



Universal Peace Federation – UK

Activities July 2019 – June 2020

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) UK has held many activities online during the pandemic. It was widely commented that this was one way to help isolated people in lockdown handle loneliness and maintain links with a broader community. Please see the www.uk.upf.org website for full reports or use the title hyperlinks below.

UPF – UK Charity Number is 1185412. You are welcome to donate at this [link](#)

July [Young Achievers Awards in Parliament](#)



Imagine Committee Room 10 at the Houses of Parliament, full to capacity of 100 people! Only standing room! A group of 20 bright, selfless young achievers from various backgrounds, who were nominated by Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK Ambassadors for Peace, had come to receive their “UPF Young Achievers Award” for their outstanding work through service and volunteering.



[UPF Weekend Retreat in Wiltshire](#)

On the 26-28 July, 27 Ambassadors for Peace and staff, travelled from Birmingham, Swindon and London to attend the weekend retreat in Cleeve House, a beautiful manor house surrounded by the

Wiltshire country side. For UPF UK Ambassadors for Peace the quarterly retreat is a perfect place and time to share and discuss principles of peace that could change the world transcending religion, race or nationality.

Building a Culture of Peace – UPF's Founder's Initiatives and the UN Culture of Peace



The United Nations' theme of the Culture of Peace has been supported by the Universal Peace Federation and its Founders, Father and Mother Moon. This evening highlighted perspectives on the vision of 'Building a Culture of Peace' from Hon. Faisal Karim Kundi, former Deputy Speaker of Pakistan who is visiting the UK, Keith Best QC, Chair of UPF-UK's Board and Robin Marsh, UPF-UK Secretary General. (July 30th, 2019)

September [International Peace Day September 21st 2019](#)



International Peace Day is commemorated each year by Universal Peace Federation (UPF) around the world. On September 21st the UPF in London convened a programme of participating in a global meditation initiative,

celebrating peace activism and to highlight the role of the family as the school of love with an inter-religious marriage blessing.

October: [Brexit: What consequences for the UK/EU Relationships?](#) Held together with IYDU – International Young Democratic Union

Keith Best QC: Chair of UPF - UK, Secretary of the European Movement, Austin Williams: Brexit Central Contributor, Future Cities Project, Pavlos Konstas, IYDU Vice Chairman, Moderated by Humphrey Hawksley, former longstanding BBC Foreign Correspondent, Author and Commentator [Video Link](#)

The International Young Democratic Union (IYDU) in partnership with Universal Peace Federation - UK (UPF) jointly hosted this international conference entitled, 'Brexit: What consequences for the UK/EU Relationship', held on Friday 18th October 2019 at 43 Lancaster Gate, London, W2 3NA to bring different perspectives to the issue.



UPF World Summit Series by Mark Brann October 29th

Mark Brann, UPF Europe and Middle East Vice President, explained the significance of the World Summit in Seoul, South Korea in February 2020 during a UPF monthly meeting, last night in London.



November Reconciliation and Peace Building in an Age of Polarisation

On November 7th, Universal Peace Federation (UPF) UK with Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) UK and the help of Initiatives of Change, considered, 'Reconciliation and Peace Building in a Time of Increasing Polarisation: The Need for Cooperation Between Politicians and Faith Leaders'

With participants from Ireland, Sweden, France and largely Birmingham and the South East of the UK there was a good range of faiths, nationalities and racial backgrounds reflecting the multi-cultural nature particularly of UK cities. The most moving testimonies were from Michelle and Thomas Kelly. Invited to speak by the Initiatives of Change, Michelle Kelly spoke of how she had overcome great anger and bitterness towards the British army and the Police during the conflict over Northern Ireland.



Elimination of Violence Against Women November 18th and 25th



Domestic abuse against women is an on-going issue irrespective of country of origin, religious belief and age. On Monday 18th November, Universal Peace Federation held an event titled: 'Elimination of Violence Against Women', which is a United Nations day at 43 Lancaster Gate.

The purpose of the event allowed speakers to tell their stories and experiences of Domestic abuse in a safe environment. The following event began with Mitty Tohma, President of Women's Federation of World Peace UK showed a video explaining the work Women's Federation of World peace have carried out. This was followed by Margaret Ali, Director of UPF introducing the event explaining why events such as Elimination of Violence are needed in order to raise awareness on Domestic abuse.

December [Global Peace Summit in Partnership with Justina Mutale Foundation](#)



[Annual Peace Council December 7th](#)



The Annual Peace Council for Universal Peace Federation UK gathered on December 7th to celebrate, reflect and strategise. From a network of activists, branch leaders and supporters of UPF many came to share their ideals and the quest for peace. UPF's recent charity status featured high on the topics to celebrate on the day.

January 2020 [The Two Extremes](#)



Two Extremes is a fascinating talk of life transformation by Stephen Gillen, a reformed high security category A prisoner and Kul Mahay, who was one of the UK's most senior ranking Asian Police officers. This is soon to be made into a movie. (Below, left to Right, Daphne Diluce Moderating with Kul Mahay and Stephen Gillen)

[Albanian UPF Peace Council in the UK:](#)



The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK Albanian Peace Council was inaugurated in London on January 25th. The ceremony featured former Albanian Government Minister Gaqo

Apostoli, who was the longstanding Chairman of the UPF in Albania, UPF Albania Secretary General, Gani Rroshi, Albanian Ambassador to the UK, HE Ambassador Qirjako Qirko, Dr Michael Balcomb, Chair of FFWPU Europe & Middle East and Lavdrim Krashi, Service Manager, London Borough of Brent, who is now the President of the Peace Council.

February

World Summit 2020:

The Summit was held in Kintex, outside Seoul, in South Korea. More than 2,000 national and 5,000 regional representatives of governments, parliaments, religions, media, academia, the private sector and civil society, representing 171 nations, discussed how to be better custodians of our world and advocates for peaceful solutions to the many problems we face together.

A number of Ambassadors for Peace attended this landmark summit. UPF – UK supported also through social media. The Sunhak Peace Prize presented to former UN Secretary General, Hon. Ban, Ki-moon, President of Senegal, HE Macky Sall and Bishop Munib Younan were one of the memorable aspects of the programme. Sheikh Dr H. Ramzy, Keith Best, Rita Payne, Abdul Basit Syed and Sheikh Nuru Mohamed were some UPF UK contacts who attended.

Inspirations from the World Summit:

Inspirations were shared by participants in the World Summit including Keith Best, Sheikh Ramzy, Abdul Basit Syed, Dr Balcomb and Rev Dr David Hanna. 60 people joined us in Lancaster Gate. (Below Sheikh Dr H. Ramzy UPF – UK Trustee speaking.)



March Weekend Retreat Cleeve House with Birmingham UPF/WFWP for 20
Ambassadors for Peace



Post – Covid World: How will the World Change?

Keith Best, Chair of UPF Trustees, he expressed his concern that civil liberties that have taken centuries to accumulate were being relinquished without much discussion in the face of the pandemic. The Government may not return them so speedily. Other speakers highlighted the comment of Newt Gingrich, former U.S. Speaker of the House, "It is a reminder of how connected we all are. We are all bound together out of a common concern. The recent corona virus outbreak and the wildfires in Australia are a reminder of why we need a movement of people working together in a peaceful way."

April Interview with Rt Rev Riah Abu El-Assal, former Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem:
8th April Passion Week in the Holy Land, Peace and the effect of Covid19.



Domestic Violence During Lockdown

16 April.
Domestic Violence During Lockdown has been a significant problem in the UK and around the world. We convened a Zoom Conference to assemble experts to advise and explain the resources available to victims.



May The Role of Religious Leaders in the Coronavirus Crisis



There is great attention on the role of politicians in the Covid -19 virus crisis. We feel there is also an important role for religious leaders. Faith provides hope and morale to fortify those struggling to keep going on the front lines of this effort but also those who are staying at home in lockdown in difficult circumstances, whether it is economic, social or spiritual.

Decoding Parenting Course

A course of two hours a week for six weeks, May 30 - June 27, run by Nicola Bailey and Teuta Avdyli to help parents develop parenting skills.



June [After Covid - 19 How Can Parliamentarians Improve Global Governance](#)

Keith Best explained, "In times of great international crisis when events transform the world in a way beyond the capacity of response by individual states or even groups of states global opinion has focused on how we can improve our international institutions and create new mechanisms for co-operation in the interests of humanity as a whole." 1st June 2020



[Challenges & Opportunities during COVID-19 Crisis – Young People Speak Out](#)

This programme was convened by Universal Peace Federation UK in partnership with other groups such as Shout Out UK. Youth thought leaders shared their observations and lessons learned during the COVID-19 global crisis in the hope that we can have a positive influence on our society and world.



For more information about Universal Peace Federation UK's activities contact us on pa@uk.upf.org. Website: www.uk.upf.org [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#)
Universal Peace Federation International is an NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

Universal Peace Federation UK		Charity No	1185412		
		Company No	6620060		
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/07/2019	To	30/06/2020		

Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
Income (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	5,052	-	-	5,052	3,698
Charitable activities	S02	4,823	-	-	4,823	2,261
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	24,932	-	-	24,932	-
Total	S07	34,807	-	-	34,807	5,959
Expenditure (Notes 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds/ Staff costs	S08	21,464	-	-	21,464	-
Charitable activities	S09	6,733	-	-	6,733	2,675
Separate material expense item/ Admin	S10	6,629	-	-	6,629	4,259
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	34,826	-	-	34,826	6,934
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period						
Tax payable	S13	-19	-	-	-19	975
	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S15	-19	-	-	-19	975
	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items	S17	-19	-	-	-19	975
	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S20	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S21	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S22	-19	-	-	-19	975
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S23	4,339	-	-	4,339	5,314
Total funds carried forward	S24	4,320	-	-	4,320	4,339

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OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF UPF (1185412)

In my opinion the financial statements of Universal Peace Federation UK

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity as at 30/06/2020 and of its incoming recourses and application of resources for the year.
- The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS102).
- The information given in the Trustees Annual Report is in keeping with the Charities goals and aims.
- Sufficient accounting records have been kept.
- I have received all the information and explanations required for completing the accounts for the The Charity Commission.

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