

Promotion of Interfaith activities

With Youth of
Universal Peace Federation
(YouthUPF - UK) London.



NEXT EVENT:

**Wednesday Feb. 5th at House of
Parliament @ 6PM , Room 3A**

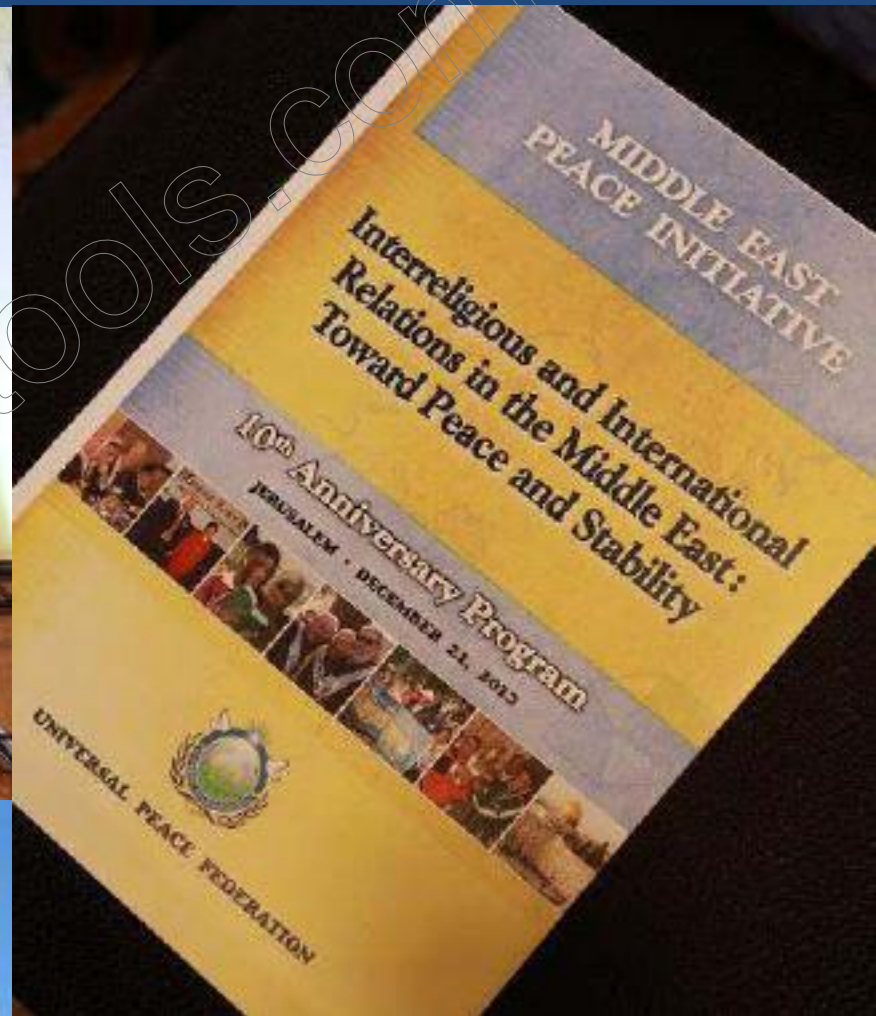
**YouthUPF – Commemorates, the
UN World Interfaith Harmony
Week 2014**

**Title: The role of Youths in
promoting Interfaith Harmony
in our communities & societies**

YouthUPF - Preparatory meeting for a Youth Interfaith Council event and on this same day, we planned a concert and a trip to the Holy Land.



YouthUPF members, in Jerusalem understanding other Faiths and learning from each other.



Listening to prayers & wisdoms from various Religious leaders.

YouthUPF with our service project – RYS we visited religious sites, did voluntary works in a disable children school, praying and sharing with both sides while in Jerusalem. In front of the Western wall, the Rock of Dome.



YouthUPF- Youths of different faiths in Jerusalem to experience communing, doing service projects together. During that time we had the chance to listen from each other, dialogue with Palestinian, Israeli youths. Our group consisted of Buddhist, Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Unificationist & Jews. The talks were very enriched by the faiths and people cultural backgrounds.



YouthUPF – In one of our a Youth Interfaith Council in Houses of Parliament- UK. As, we currently don't have such a council to draw an example from, we get together young people of faith who are informed in their own traditions, theologies and teaching, and they are using that scriptural wisdom to deliver statements and speeches commenting on various themes.



YouthUPF – local grassroots newspaper report on last Youth Interfaith Council. (Asian Voice). Love God, Love each person and in loving you get a chance to be your best and let your faith shine. When we started, we didn't know how many young people these days would be interested in Interfaith but the more we searched, the more came, and were happy to be there. Muslims, Hindu, Christians ... people on a round table.

HinduJourney invited to attend Interfaith Young Council at the House of Lords

The HinduJourney team was invited to attend the launch of the Interfaith Youth Council - Universal Peace Federation UK, at the House of Lords on Wednesday 28th November 2012. One of the main objectives of the interfaith youth council is to create a strong and passionate team of young adults and university students from different backgrounds and to reach a constitutional status within the UN. They believe that through discussions and debates they could help enhance the understanding of faiths and cultures. This new and upcoming body intends to discuss topical issues of inter-cultural and inter-religious concerns and find ways to build bridges between communities. The event was hosted by Lord King of West Bromwich, alongside members of the Youth Council, Charles



Lord Pook giving a speech at the House of Lords (on his left), founder of HinduJourney took on

to speak at the event. He raised many pertinent issues such as - What authority would the council hold in front of scholars, if any? Also how can one represent a diverse

notion of "Moudeya Kurambakam" which looks at the entire creation being 'one family', and the idea of a global nation was raised. The necessity of interfaith dialogue and drawing on the similarities that faiths have in order to build bridges between communities, was very much at the heart of the talk.

Lord Pook, who was especially invited by Kishan Devani, highlighted the importance of interfaith activities, where he also drew on his own life experience and spoke of how he himself has learnt from all religious traditions. He said, "today's interfaith dialogue shows that the role of religion helps to bring us all closer together with mutual benefits for all. I have always believed that no faith has a monopoly on the truth and that when we respect other faiths, we are in fact showing respect to our own faith which teaches us to respect others regardless of their background." It was an inspirational evening with members of all major world religions being present and sharing their ideas and views on various matters.



People present to attend the launch

Kompa, Hansana Upadhyay and Matthew Healy, alongside the youth of HinduJourney, Sahana Mehta, Nimesh Kera and Rohan Halmaris. Kishan Devani the Founder of HinduJourney and an active member of the Conservative Party was asked

faith such as Hinduism or such a body? Or is it even possible to do so on such a council? These were some areas that were discussed before Kishan Devani was asked to speak on Hinduism and interfaith relations. The talk centred around the

children's



Short Story by Meha C For more stories

Skelton - P

Nearly a hundred years had the McDougall family had realised that nephew Skelton had all become a ghost. Close had become almost invisible. The sun rose on the a very different scene. Where there were once neat lodges and brilliantly painted front doors, there now remained overgrown woody gardens and crumbling walls. It crept into the living room, which was almost empty as it was the day the bomb had fallen, except a giant cobweb hanging from the ceiling in a corner.

The old pictures on the wall showed Mr McDougall, Master of the house, and his son Theodor at the beach, sitting on a pier. There was nothing to suggest a ghost had ever lived in the house.

Skelton, the McDougall's nephew, had been a week before the bomb when he had lived up till then he had to say that they were doing their best to care for any children left behind. The McDougalls had taken care of him.

After the bombing while ever regular grey, slightly transparent, formed into a pink and puffy shape.

Once it had spread that Skelton had all the other residents in the McDougalls had all died of the time, a lot of walls from a lot of doors had fallen through making Spoozer ground for the McDougall ghosts.

"Look at this place," Skelton said, "No bats, no skulls and no ghosts. How are I expected to be in a thing like this? Where is the boy?"

Skelton sat up in his bed. He had been so loud he had carried his walls up to where Skelton's

UKTA celebrates Diwali

YouthUPF brings together a variety of faith communities, to speak about current relevant issues of today. We can discuss then demonstrate to public at large joint statements and declarations to inspire the population to have confidence in this project and idea. This can translate itself to a more senior council with members of various faith communities.

YouthUPF Declarations from various Faith on Social Media & Religion

Youth Interfaith Council
House of Commons
Wednesday 1st May 2013

Joint Declaration on the Effect of Social Media on Faith Communities

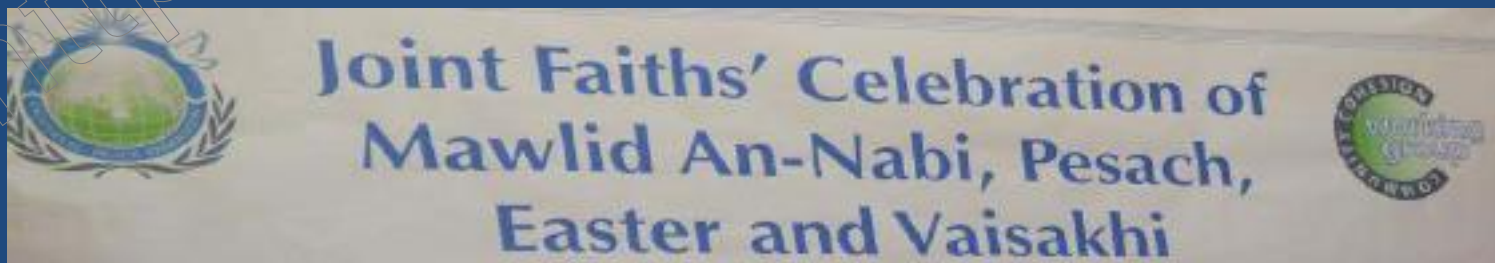
We, the undersigned:

- acknowledge the potential for good presented by social media for building and sustaining relationships.
- embrace the egalitarian nature of social media that empowers every individual to create and share their own creative content.
- reject the prohibition of the use of social media; those who wish should be free to embrace this legitimate form of communication.
- encourage faith communities to explore ways of fostering community through social media.
- encourage faith communities to communicate their important messages through social media to members of their own community and also in conversation with those of other communities.
- demand that the freedom to express faith be respected by all; likewise we demand respectful dialogue and reject hate-speech.
- caution against the abuse of social media to substitute for the intimacy of face-to-face fellowship.

YouthUPF – Religious Youth Service to promote understanding, Interfaith dialogue and co-operation, reflect on Peace & Serve the hosting country



YouthUPF- created events such as Concerts for Peace where we could experience each others faiths through music. It was a brilliant evening and everyone left feeling blessed, united through the music. We had various talks, music, sounds, chants and songs that uplifted the room and the spirit of the Youths, they were now speaking and creating projects together putting their differences aside.



YouthUPF, Still in the same vision of music and visiting holy places, we supported UPF by helping set up a musical evening with Israeli & Palestinian singers, coming together to sing for Peace in this beautiful church. During such Interfaith experiences, we experience Peace and Love among us.



YouthUPF members visit Mosques & other places of Worship to show solidarity in time of crisis. This was the first experience for many young people in the mosque as well as for Muslims to have people of different faiths in their worship place. When Lee Rigby was killed by a fanatic who happened to be a Muslim, there was strong anti-Muslim feeling that flared up across the nation so young members of YouthUPF decided to visit mosques to show solidarity to God loving and law abiding Muslims communities at Mosques.



YouthUPF- After a reading of texts of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Hinduism, ... on "Unity and Community". Our group strengthened itself at breakfast for long sessions going through the different aspects of our training. Our European group is looking forward to first hand encounters with young people involved in the Arab Spring and building NGOs, interfaith stories.



YouthUPF finds a restaurant where we can all eat harmoniously over the table. Just sitting at the table and having dinner with young people of various faiths, there is a lot of informal knowledge shared on various religions, which promotes understanding between the members and bonds the young people.



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YouthUPF – Celebrates, the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week 2014

*Kindly Hosted by Rt. Hon. Baroness Verma, of Leicester:
Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department of Energy and Climate Change)*

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Youth Universal Peace Federation is a group of young people from different faiths and backgrounds, mostly University students age, that aspire to build a World of Peace.

We have carried out many different projects, non-formal education, training days, Interfaith events, some more significant like the Youth Interfaith Council, & of more recent, Visiting Holy Places – The Jerusalem trip, Organising Concerts for Peace...

We make UPF' s global peace network accessible for young people – the leaders of the future.

We will begin with,

YouthUPF core team members sharing their thoughts on – *The role of Youth in promoting Interfaith Harmony in our Communities & Societies.*

Followed by:

Comment & response from the floor, all are welcome.

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Harmony Week**
Official UN Week First Week of February

**Where Peace
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(One Family Under God)

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