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## Building harmony in view of our uncertain future - intergenerational dialogue report

Conversations Across Beliefs hosted its intergenerational dialogue on harmony on Zoom on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. The event further served as the launch of a document of 20 quotes by people of faith across the world and beliefs who addressed the importance of harmony amongst religions. It was mainly organised by young people, with occasional advice from senior people of faith.

In the first part of the event, two young speakers, Eda Molla (Religions for Peace UK) and Nicole Travnicek (Brahma Kumaris) addressed the audience by sharing their experiences of harmony in activism and interfaith engagement, whereas Dr Paul Filmore (the Scientific and Medical Network UK) addressed the audience with an insight into the link of science and Harmony. Esteemed executive director Dr Harriet Crabtree (Interfaith Network UK) concluded the panel discussion with a response to these speeches.

In the second part, three quotes were read from the document which was sent to all participants who are free to pass it on for educational and other purposes.

After a lot of listening, there was a moment of contemplation on the variety of experiences of harmony. Finally, participants shared their impressions of the presentations which led to new connections being made. We have heard since from participants who have stayed in touch after the event, demonstrating the power of dialogue, and advancing the cause of World Interfaith Harmony Week to spread the word of friendship and peace in this troublesome time.