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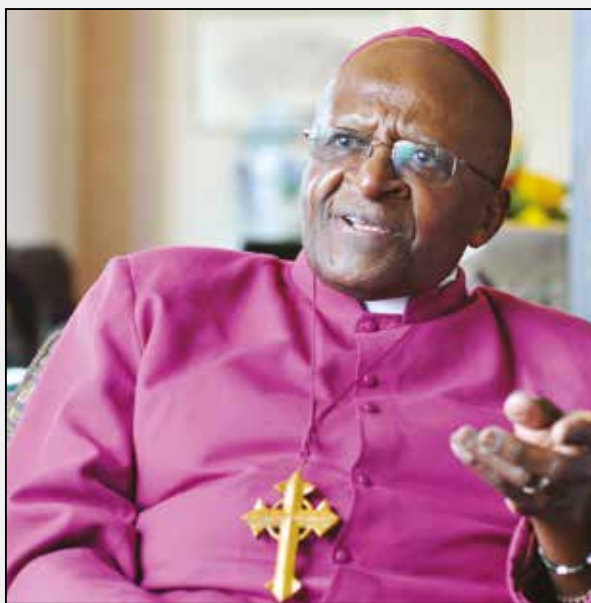
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minds inform
and inspire to
promote a
more peaceful,
hopeful world

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Welcome



Hello Coventry. I send you warm greetings from home, from the foot of the mother continent, where our common ancestors first walked. They walked and they walked, so far and across so many years that when they next saw each other they failed to recognise their own sisters and brothers.

Let's begin by saying thank you all so very much for the work you do inspiring peace and reconciliation in our global village. Thank you in particular to the organisers of RISING 15, Coventry University and its Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry City Council, Coventry Cathedral and Coventry and Warwickshire Champions, for identifying the necessity to face up to the challenges to peace of our times.

Sometimes, when we watch the evening news and consume our daily diet of stories of intense violence, extremist and anti-social behaviour, we question our abilities to stop our collective plummet into the abyss. It may be true that, on our own, we can make but a relatively modest difference, something to which we should all aspire daily.

But consider our power when we act together for common goals, when we view our diversity not as a threat but as the strength it is. The good news is that we were made for collectivism, for inter-dependence and common purpose. It doesn't matter how we look, where we live, or to which religion we subscribe, we are ultimately members of one family, the human family, God's family.

Although many are they who over the centuries have sought to rationalise injustice, by claiming the backing of a vengeful or partisan God, I've yet to come across any religion that does not truly espouse peace, love and justice. As members of the human family we are born for goodness, no baby is born hating anyone or with ingrained prejudices besides what they are willing to eat. We teach our children to discriminate, we teach them to be racist and sexist, and we teach them to be greedy, to step on others where necessary to attain material advantage for themselves.

Learned behaviour can be unlearned, it begins with our taking responsibility ourselves, in our homes, our neighbourhoods and communities, our clubs and societies, our organisations and companies and eventually our public policies and practices.

On evenings when I don't switch on the evening news, I tend to go to bed filled with hope, largely due to the young people I meet who seem to be seized with the task of righting the imbalances caused by us oldies. In my youth we were told good children should be seen but not heard, these days enabled by technology young people are connected to networks of friends around the world. Thankfully they have no qualms about shouting out about injustice.

I thank God for the likes of you, active young citizens who will save God's world that we've brought to the very brink of destruction. God bless RISING 15, God bless Coventry and God bless you!

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to RISING Global Peace Forum, where great minds inform and inspire to promote a more peaceful, hopeful world.

Marking the 75th anniversary of Coventry's blitz, this inaugural Forum is particularly special. On 14th November 1940, the brutal bombing of the city brought Coventry to the attention of the world. On 15th November 1940, the Cathedral's leader stood in its smouldering ruins and pledged forgiveness, setting the city on a path of peacemaking and reconciliation that continues today.

In Coventry we remember 14th November as testimony to the destructiveness of conflict. We remember 15th November as testimony to the resilience and essential goodness of the human spirit.

Coventry's commitment to peace and reconciliation has grown since then. It has given birth to two world-leading institutions – Coventry Cathedral's Reconciliation Ministry and Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations. And as a city of sanctuary, it has welcomed people fleeing violence from all parts of the world.

As I write this, Coventry City Council is leading the way in receiving Syrian refugees, with one in every three Syrians resettled under

the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme coming to the city.

The Coventry of today is home to hundreds of specialists working for peace. It offers two gifts to the world – its own story of transformation, emerging from the ashes of war as a reconciled, connected and welcoming city, and a unique network of professionals using their experience and expertise to support conflict-affected places as they find their own paths out of violence.

In these turbulent times, the world more than ever needs a platform for thinking about new ways of responding to conflict, and there is no better place than Coventry to host it.

It is with this in mind that RISING Global Peace Forum was initiated, led by Coventry City Council, Coventry University, Coventry Cathedral and Coventry and Warwickshire Champions, a group of senior business leaders from across the region.

Our programme includes talks from some of the world's most inspirational and experienced voices for peace. It has already been making headlines, with coverage on CNN, BBC, Reuters, The Daily Mail and The New Statesman, spreading the word about the role Coventry plays in peace and reconciliation.

Through RISING we are building a platform for exchange and advocacy that will grow and sustain for many years to come. We are joined by faith leaders and film-makers, journalists, activists, politicians, academics and colleagues from the worlds of business, defence and international governance.

It is you, our dear friends, who will make RISING the platform that the world needs. A space to face up to the world's challenges with the indomitable spirit of Coventry, in the belief that a kinder, more compassionate world is within our grasp.

Les Ratcliffe

Head of Community Relations, Jaguar Landrover
Chair of Coventry and Warwickshire Place Board
and Champions

A Hard Road To Hope

Our theme sets the seemingly intractable crises of today against what history tells us we can achieve.

The recent intensification of violence and extremist behaviour in our troubled and connected world makes addressing conflict seem an impossible task, leading to paralysis, hopelessness and despair. But we know from the past that we can achieve the impossible when it comes to peace.

Wars and violent conflicts end. How they end is in our power to decide.

In many places people are paralysed by trauma and despair. They feel incapable of changing

their lives and communities. Too many contexts are judged to be beyond hope. Too many people are living without dignity and without positive life-chances for their families.

The Hard Road to Hope recognises how hard it can be to strive for peace against the odds and honours those who do so. We have a lot to learn from the roads they have travelled and may be surprised and heartened by the reality that, at first, their journeys seemed impossible too.

Their remarkable efforts will inspire, affirm and call to action.



Why Coventry?

Our city has a renowned reputation for peace and reconciliation.

2015 marks 75 years since the Coventry Blitz started our journey of forgiveness and hope. Since then, Coventry has formed links with other cities that have suffered during times of war, such as Belgrade, Dresden, Hiroshima, Sarajevo, Volgograd and Warsaw. With 26 twinned cities, Coventry has the largest network in the world.

The Cathedral's reconciliation network supports 170 community organisations worldwide. And Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations has a team of over 50 research staff providing crucial insight and technical advice, helping to build peaceful and connected societies.

At home, the city's many local organisations work tirelessly to ensure that everyone who lives here feels welcome, respected and able to live in dignity. We welcome many migrants and refugees in the city, seeking sanctuary. In fact, we are one of the most diverse places in the country.

These days, many people suffering through conflict find strength and hope in Coventry's story. On 14 November 1940, much of the city was destroyed in a German Blitz. When the Cathedral was heavily bombed, only the walls of the beautiful medieval building were left standing. But Coventry responded with hope and love. Six weeks later, on Christmas Day, the Cathedral's leader Provost Howard took to the wireless to call for reconciliation. This was a brave, prophetic and radical act in a dangerous world.

The city also hosts a highly regarded bi-annual Coventry International Prize for Peace and Reconciliation, Peace Festival and Holocaust Memorial Day.



Morning sessions and all sessions on Friday will take place in Coventry Cathedral. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons please choose between sessions taking place at 2pm and 4pm, and at 7pm on Wednesday evening.

Please arrive at venues 10 minutes before sessions begin and remain seated throughout. You are kindly reminded that no flash photography should be taken during sessions.

Wednesday

10am – 12pm Keynote

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP (Coventry Cathedral)

2pm – 3.15pm Sessions

Karam Hilly / Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon (Coventry Cathedral)

Jean-Christophe Bas / Rozin Khalil Hanjool (Herbert Art Gallery and Museum)

4pm – 5.15pm Sessions

Ibba Girls School (Coventry Cathedral)

Nick Pickles / Richard Smith (Herbert Art Gallery and Museum)

6pm – 7pm

Drinks reception (St Mary's Guildhall)

7pm – 9pm Sessions

Send in the Clowns UK film premiere (Square One)

Twitter workshop (St Mary's Guildhall)

Thursday

10am – 12pm Keynote

Rt Hon Gordon Brown (Coventry Cathedral)

2pm – 3.15pm Sessions

Michael Binyon OBE / Terry Waite CBE (Square One)

John Cardinal Onaiyekan / Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes / Mary Harper (Herbert Art Gallery and Museum)

4pm – 5.15/5.45pm Sessions

Oil, Politics and Peace panel (Herbert Art Gallery and Museum)

The Big Question panel (Square One)

7pm – 10.30pm

Gala dinner (Coventry Cathedral)

Friday

10am – 12pm Keynote

Emma Sky OBE / Professor Heaven Crawley (Coventry Cathedral)

1.30pm – 2.45pm Keynote

The Lord John Alderdice FRCPsych (Coventry Cathedral)



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Hilary Benn: A Keynote Address Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP

We are delighted to welcome Shadow Foreign Secretary Hilary Benn MP to speak on paths to peace in today's turbulent times.

Mr Benn has vigorously campaigned on issues that create conditions for peace, including demanding stronger UK support for human rights and aid financing. As a longstanding parliamentarian he has been at the forefront of many of the UK's responses to global challenges, particularly calling for a more comprehensive approach to tackling extremist movements and ideologies. From Gaza to Darfur, Syria to Srebrenica, Mr Benn has advocated powerfully for protecting the world's most vulnerable conflict-affected people, whilst highlighting the need for more courageous political leadership on the responsibility to protect.

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We Hope and We Will Overcome: My Daily Struggle for Peace in Syria Karam Hilly

When the wave of popular protest rippling through the Arab world reached Syria in 2011, Karam Hilly was there, taking to the streets with others to demand President Assad's resignation. He provided training for communities to help them withstand the onslaught of violence that followed, and supported peaceful public demonstrations. Then, in 2014, Karam was detained by the Assad regime.

On his release he fled to Turkey, where he continues his activism and community work. These days, at great personal risk to himself, Karam returns regularly to Syria to support the civic movement. Here he talks about his struggles, hopes and fears, and his very personal battle to keep hope alive in Syria, his beautiful home country.

Karam's talk will end with a screening of his short documentary *Overcoming*, filmed secretly in one day in Syria.

Picture: Aleppo Today TV



Our differences are not the cause of our problems. They're our salvation

Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon

Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon explains how at the heart of Islam and Christianity there are two related truths: that we are one humanity, and that we are from different races, religions and tribes. These differences are a gift, as they give us the chance to understand others, have empathy, and love.

But in a world of hatred, terror and pain, where our differences can all too easily define us, isn't valuing them easier said than done? The road to understanding is a hard one, but Archbishop Josiah explains with meaningful dialogue and real commitment we can make real progress.

As the newly-appointed Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon serves 85 million Christians worldwide. He was formerly the Archbishop of Kaduna in northern Nigeria, a volatile Muslim-majority city where tensions between Christians and Muslims run high. He has a Masters degree in Islamic Theology and established the Centre for Islamic Studies at the height Kaduna's religious riots in 2000.



How to Handle Rapid Change in Societies? Make the Moderate Majority Matter

Jean-Christophe Bas

Tensions are rising worldwide as countries experience rapid change provoked by migration, technology and globalisation – from Europe to the Middle East, Asia to the Americas. The ways in which societies work and the identities that people hold are ever more contested, risking conflict and chaos. In particular, a serious and antagonistic gap is growing between the religious and the secular, and between people increasingly attached to their roots and traditions and others invested in a global environment.

So how to break out of this deadlock? By strengthening the voices of the moderates – the silent majority who fluctuate between these aspirations and want to make them compatible rather than antagonistic. Here Jean-Christophe Bas offers insights from two decades experience at the World Bank, the United Nations and the Council of Europe, with tangible and scalable stories from around the world to show that there is hope to live together in peace beyond our differences.

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I Petitioned the UK Government to Help Yazidi Women and Girls Captured by ISIS. Here's what happened

Rozin Khalil Hanjool

17-year-old Rozin Khalil moved to the UK when it became too dangerous to stay in Iraq. She's part of the country's small Yazidi community, among the most persecuted minority groups in the region.

Now living in Coventry, Rozin felt compelled to act in support of the thousands of Yazidi women and girls who have been captured and abused by ISIS. Her petition to rally the UK Government in response to the crisis has attracted nearly 200,000 signatures and counting.

Rozin's talk will recount this unfolding story, describing how her activism is raising awareness within Government and providing solidarity and support for Yazidi women and girls.



Pencil Power: Educating Girls in South Sudan

Jacob Lagu, Pamela Lomoro, Nyakor Riam, Josephine Yanka

By age 15 a girl in South Sudan is more likely to have died in childbirth than to have completed secondary education.

50 years of war and poverty has disrupted the learning of entire generations in the world's newest country. Today 2 in 3 South Sudanese girls do not go to school at all, with girls only half as likely to be literate as boys. Of the girls who do go to school, most drop out at around 10 years old, because of the pressures of home life, domestic work, and early marriage and pregnancy.

Three inspiring South Sudanese women join a trustee of Friends of Ibba Girls School to take on the question of education in their home country, exploring the challenge of girls' education and the practical steps that are being taken along this very hard road to hope. They show how changing the lives of girl students supports whole communities in South Sudan, with inspiring examples from Ibba Girls School.



Alternative Narratives in the Global Town Square – How Social Media Can Build Stronger, More Resilient Communities

Nick Pickles

With more than 316 million users worldwide, Twitter has been at the forefront of a revolution in how people communicate. The platform offers a voice to those who may have never before been able to share their thoughts with the wider world, beyond social, religious and national boundaries.

Balancing both a diverse range of perspectives while protecting users on social media requires vigilance, and poses challenges. Here Twitter's UK public policy chief Nick Pickles looks at how the platform deals with these challenges and how freedom of speech is a powerful tool to promote community engagement and social change.

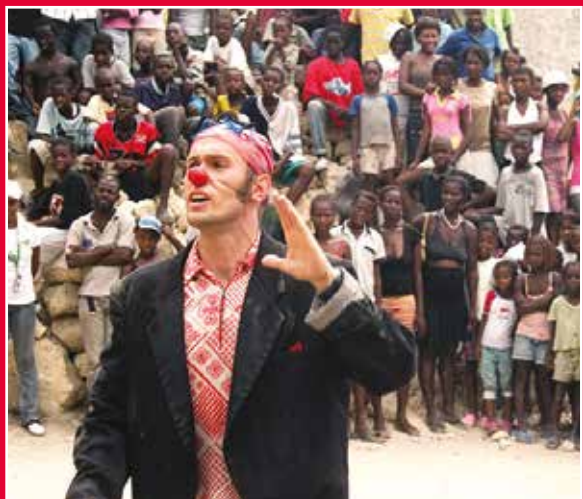


Encouraging Dialogue Against the Odds: Lessons from my Work in Myanmar and Syria

Richard Smith

How is it possible to encourage dialogue in a place like Myanmar, until recently one of the most isolated and authoritarian countries in the world? Or Syria, where one of the world's bloodiest wars still rages, with millions now dead, displaced or living in grueling poverty?

Working with people from some of the world's trickiest contexts, these are the questions Richard Smith is tasked to consider. He uncovers the promise of dialogue, explaining how it can re-write power relationships and connect people across ideological battle lines, even against all the odds. Applying insights from a lifetime's peacemaking work around the world, he provides a unique perspective on this vital part of building peace.



Send in the Clowns: UK film premiere and panel discussion

Greg Barrow, Karen Davies, Sam Lee, Professor Alpaslan Özerdem

Send in the Clowns explores the impact of prolonged aid in Haiti as it follows a group of idealistic volunteer performers from Clowns without Borders.

When the clowns arrive in Haiti five months before the earthquake, they experience doubts about their effectiveness as aid givers in a country that has received more aid per capita than anywhere else in the world. When they return to a devastated Haiti in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake to teach workshops to young adults, they hope to have a more lasting impact than many of the other aid organisations they have seen. The Haitians instinctively embrace the clown training, but they also expose the failure of most aid organisations to deliver lasting solutions and empower the citizens of Haiti.

In contrasting the work of the clowns with other forms of aid, the film asks whether Haiti's crippling and conflicted relationship with aid organisations is actually more absurd than sending in the clowns.

Sam Lee's feature documentary premiered in 2015 at the Socially Relevant Film Festival in NYC. It was screened in Brussels by United Nations Cine-ONU in June.

The film will be followed by a Q&A with the film's producer/director and guest speakers.



Getting the Most Out of Twitter: How Organisations Can Shine Online

Nick Pickles

Twitter's UK policy chief explains what it takes to extend the reach of your messages and increase the success of advocacy campaigns.

From simple top tips to guidance on strategic campaign planning, advice on engaging with Twitter conversations to insights on analytics, multimedia tools and safety, Nick takes us on a whistle-stop tour of Twitter best practice.

He will also be available for Q&A afterwards so that you can ask those niggling questions. Don't miss this chance to brush up on your skills and help your organisation get the attention it deserves!



Hilary Benn:
A Keynote Address
Rt Hon Gordon Brown

We are delighted and honoured to welcome Rt Hon Gordon Brown, who will speak on global education in times of conflict. Mr Brown is the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.



Can We Counter Religious Violence? A Veteran Correspondent's View
Michael Binyon OBE

For over forty years Michael Binyon has covered the world's most intractable conflicts, reporting from Moscow, the Middle East, Washington and Europe. He has seen religion at its worst, and at its best. Here he delves into the murky world of religious violence.

What can be done to counter the extremist appeal of ISIS? Why does religious fanaticism have so wide an appeal, from India, to Sri Lanka, North Africa, Myanmar and in so many other places? We live in a world where 84% of people have faith, a figure that's set to grow. So what role is there for religious people in peacemaking, including in places where religion seems to be adding fuel to the fire?



War and Peace – A Personal Account **Terry Waite CBE**

Terry Waite CBE speaks from his own experience of a lifetime working for peace and reconciliation.

Working for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Terry helped free hostages in Iran, Libya and Beirut. Here he gives an insight into his method of negotiating with the Revolutionary Guards in Iran and Colonel Gaddafi in Libya, both situations which could have developed into serious conflict.

Working to free hostages in Beirut, Terry was captured himself, spending almost five years in solitary confinement. In this very personal account, Terry discusses his time in captivity and the road he took to find a deeper inner peace – an essential road for all peacemakers to tread.



What Disposes Religion to Manipulation and Abuse? **John Cardinal Onaiyekan**

What is it about religion that so easily disposes it to manipulation and abuse? We often lament the fact that bad people give religion a bad name, but we think less about why this is so often the case. Paying more attention could allow us to liberate religion from abuse, enabling it to play a more positive role in society.

The need to understand how religion is manipulated and abused has never been more urgent than now, in our globalised world, where people of different religions interact more than ever. It is important in countries like Nigeria, with a near equal proportion of Muslims and Christians living together in the same nation. And it is important in countries like Pakistan, where there are clear dominant and minority faiths.

From his long experience of living the interfaith realities of his home country of Nigeria, John Cardinal Onaiyekan examines the dilemmas and contradictions between the grand ideals of religions and the realities of the lives of religious communities.

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Untapping the Peacemaking Potential of the Commonwealth Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 countries now home to some 2.2 billion citizens between them. With its unique reach and leverage that has developed over time, it is often called upon to respond to conflicts within or between member countries. But its actions are limited and progress is normally slow and painful – and too often imperceptible.

On the eve of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and the election of its new Commonwealth Secretary General, peacebuilding specialist and former parliamentarian Sir Simon Hughes calls on the association to do more of the running in global peacemaking, leveraging its unique influence and access to bring conflicted countries into dialogue and to support them as they build cultures of peace within their societies.

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Getting Somalia Wrong Mary Harper

Notorious for piracy of its coast and the rise of Islamist extremism, Somalia is often considered the world's most comprehensively failed state. A threat to itself, its neighbours and the wider world. At least, that's how the country is presented by politicians and in the media.

In this insightful talk BBC World Service Africa Editor Mary Harper presents an alternative perspective, explaining that though the country may be a failed state, it's far from a failed society. In doing so, she reveals what viewing Somalia through the prism of Al-Qaeda obscures – that alternative forms of business, justice, education and local politics have survived and even flourished.

Until the international community start to get Somalia right the consequences will be devastating, and not just for Somalia and the region but for the world.

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Why Doesn't Peace Stick? The Big Question at RISING 15 **Michael Binyon OBE, Mary Harper, Colonel Dr Brendan O'Shea, Terry Waite CBE**

Peace from conflict is usually heralded by agreements between political leaders. Yet such agreements often fail to mark the end of violence, with communities and countries all too easily descending back into war.

Between 2003 and 2011 every new civil war around the world was a recurrence of a previous one. Today in Libya, armed groups remain locked in conflict despite the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi. In Palestine, violence persistently continues despite nearly 70 years of peacemaking efforts. And in Somalia, the situation remains volatile due to piracy and Islamic extremism. Around the world, the United Nations has a patchy record of success in supporting peace processes in post-settlement environments.

So why doesn't peace stick? What steps are needed to make peace last? The Big Question at RISING 15 brings together a fascinating panel to discuss these questions and share insights into the reality of volatile and fluctuating patterns of peace and conflict, from Somalia to Kosovo, Liberia to Moscow and beyond.

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Explaining the New Oil Order: A Look at Geopolitics and Security **Neil Hirst, Richard Mallinson, Dr Carole Nakhle, Anjali Raval**

Energy markets have had a turbulent year. A collapse in oil prices has squeezed producer countries' economies, amplified regional rivalries, and fueled security concerns from Libya to Iraq.

The geopolitical risk factor could not be more exaggerated: Islamic State's control of oil fields has provided it with an estimated \$1.5 million a day to fund its activities and administer its territories, Saudi Arabia - the world's top oil exporter - is at war in Yemen, and Nigeria's new president has put the country's energy sector at the heart of its corruption drive.

Changing relationships between world powers have only added to uncertainty. America's traditional ties with the Kingdom are under strain, while its links with Iran have broken new ground. Recession-hit Russia is raising the stakes in the gulf through its actions in Syria.

Yet the world, and oil prices, seem to be discounting all of these factors. Is this the new normal? Here Anjali Raval, Oil and Gas Correspondent for the Financial Times, chairs a panel of experts as they reflect on 2015 and the impact of an oil price plunge on the future.



Food for Thought: RISING's Peace Themed Feast

Join us for a fantastic evening of culinary storytelling, wonder and excitement as we celebrate RISING 15.

Taking place in Coventry's beautiful Cathedral, our gala dinner showcases the best of world food, with an enthralling excursion into the history of food and peace. In true RISING style, our creative chefs will put on a show to inform and inspire.

We invite you to join us and our speakers as we pay homage to the tireless work of today's peacemakers.

Our Food for Thought event will be an evening of great entertainment for a great cause, with double the feel-good factor. And it includes a surprise or two.



Unravelling Iraq Emma Sky OBE

Emma Sky served in Iraq longer than any other senior military or diplomatic figure. With her unrivalled perspective, she shares her experiences as the Coalition's Governorate Coordinator for Kirkuk province and later as an advisor to the US Commanding General. Drawing on themes in her recent book, *The Unravelling*, Emma will provide unique insight into the workings of the Coalition and Iraqi society, setting out the lessons that need to be learnt from this most contentious of wars.

Emma will be signing books during RISING 15.



Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: Understanding the Mediterranean Migration Crisis **Professor Heaven Crawley**

Since the beginning of 2015 nearly half a million men, women and children have crossed the Mediterranean seeking protection and an opportunity to make a living in Europe. Tragically almost 3,000 migrants and refugees fleeing war and poverty have died on the journey, mostly drowning after the ill equipped and overloaded boats in which they were travelling succumbed to the waves.

Reflecting on her recent research in Greece, Italy and Malta and conversations with those who have risked everything, Heaven Crawley explores the causes of the Mediterranean migration crisis. Why do people leave their homes and families to travel to Europe? Why have the numbers increased so dramatically in recent months? And what can or should we do to respond to the political and humanitarian issues that arise

Peace by 2030: What Can the UK Do? **The Lord Alderdice FRCPsych**

The new sustainable development goals issue a strong call to peace and dignity, setting out an agenda for action by 2030. It's a tall order, especially in a world where displacement is at record levels and violent conflict is up, with a global net impact of around \$14bn a year. And where people encounter multiple insecurities, from armed conflict to crime, terrorism and persecution, as well as mass precariousness created by the global economic, food and energy crises.

As a major economy and a NATO, EU and Commonwealth member state, the UK has a role to play in responding to the UN's call to action. Here Lord Alderdice, one of the UK's most distinguished, thoughtful and experienced voices for peace, shares his views on what the UK can do under the new framework, especially on Goal 16 - 'promoting peaceful and inclusive societies'.

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The Lord Alderdice FRCPSych



John, Lord Alderdice is Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and Chairman of the Belfast-based Centre for Democracy and Peace Building. From 2010 to 2014 he was the Convenor (Chair) of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party in the House of Lords.

Lord Alderdice was the Leader of Northern Ireland's cross-community Alliance Party (1987-98), and played a significant role in the negotiation of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He was the first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly (1998-2004) and was then appointed one of four international monitoring commissioners overseeing security normalisation in Ireland. Previously a Vice-President of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party, Lord Alderdice was President of Liberal International, the world-wide federation of more than 100 liberal political parties (2005-09).

As a psychiatrist he was also the consultant-in-charge of the Centre for Psychotherapy in Belfast, a Senior Lecturer at The Queen's University of Belfast and a Visiting Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Virginia (USA). He retired from clinical practice in 2010 but continues his special interest in the psychology of fundamentalism, radicalization and violent political conflict as a Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College and Research Associate at the Centre for International Studies and the School of Anthropology of the University of Oxford. Lord Alderdice is President of ARTIS (Europe) Ltd, a research and risk analysis company, and Chairman of the World Federation of Scientists Permanent Monitoring Panel on Motivations for Terrorism. He has received many honorary degrees, fellowships and international prizes for his work in peace building.

Greg Barrow



Greg Barrow has worked for the United Nations World Food Programme for the past 10 years in London and at headquarters in Rome. He held positions in public affairs, media and communications for nine years and is currently Director of WFP's London Office.

Before joining the World Food Programme, Greg worked for 14 years as a TV and radio journalist for the BBC, reporting from sub-Saharan Africa, and covering the work of the United Nations in New York.

Greg joined the BBC as a graduate news trainee and worked across the range of national and regional television and radio outlets. He began his career as a foreign correspondent in 1994 in Nairobi, Kenya, where he lived for three years, covering the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, the fall of the Mobutu regime in Zaire, and the UN withdrawal from Somalia. Greg then moved on to Johannesburg in South Africa for another three years, covering the spread of HIV infection in southern Africa, the Mozambican floods, and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Before moving on to work with the United Nations World Food Programme, Greg was BBC United Nations Correspondent in New York, USA and was in the city on September 11th 2001.

Jean-Christophe Bas



Jean-Christophe Bas is the Founder and CEO of The Global Compass.

The aim of The Global Compass is to decipher the dynamics of changing societies around the world and to identify innovative and concrete responses and policy to prevent radicalisation and to build inclusive societies. The organisation also seeks to foster exchanges and collaborative action to mobilise governmental and non-governmental partners and the corporate sector to be the advocates and agents for building inclusive, participative and pluralistic societies.

In 2014 and 2015 he was the Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation at the Council of Europe, running a team of 160 staff dedicated to foster democratic competences, participation and citizenship.

From 2008 to 2014 he served at United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in New York as deputy Director, Strategic Development and Partnerships. From 1999 to 2008, he was the Head of Development Policy Dialogue at the World Bank. He was Executive Director Aspen Institute France (1994-1999), chaired by former French Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

Jean-Christophe has been traveling and working in approximately 100 countries around the world and is regularly invited to give speeches and to participate in talks on issues related to multiculturalism and identity; democracy and governance; cultural diversity and inclusion; responsible leadership and global affairs. He is the author of *Europe a la Carte*, a book of reflection on European identity published in 2009 at the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall.

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP



Hilary Benn is the Labour Member of Parliament for Leeds Central and the Shadow Foreign Secretary. Previously, he served as International Development Secretary, as a Minister in the Home Office, as Secretary of State at the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, as the Shadow Leader of the House of Commons and the Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

He was appointed Minister of State for International Development and then entered the Cabinet as Secretary of State for International Development (2003 – 2007). While at DFID, Hilary played an important part in increasing the UK's aid budget and in winning agreement on debt relief for the poorest countries at the 2005 Gleneagles Summit. He oversaw the UK's response to the South-East Asian Tsunami and the Pakistan earthquake, and it was his idea that resulted in the establishment of the UN central emergency relief fund which now helps the world to respond better to disasters. He also led the UK negotiating team at the 2006 Darfur peace negotiations.

Michael Binyon OBE

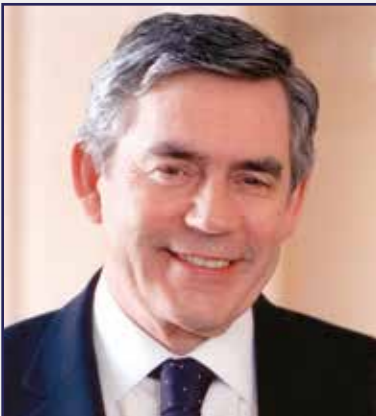


Michael Binyon has been a leader-writer, columnist and foreign correspondent for The Times since 1971, reporting from Moscow, Washington, Bonn and Brussels, becoming diplomatic editor in 1991 and then a member of the editorial team in 2000.

After graduating from Cambridge, he taught English for the British Council in Minsk, USSR, in 1967 and in 1968 began as a reporter on The Times Educational Supplement, moving to the BBC Arabic Service in 1970.

He is a frequent broadcaster for the BBC, and also appears on French, German, Canadian, Russian and Middle Eastern radio and television. A winner of two British journalism prizes, he wrote *Life in Russia* in 1983, and was awarded an OBE in 2000. He retired from The Times staff in 2009, but continues to write for the paper and for other journals and magazines.

Rt Hon Gordon Brown



Gordon Brown served as Prime Minister of the UK and Leader of the Labour Party from 2007 to 2010. Brown's tenure coincided with the start of the global financial crisis. He was one of the first to initiate calls for global financial action, while introducing a range of rescue measures in the UK and, in 2009, he hosted the G20 Summit in London.

An MP from 1983 to 2015, Brown served as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1997 to 2007, a time marked by major reform of Britain's monetary and fiscal policy and sustained investment in health, education and overseas aid. Brown's experiences during the global financial crisis convinced him of the urgent need for greater international co-operation to prevent future shocks to the global economy and he is the author of *Beyond the Crash: Overcoming the First Crisis of Globalisation*.

His time in Government also shaped his views on the importance of education as a fundamental right of every child in the world. Since the start of 2011, Brown has co-led the Global Campaign for Education's High-Level Panel.

Brown is a passionate advocate for global action to ensure education for all and has been appointed as UN Special Envoy for Global Education. He has advised the World Economic Forum and now chairs its Global Strategic Infrastructure Initiative. He also serves as New York University's inaugural Distinguished Global Leader in Residence and is the founder, with his wife, of *Their World*, a charity which engages young people, business leaders, health and education professionals and civil society to create a brighter future for every child.

Professor Heaven Crawley



Heaven Crawley leads research on Migration and Human Security for the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University.

Educated at the Universities of Sussex (1989-1994) and Oxford (1995-1999), Heaven has more than 20 years' experience of undertaking research on international migration in a wide range of institutional settings (government, voluntary sector, national and international organisations, academia). She was previously head of asylum and migration research at the UK Home Office (2000-2), Associate Director at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) (2002-4) and managed an international research consultancy (2004-6) before returning to academia to establish the Centre for Migration Policy Research at Swansea University (2006-14).

Her breadth of experience working with a wide range of stakeholders and with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers mean that Heaven is widely regarded as one of the leading experts on UK asylum and migration policy and practice. Heaven has served as a specialist adviser to the Home Affairs Committee and Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) on three separate occasions. She is a patron of the Baobab Centre for Young Survivors in Exile and Asylum Justice and a Trustee of Migrant Voice.

In 2012 Heaven was conferred the title of Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FACSS) in recognition of her contribution to the social sciences and to evidence-based policy making.

Mary Harper



Mary Harper is the Africa Editor at the BBC World Service. She has reported on Africa for the past twenty years, and has a special interest in Somalia. She reports frequently from the country, covering conflict, piracy, Islamism and other subjects. She is the author of *Getting Somalia Wrong? Faith, War and Hope in a Shattered State* published by Zed Books. She has reported from many other African conflict zones, including Sudan, South Sudan, Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Algeria. She contributes to academic journals and writes for publications including *The Economist*, *Granta*, *The Guardian*, *The Times* and *The Washington Post*.

Mary is a Fellow of the Rift Valley Institute and the Mogadishu-based Heritage Institute for Policy Studies. She has conducted research on Somalia and other African countries for the United Nations, USAID, Small Arms Survey and other clients. She speaks on Somalia, piracy, the international media, migration and other subjects at conferences, workshops and other events organised by, amongst others, the British Houses of Parliament, Chatham House, Jaipur Literature Festival, NATO, Oxford University, MIT, Médecins Sans Frontières, Thompson Reuters Foundation, Yale University and the United Nations. She has degrees from Cambridge University and the School of Oriental and African Studies. She speaks English, French, Portuguese and Wolof. Her website address is www.maryharper.co.uk.

Karam Hilly



Karam Hilly participated in the Syrian revolution from the beginning. He has delivered community organising training for Syrian activists since 2011 and supported peaceful demonstration in Syria.

In 2014, when he was detained by the Assad regime, Karam was working for the United Nations Development Programme. He continued his struggle to support the Syrian people when he fled to Turkey, working with international organisations to support Syrian refugees. Now Karam has started his own initiative, called Sahem, meaning 'contribute' in Arabic. He delivers training for local councils and local organisations to keep the hope alive inside Syria.

Neil Hirst



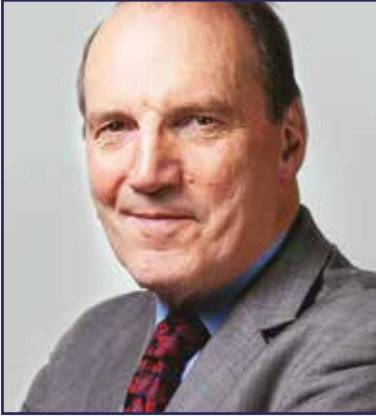
Neil Hirst is the Senior Policy Fellow for Energy and Mitigation at the Grantham Institute, Imperial College London. He is currently working with China's Energy research Institute of the NDRC on a joint project on China and International Energy Governance. He is the lead author of the recent Grantham Institute/Chatham House Discussion Paper "The Reform of Global Energy Governance".

From 2005 to 2009 Neil was a Director of the International Energy Agency. Initially, as Director for Technology, he pioneered the IEA's flagship technology publication, Energy Technology Perspectives. Subsequently, as Director for Global Dialogue, he forged closer relations and joint programmes with IEA partner countries, especially China, India, and Russia.

Before that Neil was a senior UK energy official with responsibilities for international energy policy and (at different times) most domestic energy sectors.

In 1997 Neil was the Chairman of the G8 Nuclear Safety Working Group and in 1985-8 he was the Energy Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington. He has worked on energy finance on secondment to Goldman Sachs. He holds a First Class Degree in Politics Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University and an MBA from Cornell USA.

Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes

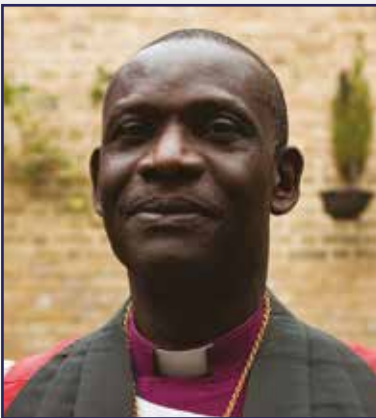


Simon Hughes is a human rights lawyer, social justice campaigner and community leader. Simon first came to national prominence after being elected to Parliament in 1983, and remained the MP for Bermondsey and the northern part of Southwark until 2015.

From 1983-2015, Simon was a front-bench spokesperson for the Liberals and Liberal Democrats, including as Federal Party President from 2004-2008 and Deputy Leader from 2010-2014. From December 2013 to May 2015, he was Minister of State for Justice and Civil Liberties in the Coalition Government. Simon was co-founder of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Conflict Issues.

After graduating in law from Selwyn College, Cambridge, Simon was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1974 and then studied, trained and worked in European Law and human rights in Bruges, Brussels and Strasbourg. He first moved to Southwark in 1977, and has remained a part of that inner-city community ever since.

Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon



The Most Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon is a Nigerian Archbishop recently appointed Secretary General to the Anglican Communion, a family of 44 churches in 165 countries, with 85 million members. He is based in London, is travelling widely at the request of member churches and is in demand as a speaker in the UK and worldwide.

Originally intent on a career in the army, he had a strong conviction that he should be a priest and 'decided to reply on Jesus Christ and no other'.

Dr Idowu-Fearon holds qualifications from Nigeria, USA and Jordan, as well as Durham and Birmingham in the UK. He was a bishop in a largely Muslim area of Nigeria and is an expert in Christian-Muslim relations. He chairs the programme for Christian-Muslim relations in Africa, is a member of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation and a Six Preacher in Canterbury Cathedral.

Rozin Khalil Hanjool



Rozin Khalil Hanjool set up a petition on July 21 calling for a meeting with the Home Secretary to discuss what the UK can do to support and protect survivors of sexual violence who have been abducted by extremists.

17-year-old Rozin, who is currently living in Foleshill, Coventry, was born in the village of Issia in Northern Iraq. She belongs to a Kurdish minority group called the Yazidi who are an ISIS target.

Rozin came to this country in 2008 on a visa with her mother and five siblings when it became clear that remaining in her village would be too dangerous. Her father had been living in England for four years at the time. A student at Lyng Hall College, Rozin is hoping to become a lawyer when she finishes her A-Levels.

Jacob Lagu



Jacob Lagu is an experienced IT business analyst, IT consultant and team leader across a wide range of UK industries.

He is a long standing and active member of the South Sudanese Diaspora Community in UK. He is a Trustee of Friends of Ibba Girls School and has been invited to join the board of the Sudan Church Association.

Jacob recently helped organise a conference in London on the topic of Building Sustainable Peace & Reconciliation in South Sudan which included among its speakers Emeritus Bishop Paride Taban and Rt. Revd. Dr Rowan Williams former archbishop of Canterbury. Jacob lives in London with his wife Suha, and two daughters.

Sam Lee



Sam Lee has been working in film and television for almost twenty years. Originally from Wales, she moved to New York to take a teaching position at the Storefront Academy in Harlem in 1992. After five years she left to become a television editor. She has since edited and produced numerous projects for NBC News, CBS News, The Learning Channel, Bravo, VH1 and MTV.

In 2000, Sam began working on feature documentary films. Her projects include Trading Women, a film narrated by Angelina Jolie and released on PBS. She co-directed and edited Pleasure and Pain, a 90-minute film on the musician Ben Harper, released on DVD and distributed nationwide.

In 2006, she directed and produced her first feature documentary, The Perfect Life, which premièred at the Slamdance film festival. And, in 2008, she travelled for a year in South East Asia and it was a chance encounter with two clowns on a roof in Kolkotta, which led to her documentary project, Send in the Clowns.

Pamela Lomoro



Pamela Lomoro has a Doctorate in materials and mechanical engineering from Liverpool and Leeds Universities, and currently works as a subsea engineer in the oil and gas industry. Born in Juba in the late 70's to educated South Sudanese and Ugandan parents in a large family, she attended a fee paying catholic nursery and primary school in the earlier years of the second civil war. Pamela's parents heavily emphasised and encouraged equally their male and female children to pursue excellence in education.

When in the late 80's the civil war intensified, Juba bore the brunt of intense artillery shelling, general insecurity and food scarcity. During this time Pamela and her mother were able to escape the fighting and find refuge in the UK where her mother had studied during the 50's, leaving behind her siblings and her father.

In 2004 at the dawn of the peace agreement that ended 21 years of the civil war, Pamela travelled to South Sudan for the first time since leaving as a child, where the late SPLM/SPLA leader, Dr John Garang impressed upon her the significance of the diaspora skills, and education in rebuilding South Sudan.

This trip marked the beginning of her personal journey towards promoting education initiatives in South Sudan. Recently she has been appointed a Trustee of the UK based girls' education charity, Friends of Ibba Girls School, South Sudan (FIGS).

Richard Mallinson



Richard leads analysis of geopolitics and global energy policy at Energy Aspects, where he is also a founding partner. He is a specialist on the MENA region, and follows developments in Libya, Iran and Iraq particularly closely. Richard focuses on how geopolitical events impact on energy market fundamentals, particularly global oil markets.

Prior to joining Energy Aspects, Richard spent more than six years working in central government functions in both the UK and Australasia. He has a deep understanding and track record of impact in all aspects of policy-making and analysis. He regularly provides media comment on geopolitical events and energy markets in publications such as the Financial Times and Wall Street Journal as well as appearing on CNBC, Bloomberg, the BBC, Sky News and others. Richard has also published several papers with the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies. Richard holds a BA in Politics and International Studies from the University of Warwick and is a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House).

Dr Carole Nakhle



Dr Nakhle is the founder and Director of Crystol Energy, an advisory, research and training company in London with an international client roster. She has 18 years' experience in energy policy and investment; international petroleum contractual arrangements and fiscal regimes; and world oil and gas market developments.

Dr Nakhle has worked with a range of oil and gas companies, policy makers, international organisations, academic institutions and think tanks. As Energy Expert, she is a regular contributor to Geopolitical Information Service and is Program Advisor to the Washington based International Tax and Investment Centre.

Passionate about diversity in the energy sector, Dr Nakhle founded the not-for-profit organisation 'Access for Women in Energy' in 2007, with the aim of enhancing opportunities and enriching dialogue within the industry. She is also the author of two books: *Petroleum Taxation: Sharing the Wealth* (2008, re-printed 2012); and *Out of the Energy Labyrinth* (2007), co-authored with Lord Howell. She has also written numerous articles for academic journals, newspapers and magazines, and is a regular commentator on energy and geopolitics in the international media.

An avid traveller, Dr Nakhle has worked on projects involving more than 40 countries – including expeditions to the Arctic and North Sea – and is fluent in Arabic, English and French.

John Cardinal Onaiyekan



John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan is the Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja. He was previously President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria and Bishop of Ilorin.

In 1980, Pope John Paul II gave Onaiyekan a five-year appointment to the International Theological Commission, he then joined the International Catholic Methodist Dialogue Commission. He was consecrated as Bishop of Ilorin, Kwara State in 1983. In 1990 he became Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Abuja and, later, the Metropolitan of Abuja. He was elected to the position of Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) in 1994 and President of the organisation in 2000.

Archbishop Onaiyekan was named Pax Christi International's 2012 Peace Laureate and, in the same year, he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to serve as one of the Synod Fathers for the upcoming Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelisation. He was also created Cardinal and assigned the titular church of San Saturnino. In 2013, Cardinal Onaiyekan was appointed as a Member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and as a Member of the Presidential Committee of the Pontifical Council for the Family. He will hold these memberships until his 80th birthday.

He was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the 2013 papal conclave that elected Pope Francis. And, in the same year, he was appointed as the Apostolic Administrator ad nutum Sanctae Sedis of the diocese of Ahiara in Imo State, eastern Nigeria.

Colonel Dr Brendan O'Shea



Colonel Dr Brendan O'Shea (BA BCL DipIHL (ICRC Geneva) PhD) has a comprehensive background in crisis management and international peace support operations having worked extensively with the UN, EU, OSCE and NATO in the Middle East, the Balkans and West Africa. He was a core member of the United Nations team which verified the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon in May 2000 and thereafter delineated the boundary between both countries now know internationally as the Blue Line.

A frequent contributor to *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* (RAND US), his internationally published works include *Crisis at Bihac* (Sutton, UK, 1998) republished as *Bosnia's Forgotten Battlefield – Bihac* (The History Press, UK, 2012); *The Modern Yugoslav Conflict* (Frank Cass, UK, 2005) republished as *The Modern Yugoslav Conflict* (Routledge, UK, 2012); *In the Service of Peace – Memories of Lebanon* (Mercier Press, Irl, 2001) *The Irish Volunteer Soldier* (Osprey, UK, 2003), *The Burning of Cork* (Mercier Press, Irl, 2000): *Baptised in Blood* (Mercier Press, Irl, 2006); and *A Great Sacrifice* (Echo Publications, Irl, 2010). Additionally, he has held the appointment of Editor of the *Defence Forces Review* on four occasions (2003, 2005, 2006, & 2008).

Professor Alpaslan Özerdem



Professor Alpaslan Özerdem is Co-Director of the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University.

Specialising in the politics of humanitarian interventions, disaster response, conflict prevention, reintegration of former combatants and post-conflict state building, he has nearly 20 years' experience. His field research includes work in Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, El Salvador, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liberia, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Turkey. He has also taken an active role in the initiation and management of several advisory and applied research projects for a wide range of national and international organisations.

With an interdisciplinary emphasis, Professor Özerdem's academic research and advisory work have been both qualitative and quantitative, and he has applied a wide range of participatory research methodologies in conflict-affected environments. The UK's Economic & Social Research Council, British Academy and various EC funding schemes have funded some of his recent research projects.

He has been published extensively.

Nick Pickles



Nick Pickles is responsible for UK Public Policy at Twitter, having joined the company in April 2014. He leads the company's engagement with the UK Government and Parliamentarians, along with the company's work with NGOs and community organisations. Prior to his appointment he was Director of the privacy and civil liberties campaign group Big Brother Watch, and remains a member of the group's advisory council.

He has testified to the British and European Parliaments, authored numerous policy papers and appeared in media around the world. A lawyer by academic training, Nick is a former President of Durham Students' Union, was a candidate in the 2010 general election, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and is also an internationally published music photographer. He tweets @nickpickles

Anjli Raval



Anjli Raval is the Financial Times' Oil and Gas Correspondent based in London, covering global energy markets and the geopolitics of oil and gas. Her reporting has taken her from Houston to Tehran and Riyadh where she writes breaking news stories and deep-dive features that range from Opec oil policy and the Russia-Ukraine gas crisis to Iraqi Kurdistan's economic crisis to corruption in Nigeria's energy sector.

Prior to joining the commodities team, Anjli spent three years in New York writing about the US economy and its consumer sector. Before that she was a political reporter in the New Delhi bureau.

Nyakor Gabriel Riam



Nyakor is co-founder of a small marketing, events, and consultancy company called Tamam Global whose main aim is to help entrepreneurial South Sudanese living in the diaspora, and to encourage sustainable and ethical businesses to participate in the development and rehabilitation of social structures in South Sudan.

Nyakor is also a University trained nurse and is keen to gain further qualifications in public health so that she can contribute to health improvement programmes within South Sudan.

Nyakor was born in a small town called Waat, Jonglie State. When the civil war broke out she fled with her family across South Sudan and settled in the north Sudan capital Khartoum at the internally displaced unit. In May 1985 she arrived in the United Kingdom and London has been her home since the age of four.

Nyakor is the eldest of 6 children and is the first child from her family to graduate. Education has been instilled by her father as a vital tool in life; he is one of the reasons for her passion for education and entrepreneurship.

Emma Sky OBE



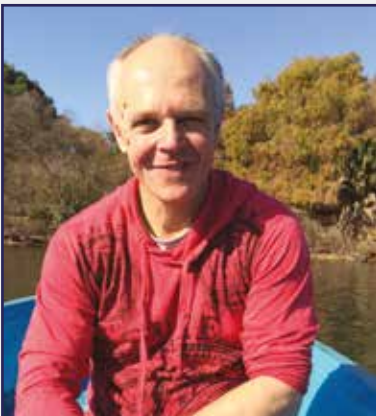
Emma Sky is Director of Yale World Fellows and a Senior Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute, where she teaches Middle East politics. She is the author of *The Unraveling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq*.

Emma served as advisor to the Commanding General of US Forces in Iraq from 2007-2010; as advisor to the Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan in 2006; as advisor to the US Security Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process in 2005; and as Governorate Co-ordinator of Kirkuk for the Coalition Provisional Authority, 2003-2004.

Prior to that, Emma worked in the Palestinian territories for a decade, managing projects to develop Palestinian institutions; and to promote co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians. In addition, Emma has provided technical assistance on poverty elimination, human rights, justice public administration reform, security sector reform, and conflict resolution in the Middle East, South Asia and Africa.

Emma has published numerous articles including in the *New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Politico*, *Atlantic*, *Slate*, *Survival*, *Center for a New American Security*, *US Institute of Peace*, *the Guardian*, and the *Journal of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security*

Richard Smith



Richard is a conflict transformation strategist and process facilitator based at the ACTION Support Centre in Johannesburg. Also a senior associate of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in Cambodia and a board member of the Southern African Liaison Office and the Zimbabwe Institute.

He has a background in Psychology and Economics from the University of Cape Town and an M.Phil. in Conflict Transformation and Management from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. With more than 20 years of experience working in over 30 different conflict contexts he contributes with a complex understanding of conflict systems and how to engage and change them.

Terry Waite CBE



For most of his life Terry Waite has worked in international affairs, and in many of the world's conflict zones. As a young man living in Uganda he negotiated directly with General Amin for the release of hostages. As a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's private staff he aided in freeing hostages in Iran, Libya and Beirut. It was in Beirut that he was captured himself, spending almost five years in solitary confinement.

In the apartheid years Terry worked closely with Bishop Desmond Tutu and he has continued his work for the disadvantaged in South Africa. He was a joint founder of YCare, an agency working for the development of young people throughout the world. He is President of Emmaus, a charity for the homeless, and a joint founder of Hostage UK (shortly to become Hostage International). He has written several books ranging from a serious account of his years in captivity to his latest book, a comic novel, *The Voyage of the Golden Handshake*. He believes that it is vital that we retain our humour in the face of some of the grim realities of life and that laughter is therapeutic for all of us.

Terry is both an Anglican and a Member of the Society of Friends. He is not a pacifist but strongly believes that force should only be used as an absolute last resort. That has not been the case in recent years and it has resulted in dreadful chaos right across the Middle East.

Josephine Yanga



Josephine was Undersecretary for Higher Education in the South Sudan Ministry of Education Science and Technology (2008-2009) and former Lecturer in Education, at the College of Education, University of Jubà, South Sudan. She has also taught in the primary and secondary sectors in South Sudan.

Josephine is the eldest daughter of Rt. Gen Joseph Lagu, former Vice President of the Sudan. She is one of 12 siblings, and mother of 3 grown up daughters.

Josephine's schooling took place in Uganda (1966-74) because there was no girls secondary school in South Sudan at the time, and then at the University of Khartoum, Sudan (1975-1979). She later gained an MA in Psychology of Education, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education, at the Institute of Education University of London (1984-1987).

Good to Know

Registration:



Registration is located in Drapers Bar (Earl Street), 8.30am – 9.45am daily. Please register on your first day at RISING 15 and feel free to join us for morning refreshments on all days. Whilst at the event, please wear your name badge at all times.

Timings:



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

Photography and filming:



Most sessions will be photographed and filmed. You are kindly advised that no flash photography should be taken during the sessions.

Lunch and refreshments:



Lunch and coffee breaks will take place in Drapers Bar. Lunch is served at 12pm – 2pm and afternoon coffee on Wednesday and Thursday at 3.15pm – 4pm. Morning refreshments are available daily 8.30am – 9.45am.

Tours:



Coventry Cathedral

Wednesday 1pm – 1.30pm

Indelible Marks: The Dresden Project – Monica Petzal

Thursday 1pm – 1.30pm

Marking the 75th anniversary of the Coventry Blitz and the 70th anniversary of the Dresden bombings, Monica Petzal's 'Indelible Marks' connects Coventry with its twinned city through a series of haunting and emotive prints. Join the artist for an exclusive tour of her exhibition.

Parking:



Cox Street Surface Car Park:

Cox St, Coventry, CV1 5GA

West Orchards Shopping Centre:

Smithford Way, Coventry, CV1 1G

Skydome:

Croft Rd, Coventry, CV1 3LD

Whilst you're in Coventry...

Places to stay

There are accommodation options for all budgets and tastes located in Coventry city centre. The Ramada Hotel and Suites is a 15 minute walk from both the Cathedral and the train station.

There are two Premier Inn hotels, situated next to the Belgrade Plaza and Earlsdon Park, within walking distance of RISING 15's venues.

Hotel Ibis can be found at the edge of the Coventry University's Technology Park and is also walking distance from Coventry Cathedral.

If you prefer a hotel outside the city centre, there is a range of options and there are plenty of taxi services available.

Places to go

At the end of September the redevelopment of Coventry's Cathedral Lanes, located in the city centre, was completed. Inside three new restaurants and bars can be found over two levels:

The Cosy Club, with its wonderful clash of vintage lampshades, reclaimed wooden floorboards and exposed concrete, is a place to enjoy dramatic style. Here you can enjoy cocktails, late night drinks, breakfast, lunch and evening dining.

Wagamama offers pan-Asian food, all cooked fresh and served as soon as it's ready. There are desserts, fresh juices, hot drinks, wine, sake and expertly crafted Asian beers too.

Las Iguanas, famous for its Brazilian curries and cocktails, can also be found with its happy hour running from 12pm -7pm and 10pm till late on Thursday – Saturday and all day from Monday to Wednesday .

Visit the famous Coventry Transport Museum, home to the world's largest collection of British road transport. The museum is also

home to Thrust SSC and Thrust 2, the world's two fastest cars. With free entry, it is entertainment not to be missed. Open from 10am to 5pm daily.

Fargo village, described as being the Camden of Coventry, is located a short walk from the city centre and is home to a host of independent businesses, selling all sorts of exciting items from clothing to coffee, and situated amongst artist's studios, creative workspaces and unique markets.

Useful links

www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk/whatson

www.booking.com

Places of Worship

CHRISTIAN

Church of England, Coventry Cathedral
1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB

Contact: Tammy James
Telephone: 024 7652 1200
Web: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Holy Trinity Church
5a Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX

Contact: Rev David Mayhew/Abigail Rhodes
Telephone: 024 7622 0418
E-mail: htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The Most Holy Sacrament and St Osburg
Barras Lane, Coventry CV1 4AQ

Contact: Rev Canon Garry Byrne
Telephone: 024 7622 0402
Web: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/

BUDDHIST

Tenzin Gyatso XIVth, Dalai Lama

For further information, please contact:
E-mail: coventry-buddhists@hotmail.co.uk

Twitter: @JamyangCoventry
Facebook: Jamyang Coventry

MUSLIM

Masjid-e-Zeenat-ul-Islam

283 – 287 Stoney Stanton Road,
Coventry CV1 4FR

Web: www.masjidzeenatulislam.org
E-mail: abdullahshehu@gmail.com
Twitter: @MasjidCov

Masjid Al Falah

62 Somerset Road, Coventry CV1 4EE
Contact: Dr Abdullah Shehu
Telephone: 07714 342211

HINDU

Shree Krishna Temple
Harnall Lane West, Coventry CV1 4FB

Opening times: Monday to Sunday from
8.00am till 12noon and 5.30pm till 8.00pm

Hindu Temple Society
380 Stoney Stanton Road,
Coventry CV6 5DJ

Opening times: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from
8.00am till 12noon and 4.00pm till 8.00pm
Tuesday from 8.00am till 8.00pm

SIKH

Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash
(Sikh Temple)

71 – 81 Harnell Lane West
Coventry CV1 4FB

Ramgharia Sikh Temple
1103 Foleshill Road, Foleshill,
Coventry CV6 6EP

Web: www.ramgarhiagurdwara.com

Coventry Peace Festival 2015

1-14 November 2015

The Coventry Peace Festival 2015 runs from the 1 to 14 November and highlights Coventry's on-going commitment to peace and reconciliation within the city's diverse communities. This annual event brings an eclectic range of events and activities together to create a very varied programme. Events include The Lord Mayor's Peace Lecture, the Rising 2015-Global Peace Forum and Coventry Peace pilgrimage. This year the Peace Festival closes with an event in University Square bringing the people of the city together to mark the 75th anniversary of the Coventry Blitz followed by Mozart's Requiem and Solemn Vespers concert in Coventry Cathedral. There are films, concerts, arts and craft projects, poetry open mic sessions, exhibitions and more all coming together under the umbrella of peace.

For a full listing of events see the brochure or check online at www.coventry.gov.uk/peace



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UK City of Culture bid

Coventry is bidding to be UK City of Culture in 2021 and is drawing support from right across the city.

The bid steering group, led by prominent business figure David Burbidge, has unanimous support from Coventry City Council.

A winning bid will have huge economic benefits and help to promote Coventry's cultural assets and cultural contribution to the world, from 50 years of Theatre in Education to the creation of 2 Tone music.

For more information visit:
www.coventry2021.co.uk or follow
@Coventry2021 on Twitter



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Coventry Cathedral

During the night of 14th November 1940, Coventry's Cathedral was destroyed and hundreds of civilians killed during hours of aerial bombardment by the Luftwaffe. Next morning across the nation, many voices were calling in their grief and anger for revenge. The Provost of Coventry Cathedral, Dick Howard, responded differently, and in a Christmas broadcast called instead for reconciliation: He said "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 ministry of peace and reconciliation, which continues to this day through The Cross of Nails, our network of over 170 partners around the world working to reconcile communities. For more information about Coventry Cathedral please visit: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Coventry City Council

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. It is rich in culture and diversity – combining world famous history with technology and innovation.

The city has a population of almost 320,000 and two leading universities that bring a vibrant student life. It was recently named as one of the top 10 cities in the country for jobs growth, patents granted and business growth over the past decade and one of only four cities outside the south east where people earn above the national average wage. The future is looking bright for Coventry and its residents – and the Council is proud to be at the heart of it all. For more information about the Coventry City Council please visit: www.coventry.gov.uk

Coventry University

Coventry University is a proud partner in Coventry's legacy as a City of Peace and Reconciliation. Working together with local government, faith and community partners to promote and continue the city's work as a voice for peace in the modern world.

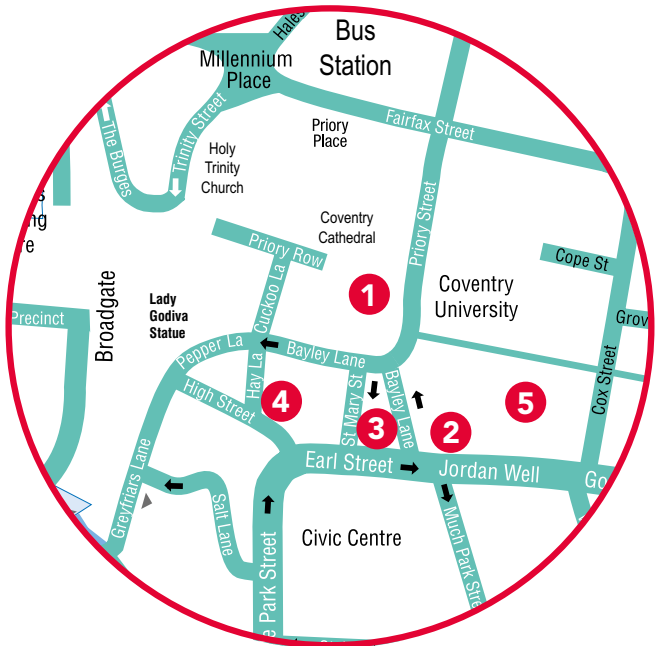
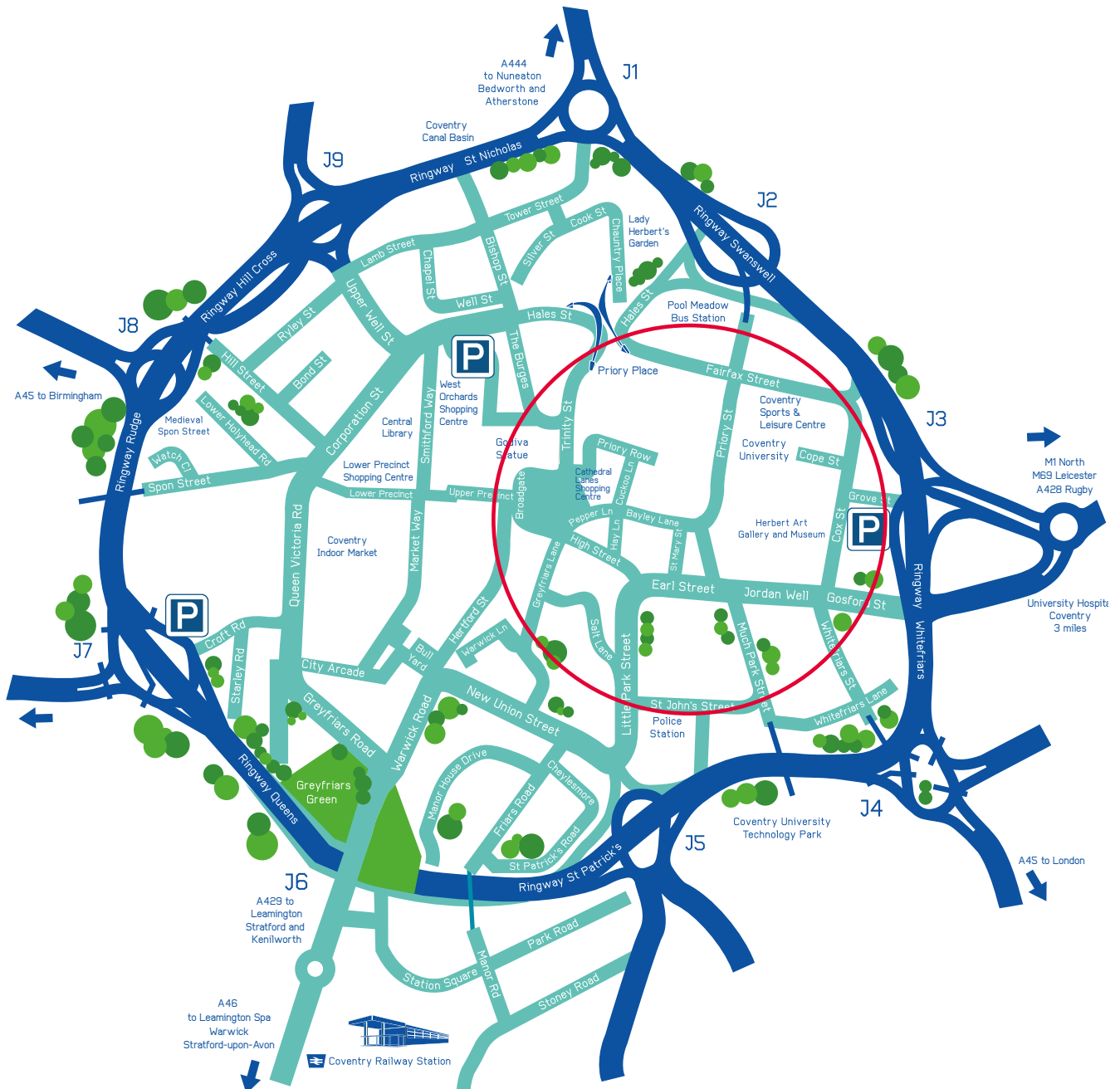
The University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations conducts impactful research that focuses on improving the lives of ordinary people living in difficult circumstances. Working locally, nationally and internationally, the Centre helps create safe, secure and connected communities, taking inspiration from the city's past and investment into its future.

Coventry University is currently the highest placed modern university in both the Guardian and Times and Sunday Times league tables, ranking 15th and 42nd respectively – the highest ever rankings for a post-1992 institution.

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Key

- 1** Coventry Cathedral
- 2** Herbert Art Gallery and Museum
- 3** Drapers Bar
- 4** St Mary's Guildhall
- 5** Square One
- P** Parking



WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

08:30	Registration Drapers Bar	
09:45	Arrival at Cathedral	
10:00	Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP: A Keynote Address Coventry Cathedral We are delighted to welcome Shadow Foreign Secretary Hilary Benn MP to speak on paths to peace in today's turbulent times. Mr Benn has vigorously campaigned on issues that create conditions for peace, including demanding stronger UK support for human rights and aid financing.	
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12:00	Lunch	
14:00	Coventry Cathedral We hope and we overcome my daily struggle for peace in Syria Karam Hilly	Herbert Art Gallery and Museum I petitioned the UK Government to help Yazdi women and girls captured by ISIS. Here's what happened Rozin Khalil
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14:45	Inter-religious dialogue Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon	How to handle rapid change in societies? Make the moderate majority matter Jean-Christophe bas
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15:15	Refreshments	
16:00	Coventry Cathedral Pencil Power: educating girls in South Sudan Jacob Lagu, Pamela Lomoro, Nyakor Riam, Josephine Yanga	Herbert Art Gallery and Museum Alternative narratives in the global town square - how social media can build stronger, more resilient communities Nick Pickles Encouraging dialogue against the odds: lessons from my work in Myanmar and Syria Richard Smith
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18:00	Drinks Reception St Mary's Guildhall	
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19:00	Square One Send in the Clowns UK film premiere and Q&A Greg Barrow Karen Davies Sam Lee Alpaslan Ozerdem	St Mary's Guildhall Getting the most out of Twitter: how organisations can shine online Workshop Nick Pickles
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THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

08:30	Registration Drapers Bar	
09:45	Arrival at Cathedral	
10:00	Rt Hon Gordon Brown: A Keynote Address Coventry Cathedral We are delighted and honoured to welcome Rt Hon Gordon Brown, who will speak on global education in times of conflict. Mr Brown is the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.	
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12:00	Lunch	
14:00	Square One Can we counter religious violence? A veteran correspondent's view Michael Binyon OBE War and peace - a personal account Terry Waite CBE	Herbert Art Gallery and Museum Religion: ideas versus realities John Cardinal Onaiyekan Untapping the peacemaking potential of The Commonwealth Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes Getting Somalia Wrong Mary Harper
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15:15	Refreshments	
16:00	Square One Why doesn't peace stick? The Big Question at RISING 15 Michael Binyon OBE Mary Harper Colonel Dr Brendan O'Shea Terry Waite CBE	Herbert Art Gallery and Museum Explaining the new oil order: a look at geopolitics and security Neil Hirst Richard Mallinson Carole Nakhle Anjli Raval
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19:30	Food for thought: RISING's peace themed feast Coventry Cathedral	
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FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

08:30	Registration Drapers Bar	
09:45	Arrival at Cathedral	
10:00	Coventry Cathedral Unravelling Iraq Emma Sky OBE Coventry Cathedral Between the devil and the deep blue sea: understanding mediterranean migration crisis Professor Heaven Crawley	
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12:00	Lunch	
13:30	Coventry Cathedral Peace by 2030: What can the UK do? The Lord Alderdice FRCPsych	
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