

“We must go on working until the power of love is greater than the love of power.”

Sana, 15 years



Creating World Peace and Sustainability in the Post COVID-19 and post Ukraine Conflict Era

Thursday 18th May 2023, 11 am – 3.30 pm

Attlee Room, Portcullis House,
Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 2LW

Whenever there are major conflicts in the world, children, young people and women are the worst affected victims. But we rarely hear their voices and their plight is neglected.

Conference Chairman: Dr Prem Sharma OBE

Event sponsored by

Hon Katherine Fletcher MP

“Love conquers all.”

Family motto chosen by Isabella (10) and Charlotta (8)



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

27th February, 2023.

Dear Prem,

Thank you for your letter of 21st February about the conference you are planning at Portcullis House on the subject 'Creating World Peace and Sustainability in the Post COVID-19 and post Ukraine Conflict Era' on 30th March. As Dr. Sorabji indicated in his letter to you of 8th February, it will sadly not be possible for His Majesty to send a personal message on this occasion, but please be assured that, as Dr. Sorabji conveyed, The King was interested to read about the objectives of the conference. His Majesty hopes very much that the conference is a successful one and he sends his warmest good wishes to all those attending.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely
Edward

Sir Edward Young
Joint Principal Private Secretary to The King

Dr. Prem Sharma, OBE.



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Head of the Direct Communications Unit

29 March 2023

Dear Dr Sharma

Thank you for your letter of 10 February, requesting the Prime Minister provides a message of support for the Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation conference on 30 March.

I am afraid that, due to diary pressures, the Prime Minister will be unable to meet the conference participants in person. However, I am pleased to enclose a message of greeting for the event, sent with his best wishes.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

MANDY GODRIDGE



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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am pleased to send my warm wishes to those attending the '*Prospects for long-term Peace and Stability in relation to the conflict in Ukraine*' conference, convened by the Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation.

The UK has been at the forefront of international support for Ukraine following Russia's brutal and unprovoked war. At the United Nations General Assembly on 23 February, the international community committed to support Ukraine to secure a just and lasting peace; a peace on Ukraine's terms and in support of the principles and norms that have preserved European peace and stability for the past 70 years.

Across the UK, the British people have demonstrated overwhelming support for the people of Ukraine – opening their homes to those tragically displaced; raising funds; donating vital supplies; and standing in solidarity with all those affected by Russia's callous and egregious actions. It shows the importance we in the UK place on democracy and on the right of a sovereign nation to choose and shape its own future. It also demonstrates our belief that all people should be able to live in peace. These principles underpin the UN Charter and we will do all we can to uphold them.

Today's event will be an important opportunity to discuss and promote these values and principles, which sit at the heart of the United Kingdom, and how we can collectively make the world a safer, more peaceful and prosperous place for all.

From the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, former Prime Minister

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Message From The Rt Hon Theresa May MP

I am delighted to send my best wishes to everyone attending the Magna Carta Foundation's Conference on Peace in Ukraine.

Russia's heinous further invasion of Ukraine has shocked and appalled all of us who share a belief in freedom and the right to self-determination.

Despite the seemingly insurmountable hardships facing the Ukrainian people- we continue to be inspired by their bravery and fortitude in the face of the most egregious acts of Russian violence.

The UK has been standing in solidarity with Ukraine from the start of this conflict- as far back as Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea back in 2014.

Our armed forces have been working tirelessly to support Ukraine's security and defence architecture and the UK was the first European country to start sending lethal aid to Ukraine playing a key role in convening the donation and delivery of military aid from other nations.

I hope that you have a very productive conference as you discuss this pivotal conflict- the outcome of which will shape the future, not just of Ukraine but for Europe and the world as a whole.

Yours Sincerely



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THE LORD LOOMBA OF MOOR PARK, CBE



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It is my special pleasure to send greetings to the World Peace Conference, which is organised again this year by the Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation.

The world stands at a critical juncture, where we must confront challenges to global stability and the future of the planet. In these circumstances, it is incumbent on us to support young people to seize their destiny and to create a future of peace and sustainable prosperity for the world.

For twenty-five years since we established The Loomba Foundation, I have devoted my energies to highlighting the plight of destitute widows and to providing education for their dependent children in order to break the generational cycle of poverty. From that work I know that in times of conflict and natural disaster it is the weakest who suffer most. I also know that with determination, you can galvanise the international community, you can challenge and change deep-rooted customs, you can bring about lasting change.

I congratulate you warmly on this important event and I wish you every success with your efforts.

Lord Raj Loomba CBE

Founder Chairman Trustee of the Loomba Foundation

Vice-Chair of the APPG on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Young leaders and Peacemakers

Alex Lu is in year 9 at Eton College. He has just picked his GCSE choices and is big into music at the moment. He plays the piano and is also part of the College Chapel Choir.

Amelia Han (17) is in year 11 at Richmond Christian School in Canada. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, and listening to music. She is interested in the sciences as well as computer programming.

Andrii Samoilenko (16) is Ukrainian, currently at Reading School for boys (Year 11). He is interested in how the world's rules work (both scientific and anthropological). He likes fitness, popular culture and studying, and wants to become an entrepreneur.

Ariana Tadayon (13) was born in Ukraine to her Ukrainian/Russian mother and Iranian father. She moved to the UK at the start of the war and currently goes to Reading School. Her hobbies are art and music and she would like a career in Art.

Izyaan Tahir is from Pakistan and was born in the UK. He is studying at Reading School in year 8. He enjoys football.

Leila Li is from China and was born in the UK. She is studying at Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School (Year 6). She enjoys music, swimming, drawing and her iPad.

Mohamed Yassine Hammami (11) was born in Tunisia. He is in Year 6 of Elementary school. He enjoys swimming and football, reading books and travelling. His aim is to become a cardiologist and win the Nobel Prize in Physiology.

Noah Laird (16) is in French Immersion at Brookwood Secondary School in Langley BC Canada. He plays competitive baseball and intends to pursue collegiate baseball in the US while studying Business or Engineering. Career goals include construction management or real estate development.

Shaheer Tahir attends Reading School (Year 11) and is currently preparing for his GCSE's. He takes part in cricket and boxing and is interested in public speaking.

Vivaan Rajul (12) is at Dolphin School Hurst (Year 7). He enjoys rock climbing, Taekwondo, research and reading and is passionate about Geopolitics, Humanities, History, and Geography. He hopes to have a career in the Humanities.

Youssef Friaa (11) is from Tunisia. He is studying in the international school of Carthage. He enjoys football and swimming and likes to listen to music.

Children's voices from previous conferences

Peace is being loving towards other people

Noé, 4 years

A smile is the start of peace

Lotta 11 years

The path to peace is hard but the rewards make it worthwhile

Humza, 11 years

Just like water stops fire, smiles stop wars

Safa, 12 years

There is no greater wealth in the world than peace

Bella, 13 years

Peace is talking, not fighting, when we do not agree

Maya, 7 years

Peace is the basis of humanity

Ilyas, 9 years

The conference aims

We will explore the prospects for world peace and sustainability in light of the conflict in Ukraine, as we consider

- its long term implications for global peace and stability
- the linkages between different strands of a strategy for peace
- our continuing response to the human suffering and loss there

We will use our response to this tragic suffering as a starting point for a wider focus on peace and forming peacemakers, including:

- * establishing like-minded international partners with the shared peace mission
- * hearing the voice of children and women and developing young innovators and peacemakers
- * promoting innovation for peace and sustainability so as to achieve reconciliation
- * understanding the challenges and impact of climate change in shaping world peace
- * promoting national and international peaceful conflict resolution

What practical steps can we each take towards these aims?

Programme

1015 onwards

Arrival, Registration, Refreshments

1055 Delegates seated

1100 Introduction

Hon Katherine Fletcher MP

Welcome address: Dr Prem Sharma OBE

Peace Song

1125 Creating World Peace: Young Leaders and Peace Makers

1200 Global Leadership: Empowering Women for World Peace

1235 Magna Carta World Peace Index: Foundation sponsored Research

1250 Responses

1330 LUNCH

Networking and Interviews

1430 Embracing Innovation for Peace and Sustainability

1440 Questions to the Panel

1515 Conclusions

Peace song (version 2)

1530 Close

Video interviews

Empowering women for world peace

Anastasiia Makaruk escaped with her children from Ukraine's Kherson region, which was occupied by the Russians. Her 15 year old son is a reserve Olympic athlete.

Olga Manmar is a single mum of three children. She was Director of National Ukrainian Online School Project, 2020-2021 and Moderator at Ukraine 2030 Forum, Kyiv 2022, Education Panel. She runs activities for the temporarily displaced Ukrainian community in the UK and currently works in the construction industry in the UK.

Shukria Rezaei is a Hazara, born in Afghanistan. Her family sought sanctuary in Pakistan, before relocating to Oxford in late 2011. She writes poetry and is currently a Communications Officer at Mansfield College, Oxford.

Iryna Rodina is a Ukrainian journalist and communications manager, formerly the Head of Communications at PEN Ukraine, currently a Communications Officer at the Faculty of Arts & Humanities at King's College London.

Héloïse Gaillard is a 20 year-old French postgraduate student in the cross-border Master's program in Management at Peking University HSBC Business School. She is currently studying in Oxford and will move to Shenzhen, China, this summer.

Chiara Kurz is originally from Germany and a graduate student at Peking University HSBC Business School, pursuing a cross-border Oxford-Shenzhen Master's in Management. She holds a degree in business and economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business and has also studied in the US and South Africa.

Mackenzie Laird is from Canada and is currently completing an MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience from the University of Reading. She plans to work for a doctorate in clinical psychology with the hope of becoming a pediatric neuropsychologist. Her passion is working with children with neurodevelopmental disorders such as Autism.

Katharine (Fangxue) Wang is an MBA graduate and works as the President's Assistant and Associate Director of Multimedia and Publicity at ELITE Innovation College Cambridge.

Prof Dr Yang (Lucy) Lu is the Provost at Ardent University, UK. She has over 20 years of professional experience in public and private higher education institutions (HEI) of global higher education including senior academic leadership roles across HEI, leading strategic and innovative change and delivering high quality student experiences through digital transformation of teaching & learning, entrepreneurial embedded academic ambience and research informed culture across institutions and beyond.

Speakers

Svitlana Morenets is a Ukrainian journalist, formerly in Kyiv and now working in London at The Spectator, with a weekly column Ukraine in Focus: Updates from the frontline. . She has spent time in Crimea to learn more about life under the Russian occupation.

Azadeh Zabeti is Vice President of the 'Committee of Anglo-Iranian Lawyers' and Director of the 'Centre for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law in Iran'. She is co-author of several publications including the 'Inquiry into the 1988 Mass Executions in Iran' and has over two decades of experience in the field of human rights.

Dr Rajendra Shende is the former Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Founder Director of Green TERRE Foundation, Coordinating Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that won the Nobel Peace Prize. He is the Prime Mover SCCN, Advisor Media India Group France and to CBCGDF – China, Chairman International Advisory Board, Operation Earth, China, Member of Governing Body MIT World Peace University, Life Time Achievement Award, BAMU and Chairman TERRE Policy Centre.

Ramu Damodaran is Deputy Permanent Observer of the intergovernmental University for Peace to the United Nations. He served as the first Director of the United Nations Academic Impact from 2010-21 and was concurrently secretary of the Committee on Information of the United Nations General Assembly.

Professor Philip Laird is Vice President, Innovation and Partnership, at Trinity Western University, Canada,

Dr Imbenzi George is Director of International Engagement (AFRICA) and Business Stream Director at Trinity Western University, Canada

Professor Yinshan Tang PhD works for Henley Business School, University of Reading, as a professor of management informatics. His research is multi-disciplinary including management, informatics, and digital business. He has created a benchmark index for UK SMEs and has just completed creating the Magna Carta World Peace Index.

Professor Richard Li-Hua PhD is Founder and President of ELITE Innovation College Cambridge, Visiting Scholar at Judge Business School, Cambridge University, and Strategic Advisor at the Research Centre of Technology Innovation, Tsinghua University, China. He is one of the recipients of the Outstanding Global 50 Educators Award from the Academy of Strategic Management, Oxford Conference Said Business School, Oxford University, 2022.

Steps to Peace

Great people generate love. Only a tiny soul cherishes the spirit of hatred.

Booker T Washington

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa

Love is patient and kind; love does not keep a record of wrongs. Love never gives up.

Lord Christ

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr

All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything

Swami Vivekananda

To forgive is to set a prisoner free, and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis B Smedes

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

Mahatma Gandhi

Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Paul

Those who spend in prosperity and adversity, and those who suppress anger and pardon men; and Allah loves those who do good.

Al Quran 3:135

Dr Prem Sharma OBE
Founder Chairman,
Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation

A retired Veterinary Surgeon and Chartered Biologist, Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, Dr Sharma served as Permanent Secretary to the Kano State Government in Nigeria (1969-1976). He developed pioneering participatory approaches to community organisation, poverty alleviation, inter-community relations and disease control that have today become model strategies in the field of community development. He was Director of a major World Bank-funded agricultural project in Saudi Arabia, 1976-78, thereafter setting up his own international consultancy specialising in agriculture, trade and technology. He was on the advisory panel for the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries & Farms, 1992-96. His strategy paper 'Reducing Poverty in Africa' was published on the website of the Globalisation and Global Poverty Group in 2006 (revised 2007, 2011).

He is founder-chairman of the India Development Trust and Patron, South Asian Development Partnership. He served as an advisor to the Department of Trade and Industry on promoting bilateral trade between India and the UK as part of the Indo-British Partnership, leading a delegation of MPs to India in 2003. He was awarded the Hind Rattan (1991) and the Nav Rattan (1995) for outstanding services, achievements and contributions to the British Indian community. He was awarded the OBE (2010) for services to community relations in the UK.

He also has extensive international work experience gained in North America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. He is actively involved in local charitable and social work, including serving as Chairman, Patient Panel, Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Trust, and Patron, Europe/India Chamber of Commerce, Brussels.

In 1979 he pioneered the concept of Community Centres for minority communities, lobbying hard on behalf of the local Asian community. A community centre was set up and continues to flourish today. Other Asian community centres in the area have subsequently emerged based on the same format.

In October 2017 the Royal Society of Medicine acknowledged Dr Sharma's contribution to health care, community relations and peace with a special inscription on the "Wall of Honour" in the Central Atrium of its building in Wimpole Street.

He is active as an advocate for peace, involved in various peace initiatives both in the UK and abroad, including the series of conferences initiated by South Asian Development Partnership (SADP). He was recognised as an 'ambassador of peace' by the Universal Peace Federation when he addressed their conference in Seoul, South Korea in 2006.

The Magna Carta Foundation and the search for peace

The **Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation** aims to promote national and international conflict resolution and reconciliation with a view to building and maintaining social cohesion and trust within and between communities.

It does this by investigating and identifying probable causes of the conflict, through research, conferences, debates and publications on all aspects of world peace, with a view to developing better understanding of the factors behind conflict, as well as encouraging practical support for those affected.

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From the beginning of the 21st Century, Dr Prem Sharma OBE has worked with **South Asian Development Partnership (SADP)** as Patron to organise several international conferences on peace in London, Reading, Birmingham, Leeds and Bradford.

SADP is led by **Ram Gidoomal CBE**, a business and charity leader and scholar, and **Robin Thomson**, who has spent many years working with community leaders, both in India and with the South Asian communities in the UK.

The first conference in 2002 responded to the violence in Gujarat, India, particularly between Hindus and Muslims. The tensions affected communities in the UK as well.

The 7/7 bombings in 2005 brought even greater tensions, including with the majority community. Not only Muslims, but all South Asians, were subject to suspicion and relations between communities were troubled. SADP organised a series of conferences in different parts of the country and the impact was visible. This work supported what the Home Office was seeking to do.

In 2012 and 2018 the focus was on the effect of conflict on women and children around the world, especially in Syria and other parts of the Middle East.

The distinctive feature of these conferences is that they were led by children/young leaders. To create world peace and economic sustainability, we need to empower and inspire future leaders and peacemakers, especially young people and women, and engage them to speak out their views in promoting and creating world peace.

The Magna Carta Foundation is building on the work done by SADP, in partnership also with **ELITE Innovation College Cambridge (EICC)**, led by **Professor Richard Li-Hua**.

A WORLD OF PEACE

Let's all come together and build a World of Peace.

A happy co-existence, a harmonious order
Where there is no need for sectarian walls,
Dividing us by religion, caste, class or gender.

Let's all come together and build a **Happy World
of Peace.**

A world where every home is prosperous,
Every courtyard is lighted with a ray of hope;
Where everyone's dream comes true,
Where families are strong, united.
Let's all come together and build a **Tolerant World**

of Hope.

We are all in the same boat,
With one boatman charting our course.
We'll journey together, brothers and sisters,
Living for others, without hatred.
Let's all come together and build a **Democratic World**

of Freedom.

Where do we find this happy world?
We are far from God and far from peace.
It will take our effort, our love and sacrifice;
Forgiving wrong, overcoming evil with good.

**Let's all come together and build a Truthful World
of Love.**

Researched and produced by Dr Prem Sharma OBE

Music composed by Mike & Penny Bagshaw, Crowthorne. Recorded with video by Steve Litchfield,

St James Church, Woodley, Reading

Alternative version composed and sung by

Sister BK Dr. Damini, <https://brahmakumaris.uk/>

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Member of Parliament for South Ribble

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“We cannot all do great things for the world but we can do small things with great love.”

Sana, 15 years