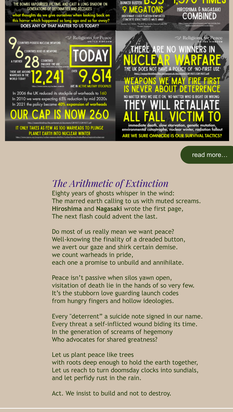
2025 Q3 Newsletter

Religions for Peace UNITED KINGDOM

80 years after the worst devastation ever visited upon humanity, are we resolute about PEACE?



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The Arithmetic of Extinction

Eighty years of ghosts whisper in the wind:
The marred earth calling to us with muted screams.
Hiroshima and **Nagasaki** wrote the first page,
The next flash could advent the last.

Do most of us really mean we want peace?
Well-knowing the finality of a dreaded button,
we avert our gaze and shirk certain demise.
we count warheads in pride,
each one a promise to unbuild and annihilate.

Peace isn't passive when silos yawn open,
visitation of death lie in the hands of so very few.
It's the stubborn love guarding launch codes
from hungry fingers and hollow ideologies.

Every 'deterrent" a suicide note signed in our name.
Every threat a self-inflicted wound biding its time.
In the generation of screams of hegemony
Who advocates for shared greatness?

Let us plant peace like trees
with roots deep enough to hold the earth together,
Let us reach to turn doomsday clocks into sundials,
and let perfidy rust in the rain.

Act. We insist to build and not to destroy.

Message from the Chair

80 years ago, nuclear weapons were dropped on people we didn't know, didn't understand, and didn't care about–people whose lives, deaths, and suffering were invisible to us. Yet in the decades since, globalisation has connected us like never before. The flow of goods, ideas, and people has taught us about one another's faiths, cultures, arts, and struggles. Religions for Peace UK is committed to consciously building bridges--not just between UK communities and devolved nations, but within our own diversity. We seek to understand where people come from, how they live, what tensions they face, and what aspirations they hold.

Every faith and belief community holds deep wisdom about those they serve. We support these efforts with resources, volunteers, and connections to amplify collective impact. The UK's century of interfaith cooperation proves what's possible when diverse traditions unite in mutual respect. Though much of this work goes unseen, faith and belief communities are powerful forces choosing to contribute to making the world a safer and fairer place for all, they bring pieces to an ever-expanding mosaic we call PEACE.

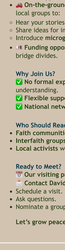
To strengthen these efforts, we invite you to join our *PeaceBuilders Network*--a growing online directory that raises visibility, connects stakeholders, and opens doors to funding. If collaboration aligns with your mission, let's explore working together.

The UK's tradition shows that diversity is a strength. There's no single path forward, but countless ways to walk together. Through listening, shared action, and respect, we can build a society where everyone's contribution matters--now and for generations to come.

Best regards in Peace, Cinde Lee

View

Welcoming David Magill, our new Programme Director



Religions for Peace UK is delighted to announce the appointment of Dave Magill as our new Programme Director.

With over 20 years of senior leadership experience in the faith and charity sectors, Dave brings a strong track record in strategic development, social justice, and community empowerment.

We warmly welcome Dave and look forward to his leadership in strengthening our work across diverse faith and belief communities.

Bridges of Spirituality:

Let's build Peace Together



Our **Bridges of Spirituality** Programme has taken time and taken in advice, and gaining momentum slowly. With our **PeaceBuilders Network** providing a free online directory to list faith actors, we have also launched our **Community Post** space online, which is designed to be a platform for topical blog posts to discuss work streams, concern issues, and possible collaborations. With the ground work being laid and ready to go, we are ready for the next phase of our programme.

We're hitting the road!
As continuation of our **Bridges of Spirituality** programme, RfPUK is visiting faith and interfaith communities across the UK to listen, collaborate, and support grassroots peace-building.

What's Happening?
- 🚗 **On-the-ground visits** - Starting **late August**, our team will meet with local groups to:
  - Hear your stories and challenges.
  - Share ideas for interfaith cooperation.
  - Introduce **microgrants** for dialogue and peace action projects.
- 💡 **Funding opportunities** - Small grants available for initiatives that bridge divides.

Why Join Us?
✅ **No formal experience needed** - Just a passion for fostering understanding.
✅ **Flexible support** - We adapt to your community's needs.
✅ **National network** - Connect with like-minded peacebuilders.

Who Should Reach Out?
- **Faith communities** (any tradition) open to dialogue and action.
- **Interfaith groups** seeking partnerships or resources.
- **Local activists** working on coexistence projects.

Ready to Meet?
📅 **Our visiting programme begins early September!**
📩 **Contact David Magill** at jdavidmagill@rfpuk.org to:
- Schedule a visit.
- Ask questions.
- Nominate a group we should include.

Let's grow peace from the ground up!

Next Up



The Impact of AI series

Episode 4 **Critical Thunking Skills to Identify AI** In The Impact of AI webinar series with Dr Elizabeth Milovidov, where we explore how Artificial Intelligence is shaping our digital world, and how you can navigate it more critically and safely.

This upcoming session builds on our previous discussion, by exploring more into the world of AI-generated content and the importance of critical thinking in the face of rapidly evolving technologies.

Register for the 17 September webinar

📅 Date: 17 September 🕒 Time: 7PM (BST) 💻 Online via Zoom

What we'll explore:
- How to spot deep fakes and AI-generated content
- Tips for verifying sources and avoiding online traps
- Ethical concerns around AI-human interactions
- The psychology behind manipulated content and misinformation
- Interactive activities to test your awareness (no pressure to participate!)

Why You Should Join:

These sessions are engaging, accessible, and interactive, featuring fun games and relatable examples to make complex topics clear. Participation is always optional, and the format is welcoming to individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of tech knowledge. Whether you're just starting to explore AI or already tech-savvy, you'll find valuable insights and a supportive space to learn

Questions or comments? Reach us at: projects1@rfpuk.org

Join our PeaceBuilders Network



Religions for Peace UK invites individuals and organisations involved in interfaith and peace work to join the PeaceBuilders Network. This directory connects ChangeMakers and PeaceBuilders, allowing users to share their work, interests, and contact details while accessing a searchable database of initiatives worldwide. Entries are user-managed and moderated to ensure accuracy and relevance.

Join the PeaceBuilders Network

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