# Constitution of UK Peace Forum,

# Coventry, UK city of Peace & Reconciliation

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

UK Peace Forum (Forum) was established by its founder members with the aims to promote peace, reconciliation, understanding and mutual respect among the representatives of the different culturs in the world by:

- \* Building on the reputation of Coventry as a City of Peace and Reconciliation.
- \* Organising annual peace events such as the celebration of the International Peace Day on September the 21st each year.
- \* Deploring violence and calling for peaceful resolution.
- \* Organising occasional conferences on specific issues, dedicated to the UK and countries of the world culture of peace.
- \* Communicating about their activities via press releases and online media such as the website <a href="https://peace-and-reconciliation.uk/">https://peace-and-reconciliation.uk/</a>
- \* Promoting literature, exhibitions, videos, films, talks and discussion to educate the public about peace, reconciliation understanding and mutual respect.
- \* Exchanging and sharing information amongst groups represented in the Forum.
- \* Building links with appropriate organisations.
- \* Developing new initiatives as appropriate.

- \* Encouraging peace programmes within Coventry, the UK and internationally.
- \* Providing focus on the work of UN agencies related to peace and UN peacekeeping, UN cities messengers of Peace.
- \* Publishing an annual report outlining the activities of this Forum.
- \* Creating an annual action plan for how the Forum will achieve its aims in the coming year.

# \* MEMBERSHIP

- \* Membership of the Forum shall only be open to members who are actively committed to promoting peace, reconciliation, understanding and mutual respect and agree with the aims and objectives of the Forum.
- \* Membership shall consist of existing members as at 1 January each year.
- \* The Forum members may invite people to become members of the Forum provided that they first demonstrate a commitment to the aim of peace and respect for people of different cultures by attending online and real life meetings and events.
- \* People wishing to be considered for membership should write to the Chairman of the Forum and specify their topic of peacemaking activity.
- \* Members of the Forum can run their own peacemaking and cultural projects and get the support from other participants of the Forum.

#### CHAIRMAN & APPOINTMENTS.

- \* The Chairman of the Forum is appointed by its founder members.
- \* The founder members can appoint the Directors of the programmes, Secretary and the Treasurer on an annual basis.

# **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

\* The Forum shall normally meet at least 10 times per year.

# **FINANCE**

- \* Members of the Forum have a responsibility to act within a framework of financial solvency. They must not agree to any contract without the approval of the Chairman.
- \* If any member or members do make such an agreement then the liability will fall upon the member(s) who took on the liability and not on the Forum.
- \* All the donations, grants and possible income goes to support the Forum's aims.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any amendments to the Constitution of the UK Peace Forum can be suggested and agreed by the founder members in a written or printed form at one of this Forum meetings.

#### **FOUNDER MEMBERS**

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