RISING21
Leadership for Peace
10th November - 12th November 2021
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Leadership is not just defined as what leaders say and do, but as the practice of mobilizing people to tackle tough challenges and to thrive.
What is RISING?

RISING promotes new ways to provoke dialogue around peace. RISING is a three-way partnership between the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (Coventry University), Coventry City Council and Coventry Cathedral.

We deliver regular lectures and symposia - some in real life and some online - and have a daily digital dialogue for discussion of current world peace and security issues.

RISING culminates in the annual Global Peace Forum, held in Coventry. Through a combination of keynote speeches, seminars and workshops, the RISING Global Peace Forum provides an excellent opportunity for dialogue and exchanging ideas on peace and security. As the UK’s only City of Peace and Reconciliation, Coventry is the perfect location for an event looking at promoting global peace.
Welcome

Welcome from Professor Mike Hardy
Chair of the RISING Board

We live in uncertain, unfamiliar, and uncommon times. Times which offer more threat than succour for human security. Times in which we must find better ways to relate to each other as people and communities if we are to create and manage a sustainable future. There is no better time to be looking at how we mobilise people and ideas, relationships and commitments to create better conditions for peace.

The search for better ways involves leadership, both in style and approach. Leadership is not just defined as what leaders do, but as the practice of mobilizing people to tackle tough challenges and to thrive.

The encounter, exchange and engagement that deepen connections in an interdependent world both bind us together and drive us apart.

Michael Hardy
Professor and Founder of the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR)
Coventry University

@mikehardy

Relationships matter: we need new leadership that will help make sense of the potentials and realities in our complex world, as well as to help make positive changes. We should look for forms of governance that adapt to change, focus on behaviours, models, and cultures of leadership, with more interest in all stakeholders within leadership than on leaders themselves.

Connections matter: leadership in all its forms is facing a new and distinctive context; an unprecedented time of amplified complexity. Experience of the 2020-21 global pandemic, the imperative of placing people at the heart of a collaborative and more compassionate world seems obvious, as does the importance of ensuring that multilateral frameworks work for everyone. Many support also the on-going struggle to preserve democratic participation.

Leadership matters: Our recent research points at likely qualities of better forms of leadership, including: a non-negotiable commitment to an ethical approach, leadership that is inclusive and representative of all stakeholders, an ability to listen, hear and reflect on conversations in the public square, leadership that responds to multigenerational solidarity and continuous learning and that is defined by the questions it asks and not the answers it provides.

Trust matters: the central challenge we face is how we cope with difference - how do we live peacefully with those with whom we disagree, and with who we may never be able to agree? Effective Leadership in these times may be hard work, but is critical and must never be understated.

RISING provides a platform for people who see the world through different lenses, but who want to share ideas and inspiration about a more peaceful and secure future.

I hope that from this event in Coventry you’ll draw the energy you need to provide the leadership your community needs to make progress and positive change.

Solidarity or fragmentation in a post-Pandemic world. Where does local and global leadership come in?
Welcome from the Lord Mayor of Coventry

I am delighted to welcome you to the city of Coventry and to the wonderful RISING Global Peace Forum.

It is an event our city is so proud to host.

As the UK’s City of Peace and Reconciliation, we work here at home and around the globe to bring people together and build understanding and friendship.

RISING is key to that work. It brings together delegates and speakers who have seen firsthand how people are still suffering today. It allows them to tell their stories and to remind us that there is still so much more to do.

This year Coventry is also the UK City of Culture. It is an opportunity to share our heritage and our arts with the rest of the country. Our peace work is a part of that. It is deep in our city’s DNA - from the brave decision to reach out in friendship while war was still raging, to the Cross of Nails, and in leading the way with Volgograd as the world’s first twin cities. And as the home of RISING.

This year’s event promises to be as inspiring as ever and I look forward to hearing from our speakers, including Dr Sabir Zazai, Chief Executive at the Scottish Refugee Council; former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell; Archbishop Justin Welby; and our own Neville and Christine Staple.

Thank you to all our speakers, to our magnificent Cathedral for hosting the event, and to all of you for everything you do to create a friendlier, more peaceful world.

Enjoy the Forum.

Councillor John McNicholas
Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry

Welcome from the Dean of Coventry Cathedral

I am delighted to welcome you to Coventry and the RISING Global Peace Forum 2021. In this City of Culture year, we are proud to offer Coventry Cathedral as a place to gather and share inspiration for present and future leaders in making the world a more peaceful place for all.

The Cathedral was forever shaped by the events of November 1940, which saw the destruction of Coventry and her Cathedral with her – and by the city’s creative response to that destruction as not only the Cathedral but also relationships rebuilt. Creative responses to destruction, allowing what has been lost to inspire us to even greater imagination and courage for the future, are what this place is all about. Whilst you are here, we hope you take time to look at our ‘Broken Angel’ installation which especially embodies this creative, courageous response. And look around you and draw strength from the new Cathedral, consecrated in 1962 as a sign of resurrection and reconciliation.

Our reconciliation priorities in the Cathedral are these: healing the wounds of history; learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity; building a culture of peace. Our prayer for this conference is that all who come will know themselves welcome, and will leave better equipped to play their part in making this a more peaceful world.

The Very Revd John Witcombe MA MPhil
Dean of Coventry

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RISING

RISING Team Board & Partners

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COVENTRY UNIVERSITY @covcampus

Coventry University is recognised internationally for its world-class teaching and impactful research, including its expertise in peacebuilding and disaster management and for the world-leading calibre of its engineering and design graduates. For more than 175 years it has been providing education in the city and was ranked the best young UK university for International Outlook in the Times Higher Education’s Young University Rankings 2021 as well as among the top 30 universities in the world for international students in the 2022 QS World University Ranking table. The University’s Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations conducts research that has a real impact on the lives of ordinary people living in difficult circumstances. It works locally, nationally and internationally; helping to create safe, secure and connected communities, inspired by the city’s past and invested in its future.

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL @CoventryCC

Coventry City Council delivers hundreds of services to the city’s residents, from education and roads to licensing and parks. The lively, multicultural city lies at the heart of the UK, within an hour of London and with easy transport links to the whole of the UK. The city has a population of almost 320,000 and two leading universities that create a vibrant student life. It was recently named as one of the top ten cities in the country for jobs growth and the Council is proud to be at the heart of it all.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL @CovCathedral

During the night of the 14th November 1940, Coventry’s Cathedral was destroyed and hundreds of civilians were killed during hours of aerial bombardment. On 15th November the Provost of Coventry Cathedral called for reconciliation: “When all this is over we must reach out to our enemies and together build a kinder more Christ-child-like world”. Provost Howard’s response sowed the seeds for the Cathedral’s ongoing worldwide ministry of peace and reconciliation. It is a joy to work in partnership with our civic and academic colleagues to promote peace and reconciliation.

RISING Board

Professor Mike Hardy, CMG OBE - Founder, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, Chair of RISING Board

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RISING Partners

Coventry Cathedral - Venue

Advent Communications, part of PLMR - Media Relations

Amadeus Food - Catering

Coombe Abbey Hotel - Hotel Accommodation

Hunter AV - Sound and Vision

Keaton Barton and Bradleigh Aston - Photography and Videography

Lord Mayor’s Peace Committee - Lord Mayor’s Peace Lecture
RISING Timeline

RISING is a movement, not a moment.
While we welcome you to this RISING event, we are committed to making a sustainable difference on national and international peace.

2015
- RISING 15 Global Peace Forum (GPF)

2016
- RISING Stormont ‘Journeys of Dialogue and Reconciliation’
- RISING 16 GPF ‘The Ripple Effect’

2017
- RISING Bogota ‘Next Steps in Building Peace’
- RISING Baltimore ‘Managing Tensions in the Community’

2018
- RISING Women Ulama ‘Women Leadership for Peace, Prosperity and Pluralism’
- RISING Youth ‘Provoking positive social action through democracy’
- RISING Britain ‘Foreign Policy after Brexit’ hosted by Rt Hon Michael Portillo and Judy Dempsey
- RISING 18 GPF ‘The Anatomy of Peace – initiating contact, making a deal, sustaining peaceful communities’
- RISING Reflection ‘What are the prospects for peace between Israel and Palestine?’

2019
- RISING Brexit: ‘How Brexit might affect peace in Europe’
- RISING Peace Geography ‘The importance of considering geography in peace’
- RISING Mexico ‘Political participation and social conflict in Latin America’
- RISING 19 GPF ‘The Ecosystem of Peace’
- RISING Reflection ‘How the preservation of cultural heritage sustains peace’

2020
- RISING 20 GPF ‘The Culture of Peace’
- RISING Great Reads - launch of 21 short films on YouTube to promote 21 great books to read during the COVID-19 lockdown with messages of hope during the pandemic

2021
- RISING Mosul – how can the city of Mosul in Iraq be built back better than ever?
- RISING Nanjing – performing forgiveness from Coventry to Nanjing
- RISING Anfal – what lessons can be learned from the Kurdish genocide in the late 1980s?
- International Peace Day Survey – what does it mean to be based in the UK’s only City of Peace and Reconciliation?
- RISING 21 GPF – Leadership for Peace

To get involved with our conversations throughout the year:
- @RISINGforum
- @risingglobalpeaceforum
- @RISINGGlobalPeaceForum

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RISING Anfal

Across two separate days and with more than 200 online participants from more than 15 countries we commemorated the genocide of tens of thousands of Kurds in 1980s and then moved on to discuss what action can be taken to address its consequences which are still felt today in terms of displaced people, gender discrimination, and psychological trauma.

RISING Mosul

Working with a UK-based non-political diaspora group of professionals from Mosul, we helped organise an “International Conference for the Protection and Rebuilding of Urban Centres in the Middle East after ISIS, Mosul, an example”.

- How do we build a new economy for revival and sustainability?
- What are the challenges of using heritage to build peaceful futures?

RISING Nanjing

Through a series of interactive online workshops and a viewing of a production of ‘Nanjing’ by Coventry-born writer and director Jude Christian we explored themes of identity, displacement and conflict in a personal response to the 1937 Nanjing Massacre. The performance weaved together questions such as:

- What does it mean to be mixed race?
- How can we live together peacefully?
- Are there limits to our forgiveness of past wrongs?

International Peace Day Survey 21st September 2021

For the 3rd year running RISING organised its annual survey of 500+ Coventry workplaces (commercial, public sector and voluntary) to find out what it means to be based in the UK’s only city of peace and reconciliation in terms of what the workplace does, how it relates externally and how it operates internally. For the first time, in 2021 the average score, where 1 is low and 10 is high, was above 5. Is this a consequence of COVID-19 and being the 2021 UK City of Culture forcing a reassessment of priorities?
Useful to Know

Registration: There will be a registration desk and information station in the Cathedral throughout the event. This includes ‘Lost Property’ and a phone/laptop charging point.

COVID-19 protection measures: please wear masks on arrival at the Cathedral and use the hand sanitisers provided. If you are feeling unwell and showing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not stay at the Forum but leave and take a test. If the outcome is positive please advise RISING@Coventry.ac.uk as soon as possible.

Fire Assembly Point: Our fire assembly point is the same for all buildings and is the University Square.

First Aid: Anyone in need of medical attention should either need to report to the registration desk in the cathedral, or go to their nearest RISING volunteers for assistance.

Photography & Filming: You may take photographs throughout the event, but no flash photography please. All sessions will be professionally photographed and filmed for publishing at the discretion of the RISING Global Peace Forum.

Refreshments: Refreshments will also be available at registration and during both morning and afternoon breaks. Delegates are asked either to bring their own lunch and consume it in the Cathedral or use one of the city centre cafés.

Sustainability statements: Amadeus Catering: 80% of its suppliers are located within a 30-mile radius, reducing food miles and the business’ carbon footprint and emissions. All disposable cups will be recycled if returned to catering staff. Hunter Audio Visual: use low power LED lighting and the latest amplification for their sound equipment to ensure maximum power efficiency. Also local crew are employed as much as possible to minimise travel. Key Travel: all air travel for those speakers visiting from overseas has benefitted from carbon offsetting at the point via Cool Effect, a globally recognized non-profit platform that through a series of global initiatives successfully helps to reduce the effects of carbon pollution. This brochure has been printed on paper from stocks that are FSC certified, i.e. from materials that are either recycled or come from sustainable woodland sources.

Timings: Please ensure that you arrive at the venues 10 minutes before sessions begin and remain seated throughout.

Toilets: Toilets can be found at all of the teaching session locations.

Vehicle parking:
- Cox Street Car Park, Cox St, Coventry, CV1 5GA
- West Orchards Shopping Centre, Smithford Way, Coventry, CV1 1GF
- Skydome, Croft Rd, Coventry, CV1 3LD

WiFi: We would like to encourage you to share your experiences at RISING21 on digital media (#RISING21). Wifi is available for plenary sessions in Coventry Cathedral.

Name: RISING21 Password: peace
Journey With Death Boat: these photographs on exhibit here in the UK for the first time were taken by award-winning Turkish photojournalist Guliz Vural, the first journalist known to have travelled with Syrian refugees on the perilous boat journey between Turkey and the Greek island of Lesbos. Guliz travelled with approximately 45 refugees who were piled onboard the 12-person inflatable dinghy as it made its way from Sivrice Bay in Turkey to the island of Lesbos.

“On the journey I saw how brave people can be against death when they have nothing left to lose. They showed me how priceless some values are in life, such as peace and freedom. For them it was something to be paid for with death, if necessary.

“While all the journalists were looking at them from the shore, I thought I had to take part in these journeys myself. In order to describe them with photographs, it was necessary to be among them and to be one of them.”

Graphics of Solidarity: Solidarity was one of the biggest social movements of the 20th century. As the leading political force opposing communism in Poland during the 1980s, it paved the way for a peaceful transition to democracy in 1989. This exhibition explores the role that graphics played in building the movement and sustaining it during the difficult days of government repression and martial law. From its iconic logo to spontaneous poster designs and underground ephemera, Solidarity’s printed graphics created a rich visual culture of resistance that spoke to people from all walks of society. By getting involved in making and circulating these items, often at great personal risk, many ordinary people participated in the collective and transformative work of opposition.
**Broken Angel**

*Broken Angel:* is a new project at Coventry Cathedral which will see a series of new site-specific works temporarily replace the ‘Angel of the Eternal Gospel’, a figure in John Hutton’s great glass ‘West Screen’ of the Cathedral which was destroyed in an act of vandalism in January 2020. The ‘Broken Angel’ project gives contemporary artists the opportunity to make new temporary images for the space left behind.

Anne Petters will be the first artist’s work exhibited – ‘Lichtung – Break’ and ‘Lichtung – White Drift’ – in the series. She describes her practice as “an attempt to visualise and materialise the poetic spiritual space of the everyday”. Her work challenges our ideas of fragility and the passage of time.

The Advisory Curator working for the project is Professor Michael Tooby.

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**Coventry Lord Mayor’s Peace Lecture**

*Coventry Lord Mayor’s Peace Lecture*

11th November 2021

*Doors open 6pm lecture starts 7pm:* Christine and Neville Staple are proud of Coventry and of its music. Neville was a regular fixture at the Locarno Ballroom in Coventry, where he met the resident DJ there, Pete Waterman who went on to manage the band The Specials in which Neville sang lead vocals. Christine “Sugary” Staple has been writing, producing and performing in film, video and music since her teens and is the wife and manager of the Original Rude Boy Neville. Christine and Neville say “We would like to entitle our talk as ‘THE SOUNDS OF UNITY - YAHSO’. We plan to relate to sections of Neville’s biography, the 2Tone Movement, relating to ska and reggae lyrics historically from the streets of Jamaica across to the working classes of UK cities. A whole movement brought different cultures together and music was key in bringing people together through common cause. We will also relate all of this to present day and some of the ways in which we, and others, encourage peaceful diversity through our music and events still.”
### Timetable

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All sessions will be in the Cathedral unless stated as being in **St Michael’s House** next door.
Fri 12th Nov 2021

10:15  REFRESHMENTS

10:30  What next for Britain?
Speakers: Peter Ricketts and Myles Wickstead

10:30  St Michael’s House
Prospects for peace 100 years on from the Anglo-Irish Treaty
Speakers: Colum Eastwood, Chris Hazzard and Marisa McGlinchey

11:30  A human rights-led approach to extremism prevention: What would it look like, and how might we get there?
Speakers: Joel Busher, Sasha Havlicek, Tufyal Choudhury, Gita Saghal and Alyson Kilpatrick

11:30  St Michael’s House
Local Promoters of Refugee Integration for Peaceful Coexistence
Speakers: Ake Achi, Peter Barnett, Tom Dixon, Last Mafuba and Sinead Ouillon

13:30  LUNCH BREAK

14:45  REFRESHMENTS

15:00  What’s the role of metro mayors and other regional leaders in mobilising communities?
In Conversation with
Speaker: Andy Street

16:00  Close
Mike Hardy
The Right Honourable A. Kim Campbell PC, CC, OBC, QC

Ms. Campbell is a member and Chair Emerita of the Council of Women World Leaders (1999-2003).

The Council’s membership comprises women who hold, or have held, the office of President or Prime Minister. She is a member of the International Women’s Forum, a global organization of women of significant and diverse achievement, and served as its global president (2003-2005). She was inducted into the IWF Hall of Fame in 2008.

Ms. Campbell’s most notable achievement in recent years has been the design and launch of a groundbreaking leadership program for undergraduates at the University of Alberta: The Peter Lougheed Leadership College. She served as its Founding Principal from the 2014-2018.

In 2016 Kim Campbell was appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to serve as Chairperson of the Independent Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments, a role she has reprised three times since, most recently in Spring 2021.

Ms. Campbell is a member of the board of directors for Athenex, a biopharmaceutical company based in Buffalo, NY. (NASDAQ “ATNX”). Her corporate director experience also includes the high-tech, biotech, and medical devices industries.

Kim Campbell lives with her husband- pianist, actor, playwright, composer and producer Hershey Felder in Florence, Italy.

The fourth edition of her best-selling political memoir Time and Chance is available on Amazon Kindle.

@AKimCampbell
Tim Dixon

Tim Dixon: is the co-founder of More in Common, an international initiative to counter the growing threats to open and inclusive societies, with a staff of 35 across the UK, US, France and Germany. He has led social change projects in more than 20 countries, and has established more than a dozen mission-based organisations ranging across civil society, business and philanthropy. These include Purpose Europe (a multi-issue movement-building agency), The Syria Campaign (to promote democratic Syrian civil society and campaign for civilian protection) and Movilizatorio (to advance public participation in the Colombian peace process).

Between 2007 and 2010, Tim worked for Australian Prime Ministers Julia Gillard and Kevin Rudd as chief speechwriter and senior economic adviser. He is the author of Australia’s two best-selling economics textbooks, has worked as an attorney at global law firm Baker & McKenzie, and was the founder of an Australian education publishing business acquired by Pearson in 2004.

@dixontim

Steve Killelea

Steve Killelea: combines a highly successful career in technology with a philanthropic focus on peace and sustainable development to shed new light on issues, from terrorism and conflict to economics and prosperity. He founded the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) in 2007, as an independent not-for-profit global research institute analysing the intertwined relationships between business, peace, and economic development.

Steve’s funding and thought leadership behind the Institute would see him recognised as one of the World’s 100 Most Influential People on reducing the onset of armed violence. IEP global leadership extends to calculating the economic cost of violence, measuring peace, risk analysis of a nation’s threat levels, and a new understanding of “Positive Peace” - an eight-pillar model embracing the attitudes, institutions, and structures required to create and sustain peaceful societies. As one of the world’s most impactful think tanks, its research is extensively used by multi-laterals, including the United Nations, World Bank, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), as well as taught in thousands of university courses around the world. He is also the founder of the Global Peace Index, the world’s leading quantitative measurement of global peacefulness, ranking 163 countries, and independent territories.

Steve currently serves on the President’s Circle for Club de Madrid, the largest forum of democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers working to strengthen democracy. In 2010, Steve was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to the community through the global peace movement, and in 2016 was awarded the Luxembourg Peace Prize. Steve is also the author of ‘Peace in the Age of Chaos: The Best Solution for a Sustainable Future’.

@GlobPeaceIndex
Lord Peter Ricketts GCMG, GCVO

Lord Peter Ricketts GCMG, GCVO: was a British diplomat for 40 years, specialising in security and crisis management issues. He served twice in the UK Delegation to NATO, in the 1970s and again as Permanent Representative from 2003-6. He was Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, and Political Director in the Foreign Office from 2001-3, dealing with policy on the Afghanistan and Iraq interventions, and the 9/11 terrorist attack. In the final stage of his career, Peter served as Britain’s first National Security Adviser from 2010-12. In that capacity he established the National Security Council, and oversaw the 2010 National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review. He was Ambassador to France 2012-16.

After retirement, Peter became a cross-bench member of the House of Lords and divides his time between business activities and public policy work. He is Vice-Chairman of the Royal United Services Institute, and a Visiting Professor in the War Studies Department of King’s College London.

@LordRickettsP

Andy Street

Andy Street: was elected as the first Mayor of the West Midlands on May 4th 2017, before winning a second term on May 10th 2021. His main focuses are transport, housing, skills, and jobs, and he is currently working to a plan to get 100,000 people across his region back into work following the coronavirus pandemic.

Before becoming Mayor, Andy combined a career at John Lewis, Britain’s most successful workers’ co-operative, with a host of high-profile economic development roles that involved working with local and national government. In total he spent more than 30 years at John Lewis, rising from trainee to managing director.

Additionally, he has been Lead Non-executive Director for the Department for Communities and Local Government as well as a member of the Prime Minister’s Business Advisory Group.

@andy4wm

Myles Wickstead KCMG CBE

Myles Wickstead KCMG CBE: has had a long career in international relations and development. He has been Head of the British Development Division in East Africa and UK Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union, and was Head of Secretariat to the Commission for Africa in 2004/5. Since leaving Government service in 2005 he has been on the Boards of a number of international NGOs, including chairing the Boards of Concern UK and One World Media and Vice-Chair of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. He is currently Chair of the Joffe Charitable Trust; on the Boards of the Royal African Society and BBC Media Action; and Visiting Professor (International Relations) at King’s College London and the University of Exeter. He has written extensively on Africa and Development.
Dr Sabir Zazai

**Dr Sabir Zazai:** is the Chief Executive of the Scottish Refugee Council. Passionate about refugee rights, social justice, human rights and intercultural relations, Sabir was appointed CEO of Scottish Refugee Council in September 2017. As the head of Scotland’s national refugee rights organisation he is dedicated to using his skills and knowledge to build a fairer and more equal society for everyone in Scotland. Before joining Scottish Refugee Council, Sabir was CEO of Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre from 2014 - 2017.

Sabir came to the UK in 1999, seeking protection from the conflict in Afghanistan. He is able to draw on his own experiences of seeking asylum and building a life in a new country to support individuals and communities in Scotland going through similar experiences. Sabir has a wealth of knowledge about community integration that is informed both by his personal experiences and his research and campaigning background in conflict resolution and refugee rights. His policy and research work in refugee integration focuses on community cohesion management, integration and social relations.

Sabir’s early education was interrupted by the war in Afghanistan. He was internally displaced with his family when he was still at primary education. However, his resilience, hope and a strong desire for education helped him to graduate from Coventry University with a degree in Human Resources Management, a Masters in Community Cohesion Management and fairly recently was conferred with a Honorary Doctorate at the University of Glasgow for services to community and received the Lord Provost award for human rights. Sabir is now Honorary President of City of Sanctuary and a Visiting Practice Fellow at the Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University. He also serves on a number of forums to advocate for refugee rights including being a member of the New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy’s Leadership Group.

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The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury

**The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury:** born in 1956 in London, the Most Reverend Justin Welby was educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge, before beginning a career in the oil industry.

In 1989, after sensing a call from God, Archbishop Justin stood down from industry to train for ordination. He took a theology degree at St John’s College, Durham, in which he focused on ethics – particularly in business – and wrote a dissertation called ‘Can Companies Sin’? For 30 years, his ministry has blended deep devotion to parish communities with Church work around the world, especially in areas of conflict. Ordained Deacon in 1992, Justin’s ministry took him to Coventry Diocese, serving in Nuneaton, Ufton and at the Cathedral, running the reconciliation work based there, then to Liverpool and Durham, as Dean and Bishop respectively.

On 9 November 2012, Justin Welby was announced as the 105th Archbishop of the See of Canterbury and was enthroned at Canterbury Cathedral on 21 March 2013. Since then, he has developed three priorities for his archiepiscopal ministry – prayer and the renewal of the religious life, reconciliation, and evangelism and witness. His passion for reconciliation has led his involvement in conflict mediation around the world, to pioneering the Difference Course and his chairing the Steering Committee for the /together Campaign, which aims to build a more connected society.


@JustinWelby
Panellists and Other Speakers

Ake Achi: is Founder and Director at Migrants at Work. He is a former child labourer and has worked as a trade union regional organiser in the UK for a number of years. He is currently the Deputy General Secretary of the National Trade Union of the Security Officers of Cote d’Ivoire. Ake holds a BSc in International Relations and French and a Master’s degree in international human rights law. He is training to become an employment and immigration lawyer. He set up Migrants At Work Ltd because he realised that migrant and British workers from BAME backgrounds are not getting the support they need in the labour market as workers because they are being organised as migrant or BAME workers, instead of workers.

Peter Barnett CBE: is the Lead Officer, Refugee Resettlement at Coventry City Council and has been honoured for Services to Refugees in Coventry. Peter has been a key figure over recent years in making sure the city is able to welcome refugees and asylum seekers and give them the services they need as they struggle to build new lives.

Peter has also helped the city bring in the MiFriendly Cities and Building Bridges projects, which celebrate the contribution refugees can make to their new home city, allowing them to develop their skills and build links with others.

Joel Busher: is Director of Research Excellence at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University. He has published extensively on far right and anti-minority activism, the escalation and inhibition of political violence, and the enactment of counter-terrorism policy and its societal impacts.

Sylvia Brown: is Conflict Advisor at Islamic Relief Worldwide where she works on peacebuilding, conflict and gender analysis and triple nexus programmes. She has experience in Pakistan, Kenya, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Niger and the Philippines, and has a special interest in women and youth-led peacebuilding. Sylvia has a an MA in International Development (Poverty, Conflict and Reconstruction) from Manchester University, and a PhD in Development Studies from SOAS, specialising in youth participation in armed opposition groups in Myanmar. She has experience of refugee, human rights, nonviolent peacebuilding, borderlands, governance and development issues in fragile and conflict-affected states, and she has worked with community organisations, INGOs and the UN. She is also a Deployable Civilian Expert for the UK Stabilisation Unit.

Tufyal Choudhury: is a Senior Research Fellow on National Security and the Rule of Law at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law. He is supporting the Independent Commission on UK Counter-Terrorism Law and Policy. He is also an Associate Professor at Durham Law School and a Senior Research Affiliate of the Canadian Terrorism, Security and Society Research Network.

His recent publications include: The enactment of the counter-terrorism “Prevent duty” in British schools and colleges: beyond reluctant accommodation or straightforward policy acceptance; Campaigning on Campus: Student Islamic Societies and Counterterrorism; and The Radicalization of Citizenship Deprivation.

He was the founding director of M-Fest, the Festival of Muslim Cultures and Ideas.

Laura Cleary: has three decades of experience as an academic, author and consultant specialising in security governance and management. She is the Director of Oakwood International Security, and holds appointments as a Research Staff Member at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria, Virginia, working specifically on the Defense Institution Building (DIB) team, a Visiting Professor in International Security at Cranfield University, and a Member of Universal Defence and Security Solutions (UK).

A leading expert in the fields of International Defence Engagement (IDE), governance and defence transformation, her research in
the field has contributed to British and other governments’ policy formation and strategic planning. Her most recent publication, *Managing Security: Concepts and Challenges* will be published by Routledge in autumn 2021.

**Roger Darby:** is an experienced academic from Cranfield University with over 20 years’ experience in higher and continuing education and with business in the international security and defence sectors. Roger has worked throughout Europe, in East and S.E. Asia, Africa and the Middle East where he developed and led executive management, strategy, leadership and change management programmes. He has a strong commercial awareness acquired in various business development and consulting roles, and a record of delivering results and business and service improvement, across a wide range of industries in the public, defence and security, private and voluntary sectors.

**Cedric De Coning:** is a Research Professor with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs Center on UN and Global Governance, where he coordinates the Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network and leads the Climate-related Peace and Security Risk project. He is also a Senior Advisor for the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) where he is the Managing Editor of the African Journal of Conflict Resolution and Chief Editor of ACCORD’s COVID-19 Conflict and Resilience Monitor. He holds a PhD from the Department of Philosophy at the University of Stellenbosch. His research focusses on strengthening the resilience and sustainability of social-ecological systems under pressure from climate change, conflict and other stressors. He has served in a number of advisory capacities for the African Union and United Nations, including on the UN Secretary-General’s Advisory Board for the Peacebuilding Fund and as an advisor to the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for the Peace Fund.

**Tom Dixon:** is a team leader at ACH Refugee Integration Services Provider. Ashley Community Housing (ACH) provides safe, supported housing for refugees and migrants in Bristol, Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton. Tom was instrumental in developing the INTEGRASS toolkit, which takes a holistic approach to integration through identifying barriers to migrants and refugees social and economic integration and produces a tailored ‘personal integration plan’.

**Colum Eastwood:** has been leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party since 2015 and is MP for Foyle. He has been a passionate advocate for investment, infrastructure and jobs for communities which have been deprived of prosperity as part of a wider economic package rebalancing Northern Ireland. In 2010 and at the age of 27 Colum was appointed Derry’s youngest ever Mayor. Leading Derry’s hugely successful and prestigious year as City of Culture, he proved himself to be an energetic and articulate leader for the city and all its people.

Colum was Derry’s Mayor during the publication of the historic Saville Report which exonerated the Bloody Sunday victims of any wrong doing and led the city during a period of immense reconciliation.

**Rina Fetahaji:** is a sustainability consultant based in Kosovo, interested in knowledge sharing and sustainable market-based solutions to social and environmental problems. Rina has an academic background in Social Enterprise and Sustainability, and practical experience in the private and third sectors, focusing on supporting sustainable development practices.

**Catherine Flood:** is an independent art and design curator and writer who works with historical collections and contemporary practices. I have co-curated two ground-breaking exhibitions at the V&A: ‘Disobedient Objects’ (2014) and Food: Bigger than Plate (2019). At the time Disobedient Objects was the V&A’s most visited exhibition since 1946. My work is research-led and focuses on the intersection of design and society and the role of museums in the world today. I have extensive experience of collaborating with artists and designers as well as makers and thinkers from other disciplines.

Formerly Curator of Prints (specialising in posters) at the V&A, I also have over 15 years’ experience working with world class museum collections. In that time I worked with a wide range of institutions in the UK and internationally as a speaker, writer and advisor and through curating touring exhibitions.
David Gergen: is a professor of public service and founding director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. He serves also as a senior political analyst for CNN and works actively with a rising generation of new leaders. He has served as a White House adviser to four U.S. presidents of both parties: Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton. He wrote about those experiences in his New York Times best-seller, Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton (Simon & Schuster, 2001).

Professor Gergen’s work enables him to work closely with a rising generation of younger leaders, especially social entrepreneurs, military veterans and Young Global Leaders chosen by the World Economic Forum. The Center provides scholarships to 100+ students each year, preparing them to serve as leaders for the common good.

Kenneth Gergen: is the President of the Taos Institute and the Mustin Professor of Psychology at Swarthmore College, USA. He has taught at Harvard University and Heidelberg University and is a member of the World Academy of Art and Science.

Professor Gergen is a major figure in the development of social constructionist theory and its applications to practices of social change. He lectures widely on contemporary issues in cultural life, including the self, technology, postmodernism, the civil society, organizational change, developments in psychotherapy, educational practices, aging, and political conflict. He has published over 300 articles in journals, magazines and books, and his major books include Toward Transformation in Social Knowledge, The Saturated Self, Realities and Relationships, and An Invitation to Social Construction.

Latefa Guemar: is an Algerian British academic, practitioner and activist with a PhD from the University of East London and is currently a visiting fellow at the CTPSR. She has worked extensively with charities and international organisations with refugees, young people and the environment.

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of then 22 countries, including the five Permanent Members of the UN Security Council, aimed at strengthening UN peace operations.

Sarmad Iqbal: is CEO of The Conciliators in Pakistan. He is an economist and a lawyer by degree and a rights campaigner by passion. Over a decade and a half long professional journey, he advocated for the rights of vulnerable, marginalized and socially excluded segments of society, be it in emergency situations or impacts of disjoined policy implementation and insensitive cultural practices. He started his career with a women rights organization, advocating for their rights not only in domestic but political sphere as well. Through the journey expanded the scope of advocating for issue of child abuse, human trafficking and children on street while voicing out and safeguarding child rights at national level. He is also a well-known environmental lawyer/ activist not only among communities but also among decision makers, legal fraternity, think tanks and academia. Recently, he is advocating with national and provincial governments for drought and saline sensitive livelihood measures for communities being affected by both hazards.

Indira Kartallozi: is the director at Kaleidoscope Futures and founder of Sustainability Leadership Kosova. Indira’s expertise ranges from sustainability, social enterprise, human rights and transformative leadership. Her work in sustainability has taken her to various countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and Latin America.

Alyson Kilpatrick: is a barrister specialising in human rights and Chief Commissioner of the NI Human Rights Commission. She has published widely including as contributor to The Human Rights Act 1998: A Practitioner’s Guide. She is a member of the board of One Safe Place Family Justice Centre. Until May 2021, she was a member of the board of an accredited community restorative justice scheme. Between 2009 and September 2017, Alyson was the Independent Human Rights Legal Advisor to the NI Policing Board. From 2016 to 2021, she was special legal advisor to the UK’s Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. For ICCL, she conducted an independent human rights inspection of Irish policing. She carried out and published an independent review of the ECHR compliance of a number of NI ‘legacy’ investigations.

Silas Lwakabamba: is Rwanda’s former education minister and is now Coventry University’s Regional Managing Director for its new Africa Hub in Kigali.

He is the most senior representative of the university group in the region and has oversight of its activities across Africa, including policy development, research, enterprise and innovation, and university engagement, among others. Professor Lwakabamba earned his BSc and doctoral degrees in engineering in the UK and has held senior positions in higher education in Tanzania and Rwanda. He has also served in the cabinet of the Rwandan government, first as minister of infrastructure and then as minister of education. He is currently also a member of Atlantis Group of the Varkey Foundation (a worldwide Advisory group of 25 former Ministers of Education and former Heads of State).

Alphonsine Kabagabo: survived the genocide in Rwanda in 1994 and is the recently-appointed Director of the London-based Women For Refugee Women charity. She is a passionate advocate for the empowerment of girls and young women and has 20 years of experience in leading programmes for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. She led the development of transformative programmes that have given hundreds of young women the confidence to speak out and influence changes to policies on issues such as child marriage, HIV/AIDS prevention, fighting violence against girls and young women, and providing reproductive health services to women in refugee camps. She is a past trustee of Womankind, an international feminist organisation supporting women’s rights and a trustee of SURF, a non-profit organisation supporting survivors of the Rwandan genocide.

Mariana Llanos: is a Lead Research Fellow at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and a professor of political science at the University of Erfurt. At the GIGA, she is the head of the Accountability and Participation research program. She has been conducting comparative research on the political institutions of Latin America for many years and has published several books and numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Her latest article was just published in the Journal Democratization. Her most relevant current research projects include the politics of presidential term limits in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa, presidential impeachments in Latin America, institutional innovations for social participation in the judiciary in Latin America. A new project with two other GIGA colleagues on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the personalization of power in the Global South is about to start.
Panellists and Other Speakers

Last Mafuba: is a MiFriendlyCities participant and a refugee with lived experience. She is the founder & CEO of Inini Initiative, a charity that offers a culturally sensitive mental health service to people of colour. She has 20+ years of experience of working with marginalised groups. She has worked with asylum seekers, refugees and migrants, people with learning disabilities, those experiencing mental health problems, and women experiencing domestic abuse. She holds a BSc in Psychology and an LLM in International Development Law and Human Rights both from Warwick University.

Sami Mehiaoui: is a creative and energetic youth leader and Chevening scholar from Algeria studying Business Innovation in London. He has held leadership positions in different Student clubs and Associations, where he implemented impact-driven projects targeting food waste in universities through technology, and waste reduction through behavioural change and training.

Marisa McGlinchey: is an Assistant Professor in Political Science at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations. She joined Coventry University as a Research Fellow in 2012 after having completed a PhD in Irish Politics at Queen’s University Belfast. Marisa is a political scientist interested in social and political mobilisation. Her work aims to achieve an understanding of on-the-ground mobilisation in Ireland and she is author of ‘Unfinished Business - the politics of ‘dissident’ Irish republicanism’.

Marisa is Vice-President of the Political Studies Association of Ireland and an elected member of its Executive Committee. She is a regular contributor to the BBC, ITV, Sky News, Al Jazeera and other outlets on ‘dissident’ Irish republicanism and won the PSAI Brian Farrell book prize for best book in political science in 2019.

Gwendolyn Myers: is the Founder and Executive Director Messengers of Peace-Liberia. She has more than ten years of experience working in peace and non-violence education among in and out of school youth. She was selected recently as European Commission and One Young World 2021 Peace Ambassador.

Gwendolyn gained global appointment in May 2021 as the Global Chairperson for Youth Empowerment for the high-powered G100 of Eminent and Empowered Club of the top 100 Women Leaders in the world with a vision for the future under the auspices of the sisterhood platform, All Ladies League.

Gwendolyn was recognized as Time Magazine 2019 - Top Eight Young Reformers Across the Globe Shaping the World and 2019 - Top Seven-African Women Breaking Barriers in Peacebuilding in Africa.

Hyppolite Ntigurirwa: is an artist, activist and founder of Be the Peace, an organisation focusing on the use of art to halt the intergenerational transmission of hate and to promote the power of cross-generational healing. A child survivor of the 1994 genocide, in 2019 he envisioned and conducted the “Be the Peace Walk,” a 100-day performance piece in which he walked across Rwanda to commemorate 25 years since the end of the genocide.

Hyppolite has worked as Arts Program Manager for the British Council in Rwanda, focused on disability rights and societal inclusion. In 2020 he was a Yale World Fellow and is currently completing his PhD with the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations in Coventry. His work has been covered by global media including BBC, NPR, SABC and Dutchwelle.

Ahmet Erdi Öztürk: is Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations at the School of Social Sciences, London Metropolitan University and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellow, at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, and GIGA, Germany.

His main fields of research are the politics of the Middle East, especially Turkey, the Balkans and South East Europe with a particular emphasis on authoritarian regimes, diasporas, identity and religious dissent. He has published extensively and spoken frequently at international conferences on these subjects. His first solo-authored book, ‘Religion, Identity and Power: Turkey and the Balkans in the Twenty-First Century’ was published by Edinburgh University in early 2021. He is a regular contributor to media outlets such as Balkan Insight, France 24, Huffington Post, Open Democracy and The Conversation.

Anne Petters: grew up in Dresden. After graduating from the Institute for Ceramic and Glass Art, Hoehr-Grenzhausen, Germany, she studied Sculpture & Dimensional Studies, at Alfred University, USA. Her work has been shown in the
USA and Europe, including with Bullseye Projects. Her work is in collections in the USA, Germany and the UK, including National Museum of Scotland. Since 2017 she has had a studio in the UK following her appointment as Fellow in Glass at the City and Guilds of London School. She also teaches glass at University of Creative Arts, Farnham.

Greta Ríos: is the founder of Ollin, a citizen empowerment Mexican NGO. She has more than 10 years of experience working in the non-profit sector. Greta holds a BA in International Relations and an Advanced Master’s Degree on International Dispute Settlement.

Under Greta’s leadership, Ollin has consolidated as one of the leading organizations dealing with civic engagement, transparency, non-corruption, the rule of law, and direct democracy. In 2019, Greta conducted a strategic litigation manoeuvre that forced Mexico City Congress to enact a new Citizen Participation Law.

In 2019, Greta and Ollin won the UBS Visionaries prize for social entrepreneurs. In 2017 she joined the BMW Foundation Responsible Leaders Network.

Mousumi Saika: currently works as the Partnerships and Programme Development Manager for Islamic Relief Worldwide. She is also the global programme lead for Islamic Relief Worldwide’s conflict prevention and peacebuilding programme that was implemented in Kenya, Indonesia, Pakistan and Philippines. Mousumi has long standing experience of planning, delivering and managing both humanitarian and development projects. She also has experience in the not-for-profit sector particularly in education and health. Her particular interest lies is promoting gender equality and justice; and the critical role that faith leaders and institutions can play in overturning the negative narrative of faith and religion as being oppressive of women. She has worked in Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kenya, Macedonia, Malawi, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, and Tunisia.

Guliz Vural: is an award-winning Turkish photojournalist and the first journalist known to have travelled with Syrian refugees on the perilous boat journey between Turkey and the Greek island of Lesbos. Guliz travelled with approximately 45 refugees who were piled onboard the 12-person inflatable dinghy as it made its way from Sivrice Bay in Turkey to the island of Lesbos.

Aged 41 Guliz is now a migrant herself, having moved to the UK from her native Turkey earlier in 2021 under the Ankara Agreement to escape the suppression of opposition media by the Turkish authorities. Her husband, who is also a journalist, and their teenage daughter have settled in Rugby, Warwickshire.

Gita Saghal: is a feminist human rights advocate, working on religious fundamentalism and secularism. She is a member of the editorial collective of the journal Feminist Dissent, and she edited and wrote in the issue 5 on the links between right-wing authoritarian regimes, fundamentalist politics and neoliberalism in secular states. https://feministdissent.org/full-issues/issue-5-2020-special-issue-on-secular-states-fundamentalist-politics/. Feminist Dissent also published a special issue on Prevent https://feministdissent.org/full-issues/issue-4-2019-special-issue-prevent/, and a statement of solidarity on Afghanistan critical of the British security establishment and the betrayal of Afghans: https://feministdissent.org/blog-posts/fear-is-their-weapon/. She has made numerous films including the award winning ‘The War Crimes File’ for Dispatches, Channel 4 on three British men who were part of fundamentalist death squads in Bangladesh 1971. Her film career is reflected in this conversation. https://www.facebook.com/CaribbeanTalesInternationalFilmFestival/videos/356863015446669

Mike Tooby: is advisory curator for the ‘Broken Angel’ project. He grew up in Coventry and is now based in Wales. He is Professor in Curatorial Practice in the School of Art at Bath Spa University. Previous roles include founding curator, Tate St Ives, 1992-2000, Director, National Museum & Gallery Cardiff, 2000-4 and Director, Learning, Programmes and Development, National Museums Wales, 2004-11. He was a co-curator in the recent project ‘Journeys with “The Waste Land “’, in Margate and Coventry in 2018. He gave the Ursula Hoff Lecture in Curating at the University of Melbourne in 2018.
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