

PEACE CONFERENCE: Peace-Building in the 21st Century

WELCOME FROM THE ORGANISERS

Welcome to the London Peace Conference, which commemorates the United Nations International Day of Peace. Headed by The Cordoba Foundation, London Peace Network and Faith-based Regeneration Network, the conference is supported by a number of prominent organisations and institutions representing a broad spectrum of religious, specialist and community organisations, including the Christian Muslim Forum, Muslim Council of Britain, Religions for Peace, Al-Khoei Foundation, The Quakers, Peace One Day, and the UNA Westminster.

From the crises in the Middle East, to reducing conflict in our homes and streets, this timely conference engages scholars, experts, faith and community leaders to discuss the limits and challenges of grassroots peace endeavours, learn peace-building skills, and explore conceptual frameworks governing peace and dialogue.

We are delighted that you can join us today, to share your experiences and insights but also participate in the workshops, listen to the keynote addresses, and enjoy the informal aspects of the conference.

We thank St. Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace for allowing us to convene the conference at this historic and marvelous venue, which has been at the forefront of promoting peace, dialogue and understanding since its rebuilding after the IRA's Bishopsgate bomb in 1993.

Thank you.

Abdullah Faliq – The Cordoba Foundation
Catriona Robertson – London Peace Network
Steve Miller – Faith-based Regeneration Network

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM LORD BATES

"It is all too easy to look around the world and get depressed about the cause of peace, but it is said it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness: that is exactly what the London Peace Network is seeking to do and I applaud them for it and would encourage all those who care about peace to join in."



Lord Michael Bates has been serving in the House of Lords since 2008. He has served as a Minister, a Shadow Minister, Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of the House of Lords.

He was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office in August 2014.

Lord Bates walked from Olympia to London to campaign for the implementation of the Olympic Truce in 2012. In 2013 he walked to Derry, Northern Ireland, raising funds for Syria's children.

He is currently on his Walk4Peace to Berlin, raising funds for child victims of war.

Lord Bates is a patron of the London Peace Network. walkforpeace.eu @BatesLord

LONDON PEACE CONFERENCE:
Peace-Building in the 21st Century
Celebrating Achievements and Hopes, Confronting Real Issues

St Ethelburga's Centre, London – Monday 15 September, 2014

Supported by the Christian Muslim Forum, UNA Westminster, Muslim Council of Britain, Religions for Peace UK, Peace One Day, Al-Khoei Foundation and the Quakers.

PROGRAMME **subject to change*

09.30 **Registration, tea & coffee.** Sign up for Workshops and Panel Discussions.

10.00 **Welcome and Introduction** by co-chairs – **Dr Anas Altikriti** (The Cordoba Foundation) & **Catriona Robertson** (London Peace Network) on behalf of the planning group.

Message from London Peace Network patron **Lord Michael Bates**, currently in Germany on his #Walk4Peace from London to Berlin, raising funds for child victims of war & conflict and commemorating the start of the First World War.

10:10 Keynote speakers:

Imam Shafiur-Rahman, Director, Jibreel Institute
Towards a framework for peace-building and trust in the community

Jo Berry, Founder, Building Bridges for Peace
How do we speak to our enemies?

10.30 **Steve Miller** (Faith-based Regeneration Network) & **Angharad Thain** (St Ethelburga's Centre): interactive plenary session.
What situations concern you most? What gives you hope? What examples are there of hope in the world? What does your faith/philosophy teach you about peace-building?

11.10 **Concurrent workshops**

Workshop and location	Topic	Facilitator	Key Ideas
A – Nave	Conflict Resilience: becoming more conscious in our responses to conflict within our own communities.	Angharad Thain , St Ethelburga's Centre	Bessie White , Religious Society of Friends.
B – Tent	Hostage Negotiations: key skills and insights.	Dr Anas Altikriti , The Cordoba Foundation.	Steve Miller , Faith-based Regeneration Network.
C – Coffee area	Dialogue & Conversations: learning to listen and speak to each other across difference.	Julian Bond , Christian Muslim Forum.	Fatima Adamou , Christian Muslim Forum.
D – Garden	Advancing peace through the creative arts: how creativity can be used to open up difficult subjects.	Rosalind Parker , Kings College London.	Catriona Robertson , London Boroughs Faiths Network.

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- 12:10 **The MUJU Crew** (Muslim-Jewish arts group): screening of a new work *48 hour Peace Lab*, followed by discussion with members of the cast.
- 12.45 **Group photos, lunch, networking and prayers** (prayer space in Tent), concluding with **peace songs** from students of the **Khalsa Secondary Academy**, Stoke Poges.
- 01.30 **Concurrent themed panel sessions**

Panel and location	Theme	Panellists	Moderators & Key Ideas
A – Nave	Conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa: driven by religion or politics?	Rt Hon Clare Short , Former Secretary of State. Chani Smith , Secretary, Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum. Dr Maha Azzam , Middle East specialist. Revd Nadim Nassar , Director of the Awareness Foundation, Anglican priest from Syria living in London since 1997.	Abdullah Faliq , The Cordoba Foundation with Angharad Thain , St Ethelburga's.
B – Tent	Peace Versus War: what's on the ascendency and why?	Simon Keyes , St Ethelburga's Fellow in Reconciliation. Lucy V Moore , Senior Policy Advisor, Conflict Transformation & Fragile States, Islamic Relief Worldwide. Sharan Alsoodani , OneVoice. Ben Harrington , Peace One Day.	David Wardrop , United Nations Association, Westminster, with Steve Miller , Faith-based Regeneration Network.
C – Coffee Area	Grassroots communities and peace-building: limits, challenges and opportunities.	Dr Shuja Shafi , Secretary-General, Muslim Council of Britain. Cate Tuitt , Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster Justice & Peace Commissioner. Keith Kahn-Harris , Sociologist and Author Aliya Azam , Al Khoei Foundation.	Catriona Robertson , London Boroughs Faiths Network with Bessie White , Religious Society of Friends.
D – Garden	Peace or appeasement? Where do you draw the line?	Jehangir Sarosh OBE , Religions for Peace UK. Rabbi Natan Levy , Board of Deputies of British Jews. Revd Rana Youab Khan , St Anselm's Church Belmont, former Inter-Faith Assistant to Archbishop of Canterbury. Imam Fadel Soliman , Bridges Foundation.	Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi , Majlis e Ulama Europe, with Julian Bond , Christian Muslim Forum.

- 02:30 **Closing keynote speaker:**
Marigold Bentley, Assistant General Secretary, Quaker Peace & Social Witness & Secretary, Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations.
- 02:45 **What next?**
Collective action: What ideas are there for collaboration & for building on the relationships we have made today? What will we take away into our own contexts?
Statement from the Conference: avoiding platitudes, what can we say together?
- 03:25 **Conclusion, announcements and thanks:** **Abdullah Faliq** (The Cordoba Foundation) & **Catriona Robertson** (London Peace Network).
- 03.30 We are asked to leave St Ethelburga's by 3.45pm to make way for the next event.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON PEACE-BUILDING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Context

Conflict – whether it includes physical violence or not – is found in many places. Conflict is found in the home, at school, on our streets, in our workplaces, and, most publicly, in zones of political and military disputes.

As people from many religious, belief and conviction traditions we are seekers of peace, which we understand to be not just the absence of conflict but also the constructive and hard-working efforts to build harmonious communities and societies where all can flourish without fear and in a spirit of equity and freedom.

'Theological' issues

As members of diverse traditions our understanding varies regarding the consequences of individual behaviour after our earthly existence comes to an end. This statement is focused on behaviour during the tangible existence in our lifetimes.

Many of us believe in a deity who is present in our daily lives and gives us the strength to work for good in the world. But it is a travesty of these teachings to 'co-opt' that deity as being on one side or another in any conflict situation, or that earthly events are, in some way, the deity's judgment on one person or another, or one group or another.

Fundamentals

Every human is of infinite value. There are no exceptions to this.

The value of every human being is equal. No one is superior or inferior to another. This is true in all contexts so that, for example, the lives of "my friends" are not superior or more valuable than "my enemies". And it is also true that children are not more valuable than adults; non-combatants and not more valuable than combatants. Each person is precious to those who are close to them.

Everyone has a right to freedom from fear, to defend themselves from violence and to be supported and protected if they choose to remove themselves from the source of that violence.

We reject the idea of conflict as a "zero-sum game" – in others words the belief that for me to 'win' you must 'lose'. We believe that 'win-win' is possible if people show willingness to listen to each other, and to adapt and change.

We accept that there are behaviours which are bad or which some people would describe as evil, but we believe that anyone has the potential to change and we reject the idea that some people are irredeemably evil.

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We believe that all groups in society flourish best when all are protected in an equitable and inclusive society protected by the rule of law. We believe that attacks and discrimination against any minority is an attack on us all.

In our diverse traditions many of us believe in the power of non-violence in all circumstances in the face of any provocation and we support the right of anyone to resist violence in an active, non-violent mode. But we also recognise that many of our traditions recognise that there will be circumstances in which individuals or nations are drawn into violent conflict. In these circumstances we affirm the heavy responsibility to be born by those people – whatever the circumstances and the justification for entering into conflict the antagonists bear the full responsibility for the consequences.

Most religious traditions accept, in some form, the idea of the legitimacy of government – whether it is rooted in the idea in the divine right of monarchs or similar ideas, or the protection that governments give to minorities, or the idea of the legitimacy of a popular transparent electoral democracy. But this puts a significant responsibility on how governments use the very considerable power that they wield.

Many religious traditions also recognise the importance, in defence of justice, of challenging power. We recognise the old truism that “one person’s freedom fighter is another’s terrorist” and we are cautious in making judgments on any particular conflict. Nevertheless we reject the idea that any particular governments’ policies makes the whole population legitimate targets for fear-mongering and violent attack.

The conflicts that concern us ...

This section will be built from the discussions and contributions from participants during the Conference itself.

Commitment to action

This section will also be built from the discussions and contributions from participants during the Conference itself so these initial thoughts are a starting point ...

We know that many of us, and our friends and neighbours, feel powerless or paralysed in the face of violent conflict whether it is seeing violence committed in the street in front of us, or witnessing it on our TVs and news media. But we here at this conference dedicate ourselves to stand up and work actively for peace; to find peaceful solutions to problems, and to use our joint energies and influence for creative and not destructive outcomes to seemingly intractable problems.

We also know that words by themselves do not transform conflict situations but we believe that words are a starting point to making commitments to action. We also believe that learning from each other about our differing perspectives, and the sources of conflicts, is a step towards seeking mutually agreeable solutions.

We also believe that building relationships is a crucial step to building a peaceful world - with those who are different to ourselves and with those who hold opposing views to ourselves. We believe that simple actions like inviting others into our homes and places of worship can be powerful starting points for other actions to follow.

STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL INTENT AND COMMITMENT TO PEACE-BUILDING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

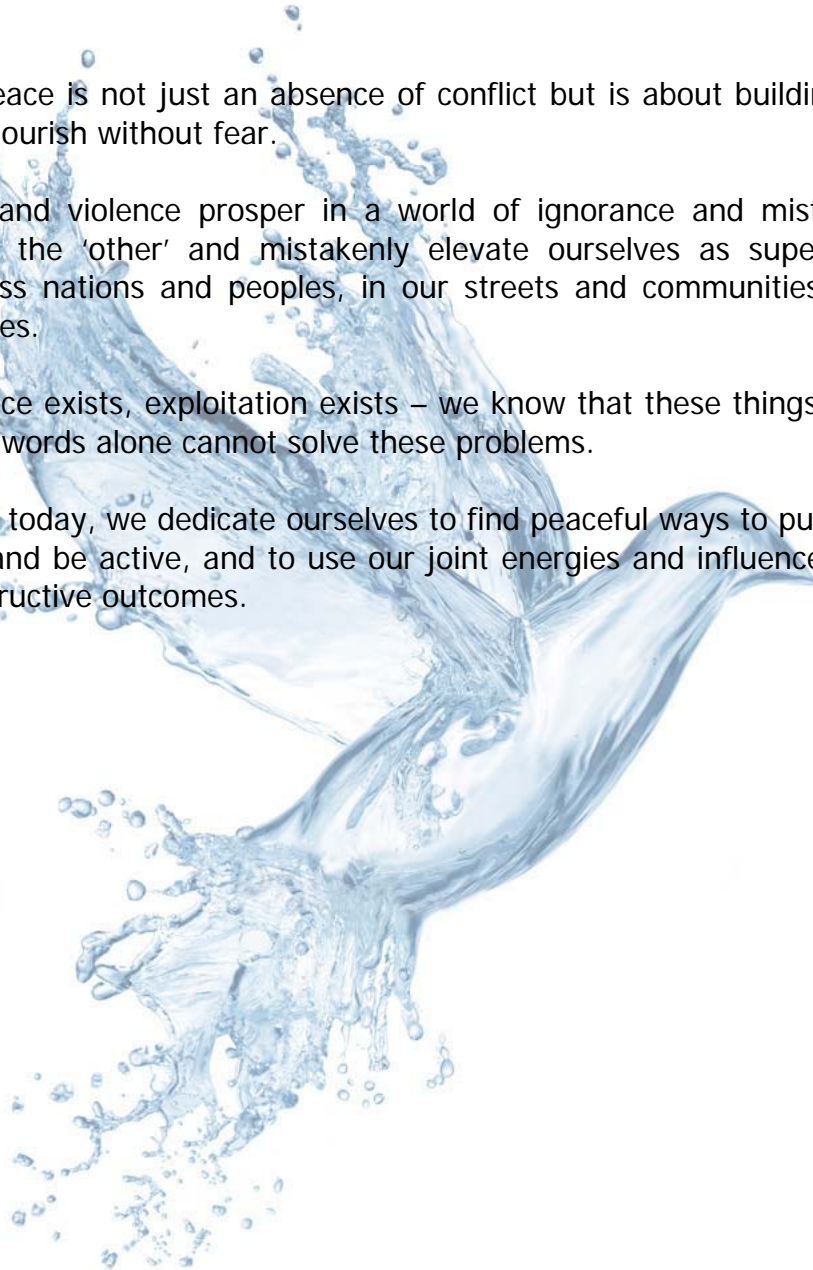
As people of a variety of faiths, beliefs and convictions we have come together to learn from each other and to make commitments to building a more peaceful world.

We recognise that peace is not just an absence of conflict but is about building a world where all can flourish without fear.

We know that fear and violence prosper in a world of ignorance and mistrust where we demonise the 'other' and mistakenly elevate ourselves as superior; whether that is across nations and peoples, in our streets and communities, or even in our own homes.

Disputes exist, injustice exists, exploitation exists – we know that these things are real in the world and words alone cannot solve these problems.

But, coming together today, we dedicate ourselves to find peaceful ways to pursue justice, to stand up and be active, and to use our joint energies and influence for creative and not destructive outcomes.



SPEAKERS

Aliya Azam is a graduate from UCL, BSc (Hons) in Psychology, postgraduate from SOAS, MA in Islamic Societies and Cultures, PGCE in Science from the Institute of Education. She is part of Al-Khoei Foundation's educational management committee, and active inter-faith and community, helping foster better understanding and cohesion between communities.

Dr Anas Altikriti is the founder and CEO of The Cordoba Foundation and a director of the Nyon Process - UN Alliance of Civilisations. A Global Strategy Consultant, he is also a hostage negotiator, having successfully secured the release of 11 hostages, including Christian peace campaigner Professor Norman Kember.

Angharad Thain is coordinating the Conflict Resilience Programme for faith communities at St. Ethelburga's. This programme brings faith communities together in dialogue on the processes surrounding conflict management, giving participants confidence to tackle challenging issues constructively. Thain completed her BA in history and an MPhil in Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies.

Ben Harrington is Peace One Day's Education Ambassador, helping develop campaigns and partner projects, aimed at engaging young minds in becoming active peace makers and marking Peace Day each year. Prior to this role, Harrington worked as a primary school class teacher. Since joining the Peace One Day team, he has been inspiring assemblies, classes and discussions within schools and education organisations.

Cate Tuitt is from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. She is a founding member of the Tower Hamlets Community Credit Union, established in 1998.

Chani Smith studied musicology and Kabbalah at the Hebrew University. She holds a PhD in Jewish Studies and a professional qualification from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where she studied flute and composition. She teaches reading and chanting Torah at the rabbinical programme at Leo Baeck College. She has published *Learn to Leyn: The Cantillation of the Hebrew Bible* and *Tuning the Soul: Music as a Spiritual Process in the Teachings of Rabbi Nahman of Bratzlav*.

Rt. Hon. Clare Short was a Member of Parliament for Birmingham Ladywood from 1983 to 2010; for most of this period she was a Labour Party MP, but she resigned the party whip in 2006 and served the remainder of her term as an Independent. Short was Secretary of State for International Development in the government of Prime Minister Tony Blair from 1997 until 2003.

Imam Fadel Soliman is director of Bridges Foundation (Egypt), and a member of the International Union of Muslim Scholars. An engineer by qualification, the imam is also a film-maker, international speaker and a presenter of Islam (trained over 18,600 Muslim youths in 25 countries). A former Imam of the American University in Washington DC, he is also noted for his work in deradicalising Muslims; he challenged the Yemeni cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki, debunking his misreading of Islamic texts to justify the killing of civilians.

Jehangir Sarosh OBE is a Zoroastrian, co-moderator of Religions for Peace-European, Council of Religious Leaders (ECRL), and executive director of Religions for Peace UK operations – also co-president of the World Council of Religions for Peace.

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Jo Berry has worked for over 14 years to help resolve conflicts around the world. Sixteen years after her father was killed by an IRA bomb, she first met with the man responsible, Pat Magee. Her preparedness to try to understand him opened a path to empathy that continues to develop. Their unusual relationship has been told in the BBC documentary "Facing the Enemy", was featured in the film "Beyond Right and Wrong", and inspired "The Bomb", a play by Kevin Dyer. Berry has spoken over 120 times with Pat Magee and works regularly in the UK and in areas of conflict, including Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, and Rwanda.

Julian Bond is the Director of the Christian Muslim Forum. Before joining the Forum in 2006, he studied Theology and Education at the Universities of Wales and Gloucestershire. Many years of Civil Service training and experience came into their own as he planned and organised conversations and reflections with Christians and Muslims, later to culminate in a joint authorship of the 'Listening Exercises' reports which proposed, in July 2004, that the Archbishop support the creation of a national Christian Muslim Forum.

Dr Keith Kahn-Harris is a sociologist, writer and a Jewish community activist. His books include *Turbulent Times: The British Jewish Community Today*, and, most recently *Uncivil War: The Israel Conflict in the Jewish Community*. He has a long-standing interest in inter and intra-communal dialogue. He teaches at Leo Baeck College and Birkbeck College, is a fellow of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research and edits the *Jewish Quarterly*.

Lucy V. Moore is the Senior Policy Adviser on Conflict Transformation and Fragile States for Islamic Relief, working closely with operational offices in Asia, Africa and the Middle East to integrate conflict transformation components into projects, train staff and ensure that activities are conflict-sensitive. Moore holds a Masters degree from Yale University in African Studies (with Political Science) and has worked in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe on political governance development, parliamentary strengthening, electoral processes, among other things.

Dr Maha Azzam is a prominent academic specialising in political Islam, Islam and globalisation, Middle East politics, and Islamist groups in the Middle East with particular reference to Egypt. She is the Chair of Egyptians for Democracy- UK, and Deputy Head for the International Coalition for Egyptians Abroad (ICEGA).

Marigold Bentley is currently Assistant General Secretary of the Quaker Peace & Social Witness. She has worked in a variety of peace-building capacities for Quakers since the 1980's including service in Egypt, at the Quaker United Nations in New York, then in peace education in Former Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland throughout the 1990's.

Rabbi Natan Levy is the interfaith and social action consultant for the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He serves as the environmental liaison to the Chief Rabbi's office.

Revd. Rana Youab Khan is a curate in a Parish in West London. Revd. Khan served as advisor to the Bishop of Lahore on Inter Religious Relations and more recently worked as the International Interfaith Dialogue Assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion.

Imam Shafiur-Rahman is director at Jibreel Institute in London, a qualified Management Consultant and an Islamic Studies teacher. He recently completed a comparative research project for The Cordoba Foundation, examining Islamic governance, Islamic Law and conflict resolution. He studied Islamic Studies in Syria and Egypt, including at Al-Azhar University, Cairo.

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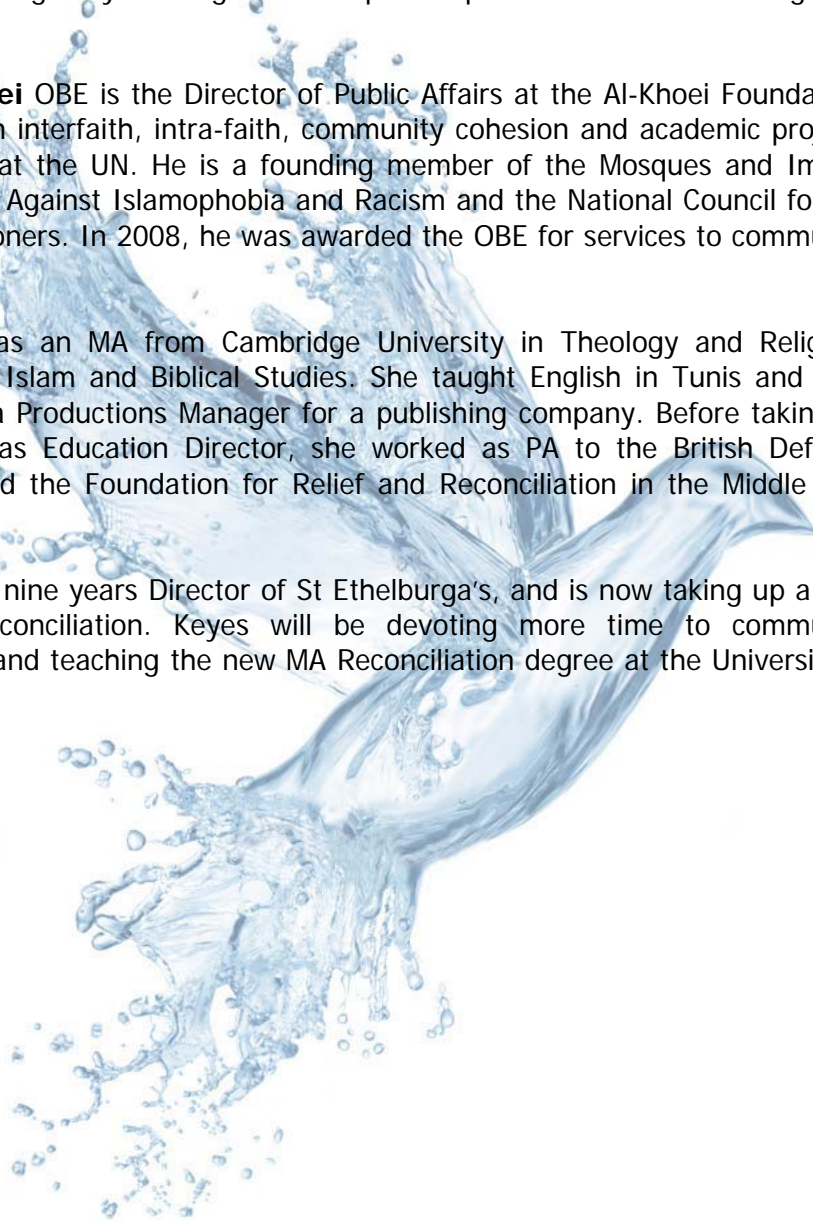
Dr Shuja Shafi is the Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB). He is the chair of the Muslim Spiritual Care Provision in the NHS Project, a joint project between the MCB and the Department of Health. He is an Honourable Consultant for Medical Microbiologist at North West London Hospitals NHS Trust, and former Director of Public Health Laboratory and Consultant Medical Microbiologist in NW London.

Rosalind Parker is a freelance curator and theatre director. Alongside work as a practitioner in the area of arts and interfaith, she is pursuing a doctorate at Kings College London, and publishes regularly on religion in the public sphere as mediated through the arts.

Sayed Yousif al-Khoei OBE is the Director of Public Affairs at the Al-Khoei Foundation, where he is engaged in interfaith, intra-faith, community cohesion and academic projects locally, nationally and at the UN. He is a founding member of the Mosques and Imams Advisory Board, Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism and the National Council for the Welfare of Muslim Prisoners. In 2008, he was awarded the OBE for services to community relations.

Sharon Alsoodani has an MA from Cambridge University in Theology and Religious Studies, specialising in Islam and Biblical Studies. She taught English in Tunis and then worked in Amman as a Productions Manager for a publishing company. Before taking up her role at OneVoice as Education Director, she worked as PA to the British Defence Attaché in Amman, and the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East respectively.

Simon Keyes was for nine years Director of St Ethelburga's, and is now taking up a new role as Fellow in Reconciliation. Keyes will be devoting more time to community reconciliation projects and teaching the new MA Reconciliation degree at the University of Winchester, UK.



MODERATORS

Abdullah Faliq is Head of Research at The Cordoba Foundation, and edits the Foundation's publications. He helped provide the launching pad for the former Grand Mufti of Bosnia Dr Mustafa Ceric's *Declarations of European Muslims*. He is active in interfaith, community and research circles, including the European Network on Religion and Belief, Islamic Forum of Europe, and Enough Coalition Against Islamophobia. He recently completed his doctorate on Arab political Islam at SOAS, University of London.

Angharad Thain – see Profiles of Speakers.

Bessie White is a Quaker, a member of London West Area Meeting. She is a member of the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations. She has been involved in interfaith for 10 years. She is Secretary of Hounslow Friends of Faith and a trustee of the Interfaith Network for the UK (IFN).

Catriona Robertson convenes the London Peace Network and the London Boroughs Faiths Network. At Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network, she works on the community co-production of public services. Active within the European Network on Religion and Belief and Women of the World Festival, her writing on social justice, intercultural issues and public policy appears in books, journals and on social media.

David Wardrop chairs the Westminster Branch of the United Nations Association. He coordinated the UK's programme to mark the International Year of Tolerance and worked with the LBFN on the 2012 Olympic truce programme. He chairs the International Friends of the Alexandria Library, a network supporting the work of the remarkable Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria, Egypt and mentors World G18 Somalia, the UK's largest non clan-based Somali diaspora organisation.

Fatima Adamou is a French language teacher in London, and volunteer researcher for the Christian Muslim Forum.

Julian Bond – see Profiles of Speakers.

Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi is an orator and religious instructor. He is a graduate of the Qom Hawza in Iran where he underwent training in Islamic Sciences with notable scholars and maraji'. He has a BA in History, MA in Comparative Philosophy and a GDL in Law from the UK. Besides his lectures on the academic circuit, he has also written on the need for dialogue and the concept of religion in Christianity and Islam.

Steve Miller is a social entrepreneur, community activist and independent consultant. Originally an adventure playground worker, Miller has over 35 years experience in the voluntary sector. He was on the original steering group of FbRN and has been a consultant to a number of faith projects and organisations. He is a Fellow of the Faiths and Civil Society Unit at Goldsmiths College, London. He helped develop various third sector organizations, including Tzedek, Jubilee Debt Campaign, Restore Community Projects and North London Action for the Homeless. Miller has multiple affiliations within the Jewish community including with Limmud, the international cross-community Jewish learning festivals.

ORGANISERS

The Cordoba Foundation (TCF) is an independent strategic think tank aimed at promoting intercultural dialogue and positive coexistence, through a range of activities including research and publications, training and capacity building, policy briefings and dialogues. The Foundation takes its name from the city of Cordoba. The European metropolis was once a symbol of human excellence and intellectual ingenuity, where cultures, civilizations and ideas thrived. Embodying this spirit, TCF today facilitates the meeting of minds, to advance understanding and respect for one another. *thecordobafoundation.com*

London Peace Network is a broad coalition of religious and intercultural organisations across the capital. Brought together by London Boroughs Faiths Network to promote the Olympic Truce during London 2012, it has continued its peace-building work, marking the UN International Day of Peace in London each year. *londonpeacenetWORK.org @network_peace facebook.com/sept21* **London Boroughs Faiths Network** is an active network. Through its social labs (health, peace, Europe, crime, multifaith spaces) its members share expertise and experience. They work with local public agencies, improving services and making a positive impact on the lives of local communities, particularly those who rely on public services. *lbfN.org*

Faith-based Regeneration Network The Faith-Based Regeneration Network UK (FbRN) is the UK's leading national multi-faith network for community development, regeneration and social action. Set up in 2002 by a group of faith community practitioners, it reaches and supports faith-based organisations operating at community level across the UK, and operates as a key partner for government and voluntary and community organisations at national policy level. FbRN services and programmes include training, consultancy, information sharing, research and new project development. *fbrn.org.uk @FbRNuk*

SUPPORTERS:

Al-Khoei Foundation is an international charitable voluntary organisation. Since 1998, the Foundation has held a General Consultative Status with the Economical and Social Council of the United Nations. Its main aim is the education and social welfare of the Muslim community. The Foundation works at three levels: International, National and Local. It runs a number of educational and social projects, particularly for youth, women and the elderly. The Foundation lays considerable emphasis on interfaith dialogue. *khoei.net*

Christian Muslim Forum is built on friendship between a group of Christians and Muslims, showing how faith is a catalyst for good relationships and welcomes the 'other'. This friendship began with a small group of Muslims and Christians working on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Initiative in Christian-Muslim Relations. The Forum is made up of members of the Muslim and Christian communities - Sunni, Shi'a, Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist and Coptic Orthodox - and includes various traditions. *christianmuslimforum.org*

Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), established in 1997, is the largest representative body of Muslim organizations and institutions in Britain. It includes national, regional, local, and specialist Muslim organisations and institutions from different backgrounds within British Islamic society. Its purpose is to increase education about Islam, and to work for the eradication of disadvantages and forms of discrimination faced by Muslims. *mcb.org.uk*

Religions for Peace is the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition-advances common action among the world's religious communities for peace. Religions for Peace works to transform violent conflict, advance human development, promote just and harmonious societies, and protect the earth. The global Religions for Peace network comprises a World Council of senior religious leaders from all regions of the world; six regional inter-religious bodies and more than ninety national ones; and the Global Women of Faith Network and Global Interfaith Youth Network. *religionsforpeace.org.uk*

Peace One Day's objective is to institutionalise Peace Day 21 September. Throughout the years, millions of people have been active on Peace Day throughout the globe, and hundreds of organisations have carried out life-saving activities in areas of conflict. Peace One Day's Campaigns and activities in Education, Music, Film, Sport, Dance, Art and Online have proved that the day works. *peaceoneday.org*

Quakers vocation is to be a religious society of friends: a society where individual friends are brought together in the embrace of Spirit. Quaker faith is built on experience and experience and Quakers would generally hold that it is the spiritual experience which is central to Quaker worship. @BritishQuakers

UNA Westminster branch was formed shortly after the war and is the largest nationwide. Its annual programme includes an International Law lecture, a conference to mark the UN International Day of UN Peacekeepers which is followed by an impressive diplomatic wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph and the *We The Peoples* film festival. Its regular meetings on current issues are usually held in Parliament. In 2005, it organised the UN at 60 service at St. Paul's Cathedral which was led by HM the Queen. Currently, it is planning an ambitious programme of activities to mark the UN's 70th anniversary in 2015. *unawestminster.org.uk*

CONFERENCE LOGISTICS AND INFORMATION

The organisers have been working on this conference for months in the hope that everything runs smoothly and to your satisfaction. We apologise in advance for any gaps in the organisation of this conference. The organisers are here to help, so please approach us should you need any assistance or have any questions. See below further information which you may find helpful.

Arrival and Registration.

On arrival, kindly report to the Registration Desk where you can collect your name badge and conference folder.

Please sign up for your choice of Workshop (morning) and Panel (afternoon).

Tea and coffee will available on arrival.

Delegate's Pack

Please collect your pack which contains important information about the conference, including the latest schedule, and profiles of speakers and moderators.

Lunch

Lunch will be served on site. We have organised hot and cold paninis with different fillings, including vegetarian. Halal and Kosher food are marked clearly.

Toilets and Emergency Exits

These are clearly marked.

Filming and Photography

If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please inform one of the organisers.

Social Media

The hashtag for the conference is #PeaceConf.

Media/Press Enquiries

Please contact one of the lead organisers, including interview requests.

Prayer and Quiet Area

The Tent in the centre is a place for quiet and prayers. Delegates wishing to pray or spend a moment or two in quiet reflection may do so in the Tent. Please note the Tent will be also used for workshops and panel discussions.