. In a relatively safe country such as the UK, it is vital that we confront our collective position and seek to raise awareness, engage in dialogue and take necessary actions to preserve the peace that cannot be taken for granted. As the UK government is ratcheting up weapons spending, we must grapple with what is done in our name, and stand up to be counted for our stance, both as individuals and as a country.

There are many elements to a peaceful society, our projects and programmes are pieces of the complex puzzle of harmonious coexistence. We are continuing the preparation for our 2025 programmes, we welcome suggestions and feedback, and seek collaboration opportunities with peacebuilders and interfaith organisations

I firmly believe: **We are stronger together.**

Cinde Lee

Coming up



16 July

EcoHomes: Strategies for Sustainable Household Living

We know how crucial it is to adopt sustainable practices. So why not start with ourselves and our homes?

Join us in exploring strategies for making eco-friendly decisions collectively, overcoming challenges, and implementing sustainable practices in our homes.

Meet our speakers:

- **Julie Johnston:** Climate change activist and sustainability education consultant.
- **Lucy Plummer:** Youth engagement practitioner and consultant, focused on the UN SDGs.
- **Merylene Chitharal:** Spiritual eco-activist and professional in sustainable architecture.

Register now

9 August

Cultural Trip to Brighton

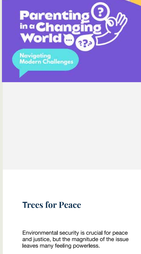
UK Interfaith Youth Network is sponsoring Hillsong Church UK's effort to help refugees reach wider contact experiences with the society of the UK, especially during the living application process when many struggle to find purpose and relief from worry and anxiety.

This August we are taking our refugee guests to Brighton for a cultural exploration trip, visiting the beach and the Pavillion, which is a cultural landmark of British society.

Working with refugees and asylum seekers is a meaningful task, for more info please contact youth.coordinator@rfpuk.org



Ongoing projects



Youth Leadership through Volunteering

Many young people of faith find manifestation of their faith through serving the society at large, RfPUK provides a platform for them to express how their faith and beliefs inform their decisions, and how they grow, learn and become more confident in their expression and assertive in their action.

RfPUK invites young people from faith and belief communities to share their stories. Show us your best and share your spirit of service.

Contact us at youth.coordinator@rfpuk.org

Inner Well-being programme in full swing

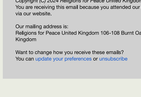
In the modern age, life is so busy and fast-paced that we seldom have time for ourselves. Tensions mount, discontent lurks beneath the surface, and our need for self-care often flies right out the window.

RfPUK continues the Inner Well-being programme to address these issues. By sharing meditation practices from various faith backgrounds, we aim to share how people of faith find inner peace. This peace can then be paid forward, spreading harmonious existence to our immediate communities and beyond.

Know a spiritual or meditative practice that can positively contribute to our society? Get in touch youth.coordinator@rfpuk.org

Watch previous sessions





Parenting for a Changing World

Parenting is challenging. In today's fast-paced and demanding world, parents and caregivers often feel overwhelmed as they navigate the complexities of raising children.

The "Parenting for a Changing World" programme was created in response to the growing need for guidance and support in this ever-evolving landscape.

We cover a wide range of topics, from digital parenting to fostering intercultural and interfaith understanding, ensuring you have the tools and insights to face modern parenting challenges.

Please take our survey to help us shape our programme content to better meet your needs — Survey

Have questions or inquiries? Get in touch — admin@rfpuk.org

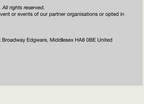
Trees for Peace

Environmental security is crucial for peace and justice, but the magnitude of the issue leaves many feeling powerless.

We cannot address all issues, so the RfPUK 2024 Trees for Peace programme is our way of saying we choose planting trees as a default action when we encounter an environment related event. Rewilding Scotland is an important part of reversing the damage we caused in the past.

So far we contributed 136 trees to our Grove.

Support our Trees for Peace Grove, One Tree at the Time.



Together, we can create a more harmonious and compassionate world by harnessing the power of unity and collective action. Let's continue on this journey together!

Wishing you peace and blessings,
Religions for Peace UK Team

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